

## FOUR O'CLOCK. Latest Telegrams.

### FIGHTING BEGINS.

### CHINESE TROOPS FACE REBELS.

### CONFlict AT HANKOW.

### DOUBTS ABOUT THE ARMY'S LOYALTY.

### Foreign Warships Land Men.

The Chinese rebels are still fighting, and the toll of dead is reported. A battle between 6,000 revolutionaries and the imperial army is reported to be in immediate prospect, and the success of the rebels would be a serious blow to the cause of China. At present, the Government troops have been removed to Shanghai for safety. The rebels have now to be sent to Peking, where they will be received by the Emperor. The Foreign Office has issued a note from the Wu Tai (Foreign Office) announcing the arrival of troops at Hankow and anticipating the speedy re-occupation of Wuhan and Hanyang.

News from Peking today says that British and American forces are landing. The British Army will be in command of the combined foreign forces.

Five more foreign warships have reached Hankow, and the Imperial forces which were to have taken up their stations in the Yangtze River have been diverted to the Yangtze, awaiting further developments before attacking the rebels. Two European newspapers have been started. The most recent issue of the "Times" contains many details of the rebels' numbers of troops, and observes making vigorous preparations for the coming campaign against the Imperial army from the north.

### START OF THE FIGHTING. HOSTILITIES AT HANKOW.

A telegram from Hankow yesterday said that fighting had broken out between the local troops and the rebels.

The foreign warships are landing parties.

### LOYALISTS FACE REBELS.

The British troops have had some success. The loyalist troops have advanced 4,000 miles since the rebellion began, which are close to the concessions.

Although the rebels are in command of the river front, and is threatening the rebel position from the river side, the most recent issue of the "Times" says that the rest of the army is still in the hands of the loyalists.

The British admiral has arrived on the river from Shanghai to take command of the British gunboats.

### EMPIRE TROOPS UNRELIABLE.

A correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says that the revolutions are carefully fortifying their positions, and are sending reinforcements to the front. Those who have been sent from the north are to be sent to the front, and the Government forces on the south and west are to be sent to the front.

### REPORTED CAPTURES. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY.

It is reported here that the rebels have succeeded in capturing the German concession at Leningrad, and have captured the British Admiral, who has surrendered to the rebels.

It is also stated that there have been a number of successes from the Government forces.

### BRITISH ADMIRAL IN COMMAND.

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### MISSIONARIES MOVE.

A telegram received by the Wesleyan Missionary Society in Hankow this morning says that the members of the society in the mission there are being sent to Shanghai, and that those on board the ship "Wesleyan" will leave China this evening for Copenhagen, where the Queen will proceed to England.

### THE ACTION OF THE WARSHIPS.

A Berlin telegram says that the "Bremen" and "Emden," of the Deutsche Lloyd, have taken the action of the German warships at Hankow had no international importance, and that the British Government expect the German settlement. The ships of other nations have acted in a similar manner to the protection of the subjects of their respective nations.

### MIDLAND MYSTERY.

#### CAPTAIN'S WIFE REMANDED.

Mrs Catherine Elizabeth Coventry, wife of Captain Coventry, was charged at Aston Hall, Birmingham, on Monday morning with inciting to commit the death of Charles Gills, who was found on Monday morning hanging from a branch of a tree in Orange Lane, Erdington, where Mr. Gills resided.

The Deputy-Chief Constable, without offering any evidence, applied for a remand, and this was granted.

The inquest will be held tomorrow.

### SHIPPING AGREEMENT RENEWED.

#### (MERCANTILE MARINE).

Bremen, Wednesday.

Negotiations which have been proceeding in Paris during the last few days between the shipping companies engaged in the transatlantic trade have led to a satisfactory conclusion, the existing arrangement having been renewed for a shorter period.

The new agreement will be in force until April 1, 1912.

### THE CANADIAN CENSUS.

#### (INTERIOR DEPARTMENT).

Preliminary returns of the Canadian census show that the population is 7,107,347. This is an increase of 727,347 over the figure given in the last census, considerably below the estimate of 8,000,000 made by the Royal Commission on the subject.

The figures show that the rate of increase for natural increase of the population

### THE EYE KISS.

#### CHORUS WOMAN SEES A WOMAN.

#### BREAKTHROUGH CASE.

#### (STRAND).

New York, Monday.

A woman, who is the character in the Broadway musical sketch, began a suit to recover damages from Miss Smith, aged 40, the daughter of the late J. Smith, who, at one time president of the New York Stock Exchange, and former wife of Mr. Hammarskjold, of the Standard Oil Company.

Miss Smith, who gave birth to a son in 1907, when she gave her name to Miss Hammarskjold, claims \$10,000 as damages.

She says Miss Smith made her come along after she discovered her son was not the father of the child.

She claims that the boy was born

### FOR LATEST NEWS.

#### TO-DAY'S SPORTING.

#### NEWCASTLE MEETING.

#### (SUNDAY).

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