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"Eisenschmid to Basel"

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Description: An account of the war-scare, and news of the Huppenbauer/Buck trip to Kumasi. Includes as summary of the appearance of the mobilisation for war as it appeared to Buhl in Accra - much munitions just leaving all public work suspended, hammocks and carriers called in, the doctor off to Cape Coast with medical supplies - for 600 men; and a report that the Governor had hired a steamer for £1050 to go to Sierra Leone to bring troops and war materials. Meantime the Buck/Huppenbauer expedition had set off for Kumasi unaware of the war-scare, and without telling anyone. The first certain news of anything unusual occurring came from Mohr who heard it from Koranteng (Kukurantumi) who in turn had heard in Kibi from messengers travelling from Mansah the sister of the deceased Juaben Queen Mother Afrakuma to her daughter who had been resident with Afrakuma on the coast. They knew that the missionaries had gone from Obogu to Odumase where they were given a friendly welcome - the chief let them sleep in his own bed. Messengers were sent forward to the Asantehene, although the missionaries refused to stay in Odumase until they returned. They had been held in a village where the king's sword-bearers had met them.

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