

THE AMERICAN ATTACHES.

SICKENING WAR DETAILS.

Utah Missionary to Japan Tells of the Sights in Tokio's Hospitals—A Jap Officer's Quaint Letter to His English Wife.

Special Correspondence.

TOKYO, Japan, Aug. 25, 1904.—Tokyo hospitals are fast filling up with the sick and wounded from the front. Scarcely a day passes that several trains heavily laden with these poor fellows do not arrive in this city. On my way to Yokohama, a few days ago, I reached Shinjimbashi station, just in time to see a company of the Red Cross corps conveying about 500 invalids from the train to Jinnikishas and carriages. Fathers, mothers, wives, brothers and sisters were present to welcome home their valiant sons, husbands and brothers; but oh, how sad the meeting! Imagine, if you can, the feelings of the anxious parents and wives when they beheld their loved ones minus either a leg, an arm, a foot, a hand, an ear, an eye, or some other part of their body, or in such a state of dangerous ill-health that their lives were despaired of. Some of the scenes were truly heart-rending. While these meetings were exceedingly touching and there was sorrow and regret felt because fate had robbed some of the "patriots of the land" of part of their anatomy, yet these brave boys returned feeling proud that part of their bodies had been lost in trying to secure the "permanent peace of the east."

RUSSIA'S DEADLY GUNS.

A soldier wounded at Nanshan was asked what incident connected with the war had left the deepest impression on his mind. He answered: "Nothing so much as the enemy's gun, which is at once most fear inspiring and deadly. No wonder Russia makes a military secret of the workings of effectiveness is beyond imagination, being marvelously accurate in aim and astonishingly great in range, in addition to a firing capacity of 400 shots a minute. It requires no little courage to march in the face of this gun. When in action it sends forth a succession of peculiarly changing sounds, which, when heard at a distance, produce the most unpleasant effect on the mind. Indeed, I shudder even now when I think of the dismal reports of that gun!"

AN OFFICER'S ACCOUNT.

A letter from one of the Japanese officers at the front, who took part in the Nanshan battle has come into my hands through the kindness of our friend Mrs. Kochi, an English lady, the wife of Dr. Kochi, a Japanese. It was received by her a short time ago, and as will be seen, gives an interesting account of that great battle, and no doubt will be enjoyed because of its originality and because of its use of English "as she is Japped." I quote it in full: "The capture of Kinshu and Nanshan was the severest battle which fought till now. We left the camp at 1 o'clock a. m. on the 25th May. The moon was on the west direction, and about to set in the cloud. The ground was dark so that we could hardly see the watch to know the time. The mountain was like a monk or priest who was about to bury people. The private knew nothing of what was the object of the movement, but I knew then because I was sent to the Kinshu as a scout officer to search the enemy and the ground so that the army might not lose the ground. The movement was the attack of Kinshu. General Oku ordered the Fourth division to occupy Kinshu with night attack, but the scheme ended in vain for the sake of weather. The commander ordered the First regiment to help the Fourth division to occupy Kinshu and to make easy for the capture of Nanshan. So our regiment advanced on the very night to the foot of Mount Shokin (which is on the east direction from Kinshu and one mile apart). At the dawn the enemy knew this movement. So they fired heavy guns from the top of Nanshan. The large bullets made whistle shu, shu, shu, and fell down near us. But we had no heavy gun, we had only field gun. It was too far for the field gun to reply to the heavy guns, so we stayed there making no movement or no noise to reply in the dead angle of Mt. Shokin. Night came on. We had no rice to boil, we had no fire to make hot water. Besides at 12 o'clock in the night time, strong thunder came and accompanied heavy rain. The lightning on the sky flashed as one of the ray of sun and suddenly the ground became dark. We entered the tent. But the tent was too small to hold the men. At 2 o'clock in the next morning (26th) we commenced to move for Kinshu. The sentry noticed our movement and telegraphed the commander (enemy) and Nanshan, so the shower of bullets and shell fell down on our head. We lost some of the men. Without any hesitation we rushed against the wall of the castle with fixed bayonets. The Russians were very skillful to play volley. As soon as they fired volley our loyal soldier lost their life and fell on the ground. At this crisis the pioneer of our division break the wall of the castle. With a large charge we climb up the wall and jumped in the wall. There were so many enemy and aimed at our officers. We ran up immediately and kill them and at last capture the castle. Now I was detached to the Mount Shokin to inspect the scene of the battle. This mountain as you know situated in the middle of our army, so the chief staff and General was here. The battalion commander ordered us to go and see the general scene and inform him. I run up immediately. It was 5 o'clock that the artillery began to fire for the Nanshan castle. Two men of wars helped this action. These were very great scenery. Our field guns were 25, but the enemy's were 100. The enemy guns were many heavy guns and field guns. After four hours artillery fire, infantry took refuge very

skillfully behind the well armed wall. And the infantry advance they fire. Besides two machine guns were in front of us. We reached as far as 300 meters from the enemy, but still we could not see them they were covered so well. The ground came down with slow slope. This circumstance was very difficult to attack. If we advance they fire the machine guns and killed all soldiers to advance. We lost many officers and privates. But the Gen. Oku and chief staff thought very carefully that this castle cannot be fallen if we do not make charge for the enemy. So he ordered the First regiment. Now we recollect the poem Tenyson 'Half a league,' etc. It was quite clear to die if we advance because the machine gun cut the 400 or 500 times in one minutes and the guns is very well armed and good to fire. On the contrary our guns was very inconvenient to fire so it was quite clear to die if we advance. But as the Tenyson says, 'There is no reason to make reply.' We made ready to rush. The regimental commander ordered for its regimental color and with two companies he rose up. The commander, you know, Col. Ohara (father of Lt. Ohara), but as soon as he began to advance the bullets of machine guns collected near him. The bullets was like a shower. First of all Colonel was shot. Lieut. Okamura was about to help the commander when the bullet came from the right direction of his body and stopped in the body. He was dead. Very sorry! very sorry! The Adjutant, the Ensign, all wounded or dead. The Ensign was as far as to the trench of enemy. At seven o'clock p. m. we captured the castle of Nanshan. On this battle our army wounded 3,000 men and our division lost 1,338, among them 15 were officers. I am yours very truly Lieut. M. Tsunoda."

PREMATURE REJOICING.

A few days ago Narita, a small town on the east coast of this island, was taken by surprise by a man who belated out. "Port Arthur has fallen! Port Arthur has fallen!" as he hurried on his Jinnikishas man, for all the latter was worth, through the length and breadth of the town. The long expected news at last! Hurrah for the army. "Teikoku Banzai! Hurrah! Banzai! Banzai!" so rose the whole town in wild ecstasy. The triumphal lanterns were hung out in all haste and in an instant the whole place was decorated with the proud flag of the Rising Sun. For it never occurred to any of the good towns people to ascertain the accuracy of the important piece of intelligence brought to them in no singular manner. Not only was this the case in Narita itself, but the good things were also carried outside the town from mouth to mouth for miles around, and the joyous scene became contagious throughout the suburban villages. In the meantime the Narita police station found out that no official information had been received, and suspecting some mischief, they had arrested before them the man who first circulated the news—on Katsuragi Tokuo, a newsdealer, recently established in the town. It then transpired that this Katsuragi, just prior to his wild ride, had received from a certain newspaper office a poster with the legend described on it, "Port Arthur has fallen." But he had neglected to notice the accompanying note, which said that the poster had been sent to him in anticipation of the fall of Port Arthur, soon to follow, so that he might make good use of it the moment that his glorious event took place. Omission is criminal sometimes, but it was not so in this case, for everybody only enjoyed a good laugh over it.

WORSHIP OF THE CROWN.

The allegiance paid by the natives of this flowery kingdom to his Imperial majesty the emperor is most remarkable. I question whether it is equalled in any other land. He is looked upon as the representative of God, and as such is worshiped. To show how far this worship extends I quote the following from a reply sent by Vice Admiral Kamimura in answer to a message which he had received from the emperor: "The victory of the Second squadron over the enemy of Vladivostok being due to the illustrious virtue of your majesty, we have been overawed by your majesty's gracious message granted us. We shall endeavor with increased efforts to fulfill your august wishes. I, Hikinojo, your humble subject, respectfully make this reply to your majesty." The Asahi, in a burst of enthusiasm, suggests that his majesty's headquarters be placed nearer the seat of war. It says: "With the momentarily expected fall of Port Arthur, the country will enter on the second and then the third stages of the war, and though Marshal Oyama and Gen. Kodama are no doubt soldiers of tested ability and unbounded competency, they will have to depend upon the illustrious influence of the august sovereign in order to insure the success of their future operations. Then the consciousness on the part of the rank and file of fighting near the presence of their revered generalissimo will inspire them with redoubled energy and valor. Hence the desirability of the Imperial advance. Further it is meet that unprecedented glory won in an unprecedented manner should be commemorated by an unprecedented Imperial and national recognition of the fact. Let the Imperial headquarters advance to Seoul, the capital of Korea, or Dairen, the mistress city of the far east, wrenched from proud Russia."

I have noticed that in all the victories that have been achieved, either by the army or navy, from the Japanese view point they have always been due to the "illustrious virtue of his majesty." In view of this statement I wonder what his majesty was doing when the Hitachi Maru, Sado Maru and other vessels were sunk, and when the Japanese armies were repulsed by the Russians?

HORACE S. ENSIGN.

PORT ARTHUR'S FALL'N.

"Tis said and stated and heard and told,
Till the tale is now both stale and cold—
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"
"Tis well confirmed and conclusively proved,
From doubt and denial, oh, miles removed,
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"

The piteous, the valiant refugees,
Arrived at Chongdo, what says he?
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"
And the whole clated, veracious crew
With one voice break with the cry: "Tis true!
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"

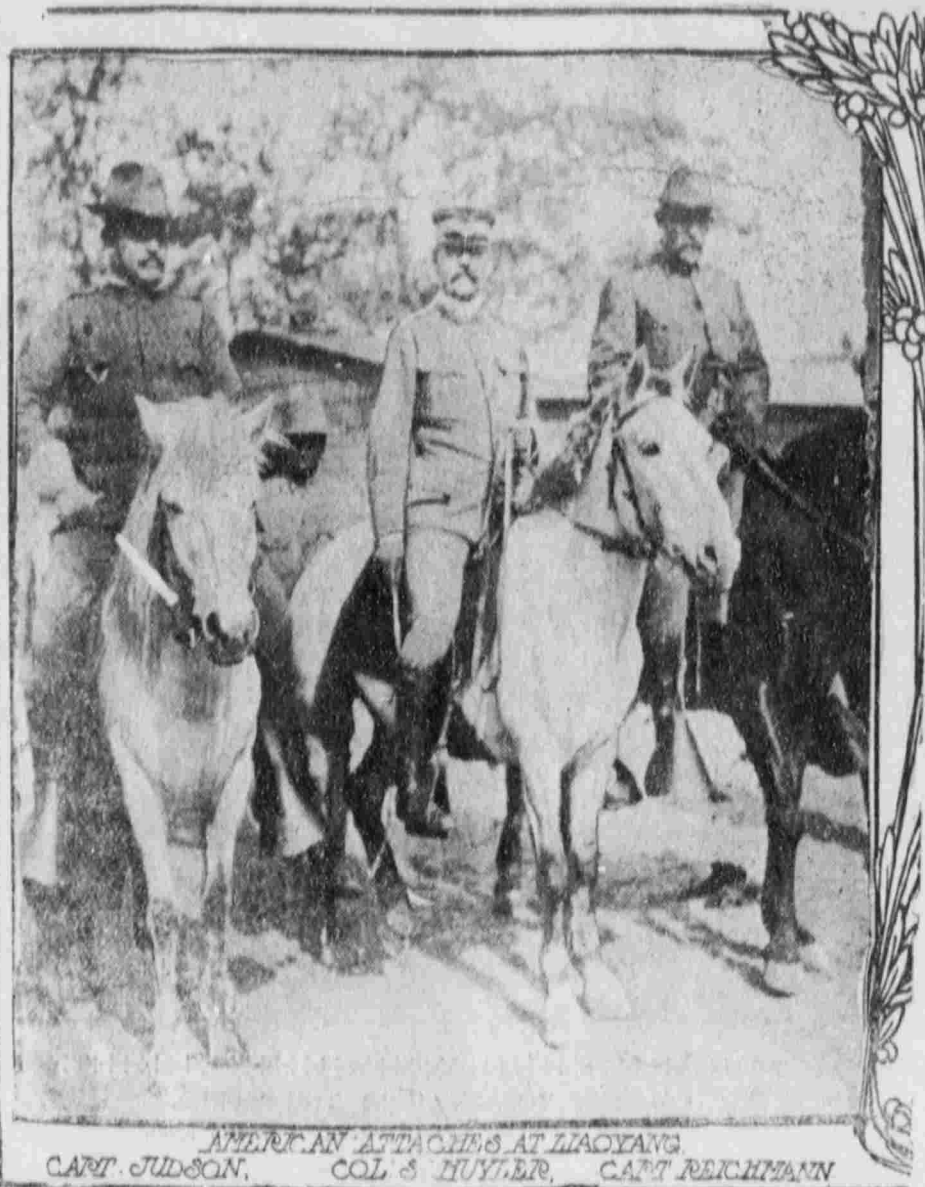
"Tis welcomed in Japland, saluted, hurried;
"Tis loved by the gels and troled by the bards,
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"
Shouts the dunes-hatted, serio-comical ward
Of little Korea's scattered-brained lord:
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"

On the banks of the Neva the credulous moan;
They gulp down their vodka and snuffle and groan:
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"
The press of Paveo bemoans it and croaks
And prints some appropriate lachrymal jokes,
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"

"Tis meat for the Yellow and drink for the Reds;
For these with their plots and for those with their heads,
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"
It sprawls over pages all splashes and joints;
And the Amarelists write to the Japs for some points,
"Port Arthur's fall'n!"

Then knowingly fixed a date for it—
Then coolly they moved it up a bit.
(It's moving up yet!)
It may be the fellows they doomed to defeat
Will confound them yet, and surprise them and cheat.
It's a fair bet.

—E. F. HARKINS.



AMERICAN ATTACHES AT LIAOYANG.
CAPT. JUDSON, COL. SCHUYLER, CAPT. REICHMANN

This picture shows the American army officers who are attached to the Russian army in Manchuria for the purpose of observing the course of the war. They are Col. Schuyler, Capt. Judson and Capt. Reichmann.

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