

Column Overwhelmed.

FOUR HOURS BATTLE ON INDIAN FRONTIER

After four hours fighting, a small column in search of Wazir raiders over the Indian frontier was overwhelmed. Two British officers and 35 Indian soldiers were killed, and 35 Indians captured. The remainder of the force, 84 in all, is included in the list of wounded. The two British officers who fell in the fighting were Captain F. Entwistle, D.S.O., M.C., and Major H. H. Garrett, of the 92nd Punjabis. A telegram, received at the India Office, from the agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan, stated that the raiders came from Shahjui, half-way between Kandahar and Ghazni, and that they had been in the territory of the British columns, one of three sent out to deal with the raiders. Major Trench proceeded to Hajj Khan Kala (20 miles N.E. of Barhoy, and 16 miles from the frontier), and was wounded retreating. His report shows that the soldiers made a good fight before they were overwhelmed by the enemy to attack Pishin, 25 miles north of Quetta and, if possible, the civil lines of Quetta. The post at Hajj Khan Kala was besieged on November 24 by raiders estimated at over 200. The post was intact and was invested two days later. It is reported by a sepoy who escaped from the destroyed column that 20 in all were killed and the remainder wounded or captured. Columns are following the raiders who are moving northward. The Waziris who took part in the raid only recently settled at Shahjui. The Amier has expressed the greatest regret at the occurrence. Afghan officers have been sent to make an investigation.—News of the World.

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The Chinese and Peaceful Penetration

It is not possible to ascertain the total capitalization of the Chinese firms—generally estimated at 10,000—in the Philippines; but a guess may be hazarded on the basis of the partnerships registered in the Bureau of Commerce and Industry under the name of go. There are 15 of these embracing manufacturers, general merchants, grocers, dry goods merchants, importers and exporters—a fairly representative list—and the total capital is 281,800 pesos. The Bureau of Commerce and Industry estimates that, of 218 new partnerships registered with the government in 1920, with a total capital of 12,584,716 pesos, at least 95 per cent. are Chinese. The average capital of the 16 companies referred to is more than 17,000 pesos. If this average is applied to the 10,000 Chinese companies in the Philippines, the estimated total Chinese capital in the Islands would be 170,000,000 pesos, 50,000,000 more than the currency circulation. These figures do not comprise the many great Chinese corporations handled by the government under separate registry, and they are in all probability very much too low.

The obvious explanation of importance in a nation populated, as China is, with four hundred million people, is that the people are not truly homogeneous, the national spirit is not dominant. What if the new Republic becomes unified—country and people? The man who knows only seventy thousand Chinese should not prophesy, but he may wonder whether even Japan herself could withstand four hundred million of them? Filipinos are scared, and do not fear Japan from China; but a day is dawning. Its light is rising in China, the homeland toward which overseas Chinese are turning with a desire and undiminished purpose to see the Republic alive and prove strong. Then she will be able to assert herself and, with her army and navy, to defend the interests of her seventy thousand in the Philippines, her quarter of a million in Singapore, her eighth of a million in Hong Kong, her two and a half million in the Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements, her million in Java, her million in the Netherlands Indies and her third of a million in Burma. It is an illogical circumstance due to China's political weakness—or her people hopelessly insane?—that the Chinese have no voice in affairs in Malaya, where their subjects are 90 per cent. of the mines and estates are in their control. It cannot be doubted that their domination would be most sweeping in the Far East, if they united and persisted in effort to make it so. The world must wait and observe what the young Chinese with modern training do. By Walter Robb, in Asia Magazine.

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Stoutly built Tweed Suits with all round belt and breast pocket; collars piped with white cord.

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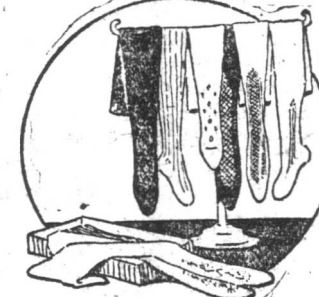
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