

SAFE ON TWENTY-FIRST.

Message from the British Ambassador at Peking Conveys the Welcome News.

An Armistice Since July Sixteenth—All Women and Children Safe in the British Legation—British and American Troops Preparing to Advance.

LONDON, July 31, 1:05 p. m.—The admiralty has made public the following despatch from Rear Admiral Bruce at Tien Tsin:

Following message from Peking: "British legation, Peking, June 20 to July 16, repeatedly attacked by Chinese troops on all sides. Both rifle and artillery fire. Since July 16 an armistice, but a cordon is strictly drawn on both sides of the position. Chinese barricades close to ours.

"All women and children in the British legation. Casualties to date, 62 killed, including Captain Strouts. A number of wounded in hospital, including Captain Halliday. Rest of legation all well except David Oliphant and Warren, killed July 21.

ALL DOUBTS DISPELLED. LONDON, July 31, 4:50 a. m.—Sir Claude MacDonald's welcome despatch, dated Peking, July 21, and received in cipher, is accepted on all sides as dispelling any doubts that might still have existed regarding the genuineness of the despatch. Owing to an error in transmission the message fails to show the number of wounded, David Oliphant and Warren were two stout interlopers.

The message fails to mention the other legations and other matters of pressing importance to know, but it should be borne in mind that the British minister may not be aware that all his previous despatches have been suppressed. He may be under the impression that the government is fully posted regarding all recent occurrences.

APART from this despatch there is practically no fresh news, although a special from Tien Tsin asserts that the British and American forces are getting ready to advance within 48 hours.

LI HUNG CHANG REMAINS AT SHANGHAI. He says that the treaty that prevents him continuing the journey to Peking. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, explained to parliament yesterday that the British government had incurred no financial liability to Japan for military assistance in China. The proposed guarantee depended upon Japan's sending a larger number of troops than she sent and at an earlier date, and the offer was not accepted by the Japanese government.

BERLIN RECEIVED THE WELCOME NEWS. BERLIN, July 30.—A despatch from the German legation at Peking, dated July 21, reports all well.

BRUSSELS, July 30.—A despatch from the Russian Admiral Alexeff, dated at Tien Tsin, July 30, and communicated to the foreign office, states that the latest news confirms the report that the foreign ministers at Peking are out of danger.

LONDON, July 30, 11:30 p. m.—Sir Chichester, Chinese minister in London, has been notified by telegraph that Li Hung Chang, conjointly with other viceroys and governors, has memorialized the throne to urge the immediate sending of the foreign representatives under escort to Tien Tsin, or the restoration to them of the telegraphic communication with their governments.

LONDON, July 31.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Express, telegraphing July 25, says: "I have received a despatch from Peking, dated July 19, saying: "All silent. Bullets and shells occasionally fired from streets, causing but few casualties."

"It is reported that 18 foreigners have been murdered at Tung Chou, on the Pei Ho."

FIVE THOUSAND BOERS SURRENDER.

General Prinsloo and His Entire Force Give up the Fight.

Lord Roberts Declined to Make Any Terms and the Surrender was Unconditional.

Colonel Herchmer Dismissed—An Interesting Budget of News About the Canadians—Corporal Combs Dangerous Ill at Pretoria.

LONDON, July 27, 11:59 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

"The Boers and Hutton continued their pursuit on July 25. The former crossed Oliphant's (Olifants') river, and from the high ground on the east bank he could see Middleburg and the enemy retiring in great disorder.

"The main road north was blocked for several miles with horsemen and wagons. The enemy's main force was then seven miles north. The mounted force were still west of the river. Night was closing in, the rain was falling in torrents, and so it was impossible to follow. The night was terrible. In addition to the rain a strong east wind made the bivouac most uncomfortable. One officer I regret to say, died of exposure, and the mortality among the mules and oxen was great. The men made slight efforts and were in famous spirits when I saw them yesterday.

"The enemy who has taken up a position on high hills near Retzburg, and so far as I know did not suffer loss. He found Mrs. Steyn, wife of the ex-president, and several of our men whom De Wet had captured at different times and whom he was unable to send to Mochodorp.

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pected, and that if the Boers are taken, President Kruger will trek across Swaziland, to Delagoa Bay and take a steamer for Europe.

LONDON, July 29.—Gen. French has occupied Middleburg, in the Transvaal. Gen. Pole-Carew, with the Gussard's brigade, has arrived at Brugsburg, 15 miles west of Middleburg.

Upwards of 5,000 Boers, with a very large number of wagons, a large quantity of stores and many cattle, have now been driven into the mountain passes, where they are watched by British troops. The Boers' position will be very difficult.

CAPE TOWN, July 28.—General Buller has been dismissed from the office of Commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, the charge against him being insubordination to his superior officer in the field.

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RIOT ON SHIPBOARD.

Twenty-one Passengers on St. John's Montford Arrested Upon Arrival of Steamer at Lewis.

QUEBEC, July 30.—The s.s. Montford arrived at Lewis at 1 o'clock this p. m. with 1,000 passengers, composed of Belgians, Jews and Italians. The Montreal police had communicated with the Boers concerning the reported threatened mutiny on board which had compelled the captain to put the St. John's, N.B., for fish on the Icelands, and a squad of constables awaited her arrival.

At the Montford came into port. The crew, who had taken place during the voyage, during which a Jew had been stabbed and is now in the ship's hospital in a critical state. Fourteen of the principal leaders of the riot, including the men suspected of having done the stabbing, were arrested and seven others retained as witnesses.

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