

FAVORS JAPAN.

Stand of the King of Korea.

NOT LIKE A VASSAL.

The Suzerain Business Does Not Go.

FIGHTING THE CHINESE.

His Troops on the Field of Yashan.

SOME OF THEM BROKE AWAY.

But the Greater Part Stood Side by Side With the Men of the Mikado.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A dispatch from Times from Tientsin says that the Northern Chinese squadron has vainly searched the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li for Japanese warships.

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Seoul says a remarkable fact was revealed upon the occasion of the engagement between the Chinese and Japanese troops at Yashan, when the former were defeated. A number of Korean soldiers, by special order of the King of Korea, accompanied the Japanese troops. Some of the Koreans fled when the fighting began, but the majority fought with the greatest bravery. According to a Seoul dispatch this fact has high political significance, as showing the King of Korea sides with Japan.

The Japanese legation has not received news from Japan to confirm the report that an imperial decree has been issued authorizing the raising of a Japan loan of \$50,000,000. It was stated at the legation if a loan was required it would be entirely raised in Japan.

FIRST NAVAL BATTLE.

Details of the Sinking of the Chinese Transport Kow Shung.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 7.—The following account of the naval engagement off Asan, supplied by the Tokio News Agency, is stated to have been received from a trustworthy source: At 2 A. M. on the 25th ult. two Chinese war vessels, the Tsing-yuen and Kwang-yueh, which had been lying for several days at In-Chihon, put to sea. Two hours afterward three Japanese war vessels also set out from the same port to ascertain the status of the Chinese in the neighborhood of Nam-yaung. Nearing the island of Phung-do at a little past 7 o'clock they perceived at a distance the two Chinese warships advancing toward them, and when the two squadrons approached each other the Chinese, instead of saluting the Japanese vessels, one of which was a flagship, were observed to have their guns run out and their men at quarters.

The Japanese war vessels, on making this discovery, quickly effected preparations for an emergency. The Chinese soon afterward opened fire and the challenge was at once accepted by the Japanese, whose shells soon began to tell upon the Chinese ships. The latter after a short time ran up the Japanese ensign over a white flag, and this being regarded as a declaration of surrender the Japanese ships approached and the Chinese vessels were about 300 meters, whereupon the Tsing-yuen discharged a torpedo against one of the Japanese ships and at the same time recommenced firing. The Japanese vessels were equal to the occasion. They returned the fire vigorously.

While these things were going on there were here in sight another in progress, both fighting the flags of a neutral power. One of the Japanese war vessels instantly advanced to meet these new arrivals, and found that although hoisting a foreign flag, the war vessel belonged to the Chinese navy, while the transport and Chinese troops on board. The two Chinese vessels, notwithstanding the bunting they showed, fired upon the approaching Japanese ships, and a hot engagement began at once. Meanwhile, the Tsing-yuen and the Kwang-yueh, having received serious injury, sailed away, the former in the direction of China and the latter in that of Asan.

The Japanese vessels, instead of pursuing them, went to the assistance of the other Japanese warship fighting at a short distance off. The transport was soon sunk, while the warship, namely, the Tsang Kiang, hoisted a white flag. The captured vessel had been taken possession of one of the Japanese ships started to follow the Tsing-yuen, but the latter, having a start of thirty or forty minutes, could not be easily overtaken. Consequently the pursuit was not successful. As to the Kwang-yueh, which fled in the direction of Asan, she is said to have been stranded and abandoned by the crew.

The Shanghai papers assert that the sunken transport was conveying only 700 men to Korea. It is also stated that 50,000 men are to be landed at the Yalu River. The Nichi Nichi gives the account of the sinking of the transport Kow Shung. The Japanese officer asked the captain if he would follow the Japanese man-of-war; the captain replied that he could only obey him. The officer then returned to his ship, and another signal to cast anchor was sent to the ship. Soon after the vessel was backed to the transport, who signaled, "Leave the ship." The Japanese officer spoke to the captain at the gangway, and asked him why he wanted a boat. The captain replied he was himself anxious to obey the Japanese orders, but was prevented from doing so by the Chinese officers. The Chinese soldiers were in a foreign vessel, and when the vessel left Taku the war had not been declared, and the captain wished now to return to China. The Japanese officer left him, promising to give a reply on reaching his ship. Soon after the man-of-war signaled, "Leave the ship." The Kow Shung signaled back that the captain and officers were prevented. As there was

no end to these negotiations, the Japanese man-of-war hoisted the red flag on the foremast and gave the final warning to leave the ship immediately.

The captain then instructed the engineer and other foreigners on board to come on deck. Immediately after the Japanese fired, and the captain and the other foreigners jumped into the sea and made for the island of Shapajora. The Chinese officers on board the Kow Shung took up rifles and threatened to kill the captain and others if they did not get on deck. The Japanese fired, and the other foreigners jumped into the sea and made for the island of Shapajora. The Chinese officers on board the Kow Shung took up rifles and threatened to kill the captain and others if they did not get on deck. The Japanese fired, and the other foreigners jumped into the sea and made for the island of Shapajora.

NAGASAKI, Aug. 5.—Captain Galsworthy has arrived here, and his report of the Kow Shung is entirely in favor of the Japanese. He says the Kow Shung was connected with the Chinese warships, and he has no knowledge of the naval fight, but, being helpless, he offered to surrender his vessel. To this the Chinese generally objected, and threatened his (Galsworthy's) life. The vessel, after due warning, fired a torpedo, but this missed the Japanese broadside and machine guns were brought to bear upon the Kow Shung until she sank. All the Europeans and many of the Chinese jumped overboard, and these were fired upon by the Chinese who remained on board. The quartermaster is still under treatment at Sasebo for a wound in the neck, and Mulhensstedt is still a prisoner at Sasebo. The captain and mate are all right.

CHINESE PUT TO ROUT.

Quick Work by the Japs Following the Naval Fight.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 7.—According to telegrams forwarded from Sasebo on the 23d inst., the Japanese troops gained a signal victory over the Chinese at a place called Song-hwan, and advanced against the entrenched camp at Asan on the 30th ult. at 7 o'clock in the morning. On that day the battle was fought at Song-hwan and the telegram does not say, but presumably it was the 29th. Information previously received in Tokio indicated the 29th or 30th as the probable date of the assault upon Asan. It is evident that the Japanese are operating with the utmost celerity. The commencement of hostilities was the naval fight off Asan on the 15th ult. News of that event cannot have reached the headquarters of the troops before the following day. Yet on the 29th we find them delivering an attack against the Chinese lying entrenched at a place some twenty miles distant. That is decidedly quick work.

According to later telegrams it seems the final fall of Asan into Japanese hands took place on the 30th ult., and the battle of Song-hwan. The Director of the postoffice at Fusan is reported to have wired to the Department of Communications as follows: "There was fighting at Asan on the 29th and 30th of July. The Chinese army was completely annihilated and the Japanese troops have commenced a return march to Seoul." It is not likely that all the Japanese troops left Asan so soon after their victory. If the report that the Chinese fled in the direction of Hong-ju be true, it would have been necessary to send a sufficient force in pursuit of them.

The following account of the battle at Song-hwan is published in the Nichi Nichi Shimbu, based on the latest telegram: "Our army was drawn up in battle array at Chih-won, while the Chinese troops were posted at Song-hwan and Puyon-thaik. Between the two armies lay a tract of rice swamp through which flows a small river. Our troops fought very hard with this river between themselves and the enemy, but it being very difficult to cross this stream under fire a party was dispatched by the way of Chikessa so as to make a flank attack on the Chinese. The Chinese were not prepared for this move and they were easily put to flight. The number of Chinese engaged in this fight is stated to have been 2800. Nothing is known of the strength of the Chinese army at the headquarters of Asan, but it is surmised that at least an equal number must have been stationed there. From the circumstance that the defeated Chinese fled in the direction of Hong-ju it is probable that there was at the time no Chinese war vessels in the Bay of Nam-yaung."

The British gunboat Archer, the United States steamships Baltimore and Monocacy, the German gunboat Itis, the French gunboat Lion, the Russian gunboat Mandour and three Japanese men-of-war were at Chemulpo on the 20th ult. Mr. Hannen, the British Consul-General at Shanghai, has received a telegram from the British Charge d'Affaires at Tokio, Mr. Pagan, stating that the Japanese Government has undertaken to regard Shanghai as a neutral port.

The Taotai has informed the foreign consuls that measures will be taken to close the Woosung bar. Twelve hundred troops have been safely landed in Korea. The Nam-yaung squadron is to attack the coast of Japan, while the Fochow and Canton ships are to make an attempt on the Lochoo Islands, so that the victory will not content himself with operations in Korea.

It is said that 20,000 troops are being called out for each province of China. It is also rumored that the Japanese cruisers are preparing for an attack upon Silver Island, so as to command the Yangtsze, so prevent the coming up of the 500,000 troops from Nanking.

WAR FEELING RUNS HIGH.

How It is Possible That China Might Invade Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 7.—The Constitutional Reform party of Japan, which is the opposition, prevails among the Chinese troops, and that they are being themselves by dozens in despair of their surroundings. The Japanese also are in a pretty bad plight, a great number of them having died, and illness is still rife in their camp. But the death rate is very much higher among the Chinese.



SECRETARY GRESHAM—Told him this is not an asylum any longer, Herbert. It ain't run the way it was when Marcy and Fish and Blaine were here. Tell him to go right away.

the general tendency of the world China is liable to violate the great principles of international intercourse and to derange the tranquility of the Orient. When the recent disturbance began in Korea China disregarded the Tientsin treaty, treated Korea as its dependency and insisted that it reject the reforms proposed by the empire and further incited it to challenge the empire to engage in war. These misguided actions on the part of China have not been without fruit, for blows have been exchanged between Korea and this country. China is entirely in the wrong in the present affair. One army has justice on its side and its military ardor is highly excited. It is an easy thing, therefore, for our army to force its way into China, to dictate terms of peace under the walls of its capital and to display the glory of our empire.

The time has indeed come for our country to settle the affairs of the Orient and to declare to the world the permanent policy of the empire, for when will any such opportunity occur again? We are firmly persuaded that any one who, at this juncture, is inclined to seek temporary ease and to stand idle is not a loyal subject of Japan. He is not a true Japanese who is not ready to fulfill his national obligations on this tremendous occasion. Such being the tendency of the times the Constitutional Reform party has made the following resolutions and expects the Japanese people to carry them into effect.

1. With a view to assert the rights and dignity of the empire and to maintain the peace, it is resolved to the utmost capacity of the nation. 2. The Constitutional Reform party will not be satisfied with victory on the battlefield, but will consider it necessary to maintain our rights and interests in the international conferences of the various powers that will doubtless ensue. 3. The Constitutional Reform party will make it its object to oblige China to accede to various important provisions which the empire regards as essential for the perpetual maintenance of the tranquility of the Orient and for the preservation of the rights and interests of Japan, and for the perpetuation of Korean independence.

This may be taken as a fair sample of the feeling among all classes in Japan. Nevertheless it is a question whether the Mikado will be allowed to have it all his own way. The Japan Gazette of recent date has this to say as to how the seat of war may be sufficed once China is fairly aroused: "It is not at all certain that China will choose Korea as the battlefield. On the contrary if her naval and military forces be directed by foreigners a descent upon the coast of Japan is by no means impossible. Such a descent might be made by the sea, and the Japanese might be able to concentrate her reserves at any point in the island, and a few days' lapse would enable an invading force to seize advantage points which would make attack a very dangerous proceeding. 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