CHINESE AND KOREANS IN MANCHURIAN BATTLE

700 Begin Fight in Dispute Over Irrigation — Tokyo Protests as Japanese Police Are Fired On.

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SHANGHAI, July 2.—A mob of 500 Chinese, partly soldiers, and 200 Korean farmers began a battle at dawn today six miles north of Changchun, Manchuria, after a prolonged and bitter dispute over agricultural water rights.

The Chinese authorities had long since ordered the suspension of construction work on ditches to irrigate the Koreans' rice paddies and had ordered all the Koreans to evacuate the district prior to June 1.

The Koreans persisted in their efforts to save their crops, whereupon the Chinese authorities dispatched soldiers.

It was understood today that Korean construction work was destroyed by a Chinese mob, whereupon the Japanese consulate at Changchun dispatched Japanese policemen to the scene, who were fired upon by the Chinese and returned the fire.

The casualties as a result of the clash are unknown, but the affair has occasioned intense excitement in Chinese and Japanese official circles and Tokyo is already protesting to Nanking, Mukden and Kirin.

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