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troops are preparing to oppose the entry of the international forces into Pekin has been confirmed by a correspondent with Admiral Seymour. This indicates that the imperial troops have joined the boxers openly. It is not surprising therefore that uneasiness is reported in Tien Tsin regarding the adequacy of Seymour's forcess. The Shanghai correspondents do not believe We are showing the latest makes of Seymour has advanced beyond Lang Tang, pending the arrival of reinforcements. Meanwhile rumors continue of the dangerous position of foreigners

in Pekin, none daring to leave the legations, which are threatened by mob violence. The empress is reported to be thor-

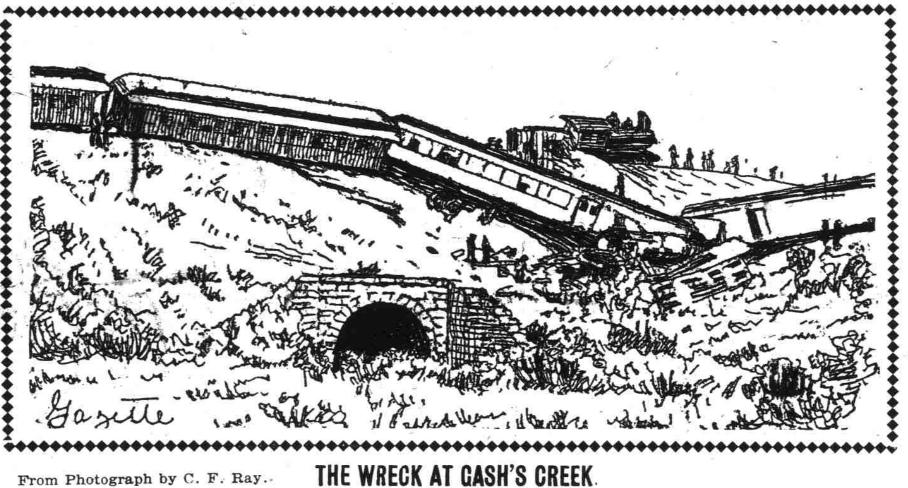
oughly tamed by the murder of the hancellor of the Japanese legation and has positively appealed to the rioters to disperse, though she is not taking measures to compel them. ... Another-Shanghai despatch says 1,500 Russian troops with four guns have arrived outside of Pekin after an arduous march.

A despatch to the Times from Shanghai says a telegram from Pekin reports a serious engagement between Seymour's force and Chinese under General Tung Fu Siang near Pekin. SITUATION AT PEKIN CRITICAL. London, June 14 .- A special despatch from Shanghai says the positions of the legations at Pekin is most critical. According to this despatch 30,000 Chi-

force and guns are trained on the with artillery. American, British and Japanese legations. The American, Russian and Japanese ministers have sent couriers to Tien Tsin asking for 2,000 troops of each nationality. The United States gunboats Yorktown and Castine left yesterday for Tong Ku. There is no foreign warship now here. FOREIGN ARMY NEARING PEKIN.

Tien Tsin, June 14 .- The international expedition is now at Lang Fang, half way to Pekin. The troops found the station destroyed and two hundred yards of the track torn up. Upon approaching the station they found the boxers still carrying on the work of destruction, but the latter bolted into the village upon the approach of the advance party. A shell from a six-Kelley Springfield Tire put on in our pounder was dropped into the village and the boxers fled up the line. Above the station a small party was discovered engaged in tearing up the track, but long range shots drove them off. expedition will remain at Lang Fang.

Américans, English and Russian in large majority; all nations here repre- which left this city at 6:15 yesterday left the track, and the glasses in their sented. The viceroy at Tien Tsin gave | morning, eastbound was partly wreck- | windows had not been broken. No one



From Photograph by C. F. Ray ..

nese troops are drawn up outside the repaired as force advanced. Russian; ed two miles beyond Biltmore. The in them had been injured, beyond very gates of the city to oppose the relief now sending soldiers from Port Arthur train was a heavy one, consisting of slight bruises caused to one or two only further casualties reported to date KEMPFF. permission to go there; railroad being contained passengers, including among sudden stoppage of the train. The ENGLAND'S COURSE.

In the house of commons today the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, William St. John Broderick, made a statement in regard to the position of affairs in the Chinese empire. Her majesty's minister at Pekin,' said he. "has been in constant communication with the Chinese government since the attack by boxers on peaceable converts and the destruction of three villages about ninety miles from Pekin on May 12. On May 18, Sir Claude Mac-Donald reminded the tsung li yamen (Chinese foreign office) of his unceasing warnings during the last six months of the danger of not taking adequate measures to suppress the boxers and an imperial decree was subsequently issued. On May 20 a meeting barrier against which the second car of of the diplomatic corps was held, at the train was driven, thus holding back which a resolution was unanimously the remainder of the cars pressing for-

seven coaches, all but one of which when all were thrown forward by the are two officers wounded." whom were the 138 members of the Tennessee Press asosciation. The train in the train-was still held to the track was drawn by two engines, the regular | by the rear wheels and was uninjured. engine of the train, No. 822, being preceded by a heavier locomotive, No. 232.

At Gash's creek culvert, where there was formerly a high trestle, but which has been filled with earth penetrated by the big granite culvert, the track makes a curve on an embankment forty feet high. The train reaches this point going at high speed. The second engine and the three cars immediately behind it left the track. One of the cars passed completely over the locomotive as the latter rolled down the embankment, tearing it to pieces. The right side up and formed an immovable

accident is that no person was killed, and but one person, the fireman who injured.

ment, though partly off the track.

gagement says the burghers foughtwith fixed determination, beating the British. They succeeded in driving Roberts' right wing five miles .. They bravely stormed the British cannon across the plain and had a hand to hand fight with the cavalry, whom they repulsed with heavy loss. The burghers, according to this report, had only two killed and ten wounded. Another story from Machadorp admits that the Boers retired before Buller & Almend's Nek, but says they inflicted tremendous loss on the British, the fiirst regiment in the attack being annihilated.

BATTLE WITH BOTHA. London, June 14 .- Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, June 3, 9:55 p. m., as follows: Methuen advanced to Honningspruit yesterday and found all quiet. Kroonstad is strongly held. Methuen returned today to Rhenoster river, where the railway is being repaired. We were engaged all yesterday with Botha's army. The enemy fought with considerable determination and held our cavalry on both flanks, but Ian Hamilton. assisted by the Guards brigade of Pole-Carew's division, pushing forward, took the hill in his front, which caused the enemy to fall back on their second position to the eastward. This them are still holding. It is slightly higher than the one we have captured.

"The great extent of country which has to be covered under modern conditions of warfare renders progress very slow. Details of the casualties ave not reached me, but understand they are moderate in numbers. The

WAKKERSTROOM CAPITULATES. London, June 14.-Gen. Buller reports to the war office as follows: "Headquarters at Laings Nek, June 14 .--(Morning) - Gen. Lyttleton yesterday Car number 3 was off the track and received the formal submission of the was tilted at a considerable angle to town and district of Wakkerstroom one side, and had started a few feet which the enemy is believed to have down the embankment. In this car as completely evacuated.'

BRITISH SOLDIERS SUFFER.

New York, June 14.-The London Daily Express correspondent telegraphs from Machadodorp, 140 miles east of the concussion all were thrown to one inection with the capture and destruc-Pretoria, under date of June 10, in contion by the Boers of 3,000 suits of clothing. The British soldiers complain with a baggage section at the forward much of cold. There is much suffering of the sick and exhausted. The sicking thousands of animals having succumbed at Kroonstad (on the road from Bloemfontein to Pretoria).

is in readiness.

end and smoking apartment in the among them, and the hospitals are full engine having reached bottom lodged THE CARS THAT TOOK THE ness among the horses, too, is increas-PLUNGE. In the smoker were four passengers. One of these sat on a rear sea. and

next coach ahead of these-the fourth

in the coaches behind it were many-of

the Tennessee newspaper men and

their wives and sisters, on their way

from Asheville to Morehead City. In

Car number 2 was a combination car,

side of the car.

rear.



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