# HOW PALACE WAS TAKEN. SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

# Chinese. Asked for an Armistice and Then Attacked Legations.

A despatch to the London Morning | at that point. Post from Pekin, via Chefoo, savs that the Tsung-li-Yamen on August 12 requested a conference with the who was authorized to treat. That Legations. night there was the longest fusillade men begged to be excused from hold- gationers. ing a conference, saying the members "I, with a portion of the staff and were too busy. Later the board wrote seventy Indians, rushed across the althat they had forbidden further firing most dry moat and entered through on the Legations, and that they would the water gate without loss. We found court-martial anyone who disobeyed, all well in the Legations. Macdonald but that evening there was the sharp- immediately showed me around the poest general firing. Many shells fell sitions with the view of further acin the Legation. Fifteen hundred Am- tion. ericans attacked the Imperial palace "In the meantime our field artillery

GEN. GASELEE'S REPORT.

ial Bank has been looted.

A despatch from London says :- Gen. Gaselee, the commander of the British forces at Pekin, has telegraphed to the War Office as follows :-

"At a conference, August 12, it was agreed that the allies should concentrate within five miles of Pekin, August 14, and the assault should begin August 15. The attack, however, tar city for the night. commenced early in the morning of August 14, and our troops had to make a forced march of 15 miles from Tungchow in great heat.

"We were on the extreme left, and

"The Indian troops broke down and rushed the gate and I entered with cavalry and guns. I then sent other cavalry and the Punjab Infanty to the Ministers, with the view to bringing Temple of Heaven to secure our left about peace, the request was refused. flank and camping ground, and with as there was nobody on either side the other corps pushed on towards the

"At 3 s'clock we got on the canal of the siege, the firing lasting twelve opposite the water gate and were sighours. On August 13 the Tsun-li-Ya- nalled from the wall held by the Le-

on Aug. 15, and captured the four had been brought up to bombard the courts. The American flag is flying central gate of the Tartar city; but a killed. on the Imperial granary. The Imper- sortie by the Americans and Russians pated the bombardment, and the gate machine. fell into our hands.

"Two field guns were then brought into the Legation, and the rest were sent back to the Temple of Heaven. At about five in the afternoon the Am- ed a gold medal at the Paris Exericans, under Gen. Chaffee, entered position. the Legation, and then we moved on towards the central gate of the Tar- in session at Montreal, will meet next

"By nightfall we had four hundred men in the Legation."

Here apparently some words are Hope on Thursday.

attacked the south-east gate of the of Heaven we were engaged, and, af- to the Queen on Friday. Chinese city. There was practically no ter inflicting heavy losses, we occupied opposition, as we were not expected the south gate of the Chinese city."

and Leicestershire regiments re-

spectively, and are to report for duty

at the War Office as soon as possible.

MORE TROOPS NECESSARY.

A despatch from Cologne, says:-

dent says:-"We have not to deal with

Pekin, but must impose our terms on

allies had thrust them aside. Possibly

ments now hurrying from the coast

will be required to again clear the

to That of Roberts.

clamation counter to the latest pro-

clamation issued by Lord Roberts,

"It will help you nothing to lay

Every step homeward

down your arms or to leave the com-

WILL POUR IN TROOPS.

Capture of Pekin Makes No Differ-

ence to Russia.

spatch of Russian troops to the far

East. The military authorities con-

tinue to charter extra troopships in

every available quarter. Fifteen trans-

ports are now in berth here, destined

for the East. The suburban camps

and city barracks are filled with

troops arriving for embarkation.

Troops from a number of the central

and northern Governments are ar-

riving here on account of the conges-

THE MANITOBA HARVEST.

Was Expected.

The Manitoba harvest is now well ad-

now been cut in Manitoba, while about

A despatch from Winnipeg, says :-

means a step nearer St. Helena."

The Transvaal President says :-

mandoes.

A despatch from London, says :-

the whole Empire."

### F. P. Myles, who entered the Royal YUNG LU'S OATH. Military College in 1898, have been given commissions in the West Yorkshire Swore To Murder All The Foreigners

A despatch from Hong Kong, says; -A prominent reformer has obtained from the Yamen runners a letter from General Yung-Lu, commanderin-chief of the Northern armies, to Semi-official Berlin telegrams to the General Tung-Fu-Sian, commanding Cologne Gazette strenuously dispute

With Aid of Boxers.

the Kan-Su troops, saying:-"It is not convenient to accomplish my secret orders," and proceeding:-

"The foreign devils, counting their superior strength in warships and guns, have dared to exert all their power to rob and insult us, but their populations are small and entirely dependent on the Chinese productions. China now possesses cannon and rifles and plenty of well-trained troops. I don't fear the foreigners. In the case of San-Mun, I refused Italy, with the result that nothing was taken. It is evident that the foreign devils are cowards. I and Prince Tuan recently obtained the help of millions of Boxers possessing magic boldness. I swear to murder all foreigners, with the assistance of the Boxers, who are supplied STEP NEARER ST. HELENA. with arms."

General Tung-Fu-Sian, in his reply, | Paul Kruger's Proclamation Counter export of fruit. which was also obtained, says he is of the same opinion, and places the Kan-Su troops at General Yung-Lu's President Kruger, according to a despatch from Lorenzo Marques to disposal. the Daily Express, has issued a pro-

## LIEUT. CORDUA GUILTY.

Sentence on the Accused Postponed for the Present.

A despatch from Pretoria says:-

The trial of Lieut. Cordua, formerly of the Transvaal artillery, on the charge of being concerned in the plot to kidnap General Lord Roberts, was concluded to-day. The prisoner was found guilty of all the counts in the indictment against him, but sentence was deferred until the findings of the court should be confirmed by Lord

Roberts. Col. Godfrey, the judge, in summing up, caused a sensation by declaring that a violation of parole was punishable with death.

A period of 43 minutes was occupied in considering the verdict.

### SIFTON SENT UP FOR TRIAL Formal Commitment in the London Murder Case.

tion of military traffic on the Siber-A despatch from London, Ont., says: -Gerald Sifton and Walter Herbert were this afternoon committed for trial at the September assizes on the charge of murdering Jos. Sifton. The proceedings were of a purely formal Wheat Will Yield Much Higher Than nature, and no statement was made nor argument offered by the defence.

The 1,301 pages of testimony were produced and verified under oath by vanced, and reports from all sources the stenographer. Counsel for the de- state that wheat will yield much Commerce has just issued another fence waived the reading of the evi- higher than was expected. Cutting dence, and Squire Smyth committed will be over in about ten days both prisoners for trial. The assizes throughout Southern Manitoba. open September 24. The evidence tak- the Emerson branch cutting is en at the preliminary investigation ported as completed. It is estimatis nearly 260,000 words, and makes a ed that 75 per cent. of the wheat has very bulky volume.

A cable from the War Office to-day 50 per cent. of the crop has been harstates that Cadets R. J. McLaren and | vested in the Territories.

Newsy Items About Ourselves and Our Neighbors-Something of Interest From Every Quarter of the Globe.

CANADA.

been' closed. hailstorm Thursday.

Hamilton had a lively electric vention.

storm Thursday morning. Twenty-iwo delegates from Kansas are at Regina, N. W. T.

The steamer Mayflower was burned at Penetang yesterday. Cameron's warehouse at Brockville

has been destroyed by fire. Harvesters are wanted at Hartney,

Deloraine and Carberry, Man. Labor candidates will figure in the municipal elections at London.

Henry Piper, prostrated by a sunstroke at London last Friday, is dead. There has been 24 business failures this week in Canada, against 26 a year

Mr. Arthur Dewdney, of Harvey township, was struck by lightning and

of the garrison along the wall antici- was fatally injured by a threshing Northern Pacific.

Ulrich Rupprecht, a German, committed suicide on his wife's grave Norwich.

G. T. R. pictures have been award-

The Canadian Horticultural Society, year at London. Abraham Creamer, carpenter, was

kill by a fall while at work at Port French-Acadians in convention at

"During the evening at the Temple Arichat, C. B., sent a loyal message Lt.-Col. Stone, who has resigned the

> inspectorship of artillery for Canada. sails for England to-morrow. The seventh annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada

has closed at Victoria, B. C. A Bolton district farmer has sold a 11 months' old calf to E. S. Kelly of

Yellow Springs, Ohio, for \$1,000. Thirty Icelandic emigrants from the Northwestern States, passed through Winnipeg Saturday for Edmonton.

Jesse Merriam, 18 years old, was struck by a L. E. & D. R. R. train the contention of the party opposed to at Blenheim, Ont., and fatally inthe Government and the army that jured. there is no need to send further rein-

Capt. William Wood, of the barge forcements to China. The correspon- Masso, was fatally crushed by a freight train at Point St. Charles, the local revolutionary elements in Que. Neepawa, Man., farmers expect 20

bushels to the acre. Receipts at the Shanghai are reassembling about elevators there will reach 400,000 Peitsang, after the advance of the bushels. The charge of murder preferred

there is still a considerable Chinese against three residents of Perkin's army in the field between Pekin and Mills, Que., has been dismissed at Tien-Tsin. If so, a portion of the Hull. mixed contingents with the reinforce-James Patton, Jr., charged with

personating at the polls at Hamilton, brought back from Buffalo, was discharged yesterday. Prof. Robertson, of the Depart-

ment of Agriculture, is at Grimsby in connection with the cold storage

Mrs. H. E. Hawkins, of Hamilton, in the international exhibition of fire is suing to have D. A. Sprague of Winnipeg, removed as executor of her husband's estate, valued at \$11,000. Rev. H. P. Whidden, late pastor of Galt Baptist Church, and now a given a farewell and presentation at

Galt vesterday. N. De Struve, Russian Consul at Montreal, and A. Paikrt, Hungarian Agricultural Commissioner, are visiting the Brandon, Man., experimental farm and district.

A yacht, with a party of five from St. Simon, Que., was capsized in the lower St. Lawrence yesterday and three of the party drowned, Capt. A despatch from Odessa says:-The Foster, P. and C. Marin. capture of Pekin will not make the

Dr. J. G. Evans, of Kingston, claims slightest difference in the regular de- he discovered the use of bioxide of sodium as an absorbent of poisonous gases and which the French Academy is now making a furore over.

the acreage under cultivation this home before October. season, should have been 40,000,000.

the mother of young Marshall, drownrefused.

reaches the British market.

the unrevised returns of imports and changes in other countries, etc.

ter to build an opposition road to mended.

the White Pass Railway from Dyea to Bennett.

Lieutenant Gordon B. Johnson, Royal Engineer, son of Mayor Johnson, of Belleville, has been ordered by cable from the Adjutant-General of the army, London, to join his regiment at Chatham, England, on September 1st.

UNITED STATES. Proposed improvements to Lincoln The Hull-Ottawa relief fund has Park, Chicago, will cost over \$1,000,-

Killarney, Man., had a destructive . All Chicago is being decorated for the offerings were left over. the Grand Army of the Republic con-

Over \$20,000,000 in gold was shipped to Europe from the United States last week.

Students and professors of the University of Chicago, favour the shirt waist for men.

Over 1,000 horses were shipped from New Orleans yesterday for the British army in South Africa. The Liberty Congress of the Am-

Indianapolis yesterday, endorsed Bryan. Judge Taft, chief of the United States Philippine Commission, reports

erican League of Anti-Imperialists at

a "satisfactory condition of things on the whole." The year ending June 30 was the Butcher, medi., to good. 325 banner year for all western railroads Butcher, inferior. . . 280

Charles Geiger, a painter, was run Sheep, per cwt. . . 375 over and killed by a train at Lockport, N.Y., Thursday. The step of

a car struck the ladder on which Gei-

ger was at work. GREAT BRITAIN.

have left London for Homburg near Light hogs, per cwt. 5121-25371-2 Frankfort-on-the-Maine to return Sept. 1st.

The court at Grand Rapids, Mich. is being asked to dissolve the partnership of the Buckley & Douglas Lumber Company, of Manister. The interest involved amount to \$4,000,000, including heavy lumber interests in Canada.

### GENERAL.

France is negotiating for a million tons of coal from Norfolk, Eng. Ex-Premier Crispi says Italy should

search for new fields in the Orient. Begian capitalists intend to build at Antwerp the largest shipyard on the continent.

The troubles of Italy's new king have commenced with a difference with his Ministers. 'A youth is under arrest at Leipsic

who admits having conspired to kill King Albert of Saxony. The foreign population of Shanghai

in May, is said, to have been 6,774, of which 502 were Americans. The Cape Colony Assembly granted leave of absence to Cecil Rhodes for the session. He is in poor

The illness of the Empress Frederick

is proving very serious according to a despatch from Frankfort. The Anglo-American Society of Lon-

don says "overthrow the Sultan and stop the massacres in Armenia." Sir A. H. Hardinge, British Consul-

General at Zanzibar, has been

pointed British Minister at Teheran. 22c. The Japanese Government has finally agreed to allow foreigners to hold 11c. stock in railways within the Empire. Over 5,000 firemen from all parts of the world participated in the contests

apparatus at Paris yesterday. Vice-Admiral Fournier reports to the fer. At this price McGregor bought

Admiralty that the loss of the torpedo boat destroyer Framee, off Cape St. Vincent, in collision with the battleprofessor of Brandon College, was ship Brennus, was due to the defective working of her helm.

## WILL REATTEST THEM

Militia Department's Instructions to Col. Otter.

A despatch from Ottawa, says :- The period of service of the first contingent will terminate in October, and in reply to Col. Otter's request for instructions, he will doubtless be advised to reattest the men for further short term in the field should they be required. In official circles it is not considered any of the men-much as their friends would like to see them in Canada again-will ask for their dis-The Ogilvie Milling Company now charge, although they would be enestimate Manitoba's wheat yield at titled to it. There is just a possibil-20,000,000 bushels. The full crop, with ity that the regiment will be ordered

Lieut. Ecclestone, in charge of the A Rochester woman, claiming to be Canadian postal corps in South Africa, writing to Dr. Coulter, Deputy Posted off the steamer North King, made | master-General, states that Sergt. R. a demand for his wages and cloth- Johnston, of Winnipeg, a member of ing at Kingston on Thursday,. It was the postal staff, has been invalided to Netley after a severe attack of enteric 13c. All meats out of pickle 1c less Ald. J. B. Oke, of Peterboro', will fever. Murray, of the London divi- than prices quoted for smoked meats. go to England for the Dominion Gov- sion, has been detailed for duty with ernment, to investigate the com- the Canadian-Mounted Rifles, and has 8 1-2 to 83-4c; pails, 83-4 to 9c. plaints regarding the condition in rendered such good service that he has which fruit shipped in cold storage been recommended for promotion to the rank of sergeant-major. India has choice eggs are bringing 13c, but the The Department of Trade and sent a postal contingent of four dusky usual run is from 12 to 121-2c. No. natives to South Africa to look after 2 hot weather eggs sell at 9 to 10c part of its report for June, covering the India work. The Australian postal Dealers here are buying choice eggs men quit sorting letters to get at 11c delivered. exports for the past year, tariff into the fighting line, with the result . Potatoes-An easy market, and that they had to be replaced with an lower prices looked for. At farmers The Railway Committee of the Brit- other postal staff from Australia. The ish Columbia Legislature has thrown Canadian postal corps stands as the 30 to 35c, and sell out of store at out the application of the Lake Ben- pioneer contingent from the colonies about 40 to 45c per bush. nett Railway Company for a char- and their good work is warmly com-

Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, Aug. 28 .- At the Western Cattle yards to-day there was a total of 47 loads, including 200 cattle, 700 hogs, and 250 sheep and lambs.

The market was dull, and prices remained unchanged. The majority of Some choice lots of export cattle

were offered, but there was very little trading. Prices remained steady at \$4.80 to \$5.12 1-2 per cwt. In butchers' cattle the supply was equal to the demand. Choice selections

were quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.50 per cwt. Inferior grades were practically un. saleable. In shape and lambs the offerings were moderate, and the demand slow.

Choice export sheep were quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. The hog market was steady, the bulk of the arrivals being held over. Following is the range of quota-

Cattle. Shippers, per cwt. . . \$ 4 50 \$ 5 12 1-2 Butcher, choice do. . 400 Nathaniel Parsons, of Jarvis, Ont., according to President Hill, of the Stockers, per cwt. . 200 275 Sheep and Lambs. Spring lambs, each. . 300 Bucks, per cwt. . . 250 Milkers and Calves. Cows, each. . . . 25 00 50 00 Calves, each. . . 200 800

The Prince and Princess of Wales Choice hogs, per cwt. 600 625 Sows. . . . . 300 300 Stags. . . . . 200 225 THE STREET MARKET.

Two hundred bushels of fall wheat, read and white, were sold on the street to-day at 70 to 71a per bushel; one load of barley sold for 411-2c per bushel; two hundred bushels of oats were sold, the old braiging 32c and the new 28c per bushel. Another large hay market prevailed to-day, twenty loads being sold at from \$12 to \$13.50 per ton.

Wheat, wht straight \$070 \$0711-2 sary to inflict on them two or three Wheat, red. . . . 070 Wheat, goose. . . . . Wheat, spring. . . 0 60 Oats, spring. . . . 000 Barley. . . . . Hay, old, per ton. . . 1200 Hay, new, per ton. . 1200 Straw, per ton. . . 000 Dressed hogs. . . . 7.75 Butter, in lb. rolls. . 018 Eggs, new laid. . . 013 Chickens, per pair. . 050 Tunkeys, per lb. . . 011 Ducks, each. Potatoes, new, per bu. 035 Beef, hindquarters. . 700 Beef, forequarters. . 400 Beef, carcase. . . . 550 Mutton. . . . . 509 Lamb, spring, per lb. . 012 0121-2 DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter-There is a better movement, and values are steady. Dealers were selling to retailers to-day as follows:-Dairy, tubs, 17 to 18c for choice, 14 to 15c for second quality; small dairy, lb prints, 18 to 19c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; lbs., 21 to

Cheese-Dealers here quoting new at

THE CHEESE MARKETS. Cheese Board to-day 2,402 boxes were boarded, of which 1,320 were colour- river. Baden-Powell occupied ed, balance white. Business was not railway station of that name. During very brisk; 10 1-2c being the best of-

390 coloured and 90 white; Derbyshire, 340 coloured and 250 white; Webster, 185. Kingston, Aug. 28.-Special-At the Cheese Board 399 boxes of white and 445 boxes of coloured cheese were boarded. The buyers were Messrs. pursuing them. Scott, Murphy, Alexander, Thompson, Bissell and Crawford. Mr. Alexander

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS Market firm on all provisions, dres sed hogs unchanged. Lard very firm. At farmers' waggons choice will bring \$7.50 to \$8, according to quality, for butchers' use.

a lb. The bidding started at 10c

many salesmen refused 10 1-2c.

PRODUCE.

Quotations for provisions are as fo lows :- Dry salted shoulders, 7 to 1-2c; long clear bacon, car lots, 81-2c; ton lots; 81-2c; case lots, 83-4c to 9c; short cuti pork, \$18.50; heavy mess, Smoked meats-Hams, heavy, 111-2c; Boer Losses Fave Been Heavy the

medium, 13c; light, 13 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; picnic hams, 10c; roll bacon, 10 1-2c; smoked backs, Lard-Tierces, 81-4 to 81-2c; tubs,

Eggs-Offering free, and market deaths numbered 1,000. without much change. Some real

waggons dealers here are buying a Beans-Choice, hand-picked beans are worth from \$1.70 to \$1.75.

Honey-Firm. Dealers are paying 6 to 7c, outside. Dealers quote from 8 to 9c per lb. for 5, 10, or 60-lb. tins. Comb honey sells here at \$1.50 to \$1.75

per dozen sections. Baled hay-Very little being brought here. No. 1 timothy will bring \$8.75 to \$9, outside.

Baled Straw-Car lots are quoted at \$5 to \$5.50, on track. Hops-Sell at about 12 to 13c for Canada, '99's.

### FIGHTING IN ASHANTI.

Flying Column Succeeds In Reaching Kumassi.

A despatch from Bekwai, says:-The column under Lieut.-Col. Burroughs, consisting of 740 men, which started for Kumassi on the 4th, returned here yesterday, having reinforced the Kumassi garrison and revictualled it for two months.

Three old stockades erected by the enemy near Kumassi were attacked and destroyed. The enemy fought desperately, and waited to meet the they have taken an active part in the bayonet charge.

On the night of Aug. 7, Lieut.-Col. Burroughs made an attack on the destroyed.

The enemy defeated by Major Beddoes on July 30 moved south, and were surprised by levies from Insuaim, who captured their women and children. The later are now under the protection of a British officer. The Denkera levies, 3,000 strong, are feeding themselves on the Ashanti farms north of Bekwai. They are accompanied by an escort of the West African Frontier force.

The punishment which is being dealt out to the enemy, though gradual, will not soon be forgotten by them. Two more flying columns start this week for a destination unknown.

Recent fighting proves that the rebel forces have not quitted the vicinity of Kumassi, and it will be necesmore defeats before the country south of the Ashanti capital can be considered eclear of rebels. After this part of the country has been cleared it is probable that the rebel forces will cease hostilities.

received at the Colonial Office, states | tion. that Lieut.-Col. Burroughs' column consisted of 750 native soldiers. killed a large number, all with the bayonet and the sword. The rebel forces were severely punished."

## DE WET BURIES HIS GUNS.

Gets Back In Orange River Colony With 300 Men.

A despatch from London, says:-The War Office has received from Lord Roberts the following:-

"Paget reports from Hammanskraal that Baden-Powell engaged Grobler's Brockville. Ont., Aug. 28 .- At the rear guard all day yesterday. Grobler was driven back east of Pienaar's the fight Baden-Powell's advance force and that of the enemy galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing Colonel Sprekley and four men killed and seven wounded. Many of the Boers were killed or wounded. They were at Cyferkuil this morning. Plumer and Hickman were closely

"It seems certain that De Wet, finding it hopeless to make his way eastward, has recrossed the Magaliesbought 210 boxes of cheese at 10 5-8c intention of returning to the Orange River Colony. He is in a very different condition from that when he left Bethlehem with six or eight guns and 2,000 men. His guns have mostly been buried and his personal following cannot be more than 300. "It is stated that Steyn with

ger at Machadodorp."

small bodyguard has crossed Pie-

maar's river on his way to join Kru-

7,000 SINCE JANUARY,

Past Few Months.

A despatch from Middelburg, says: -From some official papers which have been found it appears that the Transvaal Boers suffered losses between January 2 and June 20 to the total of over 7,000. Of these the

### CHANGE OF FRONT.

Mandarins to Time.

A despatch from London says :- A despatch from Hong Kong to the Central News says the news of the success of the allies has spread rapidly in South China, and has caused a wonderful change in the attitude of the Mandarins, who are now very energetic in protecting foreigners.

Queer Officials of the Celestial Cities and

In costume a Chinese policeman something between a circus clown and a football player. His breeches are always baggy and very well waddedso clumsy you wonder how he go around in them-particularly when. as is often the case, he wears a coat, also thick and clumsy, coming well below the knees. Dark blue is the prevailing color, set off and accented with bands and facings of lighter blue, red, green, maroon and brown, bu never yellow. That is the sacred of royal hue, permitted to nobody below

the rank of a Viceroy. In the treaty ports-that is to say. those open to foreign influences and commerce-the police force is largely made up of Sikhs from Northern India The reason, perhaps, is that the Chinese themselves are so essentially unwarlike; they have a proverb to the effect that "no good man is ever a soldier." As men in the pay of the Chinese Government, whether natives or not, present troubles in China.

The police rank officially as gendar. merie. In Pekin the head of them is Ashanti war camp, one mile from Ku- always a Manchu. Policemen must be massi. The enemy were surprised, and plentier than black-berries in the large numbers were killed with the Chinese capital. The sacred or imperial. bayonet and sword. No firing took | walled city keeps between 15,000 and place. The camp and stockades were | 20,000 of them. This walled city is two miles square, with two great gates in each wall face, half a mile from the corners and a mile from each other. Broad streets stretch straight from one to another, thus cutting the space inside into a big nine-block. Police stations are scattered all along the nine squares, especially around their outer edges, which face upon the passway inside the wall.

THE HEAD OF THE POLICE. has charge of all the city gates. They are nine in number-since the side next the palace has an extra gate in the exact middle of the two-mile wall, Policemen in this, the Tartar City, belong to what is known as the Eight Banner Corps. They do not carry arms, not even so much as the baton of a civilized officer, but keep swords, spears, guns and cutlasses in racks at the stations, and make a rush for them when they hear the signal gun. This is fired by an officer whose special charge it is, either upon orders or if in his own judgment it is necessary. The penalty for firing it at the wrong time is severe-it may be degradation A telegram from Colonel Willcocks and banishment or simple strangula-

Upon parades and reviews the police-

men are always armed, especially if Describing his night attack on the foreign devils are to witness the restockades and the rebel camp, the of- view or the parade. The weapons are ficial account says:-"Before the en- curious looking, but wicked in the exemy could quit the rebel camp the fly- treme - the three-hooked spears they ing column was on them, and they all carry in particular make jagged and ghastly wounds. Besides the 20,000 within the wall Pekin maintained force of 14,000 with which to regulate. affairs in the outer city. They are under command of the same general officer and governed by the same regulations, though there are variations arising from the differences of situation. Men and officers alike furnish their own uniforms, but are armed by the state, and receive a monthly rice allowance in addition to their pay. The chief gets a fair salary, but the men and subordinate officers are meagerly paid. Notwithstanding, they make and save money enough to retire after moderate terms of service "Influence" in the shape of cold cash stands the prisoner's friend in China even more than anywhere else in the world. In fact, but for the "presents" the force is allowed to squeeze out of natives and foreigners alike, there might be difficulty in getting men for the service, though humanity is chaper than dirt cheap all over the Celestial Empire.

# BOERS ARE MOBILIZING.

berg with a few wounded, with the Botha, With 8,000 Burghers, is at Machadodorp.

> A despatch from Twyfelaar, says;-Through secret intelligence agents the British authorities leare that Gen. Louis Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces; Gen. Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces; and Gen. Schalkburger, Vice-President of the Transvaal public, with eight thousand Boers, have assembled at Machadodorp, generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger, on the Pretoria-Delagoa bay railroad, with the whole Boer artillery, including the heavy pieces formerly at Pretoria.

## THE POPE'S PENS.

The Pope does his private writing with a gold pen, but his Pontifical signature is always given with white-feathered quill, which is believed to come from the wing of a dove, although persons who have seen it say it must have come from a larger bird. The same quill has been Success of The Allies Has Brought use more than 40 years. It only serves for important signatures, and is kept in an ivory case.

> NEEDED, SOME X-RAYS. Oh, could we but peek in Pekin. Through that dumb old Chinese wall,

And let a little light leak in. Would our spirits rise or fall?