sent Captain foir with his troop to try to open comanication with the formere Weis soon eent back word that he could no no further and that the Indiana were getting around him, at the same time keeping up a heavy fire from his akimish line. Reno then turped everything back to the first position he had taken on the bluff, which seemed the best for a defense, had the horsees and mules driven into a depression, put his men, dimounted, on the crests of the hills making the dopression, and had hardiy completed these dilpositicas when the Indians attacked hin furiously.

This was now about six $o^{\circ}$ clock in the evening and the ground was held With a further loss of eighteen killed and forty-six wounded, until the attack cecsed about nine $0^{\circ}$ clock at nieht.

By this time the overwhelming numbers of the enermy rendered it improm bable that the troops under Custer could undertake to rejoin those with Reno, so the latter began to dig riflempita, barricaded with dead horses and mules and boxes from the packs, to prepare for any further attack which might be made the next day, All night long the men kept working, file the Indians were holding a scalp dance, within their hearing, in the valley of the Little Big Hom below.

About half-past two o'clock in the morning, of June 26th, a most terrifle rifle-fire mas opened upon Reno's position and, as davlight incressed, horles of Indians were seen takine station upon high points completely aurrounding the troops, so that men were struck on opyosite sites of the lines from where the shots were fired. The fire did not slaken until half-past nine o'elock in the norning, then the Indians made a desperate charge upon the line held by Troops "H", and "M", coming to suchelse querters as to toveh with a "coup-stick", a man lying dead within the innes. This onslaugit was repulsed by a charge from the line assaulted, Led by Colonel Benteen.

The Indians also charged close onough to send their arrows into the line held by Troops " $D$ ", and " $K$ " but they were driven back by a eounter* charge of those troops, accompanied in person by Reno.

