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Other Army and Marine Officers Meet Like Fate.

DISPATCH FROM REMEY

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TIEN TSIN, July 13, via Chefoo, July 15 and Shanghai, July 16.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon 7,000 of the allied troops were attempting to storm the wall of the city. The at-



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ack began at daylight. Its success is doubtful. The Chinese on the walls are estimated by conservatives at 20,000. They are pouring a terrific hail of artillery, rifle and machine gun fire upon the attackers. The Americans, Japanese, British and French troops are attacking from the west and the Russians from the east.

The Americans suffered terribly. As the Associated Press representative left the field the chief surgeon of the 9th Infantry said a conservative estimate was that 25 per cent of the Americans were hit. Col. Emerson H. Liscum is reported to have been mortally wounded as he was walking in front of the troops. Maj. Regan and Captains Buckmiller, Wilcox and Noyes are among the wounded. The marines' losses include Capt. Davis, killed, and Butler, Leonard and several others wounded.

Officers declared that it was hotter than Santiago.

When the correspondent left the Americans were lying in the plain between the wall and the river under an enfilading and a direct fire. It was equally difficult for them to advance or retire.

The correspondent counted 300 wounded men of all nationalities.

Confirmed by Remy.

The Navy Department this morning received official confirmation from Admiral Remy of the reverse of the allied forces at Tien Tsin on the morning of the 13th. The dispatch is dated Chefoo, July 16, and says:

"Reported that allied forces attacked native city morning 13th; Russians right with 9th Infantry and marines on the left. Losses allied forces large: Russians, 100, including artillery colonel; Americans, over 30; British, over 40; Japan, 58, including colonel; French, 25. Col. Liscum, 9th Infantry, killed; also Capt. Davis, Marine Corps. Capt. Lemly, Lieuts. Butler and Leonard wounded. At 7 in the evening allied attack on native city was repulsed with great loss. Returns yet incomplete; details not yet confirmed."
(Signed) "REMEY."

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