

BRAVE JAPS

Stormed the Almost Impregnable Heights of Nanshan

AND DROVE THE RUSSIANS FROM THEIR STRONG-HOLD.

Gallant Night Attack in Face of Heavy Fire,

MINES AND BARBED WIRE FENCES.

Japanese Loss Put at 3,000

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Washington, May 28.—The following cablegram from the foreign office at Tokio was received at the Japanese legation today. "The commander of the army attacking Kin Chou, reports that a detachment of our troops consisting of infantry, artillery and engineers, occupied Nan Kang Ling on the morning of May 25th.

The enemy fled in the direction of Port Arthur after burning a railway station at Shan Shie Hli Tao, northwest of Dalny.

On the 26th our troops captured 50 guns besides many other things.

The number of enemy dead alone and left in the field amounted to 400. Our casualties including dead and wounded is estimated at 3,000.

Awful Loss of Life.

Tokio, May 28.—Revised figures show that 61 non-commissioned officers and 478 bluejackets were killed and drowned, seven officers and 15 non-commissioned officers and fifty bluejackets slightly wounded, and 12 bluejackets seriously wounded in the sinking of the Japanese battleship, Hatsuse, by a mine off Port Arthur on May 15th.

Two hundred and thirty-five non-commissioned officers and men lost their lives on the cruiser Yoshino, which was rammed and sunk by the cruiser Kasuga, on the same day the Hatsuse was blown up.

This Mornings Despatches.

London, May 28.—The Japanese legation has received the following official advices from Tokio. "Kin Chou and all the heights in its vicinity have been taken and our troops are pushing the Russians towards Port Arthur."

A despatch to the Central News from Harbin says the Japanese losses during the fighting at Kin Chou are said to be twelve thousand men killed. It is said that these figures have been confirmed by an official despatch. Fighting, it's added, is still going on in the vicinity of Kin Chou.

Tokio, May 28.—The Japanese army swept the Russians from Kin Chou last evening and in a desperate night attack stormed the almost impregnable position of the Russians on Nanshan Hill, west of Tallen Wan. The battle raged in the hills

All Through the Night,

and fragmentary telegrams from the Japanese headquarters report that the engagement is still in progress and that the Japanese are still pursuing the Russians south from Nanshan and the head of Tallen Wan Bay.

The Russians had made elaborate preparations to check the Japanese movement south on the Liao Tung Peninsula toward Port Arthur. They had fortified the high ground on the south shore of Tallen Wan Bay, their works extending to the east and west. The extreme Russian right was the strongest part of the line, a series of batteries strongly emplaced, crowned its crest, while rifle pits extended around its sides. Mines had been placed lower down on the hill and the base of the northern and sides were stretched well into entanglements. Another the defences also protected

with wire entanglements extended from Yen Chia Tung, near the head of Tallen Wan Bay, due north of Liuchia Tien, which lies south of Kin Chou. A strong Russian force was posted at Kin Chou. It consisted of infantry and artillery.

The Japanese Forces

occupied the line of hills east of Kin Chou. Their position had formed in almost perfect right angle, showing its southern front to Tallen Wan and its western front to Kin Chou. Chiu Li Chan village was the apex of this angle; the extreme right of the Japanese line rested at Chen Chang which is almost due north of Chiu Li Chan, while the extreme left was at Chaitsubo, a village due east of Chiu Li Chan. Back of this angle the attacking force assembled in complete security.

The Russians apparently attempted to draw the Japanese attack last Saturday for the batteries opened fire on that day. The Japanese refused to be drawn into an attack until the positions of the Russians, their guns and strength had been fully developed. To this end the Japanese began a series of careful manoeuvres, their officers working their way close enough to the Russian position to draw the enemy's fire. They thus secured fragments of shells for the purpose of ascertaining the calibre of the Russian guns. They discovered that the batteries of about 15 centimetres calibre, 10 old-style cannon of between 9 and 15 centimetres calibre and two quick firing guns of 12 centimetres. The Japanese discovered also a number of large emplacements, but they did not learn the number of guns contained therein. These emplacements faced to the north and to the east. The guns fired by the Russians developed a range of 8,500 metres. Three heavy guns posted on the Russian right in the vicinity of Hushangtao also were discovered and another strong Russian position developed by these reconnaissance was on another hill southwest of Nanshan Hill, where the Russians had a series of shelter trenches.

A Bloody Affair.

Subsequent reports received here indicate that the storming of Nanshan Hill yesterday was a bloody affair. The Japanese first centred their fire on the Russian batteries, in which work they were aided by four gunboats from Kin Chou Bay. They succeeded in silencing many of the enemy's guns.

The Russians had constructed a series of trenches around the hill on a terrace protected by wire entanglements and other such devices. The Japanese made a series of rushes, but they were in vain. The deadly rifle and cannon fire of the enemy checked them repeatedly.

Finally at 3 o'clock in the afternoon they re-formed and stormed the crest of the hill. The Russians held their positions doggedly and it was 7 o'clock in the evening before the Japanese gained possession of the ridge.

A Japanese officer of high rank made the following statement to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The Japanese in attacking Kin Chou and Nanshan Hill had to fight against great odds. The Russians were in full command of the strategic advantages afforded by nature, and these advantages were augmented by the newest inventions for defence. The forts on Nanshan Hill were armed with heavy guns. The Japanese had only field guns, heavy guns being unavailable on account of the difficulties of transportation.

"Our army deserves great credit for having driven the Russians from their stronghold. It was a feat previously considered to have been impossible.

"I fear our losses have been very heavy, but we have gained the strongest point barring our way to the investment of Port Arthur."

London, May 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he learns that the Japanese troops are now within twelve miles of Port Arthur, and that the Russians suffered heavier casualties than the Japanese, who have taken guns and other material and a few prisoners. He predicts a further surprise, as Japan is now increasing her efforts in all directions.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

And Party of Friends en Route to Acadia Closing Exercises.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, May 28.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson passed through here this morning to Wolfville to attend the closing exercises at Acadia University, at which his son Henry graduates.

He was accompanied by his daughters, the Misses Ethel and Marion, also Rev. A. D. Cameron and Mrs. Cameron of Ottawa and Rev. J. D. Freeman and wife of Toronto, formerly of Fredericton.

CARLOAD OF CHINAMEN.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, May 28.—A carload of Chinese, numbering fifty, passed through this city this morning from the Far East, en route to Halifax, thence to Bermuda.

TRAGIC DEATHS!

Young Ontario Couple Met Watery Grave Together.

BRIDGE RAILING GAWWAY THROWING THEM INTO THE RIVER.

Bodies Buried Side by Side.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Severn Bridge, Ont., May 28.—The body of Herbert McKenzie of North Nation Mills, Quebec, the missing railway surveyor, was found late on Thursday night about half a mile down stream, where the body of Miss Agnew was discovered.

The remains of the two were buried side by side yesterday afternoon at Washagou.

Investigation shows that the railing of the bridge over the stream was broken. The river runs very swift at this point, and it is thought that the two were sitting on or leaning over the railing when it collapsed, and threw them into the stream.

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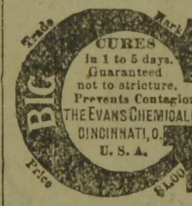
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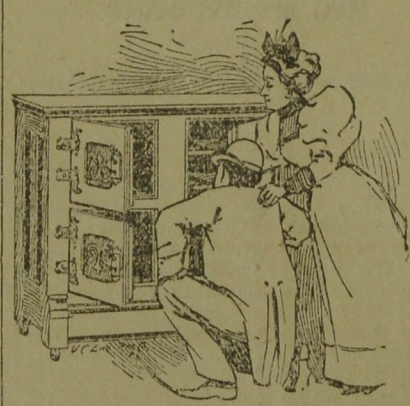
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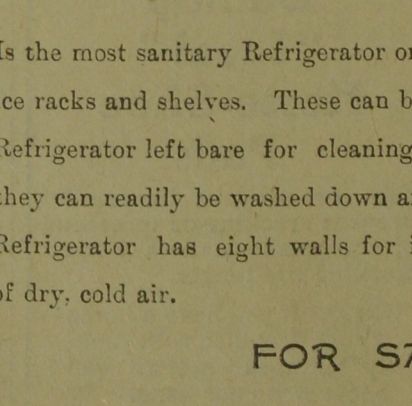
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