

SEYMOUR AND THE BOXERS

Report of the British Admiral to His Government.

TWO WEEKS SPENT IN FIGHTING

While Attempting to Reach Peking and Protect Foreign Ministers in That City.

LONDON, June 30.—The adventures of the hard fighting allies under Admiral Seymour, their reaching Anting, twelve miles from Peking, the decision to retreat, the capture of rice and immense stores of modern arms and ammunition, affording material for strenuous defense until relieved—all this is told in the dispatch from Admiral Seymour, received by the Admiralty at midnight, which runs as follows:

"Ten Tsin, June 27, via Che Foo, June 29, 10:05 p. m.—I have returned to Tien Tsin with the forces, having been unable to reach Peking by rail. On June 12th two attacks on the advance guard were made by the Boxers, who were repulsed with considerable loss to them, and none on our side. On June 14th, the Boxers attacked the train at Lang Yan in large numbers, and with great determination. We repulsed them with the loss of about 100 killed. Our loss was seven Italians.

"The same afternoon the Boxers attacked the British guard, left to protect a station. Reinforcements were sent back and the enemy were driven off with 100 killed. Two of our men were wounded.

"We pushed forward to Anting and engaged the enemy on June 15th and 16th, inflicting a loss of 175. There were no casualties on our side.

"The extensive destruction of the railway in our front having made further advance by rail impossible, I decided on June 16th to return to Yang Tsin, where it was proposed to organize an advance by river to Peking. After my departure from Lang Yan two trains, left to follow on, were attacked, on June 18th, by Boxers and the Imperial troops from Peking, who lost from 400 to 500 killed. Our casualties were six killed and forty-eight wounded. These trains joined me at Yang Tsin the same evening.

"The railway at Yang Tsin was found entirely demolished, and the trains could not be moved. The force being short of provisions and hampered with wounded, I was compelled to withdraw on Tien Tsin, with which we had not been in communication for six days and our supplies had been cut off.

"On June 23d we made a night march arriving at daybreak opposite the Imperial army above Tien Tsin, where, after friendly advances, a treacherous heavy fire was opened, while our men were exposed on the opposite side of the river. The enemy were kept in check by rifle fire in front, while their position was turned by a party of marines and seamen under Major Johnson, who rushed and occupied one of the salient points, seizing the guns. The Germans, lower down, silenced two guns and then crossed the river and captured them. The army was next occupied by a combined force. Determined attempts to retake the army were made the following day, but unsuccessfully.

"We found immense stores of guns, arms and ammunition of the latest pattern. Several guns were mounted in our defense and shelled the Chinese forts lower down.

"Having found ammunition and rice, we could have held out for some days, but, being hampered with a large number of wounded, I sent to Tien Tsin for a relieving force, which arrived on the morning of June 25th. The army was evacuated and the forces arrived at Tien Tsin on June 26th. We burned the arsenal.

"The casualties to date are: British—Killed 27, wounded 75; American—Killed 4, wounded 25; French—Killed 1, wounded 10; Germans—Killed 12, wounded 62; Italians—Killed 5, wounded 3; Japanese—Killed 2, wounded 3; Austrians—Killed 1, wounded 1; Russians—Killed 10, wounded 27."

WOISELEY INTERVIEWED.

London, June 30.—Lord Woiseley in interview published this morning says: "China possesses every requisite for over-running the world. She has a population of four hundred millions, she has an enormously developed wealth, and a still more enormous natural wealth awaiting development. Her men, if properly drilled and led, are admirable soldiers. They are plucky and able to live on next to nothing. Moreover, they are absolutely fearless of death. Begin with the foundation of millions upon millions of such soldiers as these men are capable of being made, and tell me, if you can, where the end will be."

GENERAL CHAFFEE'S FORCE.

WILL HAVE EIGHT THOUSAND MEN IN CHINA.

Kempff, the American Admiral, in Chinese Waters, Has Acknowledged Himself in Error.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The transport Grant, which will sail Sunday for Nagasaki, and thence, it is believed to Che Foo or Taku, will carry 800 men of the Sixth Cavalry, which, in addition to a hospital corps, made up at the Presidio, 300 recruits and 200 marines, will constitute the force going to China. The Ninth Infantry and a signal corps from Manila, will complete General Chaffee's force, making 6000 to 8000 in all.

Three surgeons will accompany the hospital corps. Acting Assistant Surgeon John T. Hall will have charge of the medical department on the transport.

KEMPF'S REPORT.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—Admiral Kempff today acknowledged the error he had made in reporting the presence of the foreign ministers with Admiral Seymour's column, eight miles out from Tien Tsin. His cablegram this morning admits that there is no knowledge of their whereabouts, and it is assumed the error in the first report arose from the Admiral's acceptance of a rumor that was very generally current at the time the cablegram was sent.

The fact that the admiral's message is dated at Che Foo today warrants the supposition that telegraphic communication has been restored between that point and Taku, where the foreign fleet lies. There is, however, a possibility that the admiral could get a dispatch across from Taku to Che Foo the same day by pushing the Yorktown, which has been used as a dispatch boat.

Admiral Kempff's news has added to the depression in official quarters. Admiral Remy is pushing the Brooklyn with all dispatch toward Taku, and he cables that he will sail from Hong Kong northward tomorrow. His main care will be to arrive at Taku with full coal bunkers, thus making sure that the Brooklyn will be ready for any service required when she reaches that port. Hence his announced purpose to stop at Nagasaki. The stop there also will enable the Navy Department to change his orders by direct cable communication in case the conditions change during the Brooklyn's five days' run to Nagasaki so as to make it necessary to do so. This port is scarcely out of the route between Hong Kong and Taku, so there will be practically no loss of time involved in entering Nagasaki.

No news from any of the American State Department's officials in China was received today. Secretary Hay, who was severely taxed by the exhausting labors thrown upon him during the present heated spell, was indisposed today, and remained at his home, while Assistant Secretary Hill looked after the routine business of the State Department.

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The Marion county commissioners' court completed its session for the regular June term yesterday afternoon, and adjourned. The forenoon was spent in disposing of accumulated business, auditing accounts, etc. As this was the last term of court during the term of County Judge G. P. Terrell, and Commissioner J. N. Davis, there was considerable business to be disposed of before adjournment.

Among the matters coming before the court, that attracted some attention, was a bill on the pauper account, for \$163.05. Investigation showed that this amount was expended for 4 1/2 tickets for Mrs. Sarah Wallace and family, to some point in Indiana. The total bill for the tickets and other expenses amounted to \$213.05, but some friends of the family in the east paid \$50 toward the transportation, leaving Marion county to foot the bill for \$163.05. On interesting portion of the bill consisted of the following items: Meals on steamer between Salem and Portland, \$ 5.25 Cash, given Mrs. Wallace, 5.00 Excess baggage, 13.85

It would seem that, for paupers, the family had considerable baggage when it required \$13.35 to pay the charges on the baggage in excess of 150 pounds per ticket, or a total of 675 pounds, which amount is carried free.

B. B. Herrick reported the surveys of the bicycle paths between the following points, and the same were approved: Melama to Turner; Salem and Books road to Salem and Silverton road; Butte Creek bridge via Monitor to Woodburn; Fair Grounds to Howell; Jefferson to Turner; I. O. O. F. Cemetery to Liberty; change Salem to Turner; Salem to Silverton; Pratum to Salem and Silverton path; North Salem to Matheny's Ferry and Wheatland.

In the matter of the estate of T. D. Perry, deceased, the action of the county treasurer, in turning over money found on body to Mrs. Perry, was approved.

In the matter of disposing of money found on person of Chas. Ferrell deceased, the court ordered the amount, \$5.55, turned over to W. T. Rigdon, as per the order of P. H. Ferrell.

After auditing the following bills the court adjourned:

Road and Bridge.

Radabaugh & Francis \$19 00 \$19 00

A. M. White, 3 50

Lawrence Lamb, Co., 27 44

Chas. Booth, 4 00

Mike Donahue, 3 95

A. M. Blinston, 20 00

O. C. Epley, 6 50

D. S. Bentley & Co., 9 15

Chas. Heinz, 7 70

Polhe & Bishop, 3 00

L. Brown & Sons, 20 62

J. Scollard, 1 75

J. N. Davis, 25 00

Apsund & Smith, 40 00

Riches & Steelhammer, 1 30

John Lichty, 35 43

C. M. Hinkle, 12 00

C. M. Hartman, 5 00

A. Essont, 4 00

S. T. Hobart, 4 00

A. W. Holmes, 4 00

H. Smith, 4 00

H. Schmelzer, 2 00

E. Gooley, 2 00

P. B. Herrick Jr., 15 50

W. W. Stege, 10 80

Will Evans, 1 25

Gray Bros., 3 00

J. W. Bewley, 10 60

J. E. McCoy, 30 00

James Smith, 227 00

Wm. Milley, 3 50

Pauper Account.

J. R. Smith, 10 50

S. R. Jessup, 18 00

Harrist & Lawrence, 9 35

Steiner Drug Co., 14 00

Mrs. Davis, 2 50

A. D. Anderson, 2 50

Cap. Lamb, Co., 1 50

Mrs. Sarah Wallace, 163 05

Tilda Colman, 14 25

Knox & Murphy, 52 45

W. H. Hobson, 3 08

Salem Hospital, 5 00

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