

Record of the 1896 Sanriku Earthquake and Tsunami -5 From the graphic magazine Fuzoku Gaho

The 1896 Sanriku earthquake that occurred at 7:32 p.m. on June 15th, 1896 caused great damage along the Sanriku coast.

The tsunami was reported in the graphic magazine Fuzoku Gaho on July 25th, 1896. Drawings conveyed the horrific extent of the damage.

The following is an image from the magazine, courtesy of the Rias Ark Museum of Art collection, that relates to present-day Minamisanriku.



▲ Illustration of the Calamitous Tsunami Destroying Homes and Sweeping Away People and Livestock
Frontispiece from the July 25, 1896 (Meiji 29) issue. Painting by Yamamoto Shokoku.

A family was celebrating the Tango no Sekku (Boy's Day festival). The samurai helmet being swallowed by the waves evokes a sense of emptiness.

Source: Fuzoku Gaho No. 119, special edition (Rias Ark Museum of Art collection)