

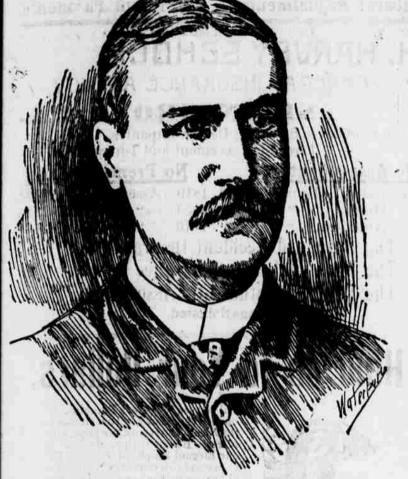
THE GREAT battle of iron ships is to come. But an excellent sample of modern sea warfare has already been furnished by

two great nations of the orient. nd though our officers and ships will ptless accomplish all that the counhopes when we come to heavy blows th Spain, we need not expect that ny ship under any officer will show a etter record for dogged fighting minst odds than did the "Chen Yuen," her first and last battle, under the mmand of McGiffin.

The Chinese ironclad, the Chen uen, was protected by 12 and 14-inch

of the Chino-Japanese war. The crews of the Chinese fleet had satisfactorily gone through their morning drill and dinner was nearly ready when smoke from the Japanese ships was sighted by the lookouts. The appearance of Japan's fleet had been expected for a week, but novertheless the blood in every man's veins throbbed quick as the call to action sounded throughout the fleet. The Chen Yuen had already been stripped for action as completely as a pugilist is prepared for the bout of his life. The decks were cleared for the passage of ammunition and for

the free movement of the crew and in



CAPT. PHILO N. M'GIFFIN.

mor and carried four 12.2-inch, two z-inch and 12 machine guns. With, er sister ship, the flagship Ting Yuen, he nine smaller war vessels, she met he Japanese off the mouth of the Yalu ver on September 17, 1894.

Here the famous battle of the Yalu, he first great trial of modern ironids, was fought. Owing to the cowrdice of several Chinese commanders, ho ran away at the first exchange of hots, eight Chinese ships did all the fighting against the 12 ships of the

order to secure unobstructed ares of fire from the guns. The small boats had been abandoned, the ladders unshipped, and woodwork thrown overboard or wrapped in wet canvas. These meas-

ures were taken to avoid the danger from fire and flying splinters, both of which are as much to be feared in a sea fight as the enemy's shot. The gun-shields, by order of Capt. Mc-Giffin, had been removed from the big guns as affording no protection from heavy shots and as serving to intercept semy. The battle was altogether a and cause to explode shells that would ontest of orientals, except that one otherwise pass over the heads of the man of European blood, trained in the gunners. The ship's fire hose had been refused to do this until McGiffin called

the bravest men; and these Chinese sailors were brave, and carer for the fight. They were prepared neither to give nor take quarter and expected either to win or go down with their sbip.

The Chen Yuen, with the flagship, was to bear the brunt of the conflict. and McGiffin knew it. We can imagine him standing motionless on the bridge and listening to the reports of the range announced by the sublicutenant in the foretop as the fleets rapidly neared each other. It touches the heart to think of the solitary young American facing death far away from his friends and his country, surrounded by aliens in whose sight he was merely a fighting machine. The ordeal before him and his men was more terrible than soldiers had been called upon to face in regular battle since the beginning of human wars. That McGiffin fully realized the situation he "ne shown us in a letter written to its brother upon starting to meet the Japanese ships. "You know," he said, "it is four killed to one wounded since the new ammunition came in. It is better so. I don't want to be wounded. I prefer to step down or up and out of this world." Not extraordinary words, but splendidly expressive of a soldierlike way of facing fate.

The closing lines of this letter were sadly prophetic. McGiffin wrote: "1 hate to think of being dreadfully mangled and then patched up with ball my limbs and senses gone."

There was no sound but the panting of the ship under forced draught. The men, grouped quietly at their stations, did not venture to speak even in whispers. "Fifty-two hundred meters," the range was called. Then the great yellow flag of China was raised to the main truck, and the quick-firing guns opened fire and the fight began.

It is estimated that McGiflin's ship was hit 400 times and 120 times by large shot or shell. The rain of projectiles visited every exposed point of the vessel. Early in the fight a shell exploded in the fighting top, instantly killing every one of its inmates. Indeed, all such contrivances proved to be deathtraps. Five shells burst inside the shields of the bow six-inch gun, completely gutting the place. Though the carnage was frightful, the Chinese sallors, with their commander to encourage them, stuck to their posts. A chief gunner was aiming his gun when a shell took off his head, The man behind him caught the body, passed it back to his companions, calmly finished the sighting of the piece and fired it.

The Chen Yuen gave as hard knocks as she received, and until her ammunition ran low her fire was rapid and more effective than that of her adversaries. One of the last shells, fired under McGiffin's personal directions from a 12-inch gun, disabled the 13-inch gun on the enemy's flagship, the Matsushima, and exploded the powder on deck, killing or disabling more than 10 Japanese officers and men. Then McGiffin's Chinamen cheered joyfully.

The five hours' strain on the commander was terrific, for there was no subordinate who could relieve him and his presence was required everywhere. While the fight was hottest a fire broke out in the superstructure above the forecastle. It became necessary to run out a hose in the range of the starboard guns which had been ordered to fire to port across the forecastle. The men connected and let out and bags of sand for volunteers and offered to lead them.

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SUPERSTRUCTURE OF "CHEN YUEN" AFTER THE FIGHT.

on McGiffin, of the United States

The reduction by congress of the The reduction by congress of the United States haval force sent adrift Licut. McGifin, a graduate of Anaapo-lis in the class of '82. As China was engaged in war in Asia McGiffin straightway tendered his services to the Chinese government. The result was eventually that China took one French gunboat in a war otherwise en-lirely disastrous to her. In 1887 McGif-In became the head of the Chinese Naval academy at Wei-Hai-Wei. This was the reason for his command of one of China's most formidable warships in the battle which decided the outcome

work against small shot. Ammunition for immediate use was piled beside the guns. The suggestive hospital appliances, bandage's and cots, and chairs, rigged for lowering the wounded to rigged for lowering the wounded to the sick bay, were in position. Buckets of sand were placed about the decks and inside the superstructure; for when men are torn to places the flow of blood makes the decks slippery.

In less than an hour after the Japanse ships dotted the horizon the battle had begun. But in that hour of suswaiting, inaction, for the time is give and finding the the strain of and destruction is hardest perhaps on

Word was sent to the head gunner at the starboard battery to train his pieces ahead, and McGiffin and his volunteers started with the hose for the forecastle. Half of the men were shot down by the enemy. As the captain stooped over to grasp the hose a shot passed tetween his legs, burning his wrists and severing the tail of his coat. A fragment of a shell that had burst against the tower wounded him a second time.

Meanwhile men at the forecastle gun were falling rapidly and the head gun-ner was killed. The man who took his place, not knowing that his comrades were in front of his guns, discharged one of them. The explosion knocked the captain and his men down and killed several of them. At the same instant another shot struck McGiffin.

He would probably have remained there unconscious if water from a gash in the hose had not revived him. His first glance on coming to his senses was into the muzzle of the starboard gun. It was slowly moving into position for firing. "What an ass I am to sit here and be blown to pieces," thought Mc-Giffin. So he flung himself from the superstructure and fell eight feet to the deck below. With blood pouring from his mouth he crawled into the superstructure and told the men to carry him aft. In a few minutes he was fighting his ship again.

McGiffin stood very near the large gun when it exploded. He was almost blinded. His hair and cyebrows were burned off and his clothes torn and set on fire. There was a series of gashes in his trousers extending their entire length. Throughout the fight his ears were stuffed with cotton, as were those of all the gunners, but after the day's fighting his ear drums were found to be permanently injured by concussion. Several times he was wounded by splinters, which he extracted himself. With 40 wounds in his body, holding an eyelid up with one hand. this

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