

# THE WAR OFFICE AND THE CAVALRY.

ORDERS FOR THE MEN TO BE  
DETAINED AT CARDIFF.

TO BE READY IN CASE THEIR PRESENCE  
SHOULD BE WANTED!!

ONE SQUADRON LEAVES FOR THE  
RHONDDA.

METROPOLITAN POLICE SENT ON TO  
PONTYPRIDD.

The following official statement was issued from the Home Office on Tuesday night—

A request was addressed last night by the chief-constable of Glamorgan to the local military authorities for the assistance of 200 cavalry and two companies of infantry in keeping order in the Cambrian Collieries.

The Home Secretary, in consultation with Mr. Haldane, decided to send instead a contingent of the Metropolitan police, consisting of 70 mounted and 200 foot constables, to the district to carry out the instructions of the chief-constable, under their own officers. This force was sent by special trains, and will arrive in the early evening.

In the meanwhile, the cavalry and infantry which had been despatched in response to the chief-constable's request have with his concurrence, been detained—the infantry at Swindon and the cavalry at Cardiff, where they will remain for a few days in case their presence should prove to be necessary.

## CAVALRY AT CARDIFF.

### ANIMATED SCENES AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

The Great Western Railway station at Cardiff on Tuesday evening presented the appearance of an Army headquarters on a miniature scale. From 4.30 on military officers were arriving by train from various parts of the country and at once proceeding to the stationmaster's office, where Brigadier-general C. F. N. Macready, C.B., was in constant telegraphic and telephonic communication with the War Office and the chief-constable of Glamorgan (Captain Lindsey). The general came down from London in the afternoon, arriving at Cardiff by the 6.30 p.m. train. With him was Colonel M. C. Curry, D.A.G., and they were met by Lieutenant-colonel H. A. T. Phillips, R.G.A., commanding the troops in the Cardiff district, and Captain Bennett, A.S.C., Pembroke Dock.

A quarter of an hour prior to the general's arrival a squadron of the 12th Hussars, with their horses, arrived at the Great Western Railway station from Salisbury Plain and these were at once despatched to the Canton sidings, where they remained in the train until 8.30, when they detrained and marched to the Cardiff Barracks, where they put up for the night. Their sudden appearance at Cardiff caused some excitement among the station officials, who understood the significance of the soldiers' arrival.

The general officer commanding seemed to be in some considerable doubt as to giving any definite orders for the sending of the troops up to the scene of operations, and it seemed evident that he was not in possession of the serious aspect affairs had assumed.

It was difficult to ascertain the identity of

the officers arriving by each train. They all immediately waited upon General Macready, and at one time eight were in the stationmaster's room, the consultation lasting until eight o'clock. A quartermaster-sergeant of the Welsh Regiment from Cardiff Barracks was in attendance the whole time, and there were also a number of orderlies.

The railway officials were also present in full force, among them being Mr. J. J. Leaning, divisional superintendent; Mr. J. Carter, assistant divisional superintendent; Mr. Hulin, the stationmaster, &c., while an interested attendant was Mr. C. A. G. Pullin, Mr. D. A. Thomas's private secretary.

When the Hussars arrived the orders for the officer commanding were that he must not proceed further than Cardiff until he received a communication from the War Office. He was also informed by telegram that General Macready was on his way from London to command operations.

It was very evident that even General Macready was under orders not to proceed further than Cardiff until receiving instructions from the War Office.

By the 7.30 train another batch of officers arrived from Bristol, and after acquainting the general of the fact they left the station.

At 8.3 the first contingent consisting of 200 foot police arrived from London. These men were under the charge of Superintendent Powell, and an hour and a half later a special arrived with 100 men and their horses. These forces were immediately despatched to Pontypridd, where further orders awaited them.

## CAVALRY LEAVE FOR THE RHONDDA.

### ALL FURNISHED WITH BALL AMMUNITION.

A squadron of the 12th Hussars arrived at Cardiff at 11.15, they having left Tidworth at 8.45. On Major Burnett, who was in command, reporting himself to Colonel Curry, who was in charge—General Macready having left earlier for Pontypridd—he was ordered to leave at once for Pontypridd, where further orders awaited him. The train left at 11.30. The men were all furnished with ball ammunition, and are prepared for any eventuality.

## MORE LONDON POLICE.

The situation during the evening assumed such an aspect that another contingent of police were telegraphed for from London, and they arrived at Cardiff Station at three o'clock this morning. An engine of the Taff Vale Company, with officials, was immediately attached to the train, and it proceeded up to the Rhondda.