

The War in China.

Scenes in Nankin after its Capture by the Imperial Troops—End of the Levees of the Great Rebellion in the East—How Nankin was pillaged and its inhabitants destroyed, etc.

A despatch, dated July 29, 1864, of which the following is an extract, has been received by Earl Russell from Mr. Adkins, Acting British Consul at Chinkiang, China. He says:

I have the honor to inform you that the city of Nankin, so long the centre of disaffection in China, and the point from which so many bands of ruthless plunderers have started on their raids upon the peaceful and wealthy cities of Central China, has been captured by the imperialist army, under the command of Tseung-kwo chuen, the Governor of Chekiang, and brother of the Viceroy of the provinces of Kiang Nan and Kiang Su. The city was stormed on the 10th of this month through a breach caused by a mine sprung under the wall near the east gate. Rumors of its capture reached me on the day following the assault, but I paid no attention to them, having been so often deceived by reports of Chinese victories. On the 24th of this month, however, I obtained a copy of the memorial to the throne formally announcing the capture. When the imperialists made good their grand entrance into the city they found that the palace of the Tien Wang, the leader of the rebellion, and the claim for many years past of Divine honors and attributes, had been burnt to the ground. It is said that the impostor and his attendants buried in its ruins. I am inclined to credit the rumor, for the city has been closely blockaded since January last, and I think nothing but a desperate sortie would have enabled to get clear.

But the most important fact of all is the capture of Chung Wang. This person has for many years been the most restless and determined of all the desperadoes Taepingdom has sent forth. He it was who threatened Shanghai in 1860, he was Admiral Ho's antagonist in his operations near Shanghai; he fought against Col. Gordon at Soochow. He tried to introduce the foreign element into his loves, and was said by rebel sympathizers to be the main hope of the Taeping cause in its declining days. After the assaults he managed to leave the city with a few followers; but he was captured three days subsequently by a party of cavalry. I was much pressed to visit the Chung Wang in his confinement, but declined, as I had no personal acquaintance with him.

On the day following my interview with the Commander-in-Chief, I rode into the city and visited the breach. Words cannot describe the utter desolation of everything within the walls. The main thoroughfares traversed by me were the streets between the southwest and south gates. On either hand the houses left standing had the appearance of having been tenanted for years, but the gaudy gateways, denoting the residence of the wangs or princes, opened in most instances on to courts full of brickbats and charred timbers. As for the side streets, they were many of them overgrown with jungle four feet high.

During my ride through the city I saw a great number of unburied bodies, and in many places the smell was so offensive that both myself and Lieutenant Lee, who accompanied me, were almost overpowered. But, on the whole, I came to the conclusion that the rebel force in the city at the time of capture could not have been very large. The imperialists, according to their own account, spared very few able-bodied males, so that the dead lying in the streets would be a fair criterion of the strength of the garrison. I estimate it at ten thousand men against fifty thousand under the imperialist commanders.

I think a ride through the streets of Nankin as they are at present would satisfy the most ardent advocate of the rebel cause of the dreadful helliness of the system they support. Some eleven years ago the Taepings took Nankin, then one of the finest cities in China. Ever since its capture it has been their headquarters. In it the chiefs of the movement built their tawdry houses, and from it they despatched their plundering bands in all directions. Meanwhile the works of civil government and social organization are entirely neglected, and when the city is retaken it is found to be a wilderness of empty houses.

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her, and takes great pains to visit any one who has been afflicted with this disease, and tries to get them to use the medicine. He has cured many cases in this manner. When she first came to my room, she was much emaciated with a distressing cough, spitting large quantities of blood, &c. I examined her lungs with the stethoscope, and in all my practice never found one with such large quantities of blood in the lungs. I could not give much encouragement, as I thought she would die; but to my astonishment the Pulmonic Syrup, Seaweed Tonic, and Mandrake Pills cured her in a few days, and she is now as well as ever.

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