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Last previous Paper.

See 1857 S

German East Africa

Telegraphic correspondence as
to operations.See Bismarck HighSee Read (Guantanamo)This is much more business
like.

NOTE

- (1) Cooperation with Belgians
- (2) Successful capture of
Shikari (on Victoria
Nyanga, just within
the German border)
- (3) Col. Kitchen's mission
as to desirability of
employing irregular forces.
- (4) Successful disembarkation
on Mafia Island
- (5) Canadian mounted Rifles sent
to be sent.

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Next subsequent Paper.

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Geo. A. Fildes 15.1.15

London 1871-1872

The telegram to D. B. Lofgren (S)
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knew the old "Hatch" that the
Colquhoun Govt was afraid they
were entitled to the same
treatment.

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Sir J. F. Fildes 15.1.15

Sir J. Anderson 15.1.15

The telegram to D. 137 (10 Jan 15)
to Gen. Wapshere was sent because Sir
Grey told Lt. Kitchener that the
Belgian Govt. complained they were
being troubled when they offered
assistance.

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this again. Suezrow and I aware of
my views as to desirability of non-participation
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From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 139.)

10th January, 1915.

You should endeavour to arrange fullest possible co-operation between your own and Belgian forces which is entirely in accordance with our views. Proposal in your No. 142 S. of 8th January to entrust General Malleson with this mission is approved, but there is no need that it should be on non-committal lines. It is assumed from your telegram that Governor of Uganda and Chief Belgian Civil Authority are already in agreement as to the principle of encouraging all possible co-operation.

Our information derived from Belgian sources as to the distribution of Belgian and German troops is as follows:—

Belgian forces, Congo eastern frontier.—North of Lake Kivu, 900 men, 3 guns, 47 mm. Nya Kukumba, 475 men, 2 guns, 47 mm. North end Tanganyika, 975 men, 3 guns, 47 mm. One non-mobile gun, 75 mm., at Uvira. Lukuga district, 1,400 men, 4 machine guns, 8 guns, 47 mm., 1 gun, 57 mm., 3 guns, 75 mm., also 1 non-mobile gun, 100 mm. Katanga district, 1,400 men, 7 machine guns, 7 guns, 47 mm.

German forces' disposition and strength doubtful. One company about 150 strong with 2 machine guns, believed at following places:—Kissenji, Kagera, Usumbura, Muanza, Udjiji, with some 87 mm. guns, also 37 mm. Q.F. Hotchkiss guns. New steamer, capacity 1,000 men, believed recently launched on Tanganyika.

Two German forces, each about 500 strong, with guns, at Bismarckburg and Neu Langenburg.

From Commander-in-Chief, India, to War Office.

(No. S. 633.)

9th January, 1915, 6.40 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 2690, Q.M.G. 2, of the 8th instant. We can arrange for the conveyance of the 120th Baluchis to East Africa by a transport from Rangoon about 25th January. Please cable if these arrangements are to be made.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 148.)

10th January, 1915, 3 p.m.

My No. 134 S. of 4th January. All quiet in Umba district and Uganda. The reinforcements sent to Kissi district arrived on 9th January at Shirati under General Stewart. The fort was held by the enemy, but on being shelled they retired and their line of communications was threatened. Shirati is now held with one double company Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and two machine guns. There was one casualty. On 8th January the Mafia Expedition left Mombasa and should land to-day.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 140.)

12th January, 1915.

Your No. O.D. 139, 4th January. No carbon searchlights are available. Colonel H. Kitchener sailed in "Assaye," 4th January, for Mombasa, accompanied by Lord Cranworth. Former has instructions to confer with you on desirability of raising irregular corps for service in East Africa. He will report his conclusion to you for transmission to us by telegram. Please give him all facilities. Telegraph whether you could make use of limited number of officers and selected civilians with East African experience. Your No. 122/5, 7th January, and No. 106, 9th January, will be answered later.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. 153 S.)

11th January, 1915, 8.5 p.m.

With reference to your telegram No. 2098. The proposal has been fully agreed to by the Civil Administration. General Mollath starts for Belgian Congo on 14th January.

From H.M.S. "Fox," Zanzibar, to Admiralty.

(No. 15.)

11th January, 1915, 1.30 a.m.

Troops conveyed in "Kinfauns" from Mombasa were successfully landed at Kissimani, Mafia Island, 7.30 a.m. 10th January. "Fox" assisted "Kinfauns" cover landing with shell fire, but no opposition experienced. Disembarkation carried out expeditiously and without hitch, reflecting great credit on commanding officer "Kinfauns." In order to prevent possible escape of enemy in dhows, bay and possible loopholes round coast were guarded by "Weymouth," "Duplex," "Adjutant," assisted by "Fox" later. Natives reported (by?) transport depot (and) very friendly; many were seen coming towards our troops. Advance has been carried some distance inland. Officer Commanding reports reconnaissance unproductive had expects to occupy Ngombeni 11th January, sending thence one column to occupy Kilindini, another to occupy Chole.

Repeated to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and Commander-in-Chief, Cape of Good Hope.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 151.)

11th January, 1915, 5.5 p.m.

Your No. 2680 of 8th January. It would be of great assistance to me if a Mahomedan squadron, Indian cavalry, could be spared for Longido line in addition to Canadian Mounted Infantry. I fully realize the difficulty, but the matter is an important one.

From War Office to Commander-in-Chief, India.

(No. 2717, cipher. Q.M.G. 2.)

11th January, 1915, 7.45 p.m.

With reference to your cipher telegram No. 333 S., you should make arrangements as soon as possible for the conveyance from Rangoon to East Africa of the 130th Baluchis. Please cable both to me and to Major-General Wapshare the numbers embarked by classes, and the name and probable date of arrival of the ship at Mombasa.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. S. 150.)

11th January, 1915, 3.5 p.m.

With reference to my telegram No. 126 S., consignment of cars has just arrived here, and I can purchase locally sufficient to meet my immediate necessities at a cost of 2300/ each, and a total cost of about 8,000/. As regards future requirements, if any difficulty should arise I can get cars from America at average cost, or from India for about 7,000/. 15,000/ may be considered somewhat heavy, but is only the equivalent of 1,000 porters for 12 months, and, besides being infinitely more serviceable, cars can do three times the work.

From Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi, to War Office.

(No. 235 O.D.)

11th January, 1915, 6.15 p.m.

Please supply Indian ordnance Kilindini for 18-inch projector horizontal carbon, position 20 mm., 270 pairs; 18-inch projector upright carbons, positive 18 mm. diameter, negative 15 mm. diameter, 360 pairs. These stores are actually necessary and should be supplied.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. M.O. 141.)

12th January, 1915.

130th Baluchis will leave Rangoon shortly for Mombasa. This battalion is instead of 36th Sikhs. Commander-in-Chief, India, will inform you date of arrival.

From War Office to Major-General Wapshare, Nairobi.

(No. 2739, cipher. M.O. 1 (A), 140.)

12th January, 1915, 4 p.m.

Your No. S. 151 of 11th January. It has now been decided that we shall not send you the Canadian Mounted Rifles mentioned in my No. 2680, cipher, of 7th January.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. S. 154.)

12th January, 1915, 11.40 a.m.

My No. S. 143 of 8th January. I should like it to be clearly understood that I depend on H.M.S. "Goliath" to cover the landing at Tanga, and I also hope that the landing force will be able to be strengthened by 150 Marines from that ship, as I am weak in white troops. Please telegraph when the "Goliath" may be expected at Mombasa, as there will be much to be arranged with Captains Caulfield and Shellford.

I want the 130th Baluchis to have some training in bush fighting before the real advance takes place, and the sooner they arrive the better.