

CANTON: EVENTS & CURRENT RUMOURS.

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The commercial newspaper "Seventy-two Builds" has reported that the Customs embargo will be lifted at 12 noon today. The Strike Pickets were ordered by the Government and have sent back to the Customs about 15 cargo-boats containing more than 1,000 packages of cargo which had not been passed through Customs examination. The Government's notification ensuring the Customs rights of first and last examination of imports and exports and the Commissioner's Notification informing the public that above has been satisfactory arranged both have appeared in all the vernacular newspapers. The draft of the Government's notification, it is stated, was prepared by Mr. Wang Ching-wei himself.

The demonstration parade organised for to-day against the Feng-tien-Chihli militarists and the Customs will take place in the afternoon after a mass meeting at the Kwangtung University. The route for the procession of the parade is stated to have been changed so as not to pass the Custom House.

Whampoa Port
It is reported that the Government ~~Whampoa~~ Development Committee held a meeting yesterday at the Municipal Council presided over by Mr. Sun Fo, the Commissioner of Reconstruction. All those present approved a proposal to open Whampoa as a free trade port.

Information from a reliable source states that the Government is considering measures to terminate the present strike against Hongkong and Shameen, with the object of consolidating the foundation of this Nationalist Government. It is further said that the Government is prepared to send responsible officials to take up the matter with the Hongkong Government.

Mr. Sun Fo and Madame Sun Yat-sen are reported to have originally decided to go to Shanghai today, but owing to the Customs affair they have postponed their departure for another week.

General Chiang Chung-cheng is exerting his best to start a northern expedition with all the troops under him. He is said to be going to Shaoan next week.