

the armoured train to complete demoralization! Being splendidly served, the machine guns operated by Capt. Leamy mowed them down as a reaper cuts the corn, whilst the soldiers under Capt. Munro and Swinford leaping from the train on either side immediately took cover, adding the strength of 500 rifles to those already surrounding the Japanese column. Revengeful, and mad with rage at the wanton and merciless destruction of Victoria, every man was eager to attack the enemy and come to a hand-to-hand conflict; but Gen. McDonald's orders had been emphatic that "no single British life was to be sacrificed unnecessarily," and each man realized that this was but the first of many engagements, as also, that the surprise was so complete that death or surrender was their only alternative.

Of the Canadians hardly a man had ever fired a gun at his fellow-man; with few exceptions, none had even seen the mimic warfare of a sham fight or military manoeuvres, and the few disciplined men amongst them were entirely insufficient to admit of true military tactics, but the lessons given them had been well studied, and acting upon them no man recklessly exposed himself to the fire with which the Japanese survivors endeavoured to locate the attackers.

It was no longer a fight, it was a carnage! the air rang with Banzai! Banzai! as the stubborn foe desperately attempted to make headway until rank after rank lay heaped one on the other as they fell before the never-ceasing volley issuing from the flat car ahead of them. For nearly an hour the slaughter continued, when a Japanese bugle sounded; white handkerchiefs were hoisted on bayonets, and Colonel Toki with Capt. Noguchi and Loyen, surrendered as prisoners of war to Colonels Todd and Shields. The British loss was small in killed, though many were wounded; but of the enemy less than two thousand survived, whilst most of those bore wounds shewing the terrible ordeal through which they had passed. Amongst the dead were Generals Harcu and Yatsubuchi, with scores of officers of lower rank.

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