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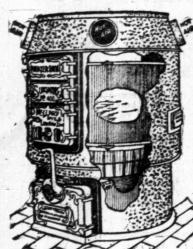
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At Kumassi-A Long Seige by Murderous Ashantis-Had to March Out at Last.

The writer of the following cable gram, which is the first full story of the actual siege of Kumassi, is an imperial officer who accompanied the re-inforcements of Lagos Constabulary which fought its way into Kumassi the evening of April 29.

Kumassi was closely invested from April 30 till June 23, when Sir Fred-

April 30 till June 25, when sir Frederick Hodgson, with most of the troops, made a most miraculous escape to the coast. The relieving column did not reach Kumassi until 15. Cape Coast Castle, July 22-On April 18 the Hausa Constabulary from Lagos landed here under orders for 250 men to proceed at once, and with all de-patch to Kumassi, where Sir Frederick Hodgson, governor of the Gold Coast, then was. No information had been received

from the governor for some days. All he troops he had with him in Kumassi were the garrison of 120 men and 180 men who arrived under Captain Middlemisst just before the rising took

Preparations were hurried on. The Hausas from Lagos made a night march following the day of their ar-rival here. Owing to an insufficient number of carriers many stores had to be left behind. The first night the column halted at Akroful, and the next day was spent in subsidizing car-riers. A short march was made, and in the evening the column reached Dunkwa

Prahsu was reached on the 23rd. Here we waited for the stores which had been left behind. As they never came we pushed on, amd on the 26th reached Monso Hill. The natives were apparently friendly so far. On the 27th two deserted villages were passed be-yond Esumeja, where we found some wounded traders.

AN ATTACK IN FRONT. At one o'clock on that day, the troops were attacked by Ashantis in front. The engagement lasted nearly an hour. There were no stockades. Here Mr. Cochrame was wounded in the shoulder while trying to mend the

by Ashantis who fired from trees up which they had climbed. The forest was so dense that we could not see two yards ahead of us. As twenty-five of our men had been wounded, it was decided to remain in Essiagu that night, only seven miles from Kumassi. We were left unmolfrom Kumassi. We were left unmol-ested. It was impossible to estimate the losses of the Ashantis, owing to he dense jungle. On the 29th we left Essiagu, after burning it down, and proceeded en, expecting every moment to be attacked. The march was a

slow one, owing to the seven-pounder having to be dragged by hand. At noon we were heavily attacked both front and rear, and on the flanks. The enemy, were driven off in the rear one and a half hours' fighting. but the position in front was ver strong, owing to a stockade. Both the 4.50 Maxims jammed, and ammuni-tion for the 7-pounder ran short. After several ineffectual attempts on the stockade, the position was turned at 5 p.m. The Ashantis had all the while wounded severely, having a broken arm and three wounds from slugs. Mr. Ralph was wounded in the neck from slugs. The Ashant's were clear-ed out of the stockades at 5 p.m. We proceeded to Kumassi, which was only two miles further on, where we learnt that a heavy engagement had also taken play but that the rebels were beaten off.

A SAVAGE HOST OF 20,000. In the second attack on Kumassi the 20,000. All the Europeans were now in the fort, and crowds of women, traders, and refuges were living in

shelters around it. On the 30th the cantonments were reoccupied and the men in the fort around the prison. The stockade was also occupied. The dead Ashantis, numbering 130, killed the day before, were buried, most of the corpses, however, had been carried away. by the Wesievan mission. He was un-able to take it, but inflicted heavy loss on the enemy, we having many wound-ed. The Ashantis subsequently evacu-ated the stockade, but on May 4th they returned and burned the mis-

On April 25, when the Ashantis had driven in our garrison from the can-tonments, they made manholes runrunning through the walls facing the fort, which they loopholed, and from this vantage fire safely on us. The walls were thick and quite impenetra-

ble. Kumassi was invested from April 30 The Ashantis used to spend half the night murmuring and shouting ; they did this especially on the night when Capt, Middlemisst died, a fact which was made known to them by spies. VAIN ATTEMPT TO BRING FOOD.

On May 16 an unsuccessful attempt was made pp. bring in food, there being none practically in Kumassi, one sheep being killed every third day and divided among the Furguess. On May 14 palayering took the Europeans. On May 14 palavering took place with the rebels in order to see what terms could be made. Negotiations were broken off owing to the arrival of Major Morris of the northern territories with 250 men. He had had four days' fighting, but while negotiations were proceeding he was while negotiations were proceeding he was not attacked. Carriers going outside of Kumassi on foraging expedisions were con-tinually killed or wounded.

· On May 21, after a bombardment by the 7-pounder, a sortie was made by the garri-son on the Krobe road, and also on the Accra road. Neither was successful. As our ammunition was running short it had to be nursed. Mr. Leggett was severely wounded in the arm and eight men wounded.
On May 23 rations were reduced; the

On May 23 rations were reduced; the Europeans were cut down to two biscuits and a pound of meat, and others to one and a half biscuits and a quarter of a pound of meat. The carriers grubbed up small roots and picked leaves until the trees became quite bare. On May 24 Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Ralph went out before daybreak with about 100 men in order to try and bring in

food, or to find the camp of the relieving column. Not finding it they returned.

The Queen's birthday parade was attended by 300 men, the rest could not be spared from the trenches. On the 25th Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Ralph, with 140 men, were sent out scouting. A stockade was discovered and taken. Mr. Ralph was severelly mounded in the arm and ten men wound. ly wounded in the arm and ten men wounded. On the 27th Capt Armitage went with natives towards the Mampon stockade and crawled up unobserved, followed by Hausas.

THE LAST COW. Our last cow was killed on this day. Rumours reached us of troops on the road, which we had arranged to sweep clear of the enemy. The rumours were contradic

on May 29 Capt. Marshall, with 220 men, attacked Mtidu, where he found the enemy too strong. Poor Marshall was shot through the heart. The rains were getting

heavy. The Ashantis continued to keep up their nightly concerts.

Mr. Berthon was now busily engaged in making bombs to throw into the in making bombs to throw into the Ashanti camps. The first was thrown on June 9, and another was thrown on June 9. This was reported to have landed in the middle of the chiefs when palavering as to what force should be sent against Bekwar. On June 11 a recombaissance was made in force down the Cape road to determine the position of the stockade. It was found nearly a mile from Assafu, facing south towards Prahsu. Among carriers and civilians the death rate was twenty a day. On June 16 a rocket was sent up and a star shell. The latter was affected by the climate and showed no light. We cannot hold out much longer. On June 18 more signals were made; six common shells being fired at five minutes interval. Preparations five minutes interval. Preparations were now being made for death or

The day on which we were to start was kept a secret, only the Governor and Major Morris knowing. Carriers were rationed. The death rate now increased to forty a day, men dying when receiving rations. The trenches were used as graves. In the fort were Sir Francis and Lady Hodgson, Major Morris, Captain Armitage, missionaries and others from the villages out side, the Europeans occupying the European quarter. On June 23 we made our first start on the way down to the coast.

The escape was a miraculous one. We were assisted by Yaw Amia, the Ashantis thinking we were going by the Prahsu road. We fought at Terrabam and Ekwanta, and tasted freedom after the Ofin river.

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of a recent date. We, with several other millers, got one car load of Turkey Red wheat from Kansas in the fall of 1898, but the car was disabled and detained, so that it came in very late, and only a few farmers sowed it. It barely got sprouted, and formed a very small plant. We all know what a severe winter that of 1898-1989 was on wheat, and it stood the winter best of any variety of wheat in this section. We did not see one sample that did not been firing incessantly. Captain Aplin test 64 pounds to the bushel, and last was wounded slightly. Mr Read was fall there were quite a few farmers fall there were quite a few farmers sowed it. and it has again t very satisfactory, and I myself have about five acres. One patch of three cres, cut, has 40 shocks to the acre, and it is well filled, and the other not finished yet will be fully better. It is a hardy wheat. The grain in size and shape much resembles spring wheat Our farmers should go hand-in-hand with the millers to have it grown here. All the millers reading the Milling Journal will have noted that this wheat is often bought by the Minneapolis Mills from Kansas and used instead of their Minnesota No. 1 hard spring wheat, and no baker or flour inspector can tell the difference in the flour, and as the spring wheat or hard Fyfe spring wheat cannot now be grown here, this is the wheat we want to grow instead. As it is a hardy wheat to stand the winter, and as good wheat to stand the winter, and as good a yielder as any other variety of wheat however, had been carried away.
On May 2 Captain Armitage with
natives hevies attacked the stockade
by the Wesleyan mission. He was unable to take it, but inflicted heavy loss known, and grows on all kinds of soil told he expects 45 bushels to the acre of it. He has had it now sown two years, and says the same as I do of of it. In the fall and spring the plants look very small and not much of a show, but they stood out wonderfully, and he says will have two ears to one of other varieties of wheat. The straw is thin in stalk and rather soft, but do not know that it is much soft, but do not know that it is much worse to lodge than many of the other kinds of wheat do. Now, of late years, our farmers have got in the habit of sowing nearly all soft wheat recommended to them as great or best yielders, etc. Well, they have gone so far that they don't want the flour of their come group wheat for their bread

far that they don't want the flour of their own grown wheat for their bread on the table, and we must get Manitoba to make a satisfactory flour. This can only be remedied by this wheat grown by them. I was in Kansas last October, and there no wheat outside of this is grown, and the mills all brand their flour Minnnesota, and it goes through inspection and passes—as such, and the bread and passes as such, and the bread made of it surpasses all other winter wheat I know of. And not only have we trouble with our own farmers and local trade through the soft varieties of wheats grown, but our export trade in flour suffers as well from the same be encouraged to go growing hard wheats instead of those soft wheats that our Lower Province trade, as well works as our export flour trade, will work back to its former reputation which Ontario used to have, and has gone either to the United States or to our own Northwest on account of the su-

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WEAK WOMEN STRONG

AND SICK WOMEN WELL.

The Liberal convention for the rid-ing of Muskuka will be held at Elms-dale on Thursday, September 13. A Glencoe syndicate is negotiating

for the purchase of property on Lake Brie to be converted into a summer

John Flick, near Cainsville, was fatally injured by slipping off a load of straw on a piece of machinery in his barn .

Mrs. Felix Labelle, of Montreal, was burned to death at her summer residence at Ste. Rose by the upsetting of a lamp.

The New England Real Estate Com pany refused to sell Rev. R. Hatchett, of Hamilton, a lot at Union Park on account of his being colored.

George Bullock, of Bullock's Corn ers, the young farmer who was injur-ed in a runaway accident on his way to Guelph, died from his injuries.

The Peaver line R. M. S., Lake Ontario, having on board a large number of invalided Canadian soldiers from England, has entered the St. Lawrence River.

Edward Corsair, under sentence at Brampton jail for horse stealing, was given foury ears more, making six in all, for attempting to break jail and

W. A. Gage, a prominent mining engineer, formerly of Detroit, was shot dead by Mexican bandits while on a prospecting tour in Texas. He refused to give up his money and was consequently murdered.

Nine striking metal polishers hav been committed for trial at Hamilton on the charge of intimidating employ ees of the Hamilton Brass Manufac uring Co. Bail was furnished or their appearance.

Private R. R. Thompson, of "D" Company, first Canadian Contingent, has won the Queen's scarf, for saving, ing amid a hail of bullets, a comrade who was lying wounded in an exposed position at Paardeburg.

Collector Milne, of Victoria, has re-ported to the department of fisheries that the sealing fleet this year is composed of 34 vessels, a larger num-ber than in former years. The fleet entered Bering Sea about August I last, and had already taken as their coast catch 16,438 seals, an increase over last year of 5,967.

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