

Events, and Current Rumour,
26th to 29th July 1916.

Lung Tu Chün's troops during the past few days have been fighting with the Min Chün at Chiang Ts'un (江村), North of Canton, and the latter were defeated.

Another fight occurred between Lung and Li's troops yesterday at Kao T'ang (高塘), with losses on both sides.

Lung and Li's troops are fighting this morning at Shih Mén (石門), about 5 miles from the Arsenal. Lung Tu Chün has sent his elder brother Lung Yü-kuang with troops to guard the Arsenal.

The local press again states that the Kiangsi troops have recaptured Shao Chou Prefecture. Li's troops retreated down river, and Li Lieh-chün himself fled to Samshui. The Canton Officials offered congratulations yesterday morning to Lung Tu Chün.

It is rumoured that the Foochow troops have reached Swatow.

Ts'ên Ch'un-hsüan has telegraphed to Peking stating that he will retire as soon as he has properly disposed of his troops, and asking not to

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instead of one for each month.

(B) 50% Deduction of Notes on payment of Government taxes. The notes collected from the surplus amount will be accumulated to be burned, a sum about \$700,000 a month.

(C) Redemption of notes by issuing Government Lottery. The tickets may be bought with notes but the prizes will be given in cash. The notes collected from this source are also to be destroyed. It is estimated that the value of notes redeemed in this way in a month may amount to \$5,000,000.

These suggestions will be submitted to Chamber of Commerce for their approval.

According to information obtained by a news agency, the general situation in Kwangsi has passed its critical moment. Since the arrival of General Hsiung Lich at Nanchow, the people are no more in agitation. Through General Hsiung's efforts to strengthen the defensive force there, there would be scarcely any chance for the troops of Shun Hung-yung and Lin Yung-ting to attempt any attack on the Cantonese garrisons. It is further reported that the Yunnanese generals have begun to withdraw their troops from Ming Kiang since 25th inst.

The Postal Administration at Canton has not yet complied with the Civil Governor's order to return to the old rates of postage. The Postal Commissioner protests that he has to await for instructions from the director-general of post at Peking, to whom the local order has been referred.