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With the regulars in position volunteer defenders of the foreign settlement remained on the alert to aid in preventing native incursions, as opposing Chinese government struggling for possession of the city, continued to concentrate their armies south of here.

A volunteer machine gun company also was mobilized this morning, and held in readiness. While British troops paraded two six-inch motorized Howitzers along the boundary. The precautions were taken mostly to guard against invasion by defeated troops of Marshal Sun Chuan Pang.

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