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ING ALL BUT THEIR AMMUNITION. The following is an extract from a private letter from Tonquin relative to private letter from took part in the dight. The column sent to Lang-son dight. The column sent to Lang-son to fleer, sent a reconnoisance with an infantry company. After having crossed the stream unsuspicious of danger, he found himself face to face with the Chinese, who received him with a murderous musketry fire. He drove be the enemy and gave time for the column to pass the river. The Chineses sent a flag of truce from their general stating that they wanted five days to colonel Dugenne answered that, though in spite of the treaty with France they had attacked the French promy he had orders to go the Lang-son and he would go. He advised them to retire before his troops. His advice was accepted. The column set informared in the midst of rocks, shrubs and bushes. Hardly had the troops entered the pass when from every di-rection fire flashed forth on the devot-entered the pass when from the troops entered the pass when from the toops entered the pass when from the devot-entered the pass when from the devot-entered the flashed forth on the devot-entered the pass when from the devot-entered th

men announces that they will not be moved by any man's orders. The Patrie and National give cur-rency to the report that negotiations with China have been revived by France, tending to a peaceful settle-ment of all the questions at issue. According to official statements, the total number of the forces under the French flag in Tonquin is 19,000; of these 18,000 are Europeans, and the re-mainder native surillery troops. A dispatch from Warsaw states that most of the suspects arrested during the visit of the Czar will be released upon his departure.

The Gordon Expedition.

CAIRO, 12.—Gen. Lord Wolseley will proceed to Wady Halfa as soon as his troops and transportation have passed the second cataract. From that point the expedition will proceed to Dongola by water, and at Dongola it will be de-cided what route to pursue in the fur-ther advance to Khartoum. Govern-ment officials are in hopes that the native tribes will become friendly by the time the expedition reaches Don-gola, so it will not be necessary for the expedition to proceed beyond that point.