

as the company who owned the steam launch had paid the subsidy of two hundred dollars a trip it was allowed to pass. These brigands are not of the ordinary unpaid soldier type, but are lawless desperadoes who are out for unlimited plunder.

On May 5 Pereira embarked on the s.s. *Alice Dolla*, a palatial steamer with airy two-berth cabins and every luxury, including electric fans. On May 7 he passed through the narrow and beautiful Feng-hsien (wind box) gorge, which had very steep precipices in parts, but the hills were not very high, and Pereira considered that neither this nor the I-chang gorge was as fine as the Ta-ching-pa gorges on the border of the Nosu country. Here the hills did not rise for more than 2000 to 3000 feet above the Yangtze, but in Nosuland they rose to 8000 or 9000 feet.

I-chang was reached on May 7, and on May 8 he left in the *Chang-sha*, the biggest boat up the Yangtze. On May 10 he reached Hankow, and on May 13 Shanghai. From there he sailed for Hong-Kong, where he arrived on May 27.