

## STRIKES A MINE

### Russian Ships Sink at Port Arthur.

### MANY MEN GO DOWN

### Torpedo Transport Accidentally Blown Up.

### ALEXIEFF REPORTS TO CZAR

### Four Russian Warships Fire on Two Japanese Boats.

### ONE LOST, OTHER ESCAPES

### British Vessel Is Attacked While Leaving Port Arthur and Complaint is Lodged Against the Bear With Consul.

#### RECORD OF THE SHIP.

The Yentse was built at the Baltic Works, in 1892. She was of 2500 tons displacement, and could make 16 knots. Her armament consisted of five 12-pounders and six three-pounders, quick-firing guns.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12, 4 A. M.—A report has been received from Viceoy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yentse has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yentse sank and Captain Stepanoff, three officers and 21 men were lost.

### RUSSIANS SINK MERCHANTMAN

Japanese Ships Are Attacked, but One Succeeds in Escaping.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Japanese Legation tonight received the following bulletin, under date of Tokyo, February 11: "Two small Japanese merchant ships, the Zensho Maru and Nakanoura Maru, while on their way to Otaru, a port on the western coast of Yezo Island, from Sakata, a port on the northern coast of the main island of Japan, were fired on February 11 by four Russian men-of-war off the coast of Aomori Prefecture. The latter merchant vessel was sunk, while the former had a narrow escape."

### Same Advice Sent to London.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, has received a dispatch from Tokyo announcing that on February 11 two Japanese merchant steamers, the Nakanoura Maru and the Zensho Maru, on the island of Yezo, were surrounded and shelled by four Russian warships, presumably the Vladivostok squadron, off the coast of Aomori Prefecture.

### BRITISH VESSEL FIRED UPON.

The Nakanoura was sunk, but the Zensho Maru escaped and arrived safely at Fukuyama, island of Hokkaido.

### Russian Warships Make Attack as She Is Leaving Port Arthur.

CHEFOO, Feb. 12.—(Delayed in transit.)—The British steamer Fusing, when leaving Port Arthur, was fired upon by Russian warships. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded. The Russians afterward apologized for firing on the vessel. The Fusing, upon its arrival at Wei Hai Wei, filed a protest with the British Commission.

The American Consul has reported to the United States Minister, Mr. Conger, that the Russians have refused to allow the American steamer Pleasides to leave Port Arthur. The Pleasides sailed from Seattle February 2 with a cargo of flour.

### Steamer Had Permission to Go.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The correspondent of the Times at Wei Hai Wei, in a dispatch dated February 11, says the steamer Fusing, which is taking her refugees to Shanghai, gives the following account of being fired upon by Russian ships:

"The Fusing, which was flying the Russian flag, moved out, as she held a Russian permit to go. The guard ship, however, fired three shells at her which resulted in the wounding of five of her Chinese crew. Captain Gray, commanding the Fusing, then boarded the guard ship and obtained permission to proceed, after he had signed a promise not to divulge what had occurred.

"The Russians said they were sorry they had fired on his ship."

### DEARTH OF ADVICES OMINOUS.

London Believes Important Events Are Transpiring.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Complete silence has fallen over the Far East. Not a word of news is to be had here except the report given out at the Japanese Legation of the shelling of two Japanese merchant vessels by four Russian warships, and the report from Viceoy Alexieff of the blowing up of the Russian torpedo transport Yentse. This long silence has given rise to the belief that important events are transpiring.

It is announced that the Imperial Bank of Russia at St. Petersburg has raised the rate of discount 1 per cent. The Russian government has asked permission to dock a disabled torpedo-boat destroyer at Suez, but this request was refused, as the authorities at Port Said had surveyed the destroyer and declared her fit to proceed. The Sultan received the Russian Ambassador to Turkey in private audience yesterday.

### BELIEVE CITY WILL SOON FALL.

British Expect Japanese to Hold Port Arthur in a Week.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British government has information which leads it to believe that Japan is likely to be in possession of Port Arthur a week from now. In the best-informed Japanese circles here, it is privately thought that the war will be over by July. Those British officials who are cognizant of the extraordinary thoroughness with which Japan prepared for the war are inclined to share the Japanese view regarding the duration of the struggle.

### HEAVY FIRING HEARD AT SEA

Another Battle Believed to Be On Off Coast of China.

TIENTSIN, Feb. 12.—It is reported from Ging Wang Tan, about 10 miles northeast of Tientsin, that heavy firing has been heard at sea, and it is inferred that another engagement has taken place.

### Japan Has New Explosive.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Daily Mail states today that the Japanese are introducing in the Far East campaign a new and terrible explosive, which is said to be the most powerful in the world. It is called shimoeste, after its inventor, Shimoeste.

## FLOCK TO FEAST

### Republicans Rally to Lincoln Banquet.

### HIS NAME THE LODGE-STAR

### Members of Mitchell Faction Noticeable by Absence.

### MAYOR THE GUEST OF HONOR

### George H. Williams Speaks on the Life of Abraham Lincoln-D. Solis Cohen Responds to Toast in Honor of Roosevelt.

A galaxy of Republican stars shone last night in all their splendor upon the name of Lincoln. A dazzling cluster of lights it was, indeed, but mostly of the Simon system. The fingers of a pair of hands would almost number the Mitchell constellation; all the rest shone in other orbits.

Such an aggregation of celebrities has not been raked together for ever so long. Music thrilled them all the way down their spines, and to their toes. Groggery moved them to shout and stamp until the house shivered.

The gentlemen might have thought of factional turmoil or even softly whispered the foredoomed word, but that was all. A little dove of peace sat upon its cautionary perch at the head of the banquet table and ruled all savage bosoms. Abraham Lincoln, the immortal President, sounded one note of eloquence; Theodore Roosevelt, the President again to be, sounded another, and when the banquet was about to end three mighty cheers went up for Roosevelt.

Yesterday was the 56th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The Young Men's Republican Club thought it a good occasion for assembling together the Republican aristocracy, regardless of factional creed, for a feast of harmony. Early in the preparations both Mitchell and Simon senators pulled together. But to D. Solis Cohen fell the lot of responding to the toast, "Theodore Roosevelt." Theropon Mitchell Republicans went up to the air. Few of them had returned to earth last night to attend the feast—so few, in fact, that if they had needed a set of pallbearers they must perform have called upon their Simon rivals.

An hour and a half the gentlemen fed upon the good things on the table; two hours they fed upon the honey dew distilled from the lips of the orators. Mayor George H. Williams and D. Solis Cohen were the chief speakers; others were L. T. Harris, Speaker of the House; T. T. Geer, ex-Governor; G. C. Moser and W. D. Fenton. Midnight ensued before the gentlemen had ended their love feast.

### Mayor Williams Honored.

Mitchell Republicans would have been highly pleased with a withering frost. It was whispered around the tables that they had tried to hold away Mayor Williams from the festive board and that he had responded: "I have lived too long to participate in factional squabbles. I shall take to the banquet both my speech and my appetite." Simon men gratefully brought him back in a carriage so that he might be dry shod.

It was whispered, too, that Mitchell toilers had been more successful, however, with Judge W. M. Cate than with the Mayor, for that gentleman was conspicuous by his absence, even though he was scheduled to address the brethren on "The Ladies." "They have our sorrow," the Judge was going to say, "double our joys and triple our expenses." Nobody knew what had swallowed up Judge Cate; somebody said he had a bad cold.

Some 150 stalwarts sat with their legs under the tables. The place was Rath & Sandys, at 146 First street. At the head of the tables presided C. E. Lockwood, president of the club. On his left hand sat Mayor Williams, on his left ex-Governor Geer. Other places of honor were occupied by L. T. Harris, W. D. Fenton, G. C. Moser and J. P. Kavanaugh.

Lincoln Bust Draped With Flags. As the orators spoke they looked into the face of a Lincoln bust at the further end of the hall. The bust reposed against a background of flags, which was studied with colored lights. On the side walls were pictures of Roosevelt nesting in flags and shaded with cedar sprigs. Over the middlemost part of the hall hung a large flag from which were draped ribbons, in National colors.

To enumerate the conspicuous personages would be an endless task. Suffice it that some were attired in dazzling shirt fronts and long coat tails to match while others didn't even have a shine on their shoes. But, however dressed, they ate and drank and clapped their hands and knocked their heels together and exercised their larynx all alike.

## HOUSE BILL IN FAVOR

### House Subcommittee to Make Few Changes.

### MEETING SET FOR TODAY

### Oregon Delegation Will Appear and Urge Action.

### YIELDS ON SUNDAY CLOSING

### Any Contest Might Reduce the Appropriation—Jefferson Myers Secures the Co-Operation of Secretary Wilson.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—The first meeting of the House subcommittee on industrial arts and expositions will be held tomorrow morning to consider the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill. An effort will be made to have the bill reported at once. With this end in view, the Oregon delegation will appear before the subcommittee and explain that they will be entirely satisfied if the House will accept the bill in the shape in which it passed the Senate. It is true the delegation is not pleased with the Sunday-closing amendment in the Senate bill, and the committee will be so advised, but since the passage of the bill by the Senate the House committee has been deluged with telegrams from ministers, church organizations and individuals of Portland and elsewhere advocating a strict Sunday closing. There is little aside from clippings from The Oregonian with which the members of the delegation can offset these telegrams, and rather than bring about a protest contest, they will probably prefer to the adoption of the Sunday-closing provision by the House, fearing a contest might ultimately terminate in a reduction in the appropriation.

It is the expectation of the Oregon delegation that the subcommittee will recommend to the full committee that a bill very similar to the one passed by the Senate be reported to the House. It is understood that a number of administrative features of the Senate bill are to be changed, but the hope is expressed that the amount appropriated will be reduced little, if any. The full House committee is likely to accept the bill in the shape in which it comes from the subcommittee.

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## HANNA VERY LOW

### Oxygen Is Given to Sustain Life.

### ODDS AGAINST HIM

### Senator, at One Time, Very Near Death.

### CHANGE FOR WORSE IN CHILL

### For Hours the Physicians Resort to Heroic Measures.

### PATHTIC FEATURE OF CASE

### Based on Reports of Death of Senator, Many Are Wiring Condolences.

### WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (3:30 A. M.)—

There are no signs of any change in Senator Hanna's condition. At 2 A. M. there was no word from the Senator's room, and he was supposed to be sleeping. At midnight Senator Hanna's temperature was 103. He was given a sponge bath, and in 30 minutes it was reduced to 102 and a fraction. He had rested well most of the time, awakening at intervals for a moment, and dropping off again.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna is passing through the climax of his illness. This afternoon it was feared he was dying, but tonight he rallied strongly, and there is again some hope that he may yet win the forlorn fight. The odds are much against his recovery, but the sturdy physique of the man, aided by oxygen and powerful stimulants, brought him through this afternoon, when he was sinking rapidly, and possibly may gain. It is now a question how long the climax of the fever will last, and how many and severe will be any further acute attacks, for today's spell was so severe that another probably will witness the end.

### Acute Attack in Form of Chills.

Today's acute attack came in the form of a chill about 3 o'clock, and not long afterward Senator Hanna passed into unconsciousness, not to return again until around 6 o'clock. His pulse at this time ran up to 130, and was so feeble it was not perceptible at the wrist. Three hours or so later, however, he had shaken off the attack to so great an extent that Dr. Geier, the Baltimore physician in attendance, when he came from the sickroom at 9:30 o'clock, said there had been a decided improvement, and the patient's pulse was much stronger and had fallen nearly 20 points.

Miss Mary Phelps, the Senator's niece, was near at hand when the doctor came from the sickroom, and when she heard the announcement of the rally she asked: "Then you have hope, doctor?"

"Hope," the doctor replied, "of course there's hope. When a man rallies from a sinking spell such as the Senator had this afternoon and shows such strength afterward there is the best ground for hope."

The first information from the sickroom in the Arlington Hotel today showed the fever to have attained the highest point yet reached, and the doctors looked for the Senator's temperature to be at its worst during the following 48 hours, but it unexpectedly became lower as the day wore on, and developments seemed more favorable.

An Alarming Complication. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, however, the high fever was succeeded by a sudden chill, which resulted in an alarming complication. Powerful stimulants were promptly applied for two and a half hours, oxygen was applied continuously, and later more irregularly, as its good effects began to manifest themselves. At one time during the sinking spell, the pulse was scarcely perceptible at the wrist. The Senator lapsed into unconsciousness with the sinking spell.

Dr. Carter was alone with him at the beginning of the attack, but Drs. Osier and Rixey were summoned immediately, and on their arrival the three worked incessantly with their patient until the reaction came late in the afternoon. Before the sinking spell, saline solutions were given and strychnine in 1-30 grain doses were administered, but much more heroic remedies were resorted to during the period of the acute attack.

First the World Knew. The first indication outside of the sickroom that Senator Hanna had taken a turn for the worse was when a messenger was rushed in haste to a drugstore. It became speedily known that he went for oxygen. Mrs. Hanna was out driving at the time, but when she returned she was promptly advised of the change that had taken place during her brief absence, and hurried to the bedside of her husband, where she remained constantly throughout the period of greatest danger. As the messenger hastened from the hotel for oxygen, Miss Phelps, the Senator's niece, came hurriedly into the lobby of the hotel and summoned H. M. Hanna, a brother of the Senator, to the apartments upstairs.

Two Killed in Train Collision. ST. PAUL, Feb. 12.—A west-bound Great Northern passenger train backed into the rear of a freight train at Penneck last night. Edward Heffner and a Mr. Hansson, of Minneapolis, were killed. Two other passengers were seriously injured. All were passengers in the caboose.

MANY ARE KILLED IN BATTLE. Fierce Engagement is Reported in Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department from Santo Domingo, under date of February 9, that it was reported in the capital that a fierce battle had been fought in Sanchez, and a great many people killed.

Last Honors to Noted Critic. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—The funeral of M. K. Michaelovsky, the celebrated critic and publisher, who died February 10, took place here today and was one of the largest ever seen in St. Petersburg. Fully 5000 persons walked to the Bolshoi Cemetery, four miles distant, singing funeral dirges. The coffin was borne by a hand the entire distance.

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