

BIG LAND BATTLE

Japanese Were Victorious
In First Decisive Engagement.

RUSSIANS PUT TO ROUTE

Important Strategic Position On the
Yalu Taken Sunday After Five
Days' Severe Fighting.

The Russian Loss Is Placed at 800
While the Japanese Casualties
Were 700.

Tokio, May 2.—The Russians were forced to abandon Antung yesterday. They burned the town and retreated to Feng Huan Cheng. The Japanese now control the estuary of the Yalu.

Tokio, May 2.—The Japanese have captured Chiu Tien Cheng, ten miles north of Antung, which is regarded as the key to the Russian position on the right bank of the Yalu river. It is expected that the Russians will retreat to Feng Huan Cheng, which is on the road to Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—The general staff account of the operations on the Yalu river Sunday is as follows: "At 4 o'clock this morning Japanese field batteries with forty-seven guns opened a terrific fire on our position at Turenchen and on our troops posted near Potleitinsky. The overwhelming superiority of the Japanese in artillery and the heavy losses their fire inflicted on our troops occupying these positions made it clear to General Sazolitch that it was impossible to hold Turenchen. Consequently the troops were ordered to retire from Turenchen while still holding the Potleitinsky road. When General Sazolitch dispatched his telegram the Russian troops were retiring in good order from Turenchen and Schakheyday to their second position and the battle was continuing at Potleitinsky and Tchin Gu."

Tokio, May 2.—After five days of fighting, largely with artillery, the first Japanese army under General Kuroki has forced a crossing of the Yalu river and with a gallant infantry charge covering a frontage of four miles, it drove the Russians from Chiu-Tien-Cheng and the heights on the right bank of the Iho or Aida river, which enters the Yalu from the north almost opposite Wiju. The Japanese turned the left flank of the Russian position and in the battle of Sunday they swept away the new front interposed by the Russians to check their onward movement.

The present position of the Japanese is a dominating one, and they may force the abandonment of the defenses erected by the Russians at Antung and other points lower down the river.

General Kuroki began the movement on Tuesday by ordering a detachment of the imperial guard division to seize the island of Kurito, which is in the Yalu above Wiju, and a detachment of the second division to seize the island of Kinteto, which is situated below Wiju. The detachment of the imperial guard met with some resistance, but it succeeded in clearing the enemy out and occupied Kurito island. The Russians abandoned the island of Intinto when attacked by the detachment of the second division. The battle was waged intermittently until Sunday morning, when General Kuroki centered all his artillery on the Russian position between Chiu-Tien-Cheng and Yoshoko. To this fire the Russians made reply with all their batteries.

At 7 o'clock in the morning the Russian battery at Yoshoko was silenced and half an hour later General Kuroki ordered his line, stretching for four miles, to attack. The Japanese infantry, on the word of command, charged across the Iho, wading that stream breast high, and began storming the heights at fifteen minutes past eight. At 9 o'clock they had swept the Russian line back across the plateau.

No report has been received in Tokio concerning the losses sustained by the Japanese in the fighting Sunday. It is believed that these losses were heavy, particularly during the infantry charge. The reports of this fighting which have been received here do not indicate whether the Russians retired down the river or in the direction Feng Huan Cheng, on the road to Liao Yang.

Bloody Battle.

Supplemental reports from General Kuroki covering Sunday's fighting says: "The Russians made two stands. The enemy's strength included all of the Third division, two regiments of the Sixth division, one cavalry brigade, about forty quick-firing guns and eight machine guns. We have taken twenty-eight machine guns, many rifles, much ammunition, more than twenty officers and many noncommissioned officers and men as prisoners. I am informed that Generals Zazolitch and Castolinski were wounded. Our casualties number about 700 and the Russian loss is more than 800 men."

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JAPS GOOD FIGHTERS

The Twelfth Division Shows the Stuff It Is Made Of.

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GENERAL INOUYE.

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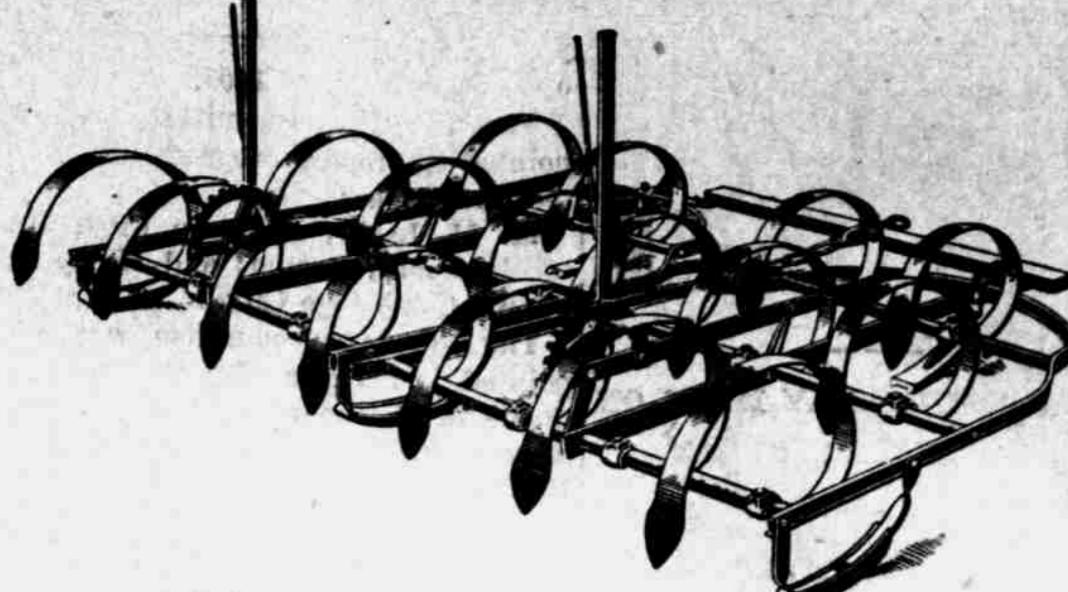
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