

FIGHT ON MOUNTAIN PEAK.

Spaniards Repel Riffian Attempts to Storm Cudia Tahar Post.

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TETUAN, Sept. 5 (By courier to Gibraltar).—Spanish intelligence and air reports from behind the enemy lines reveal strong Berber concentrations in the mountainous regions south of Tetuan, and there is good ground for the belief that the Riffians intend to launch a heavy attack as soon as the Spanish forces attack Adjir. General Primo de Rivera and his staff are aware of this move and have made the necessary dispositions to meet it.

Guns were booming again this morning within two miles of here, where Berber pressure has been developing during the last two days against the three-mile Spanish front between the mountain posts of Cudia Tahar and Ben Karrish. The latter place is the stronghold once used by Raisuli, the famous bandit chief, as headquarters, and the former is on the southern slopes of Beni Hosman mountain within plain sight of Tetuan.

Excitement was intense at Tetuan as Krim opened his attack on Cudia Tahar with three field pieces cleverly hidden in the side of a cliff. The Berber artilleryists employ the recoil of the guns to make the cannon slide back from the cave openings and disappear from the view of bombing airplanes.

As the sun went down the mountain mists descended on the peak and the fighting continued in the clouds which surrounded the mountain top like a wreath of gray smoke, through which the large silver moon shone at times. Before the Berber riflemen had destroyed the post's heliograph the garrison commander reported that the post defenses had suffered some damage from the Berber shells, but had been able to repel the repeated determined rushes of the enemy, who left their dead and arms in front of the Spanish barbed wire. The defenders employed .65-calibre demountable mountain artillery with devastating effect at the direct targets. The Spaniards report few losses among the garrison of 1,000.

Krim's earlier attack on the motor road connecting Tetuan and Tangier was not repeated, although he disturbed communications between the two cities.

The appearance of French military uniforms here at General de Rivera's headquarters for the first time has created a strong favorable sentiment and is popularly accepted as evidence of the speedy developments of a complete liaison between the forces of General de Rivera and Marshal Petain.