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Japan Swept Them Off the Earth.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND KILLED.

All the Leading Generals Taken Prisoner.

GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

The Mikado's Soldiers Left in Possession of the Land of the Morning Calm.

precision. The Chinese, utterly unsuspecting of a Japanese attack from the rear, became panic-stricken and were cut down and bayoneted by the hundreds.

So well was the Japanese attack directed that the Chinese were surrounded at every point and eventually sought safety in flight. Defending the entrenchment were some of Viceroy Li Hung Chang's picked Chinese troops, drilled by Europeans. These soldiers made a determined stand to the last and were cut down to a man. The Pung San column, swarming over the damaged defenses of the Chinese front, completed the rout of the Chinese and the whole of the latter's position was captured by the troops of the Mikado. Half an hour after the early morning attack commenced, the strongly defended position, Ping Yang, was in the hands of the Japanese troops.

It is believed the Chinese position at Ping Yang was defended by 20,000 Chinese, of whom only a few escaped. An immense amount of provisions, arms, ammunition and other stores, in addition to hundreds of flags, was captured by the Japanese. It is estimated that the Chinese lost 16,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Among the captured Chinese are several of the most prominent commanding officers of the Chinese troops in Korea.

Only a few Chinese commanders succeeded in escaping, and these got away almost immediately after the Japanese made the attack upon the Chinese rear.

Among the Chinese commanders taken prisoner was General Tsoa Fung Wai, commander-in-chief of the Manchurian

trance to the valley, and the fleeing Chinese found their retreat in this direction cut off. Whole regiments seeking to escape were thus compelled to surrender.

It is now stated the total number killed will not exceed 2000. The remainder of the Chinese army, some 16,000 men, are either wounded or in the hands of the Japanese or are unhurt prisoners of war.

The Emperor of Japan telegraphed his congratulations to the field marshal upon his victory. The field marshal has issued an order commending the troops for their action.

The dispatch adds that the Japanese outnumbered the Chinese 3 to 1. The artillery was also vastly superior to that of the Chinese.

The Japanese flying column is now pushing northward for the purpose of securing the passes and thus preventing the Chinese army from marching within Korea.

A proclamation has been issued promising protection to the Koreans as long as they refrain from acts of hostility toward the Japanese.

AMERICA SLOW TO ACT.

The Question of Japanese Immigration in the New Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—In the ratification of the treaty between Great Britain and Japan at Tokio on August 25 the United States, for the first time since Commodore Perry in 1854 opened up the ports of Japan to our trade and negotiated the first treaty of commerce, has allowed a European power to take the initiative in recognition of Japan as a fully civilized sovereign power. The United States would have proceeded by wiping out the obnoxious system of extraterritorial jurisdiction had it not been for the disturbing elements with which the British were not obliged to contend. The most important of these was the question of immigration.

Certain Western Senators have looked with apprehension upon the possibility of an invasion of Japanese coolies, bringing with them questions of as grave importance as the Chinese cheap labor problem. The pressure on this account was so strong that the State Department was obliged to request that in the new treaty there should be included some safeguards against Japanese immigration. The Japanese Government has not been unwilling to consent to this, but the difficulty has been to arrange terms such as would be mutually satisfactory.

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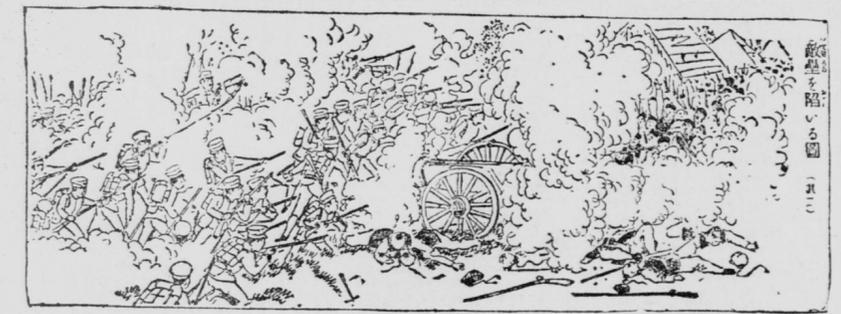
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ese forts and ascertaining accurately their position. This done the Japanese fell back in good order with little loss.

On Friday night, the dispatch adds, all the Japanese forces were in position for a combined attack. The Chinese left flank, the Pung San column was facing the Chinese center and the Hwang Zu column was operating on the Chinese right. The latter column was re-enforced the day before by a detachment of marines and blue-jackets from the fleet stationed at the mouth of Ta Toa River. The Chinese had realized the inutility of their old defenses at Ping Yang and thrown up new works, and their position was exceptionally strong.

The battle opened on Saturday morning at daybreak with a direct cannonade upon the Chinese works, and this fire was continued without cessation until the afternoon. The Chinese fought their guns

war correspondents to proceed to the scene of the fight have been unsuccessful.

Only thirty Japanese were killed and 270 wounded, including eleven Japanese officers.

The Japanese, when the dispatch was sent, were in active pursuit of the fugitive Chinese, and as nearly all the latter were without arms, they will undoubtedly surrender as soon as the Japanese overtake them. As far as active operations of the Chinese in Korea are concerned the war is practically at an end. The Koreans, who have shown sympathy with the Chinese, and a few detached bands of Chinese troops may continue a guerrilla warfare for some time, but until China succeeds in getting another army into Korea that country will remain in undisputed possession of the Japanese, and in view of previous reports received as to the terrible condition of the roads in the north and the utter impossibility of moving guns and

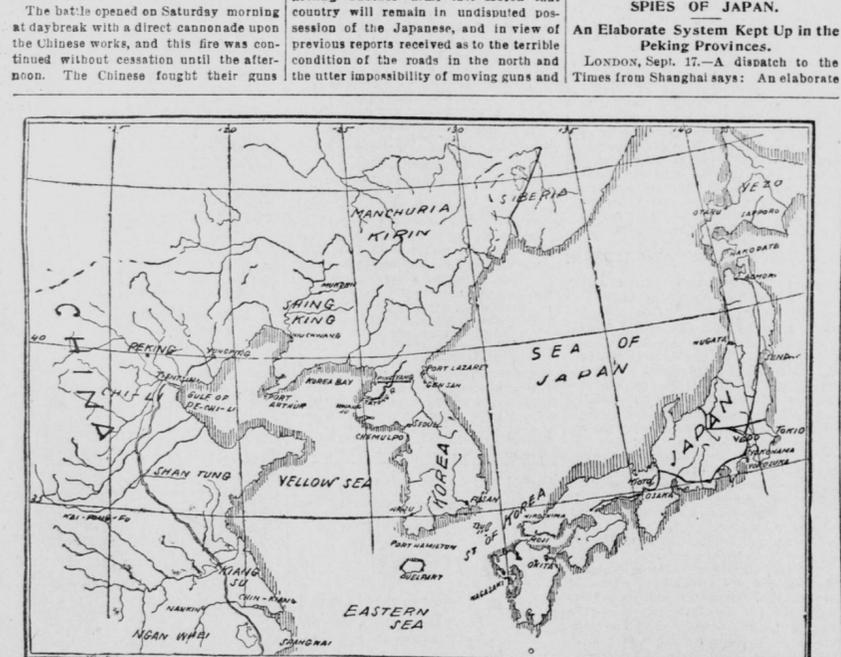
OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

The Japanese Legation in London has announced a general engagement between the Japanese and Chinese forces at Ping Yang, near the northern frontier of Korea, on the 15th inst., which resulted in a decisive victory for the Japanese. Officials of the legation state that this is the first official intelligence received regarding the fight in Northern Korea, concerning which there have been so many rumors.

SPIES OF JAPAN.

An Elaborate System Kept Up in the Peking Provinces.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says: An elaborate



MAP SHOWING WHERE THE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT.

well, replying effectively to the Japanese fire.

At 2 p. m. a body of Japanese infantry was thrown forward in skirmish order, and they kept up a rifle fire upon the enemy until dusk. All the fighting during the day was done by the Pung San column. The Chinese defenses suffered exceedingly from the Japanese fire, but it is doubtful if the losses on either side were great, as the troops, both Chinese and Japanese, took every advantage possible of shelter, which earthworks on one side and the nature of the ground on the other afforded.

The flank attacks upon the Chinese post did not develop material advantage during the day, although the Japanese gained some in position. Firing was continued at intervals throughout the night.

Meantime two flanking columns of Japanese drew a cordon around the Chinese defenses, and at 3 o'clock in the morning of Sunday the Japanese attack was delivered simultaneously and with admirable

supplies westward, it is not likely that there will be any more fighting of importance in Korea during the present year.

It is hoped the victory may serve as a basis for peace negotiations. Inquiries at the Japanese legation here confirm the reports of the victory at Ping Yang.

RETREAT CUT OFF.

The Chinese Were Given No Chance to Escape.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A dispatch received to-day gives further details of the capture of Ping Yang by the Japanese. After the place fell into the hands of the Japanese strong parties of infantry and cavalry were assigned to patrol the town. Search was made in houses for Chinese soldiers and many were captured.

When the Japanese troops made their final assault many of the Chinese defenders threw their arms down and fled panic-stricken to the valley northward. The Japanese, however, controlled the en-

system of espionage has been maintained for many years in the Peking provinces by the Japanese Government.

Since the outbreak of the war liberally paid Japanese agents have been frequent among the employes of Chinese public offices and in Chinese arsenals. Chinese authorities are now dealing summarily with spies, whether they are Japanese or natives.

The telegraph lines from Ping Yang have been interrupted since the 13th inst.

ENGLAND'S ADVANTAGES.

What Is Gained by the New Treaty With Japan.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Times says: The new treaty between Great Britain and Japan fixes the duties on all articles imported into Japan exceeding an annual value of \$50,000,000 at a slightly increased rate, while Japan retains the right to fix her own tariff on articles of lesser value. The treaty will be in force for twelve years.

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VALPARAISO, Sept. 17.—A fresh plot, in which the followers of the late General Balmaceda are the ringleaders, has been discovered. Twenty persons have been arrested and charged with being implicated in the conspiracy.

NO AID GIVEN.

It Was Impossible to Help.

MEN DIED IN AGONY

While Other Men Were Looking On.

THEIR ESCAPE CUT OFF

By the Rapid Spread of the Flames.

FIRE IN A MATTRESS FACTORY.

Employes Driven to the Roof and Then Forced to Jump into the Street.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The most fatal fire of recent years in Washington was the burning of the mattress factory of Stump Bros. to-day. Four bodies are at the morgue, charred and crushed beyond recognition, while at the hospitals are three victims fatally injured. Several workmen are unaccounted for and their bodies are doubtless in the ruins. Those dead are:

William H. Tennyson, an old man employed in the factory.

Willie Ashe, aged 18 years.

James F. Vaughn, a clerk.

Henry Fowler.

Phillip Ackerman.

Robert Reitzel and an old man whose name is unknown are missing.

Those at the hospital are:

A. J. Haske, both legs broken, may die.