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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

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THE OUTBREAK AT PERAK.

(“TIMES” TELEGRAMS.)

PERAK, viâ PENANG, Nov. 12.—The Malays are stockaded within seven miles of the Residency. The gunboats are at Sabathang, ten miles lower down. The troops are entrenching the Residency, and await reinforcements before attacking. We expect news of offensive operations seven days hence.

CALCUTTA, Nov. 14, 10.32 A.M.—The 3rd Buffs, now quartered here, a Gooikha regiment, and a battery of Mountain Artillery, in the aggregate numbering 1,000 men, of whom about half are Europeans, have been directed to hold themselves ready to start for Perak. The British India Steam Company has been requested to have transports ready. If final orders are issued, the force will probably start by the middle of the week.

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We have received from the Colonial Office, under date November 13, the following information relating to the outbreak :—

The telegrams received at this office to-day throw some additional light upon the circumstances attending the murder of Mr. Birch in Perak. It appears that a proclamation had been issued and had been posted throughout Perak on the 1st of November. Mr. Birch on that day telegraphed to Sir W. Jervois that the proclamation had been well received, and that all was quiet in Perak. On the following day, however, a Malay tore down the proclamation posted at Passir Sala, where the Resident was, and, on being struck by the Interpreter of the Residency, at once stabbed that officer. An affray followed, in which Mr. Birch, who was in his bath, was murdered. The force sent to punish the perpetrators of this outrage consisted of Captain Innes, R.E., Lieutenants Booth and Elliott, with sixty men of the 10th, Lieutenant Abbott, R.N., sixty Sikhs, and fifty police and Malays, with rockets. They arrived at the Residency on the 5th, and on the 6th marched through the jungle against the Maharajah Lela, in whose village the murder was committed, and who was found occupying a stockaded position. After an hour and a half's fighting the European troops charged the stockade. In this charge Captain Innes was killed, and Lieutenants Booth and Elliott were wounded, and it was considered necessary to order a retreat, which was effected in an orderly manner, and not before the enemy had abandoned the stockade. The Governor telegraphs that the principal chiefs of Perak remain unshaken in their loyalty, and that the Sultan has offered to assist with men and boats. He reports that the disturbances are still confined to a limited area, and that the Residency on the Perak river is securely held. He has at his disposal between 700 and 800 European troops, besides eighty artillery, and two men-of-war are on the station; others are expected, and, in addition, General Colborne sailed with 300 men of the 80th Regiment on the 11th for Singapore.

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