

JAPANESE LAUNCH FIERCE ATTACK TO AVENGE DEFEATS

Action Precipitates Major Battle in Lini Sector — Invaders Stake Prestige On Outcome of Clash

SHANGHAI, April 18.—(AP)—Japanese launched a strong attack in the Lini sector today, precipitating a major battle in which they apparently were determined to avenge the series of stinging defeats they have suffered recently at the hands of the Chinese in central China.

Pierce fighting was reported in the southeast Shantung province war zone, where both Japanese and Chinese have been massing reinforcements and ammunition for a decisive engagement.

Prestige at Stake
With the Japanese aware to re-venge the disastrous setbacks around Talerchwang, they were staking their military prestige on the outcome of the battle.

Equally resolute, the Chinese were fighting to break up the Japanese campaign against central China and reconquer all their lost territory.

Striking southward along the Yi river, the Japanese sought to reach the strategic city of Suchow, junction of the Lanchow and Hientain-Pukow railways 80 miles southwest of Lini.

While opposing armies locked in crucial battle near Lini, severe conflict continued around Yihalen and Taochwang, 70 miles to the west, where Japanese have been driven back to precarious defensive positions.

Garrisons Encircled
Japanese garrisons at Yihalen and Taochwang were encircled and completely cut off from bases to the north.

Chinese troops have distributed lines of communications by persistent raids far behind the battle front.

Dispatches from Chinese sources asserted thousands of Japanese soldiers had been slain in the recent Shantung fighting, but there were no authentic figures.

Thousands of fresh Chinese troops have marched into the Lini sector in the past few days, powerfully reinforcing southeast Shantung defense lines in expectation of a Japanese offensive there.

It was estimated more than 1,000,000 men were involved in operations of the opposing armies in the south Shantung zone.

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HARBOR PROJECT FUNDS PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The house appropriations committee proposed today congress give the army engineers \$94,300,000 for construction and maintenance of rivers and har-

bors projects throughout the country in the year starting next July 1.

Appropriations proposed for new work included:

Oregon—Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, \$30,700; Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonnetville \$635,000; Columbia river at Bonnetville \$100,000 (plus \$400,000 if reappropriated funds are sufficient); Columbia river at Bonnetville (two generating units) \$2,850,000; Depoe bay, \$31,000; Skipanon channel \$10,800; Snake river, Ore., Wash., and Ida.,

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