

despatched from Hong Kong the screw corvette Encounter, fourteen guns, and the steam sloop Sampson, six, for Whampoa in the first instance with a large force of marines and blue jackets; and the steam sloop Barracouta followed with further detachments. Admiral Seymour himself then proceeded to Canton, and undertook the direction of the operations. The British and other traders were officially warned of the posture of affairs, and commercial transactions, which for a week before had been little more than nominal, were then suspended.

The river in front of Canton is rather broader than the Thames at London Bridge, but the depth of water does not exceed two fathoms, while the narrow passages by which access is gained to it on the eastern side of the island of Whampoa have a depth not exceeding a fathom and a half. The city is externally guarded by five forts, of which two are on the land side, and three on Pearl river. These were attacked and taken by our countrymen on the 24th of October. An attempt was then made by Admiral Seymour to terminate the difficulty without further hostilities, but the Chinese Governor would neither give satisfaction nor would grant an interview to the British commander.

Admiral Seymour then determined to attack the city itself. A wall, composed partly of sandstone and partly of brick, surrounds Canton; it is about 30 feet high and 25 feet thick, and is mounted with cannon. Against this wall a fire was opened on the 27th of October, and by the 29th a practicable breach had been opened through which the troops entered. The Governor's palace, situate in the south-western part of the new city, was gained, but appears not to have proved a position worth holding, for the troops were withdrawn in the evening, with a loss of only three killed and twelve wounded.

A further attempt which was now made to negotiate proved vain, and it was then resolved to attack the old, inner, or Mantchou portion of the city, divided from the southern by a high massive stone wall, and containing the garrison of Canton. This part of the city was bombarded on the 3rd and 4th of November, and on the 6th the Barracouta destroyed twenty-three war junks.

Another interval of reflection was then granted to the Chinese Governor, but at the date of the last accounts from Canton which had reached Hong Kong no signs of an accommodation were discernible.

The Imperialist garrison of Canton was in a very weakened state. The governor had raised the pay of common soldiers from six to eight dollars a month. Kowloon-foo, the capital of the adjoining province of Kwangsi, was closely infested by the insurgents, who, it was thought, would probably attack the Mantchou Governor as soon as his new embarrassments became known.

Our fleet of war ships in the Chinese seas is at this particular time large, as will be seen by the following list:

At Hong Kong.—H.M.S. Calcutta, 84, Captain Hall; Winchester, 50, Captain Wilson; Coromandel, 3, Lieutenant Nares; Hercules and Minden, Hospital ships.

At Whampoa.—H.M.S. Sybille, 40, Commodore Elliot; Encounter, 14, Captain O'Callaghan; Bittern, 12, Haftaic Bste; Sampson, 6, Captain Hand; Comus, 14, Captain Jenkins.

At Canton.—H.M.S. Barracouta, 6, Captain Fortescue.

At Wosung. H.M.S. Pique, 36, Captain Sir F. W. Nicholson; Hornet, 17, Captain Forsyth.

The sloop Comus has lost eight of her guns, which her commander was compelled to throw overboard in a tempest in the Formosa Channel. Admiral Seymour only arrived at Hong Kong from his northern cruise ten days before the commission of the outrage which he is engaged in avenging.

PERA.—Dispatches, dated the 17th November, have been received from Teran. A decree by the Shah of Persia invests the Grand Vizier with unlimited powers for life. The same decree adds that serious events are imminent, and calls upon the people to show themselves energetic, and to defend their honor to the last. All the chiefs of tribes, by whom the environs of Herat are occupied have made their submission. The Persian columns, dispatched in pursuit of Dost Mohammed, were advancing on Candahar.

The Teheran Gazette of the 7th Raby-el douel (5th of November) announces that the siege of Herat was undertaken to prevent the Governor, Esa Khan, from surrendering the town to the Emir Dost Mahomed Khan.—This proceeding, the Gazette adds, was perfectly consistent with the treaty of Herat concluded between Great Britain and Persia. Notwithstanding all that has passed, the Persian Government has not lost sight of the preservation of its friendship with Great Britain, and is ready to withdraw her troops from Herat on condition that the British Government shall take measures at Candahar, Afghanistan, and Herat itself, to secure that each of those countries shall remain for ever under the rule of its own government.

On the subject of Persia, a letter from Paris, of Wednesday last, says:—It is understood that Ferukh-Khan, the Persian Ambassador, will go on from here to London to negotiate with the English Ministry in person, and that he has applied to his Government for the necessary powers and instructions. The Persian Government has just addressed a memorandum to the Governments of France, Russia, and Turkey on the subject of its differences with

England. Ferukh-Khan is reported also to be the bearer of an autograph letter from the Shah to the Emperor Napoleon, asking for his mediation.

UNITED STATES.

CALIFORNIA.—The Court sanctions the seizure of the Fremont Mariposa grant for taxes, and the estate will be sold unless the taxes are paid.

A battle was fought on the 21st November, at Puget Sound, between the Indians and the U. S. steamer Massachusetts. Twenty-seven Indians were killed and twenty-one wounded. The remainder surrendered. But one of the steamer's men was killed.

The Seminary at Eugene City was burned on the 20th Nov.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Dates are from Valparaiso to Nov. 30th, and to Callao to Dec. 11th. The Valparaiso markets are dull with large stocks of merchandise.

The revolution in Peru is progressing. Gen. Vivanco, the leader of the movement, had been received with enthusiasm, and several provinces had declared in his favor.

The town of Africa was attacked Nov. 24th, by the insurgent steamers Soa and Aburica. Business is completely paralyzed.

NICARAGUA.—Advices from San Juan del Norte are Dec. the 22nd. No tidings had been received of Gen. Walker for some days previously. Scott had quartered with him and stopped running his boats, and Walker had seized for his own use all the steamers on the lake and river.

A letter from Granada of Dec. 1st, states that the Church of Guadalupe was still held by 500 hundred Yankees, who refused to surrender at the summons of Gen. Bloss. They were to be attacked immediately, after which the bulk of the allied army would proceed to operate with Gen. Canas against San Juan and Virgin Bay.

The loss of the filibusters since November 24th, was stated at 300; that of the allies small.

LATER.—Advices are received from Rivas to Dec. 5. Walker had arrived within one league of Rivas, and was preparing to attack General Canas, who had 600 men well supplied with provisions and munitions. A few skirmishes had taken place between the advanced guard. Walker's men are said to be badly off, with scarcely anything to eat, and dying daily from dysentery.

NEW YORK, 13th.—Our dates from Punta Arkansas are up to the 17th ult.

Canas, the commander of the Costa Rican forces against Walker, was near or in Rivas on the 12th ult., with 600 men.

Walker had 400 men at St. George, a mile or two from Rivas, and Canas wrote that he should attack the Americans the next day unless Walker took the initiative. The whole force against the filibusters now in the field, according to Costa Rican papers, is about 600 men. 500 more from Salvador and 500 from Costa Rica would enter Nicaragua immediately. It is said that Walker is on his last legs, and that the war is virtually ended.

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