

»Leimu» and so on. It is strange that the instigator of this infamous crime was allowed to remain at his post as head of the Manchurian garrison until last year, when he was recalled for other reasons. — At present two young Swedish missionaries are stationed at Soping.

The town is the seat of a Fu, whose district consists of Ju-u hsien (Soping), Ping lu, Tsoyün and Sochow. The population of the town is said to be 2,700 tja (of whom 130—140 tja of Dungans), a figure that does not seem too low, as the town is so empty and deserted. I saw a good many young Chinese women in the streets, all heavily painted. Their hair was done in a very coquettish manner with flowers and the usual finery, but the usual bunch of hair was tied at one side of their heads.

The annual tax of the hsien district amounts to 3,400 taels. It is said to be divided as follows:

		annual crop	cattle	horses	donkeys	sheep	yield
SE	..... 1,300 tja	13,000 tan	700	350	1,000	2,500	2—4 fold
S	..... 2,100 »	25,000 »	1,350	700	2000,	3,500	4—6 »
E	..... 1,500 »	1,700 »	700	350	1,000	2,500	1—2 »
W	..... 640 »	8,000 »	500	200	650	1,500	2—4 »
N	..... 1,500 »	20,000 »	650	350	1,500	2,500	2—4 »

Jumi, tchingmi (black wheat?), peas, tchumiza, millet, shuza (like millet), red kunsjut, mustard, hemp and some opium are grown. Average crop 3—4 fold. Want of rain is complained of generally. The land lies fallow for 2 or 3 years and is then worked for about a year. — Snow from the 9th to the 4th month, up to 14 inches in depth. Westerly burans are common in spring.

The following schools have been opened in the town: 1 kao teng hsiao hsio tang, 1 liang teng hsiao hsio tang, 1 hsiao hsio tang and 1 ming hsiao hsio tang. Besides, 1 hsiao hsio tang has been built for the Manchurian population out of funds deducted from the wages of the Manchurians.

The garrison consists of 1 pyn of matui of the Sahoku tchi. — The Manchurians do not live in a separate part of the town, but among the Chinese. They consist of 8 tchi, but of only 47 men each. The officers are: 1 chengshu-u, 4 fang u, 4 hsiao tchi hsio, 8 kuanchienlang.

Only 150 men are being trained for the ludziun. Soldiers from Tatung act as instructors. — The Dzian Dziun had 80 rifles with cocks distributed last year, but they were so useless that they could not even be used for target practice. It is proposed to buy Mauser repeater rifles. The necessary funds are to be deducted from the men's pay (0.1 taels monthly).

Owing to the want of rain only a little opium is grown. Proclamations have been issued regarding the restriction of opium growing, but the restrictions remain inoperative. Last year the entire sale of opium was confined to a shop belonging to the State. This year private shops have again been allowed to carry on such trade.

July 3rd. The road continued northward. Just outside the N gate of the town we had on our right
Jankou jouza the same small hill that almost came up to the NE corner of the wall. A chain of hills
village. extended in the W on a slant to the road. On the right, behind the small hill I have men-