cabled from Washington 'that officials there are wavering with regard to the reliability of the alleged mes-Ting Frang's assurances has had a markedly depressing effect on this side of the ocean, where many have been buoyed up by the sanguine views of the State Department at Wash-Ington regarding the various Shanghai despatches, and pessimism is again gaining the ascendancy. "No improvement in the general situation, is the message one agency brings from the British Consul-General at Shanghal to overwrought Europe, while



SIR HENRY BLAKE. British Governor of Hong Kong.

another asserts that a week has elapsed without a reply to the consul's message to the British Minister at Pekin, Sir Claude Macconald, through the Tsung Li Yamen. The belief is confirmed that the assurances of Chinese officialdem are only designed to gain time, and that even If the Ministers are alive they are held as hostages.

Why Not Direct Communication? As commentators pertinently re- in despair, committed suicide. mark, if there is an atom of the truth in all the Chinese assertions. the officials have only to supply the legations, not with vegetables, but with telegraphic forms. Definite news of any kind is scarce. The report comes from Shanghai that business has been resumed at the port of New-Chwang, and that a second Japanese division is mobilizing at Tokio, preparatory to embarkation for

## FROM LI DIRECT

Consuls Said to be Well-A Suspicious Paragraph

New York, July 28 .- Li Hung Chang, by the Tribane, sends the following reply, dated Shanghai, July 27: "Tribene, New York. Pekin reports Ministers alive. Safety assured." Allied forces entrance Pekin unneceswary. (signed) Li. Hung Chang."

U. S. Troops Sail San Francisco, July 28.-The trans-

port Hancock will sail to-day for Taku via Nagasaki. She will carry 500 marines, a battery of artillers and a number of soldiers. She will be followed by the Meade next Wednes-

A SHANGHAI YARN,

Said to be Told by Somebody, Name Not Given

London, July 28 -The Dally Mail's correspondent telegraphs that a Russian banker who left Pekin on July 7th and arrived at Shanghai Wednesday, July 25th, says that when he left Pekin all the legations had been destroyed and all legationers murdered. The ministers, seeing death was inevitable, shot their families. Sir Robert Hart, the banker adds, committed suicide in despair.

Attacked Japanese Through a Yokohama despatch the Government has received information that Chinese attacked a body of Japanese and Coreans in the vicinity of An-Tong, on the north side of the Yalu River. Refugees had arrived in Wiju. Japanese reinforcements were proceeding to the scene chensk was dated July 23rd. The Russian garrison had been re-supplied with ammunition, and would States on the subject of mediation. be able to hold out until reinforced. ters are en route to Tien Tsin.

O TOF DISTRESS."

Chinese Assure U. S. Consuls Min-

isters are Safe and Well Washington, July 28.-The Secre- before they sailed for China, refertary of State has received a despatch | red first to the responsibilities which from Mr. Fowler, the American Con- had sprung up for the German Emsul at the foo, dated at midnight on pire abroad during the last decade. sul at the foo, dated at midnight on the 26th: This morning, by request Germany's troops, he said, must now the affect admirals, I wired the Gov-show in the face of the enemy which star that a Chinese Taotai is "Barron reports from Krugersdorp" Shantung] their wish to get news dencies which German military mefrom the Ministers themselves.

London, July 28.-The statement | received to-day edict from Emperor saying that the Ministers are well They are sending provisions to legations Am confident Ministers out of distress, and request you (Fowler) sages from Minister Conger and Wu to transmit this preliminary anhouncement to admirals. (Signed) ion have arisen between the Con-

Yuan, Governor." Still Later

A later despatch from Mr. Fowler. dated 1 a. m., 27th, to the State Department is as follows: "Another telegram from Governor: 'Have just received Imperial edict 24th saying describes the situation thus: "Bevarious Ministers, excepting German, youd question the Yang-tse Viceare well, and some days ago had sup- roys are hurrying military preparplied provisions to them. The Ministers are out of distress. (Signed) bel Emperor and the secret societies,

cablegram from United States Consul difficult one. He knows of all these McWade, at Canton, stating that the preparations but cannot move so Viceroy Tak assures him that the Ministers were all alive and well on July 24th

The Banker's Story

telegram is as follows: "Shanghai, Suppose a French or other warship July 28. -Newspapers here publish goes up the river and the forts fire a statement by an influential bank- on it, the whole Yang-tse valley er, residing in Pekin, near the Brit- | will be in a blaze. The Viceroys ish Legation, who arrived in may determine to keep the peace, but Shanghal July 25th, having left Pe- their control of the generals is only kin July 7th. He states that the imperfect. The general commanding legations had then been destroyed. at the forts feels that if he allows a All the foreigners had disappeared, warship to pass it will be he and not but he could not say positively the Viceroy who will be decapitated. whether or not they had been mur. Admiral Symour's large naval force dered, as he was too frightened to Fremains at Shanghai, but the position Equire.

The Mail's correspondent proceeds: | precarious. "Investigations prove this information is reliable. The banker in ques- | Chang's continuance at Shanghai is tion has gone to Ning Pe. His friends | that the intense heat prevents his will not disclose his name. fearing travelling, but it is said that he will that to do so would cause him to lose go north soon. He is still reported as his head.

Torture Story Looks Fishy

The manager of the Russian Bank of Shanghai has received a letter by the amicable attitude of the United from the bank's New Chwang States. branch, stating that one of their A despatch to the Times from Shang- British so-called impenetrable cordons Chinese representatives from Pekin, hai, dated July 28th, ascribes to a are too fresh in everybody's memory who had just arrived, confirmed the member of Li Hung Chang's suite a to allow his capture to be looked upon report of the Pekin mi acre. Tor statement that the Viceroy has re- as a foregone concusion. At the Seeing death was inevitable, as the far as Yangthau, on the Grand canal, hills of the Orange River Colony. Chinese swarmed into the legations, when his preparations are complete. The capture of Plet De Wet and peace negotiations will follow. the ministers killed their families at | there to await developments, but if | half a dozen of the most prominent the last moment. Sir Robert Hart, the foreign Ministers have been killed of the colony's officials at Fouries-

Paris Notified Too

Paris, July 28.-The Chinese Minister at Paris, Yu Keng, has received the following Imperial decree, dated July 24th: "The foreign ministers are happily at present safe having the foreign legations sup

Ketteler, the German Minister, in Monday. Pekin, were alive Tuesday, July 24th. Native officials at Shanghai have

Let Macdonald Speak. July 26th, says that the Chinese Min- | audience. ister at Tokio has telegraphed that | According to the Times Shanghai he entirely failed to induce Japan to correspondent, Li-Ping-Heng, who



of conflict. The latest news received COMMANDER C. G. F. W. CRADOCK, at St. Petersburg from Rlagovest. Who commanded the British Naval Forces at Taku and Tien Tsin.

> The Chinese Minister at London has the message addressed to him.

Give No Quarter.

Berlin, July 27. - The Local An ze ger says the Emperor, when addressing the troops at Bremerhaven "The Covernor now replies: 'Have Their comrades of the marines had sacred

troops to do the same. "Every German has been filled with pride," continued His Majesty, " to learn that the highest praise bestowed upon German warriors has come from the mouths of foreign leaders. The task before you is a great one. That a people like the Chinese should cast to the winds international rights a thousand years old, and treat with scorn the sanctity of an Ambassador and the rights of hospitality in a manner so horrble is unprecedented in the history of the world. Every civilization not founded on Christianity is sure to be brought

to naught. "So I send you out. May you all prove your German efficiency, devotion and bravery, bear joyfully all discomfort, and uphold the honor and glory of arms. You must set an example of discipation and self-control, you close with the enemy, remember this: Spare nobody. Make no prisoners. Use your weapons so that for a thousand years hence no Chinaman will dare look askance at any German Open the way for civilization once for all."

Open to Grave Poubt.

His massacre of Christians, however, is only reported from Shanghai. and there is nothing to confirm it. It is stated that differences of opinsuls and the muncipality of Shanghai respecting the defence of the city. There is clearly a scare in some quarters, which in others is regarded as

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, in a despatch dated July 29th, ations, ostensibly against the re-Secretary Hay also received a miral Seymour's position is a most but really against the foreigners. Adlong as the agreement with the Viceroys holds good. I am assured by a foreigner in the Chinese employ that the soldiers in the Yang-The full text of the Daily Mail's | tse forts are burning for a fight. with no troops available is considered

> The latest explanation of Li Hung being very anxious for Consul Warren and Admiral Seymour to visit him, but loth refuse to do so. He is represented as being much gratified

he intends to return home to Anhui. burg is a decided advantage to the

Prichard Morgan's Statement. Sunday, and resolved that the situa. Fourlesburg was preceded by heavy London, July 27.—In the course of a tion necestitates the precaution of fighting to force a passage of the debate Mr. William Pritchard Mor- having a military force at Shanghai passes, which was stubbornly contestgan, member for Merthyr Tydfil, and it was decided to communicate ed for two days. who has extensive business interests with their respective Governments in the Chinese Viceroy, in response to a in China, asserted that he had most that sense. The form that the re- hardest work in forcing Retief's nek. reliable information that all the commendation will take will be deforeign Ministers, except Baron Von cided at affurther meeting to be held one hundred

> edict deprives L.u.Kun-Yi of his London, July 28.-A despatch to rank of guardian to the heir-apparthe Daily Mail from Shanghai, dated ent, and ordered him to Pekin for an

> form an alliance with China or to started north at the beginning of mediate with the powers. He adds July, has advanced rapidly towards that the Japanese Foreign Office sug- Pekin. Lu-Chuan-Lin, Governor gest that China sound the United Kuangsu, with a considerable force of weharmed troops, is reported to have left Yangchau to follow Li-Ping Hengis route. The correspondent adds that the arrival in the north of these violently anti-foreign officials must seriously affect the situation. The same correspondent reports an anti-Christian outbreak in Chekfang, caused by newly enrolled train hands. It is stated that nine missionaries have been killed, some of them belonging to the Cheanshein station,

> > Slain in Thousands.

One Thousand Slain.

Shanghal, July 29.-Li-Ping-Heng, the anti-foreign Imperial commissioner, is going north. It is officially reported that his forces have destroyed The Chinese Legation here reiter. | cabled that Lord Salisbury will reply | the Catholic mission at Chuhlaho and ates the assertion that the minis. to the Emparor's message when the murdered two French missionaries British Minister at Pekin replies to and more than 1,000 native Chris-

Mr. Morgan, a missionary at Shiam-Fu, reports that the native missionaries are being murdered in Shansi. Five more foreigners have been mas-

All Were Massacred.

## principles upon which that arm of the force had been built up were right ones, and now it was for the BOTHA'S FORCE DISPERSED. ROBERTS AT PRETORIA.

Terrible Sufferings of Men and Horses During the Advance.

## FRENCH OCCUPIES MIDDLEBURG.

Boers Giving Lots of Trouble -- Stiff Fight at Fourlesberg -- Steyn is With DeWet-Will They be Captured ?- Boer Cruelty to Captives-Boer Attack Repelled --- The Duke of Marlborough's Experiences.

London, July 29.—Gen. Roberts has moved his headquarters back again to Pretoria. The reason assigned is the continued uncertainty of communica- was opened to Heidelburg yesterday, tions and the small numbers of Boers giving us through communication to to the eastward Some reports, however, indicate that his advance was stopped owing to the failure to capture Commandant-General Botha, who has once more eluded the British cayalry. One correspondent ascribes this failure to Gen. Buller being unable to co-operate, circumstances preventing his leaving the railway. But whatever the cause, Gen. Botha and his followers have again escaped. Some of the correspondents assert that his men have been dispersed on the bush veldt, starving, ragged and bootless, and

with their feet bleeding The details of the British advance eastward make a picture of misery. The weather was intensely cold and wet, and the roads were quagmires. A lieutenant and three men died from exposure, All the men suffered severely, though they were cheerful through it all. Horses, mules and oxen died by the hundred from exhaustion and cold. The country through which the Brit-Time, it is declared, will rather in- from which the Boers have been snipcrease than diminish the difficulties. | ing the British. British occupied.

It has fallen to Gen. Baden-Powell's | early capture. Rustenburg, where Gen. Delarey is burg. holding him up. There is no indication, however, of ported to have fled to the east. It in the Boers' behalf.

cation with Rustenburg is impossible | 300 dispirited burghers. found themselves too weak to dis- unopposed. The cold weather made strong force and occupies a good rendered transport difficult. It is shortest of "short commons." capture is inevitable is received here parties, and to avoid pitched battles with much doubt. His achievements, with large forces.

The Times also reports that the A despatch from Fouriesburg dated

the casualties amounting to about Upwards of 6,000 Boers, with a

very large number of wagons, received intelligence that a recent large quantity of stores, and many cattle have now been driven into the mountain passes, where they are watched by British troops. Their escape from that point will be diffi-

A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Lorenzo Marquez says that President Kruger is now at Watervalonder. He adds that a big fight is expected, and if the Boers are beaten President Kruger will trek through Swaziland to Delagoa bay and take a steamer for Europe. London, July 27, 11.59 p, m,-The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts: "French and Hutton continued their

pursuit on July 25th. The former crossed Olifant's 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. Tokio, July 29.-Accounts received The enemy's rear was then seven here of the massacres of native Chris- miles north. The mounted forces were tians in China place the number at still west of the river. Night was many thousands. The Boxers slew 2,- closing in, the rain was falling in 00, besides a foreign physician, at torrents, and so it was impossible to ao-Ting-Fu on July Sth. The Chinese | follow. The night was terrible. In addeheral Li-Ho-Keh, who is now dition to the rain a strong east wind martining to lekin, has ordered his made the bivouac most uncomfortable. troops to kill all Christians. Afready | One officer, I regret to say, died of a French priest and between 2,000 exposure, and the mortality among the assistance of the prisoner and 3,000 natives have been killed by the mules and oxen was great. The

men whom Dewet had captured at ants. different times and whom he was Dr. Von Garnet was appointed by unable to send to Machadodorp. The the Transvaal Government on Februopen, and it will not be easy for them | are being mailed to Lord Rothschild. to reach there with guns and wagons. of the London Red Cross Society. tian DeWet, who has taken up a posi-

"Broadwood is still watching Chris-Quebec, July 29.-Another Canadian tion on high hills near Reitzburg, soldier from South Africa, Col. Sergt. about seven miles south of the Vaal. Brussels, July 29.-The Minister of P. DeWet, a younger brother of Chris-

thods had followed - were right. fuge at Pao-Ting-Fu have been mas-

"Methuen's column, which reached the Krugersdorp-Potchefstroom Railway, is now moving on Potchefstroom. "Buller reports that the railway

Cable From Roberts.

trains captured by the Boers, his pre- land. vious despatch on the subject being ndefinite as to whether one or two trains had been captured. He says that only one train was taken, on the night of July 21st, between Kroonstad and the Vaal, and that it contained supplies and two officers and 100 men of the Welsh Fusiliers.

Botha Flees to the East. Pretoria, July 28 .- A Kaffir, dis-

guised as a woman, has been arrested as he was carrying letters to the Boress from Pretoria.

lot to be again besieged, this time at | Gen. French has occupied Middel-Commandant-General Botha is re-

his being in straits, though communi- is said that he is followed by only evident that the Boers' tactics are The report that Christian De Wet's to make raids and attack in small

Steyn With DeWet. Cape Town, July 29.-It is believed here that President Steyn is with a half million pounds, explained that ture failed to shake the man's ceived urgent renewals of the sum- same time, however, his position is Commandant Christian De Wet, and it covered the expenses in South Afstatement. He declared that all the mons to the capital. It is added that apparently considerably more pre- it is also believed that their capture rica to the end of February, 1901, and foreign ministers were murdered. he will probably proceed slowly as carious than when he was among the is inevitable. It is thought that, with included three millions for China. The them in the hands of the British, amount asked for South Africa in-

DeWet the Man Wanted.

London, July 29 .- The situation in It is further stated that Li Hung British. Though the guns and wagons South Africa is somewhat cleared up Chang's memoria, urging that the were captured the commando escaped. by Gen. Dord Roberts' despatch of Satwhich Li Hung Chang has been or number of wagons. They may escape His mention of the men's sufferings 700. and sound, except Ketteler. We are added that these are native reports. adds that these are native reports, Clements, who are watching them, but ity among his transport animals, and, though supported by documents, as the British hold all the roads, it which is likely to increase in geometplied with provisions and fruits, as they are more interesting than reli- is hardly possible that they can re- tical progression in proportion to the has been conferred upon Captain O length and spread of the march, gives | Mansel-Jones, of the West Yorkshire rise to fears that Gen. Roberts, on Regiment, for bravery at the battle of Consular body at Shanghai met on July 27th shows that the capture of that account, will be unable to push the Tugela. the pursuit to a definite result.

Meanwhile the Boers have destroyed | Captain Mansel-Jones served through all commandoes have been ordered to He is 28 years of age. attack only small parties. In the Orange River Colony, Gen. DeWet. with a larger force than was originally supposed, and though strongly posted near Ritzville, is said to be ready to surrender if placed in a posion where he must fight.

Gen. Carrington's force, which is reorted fighting, is a portion of that which, after pushing on to reinforce Gen Plumer, has been under Gen. Baden-Powell in the neighborhood of Rustenburg, where sharp fighting is

Everything points to a continuation of considerable guerilla warfare, General Roberts' difficulties to the east of Pretoria make the capture of General DeWest a most desirable event in view of putting semething like an end to real hostilities, as this, it is considered, would influence General Botha to surrender. General DeWet is now a greater figure than Kruger as an opponent

of British arms and policy. A despatch from Durban, Natal, says nearly one hundred colonial rebels are awaiting trial, and it is expected that several hundred more will be brought before the courts.

Boer Cruelty to Captives. Pretoria, July 27 .- Dr. Von Garnet a Russian, who acted as medical officer to the British prisoners at Waterval, has made a report to the chairman of the Committee of British at Pretoria, who subscribed money for He strongly condemns the inhumanmen made light of hardships, and ity displayed towards the cantives. were in famous spirits when I saw When he first took charge he found a number of victims of enteric fever ly. had landed in Africa. "Hunter has occupied Fouriesburg, ing on the bare ground. They had and, so far as I know, did not suffer no blankets, only their worn uniforms. loss. He found Mrs. Steyn, wife of which were full of vermin. They had the ex-President, and several of our little food, and no medicine or attend-

enemy in the Bethlehem hills are now ary 19th. It is believed that his reclosed in. Basutoland is closed to port is unbiased. All the papers in Another Canadian Home.

> Utton, arrived Saturday morning by the steamship Tunisian. Hickman Repels Boers. Pretoria, July 27.-General Hick-

dition of the stream the British found it difficult to cross. The Boers tried to lure them on by showing small parties, the others remaining concealed. The plan did not work. Gen. Hickman shelled them, and also used

At night the Boers attacked the British outposts, but the latter were alert, and drove them back with a heavy rifle fire. The burghers loss is said to have been considerable.

Boer Leader Captured.

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Pretoria, July 27. - A leader of a Pretoria commando has been captured by the British east of Derdepoort. He tried to escape, but was covered by six rifles at close quarters, whereupon he threw down his arms. He was on the opposite side of the river from those who held him under the guns, but it was impossible for the latter to cross over and get

They held him, however, until a sergeant of Roberts' horse, who knew, a drift further down, came along. The sergean tdid not use the lower drift, but, swimming his horse across the river, brought the prisoner back

Later it was found that the Boerg were holding the lower drift in force,

Rejoined Their Regiments.

Ottawa, July 29. - The Militia Department yesterday announced that Lieut.-Col. Otter telegraphs from Johannesburg that No. 7,163, Pte. D. London, July 29 .- Gen. Roberts re- H. Atkinson, 26th Middlesex Light Inports to the War Office that Gen. fantry, and 7.245, Pte. W. West, 7th French occupied Middelburg without Fusiliers, who have been missing opposition on Friday. His despatch | since May 18th, have rejoined their contains a reply to the question regiments, and that 8,167, Pte. S. asked him a few days ago by the Tester, 52nd Regiment, Brome Light War Office regarding the number of Infantry, has been invalided to Eng-

Marlborough's Experiences.

London, July 29.-The Duke Mariborough had a most interesting experience in South Africa- and though participating in many fights and undergoing long marches, came through without a scratch or a day's illness.

The Duke of Marlborough has returned home because General Ham-'Hton's staff has been broken up, Hamilton not needing his services longer. The Duke says he is proud Part of Gen. Hickman's column has of his yeomanry, though he was ish passed was desolate and forsaken; gone westward to burn a farmhouse | with them but a short time. He was immensely struck with the Canadians, and perfectly satisfied that Meanwhile, the Boers are active A tight cordon is being drawn the British soldier, especially the inwest of the capital. Small parties are around Christian De Wet, south of fantryman, is as good as any in the constantly moving and keeping the the Vaal River. The British claim world. He believes the Boer resistthat there is every prospert of his ance will continue at any rate till November, as they are firmly convinced that if the Democrats are scucessful in the Presidential election the United States will intervene

The Duke looks better, instead of worse for his experience. Considering and Hickman's mounted infantry have The march of the main British his ancestry, it is scarcely surprise returned to Pretoria because they army to Balmoral was practically ing that he took a keen, practical interest in his work, and lived just lodge Delarey. The latter has a it bad for the men, and the rains like any officer, being often on the

Supplementary Estimates.

London, July 27 .- In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary, Secretary of the War Office, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, in introducing a supplementary army estimate of eleven and cluded the cost of repatriating the Imperial and colonial troops. It was proposed to leave in South Africa 45,000 mcn, including 15,000 colonials and reservists desiring to remain. The amount also included the gift of five Ministers be escorted to Tien Tsin, has There are now about 6,000 Boers in urday. He is moving east with his pounds to every soldier and a suit brought a reply that the throne con- the mountain fastnesses of Fouries customary rapidity, and has scattered of mufti to every reservist. Including siders this course undesirable, pending burg and its neighborhood, with Gen. Botha's force before him, but he the present estimate, the aggregate the negotiations with the powers great stores of cattle and a large has been unable to come into action. voted for the War Office is £61,022,-

Gets the Victoria Cross.

the railway between Brokkhor's spreet | the Ashanti campaign of 1895-6, and and Balmoral, and it is reported that | was decorated for his services there.

> Private Doolan Free. The list of British prisoners recently returned unconditionally by the Boers includes the name of Private J. T. Doolan, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. He belonged to Edmonton.

A Magistrate Punished. Pretoria, July 26, 4 p. m.-A trustworthy report from the North Transvaal is to the effect that hundreds of the burghers are deserting their commandoes and returning to their homes

in a destitute condition. When the British troops wentthrough the Orange Free State, nov the Orange River Colony, Mr. Leroux, a Free State justice of the peace at Vredefort station, took the oath of allegiance to Great Britain and was reinstated in office. Recently he was accused of giving information to Gen. De Wet, whereby the latter has been able to plan and carry out many of his raids on the railway. Leroux has been found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Knows Sergt. Wetmore. Toronto, July 28.-Mr. R. S. Warner, of Mimico, writes to the effect that Sergt. Wetmore, who died of enteric fever in Africa, and about whose identity the Government is making enquiries, lived at Mimico for three years before he went out with the Canadians. He did not enlist as a private, but engaged as a saddler, and was promoted after he

Fined Him Heavily. Toronto, July 30 .- Squire Ellis on Saturday gave judgment in the case against Dr. Edward Playter, of Moore Park, who was charged with maintaining a nuisance, in the shape of a so-called sanitarium. He found the doctor guilty and fined him them. Harrismith is the only line connection with the prisoners' fund \$200 and costs and \$5 a day from June 15th to July 25th. Mr. \ A Claude Macdonnell, solicitor for Dr.

Playter, intends to appeal the case Took Strychnine

Indian Head, Assa., July 28.-W. Jenkinson, while in a fit of despri dency yesterday afternoon, co mitted suicide by taking strychnine.

The United States will purchase man's column found the Boers in force from Spain the Islands of Cibitu from here. Owing to the swollen con- ago.