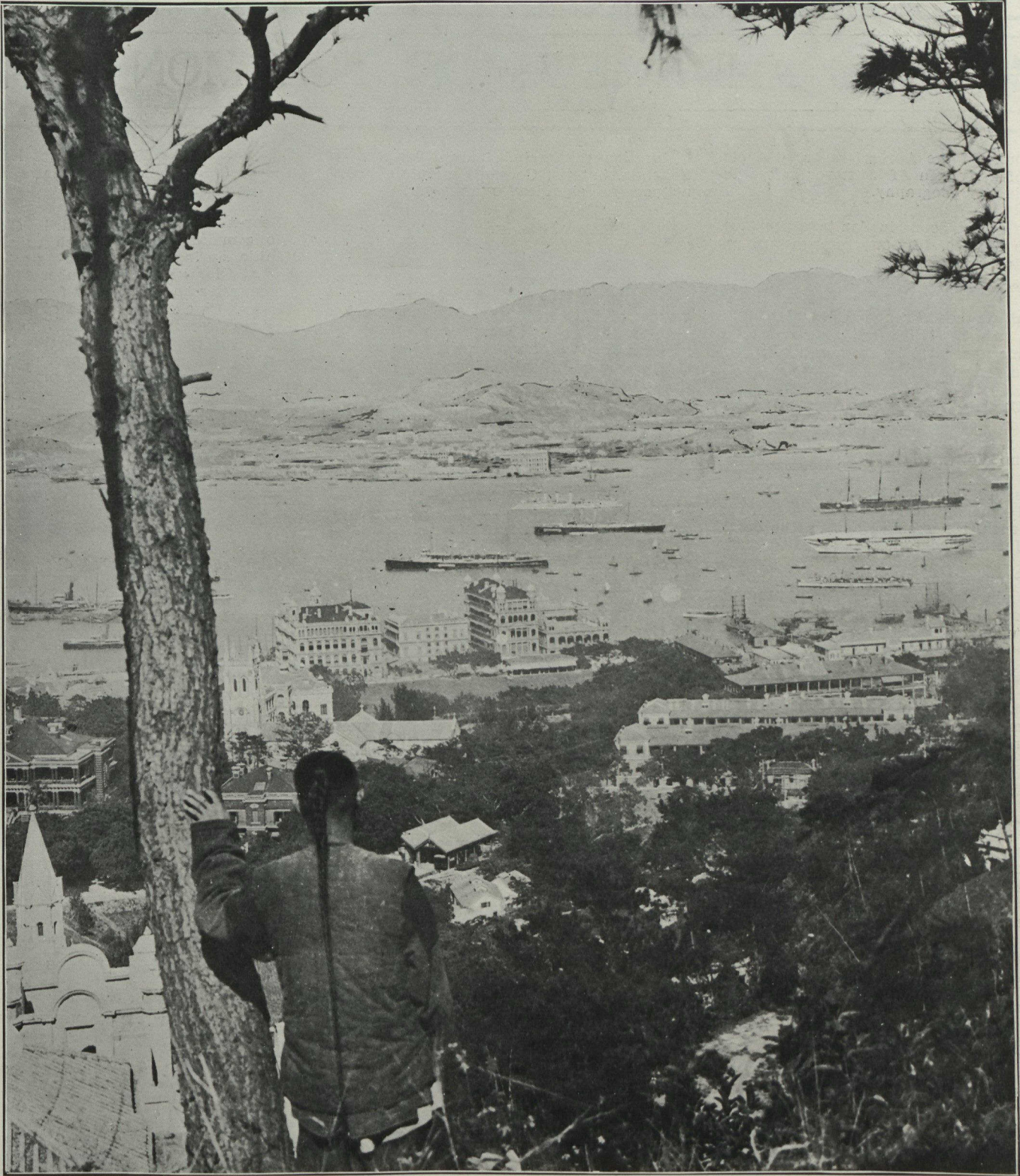


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Typhoon at Hongkong

A TYPHOON on the morning of September 18 did enormous damage at Hongkong. It is estimated that seven thousand lives were lost, and the damage amounted to several million dollars.

Although the barometer was low that morning, there was nothing to presage a hurricane. Under ordinary precautions, the usual harbor work was in progress when the storm struck the shipping without warn-

ing. Vessels pitched ashore along the water front, and the docks and sea walls were strewn with wreckage. Ocean liners, junks, sampans and ferryboats were piled up in the streets, and the flooded highways blocked with the wreckage. The greatest loss of life was among the natives. Pearl river was crowded with boats, and the storm sent hundreds to the bottom. The typhoon was of a local nature. The observatory had predicted moderate winds. Half an hour after the gun signal had been fired, the storm was at its height. It lasted two

hours. Most of the damage done was wrought on the Kowloon peninsula. Over one thousand sampans and junks were reported missing from Hong Kong alone. Wharves were swept away, and houses collapsed. The military barracks are in ruins.

The above picture, from a stereograph, copyright 1906, by Underwood and Underwood, New York, shows the view across the bay to Kowloon and the mainland just above Hong. It gives a clear idea of the country and the nature of the shipping.