

of the railway and some of the senior mandarins of the province have formed a company that has acquired the coal mines and begun to work them rationally.

The military forces have already been organised on a different footing from those in the provinces I have visited hitherto. The tchyping troops have been reduced to such an extent that, although they still exist on paper, they may be regarded as disbanded in actual fact. A so-called »ying» does not consist of more than 3 or 4 men. There are some exceptions, indeed, in places, where there are no new troops and posts have to be maintained. However, side by side with the new ludziun troops other organisations of troops have been formed that replace the tchyping garrisons and are at the same time more closely allied to the ludziun. The armed forces of the province thus consist of ludziun, fandziun u djyng dziun and police troops. Owing to the presence of the last category of troops, the ludziun brigade is really quite mobile and should be available for use against foreign enemies independently of the interior state of the country.

The following ludziun troops are stationed at Kai-feng-fu:

Infantry . . . . 47th regiment armed with Mausers with 10 cartridges 88  
                   48th    »  
 Cavalry of the 15th   »       »       »   Mauser carbines with 5 cartridges  
                   2 ying  
 Artillery of the 15th » (in one ying 4 mountain guns for 2 horses and 8 field guns, all  
                   2   » with armoured screens — stated to be manufactured in Kai-  
   feng. Same rifle as infantry. Swords in metal scabbards.)  
 Sappers of the 15th ying 2 tui, armed the same as infantry.  
 Manchurians 1 in of 4 tui of about 50 men. Altogether stated to be 350 men (according  
 to Perera 504). Armed like infantry.

There are the following »fandziun» troops in the province:

Nanyang djentai	3 ying putui,	2 ying matui	} The different ying are stationed in different places of the Djentai district besides being scattered at a great number of posts.
Hwaitien	» 4 »	» 1 »	
Kweitech	» 2 »	» 1 »	

Yu cheng dziun troops (for the last 3 years):

Suchow tungling — 4 ying putui, 1 ying matui	} The different troops are probably also stationed in different places, from which posts are occupied. Details unavailable.
(detachments called tsoã dziun) . . . . .	
Wei whei fu tungling—4 ying putui, 1 ying matui (ju dziun) .. . . . . .	

There are police troops now in most of the towns. In Kai-feng-fu 1 ying of 600 men and 5 officers of police has been formed. This is distributed at police stations of 1 officer and 120 men each, armed with Hotchkiss. Infantry drill is done every other day. Guard duty 3 hours a day. Pay 4 taels monthly and free quarters. — Examination in Chinese for enrolment. Subordinated to a Njetai.