

JAPANESE FIRE FIRST GUN OF THE WAR

ABOUT HUNDRED MILLIONS

Estimated Loss by Baltimore Fire

Special to the Mail.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—When darkness fell, last night the people of this city knew that the worst was over. The flames which for 32 hours had swept relentlessly through the heart of the city had been checked by an army of fire men, from many cities, working unwearyingly, had finally conquered.

Of seventy-five squares of property which represented values to the extent of from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000 not even a close approximation can be made of the loss. No guess can be made as to the amount of insurance. An expert city building inspector estimates the loss of buildings, alone, at \$75,000,000. On the other hand it is said that the insurance estimates do not place the total loss at a greater figure.

To Lose Flesh.

To reduce the flesh one must have the fortitude to give up a number of the pleasant things of life, for a time at least, and many of them for good and all. One must, first of all, become an early riser and not sleep longer than seven hours. Before finishing the morning toilet exercise for twenty minutes with Indian clubs, dumbbells or wands. For breakfast take no cereal, coffee or milk, but tea, not too strong, fruit and toast. Sugar is a fat producer; so also are bread and all farinaceous dishes. Not more than half a glass of liquid should be taken at any meal. For luncheon partake of stewed or raw fruit, a salad dressed with vinegar and oil, green vegetables and a chop. For dinner the bill of fare can comprise fish, mutton, lamb, lean beef, vegetables, especially tomatoes and beans, stale bread and a light dessert.

Coe's Co.

A hustling promoter named Coe was head of a big cocoa Co. A native named Koko said, "Pay what you owe, Coe, or give me the Coe Cocoa Co."

He had other projects, had Coe. Coe owns were one line, and so "The two coalesced. Imagine the result. "Coe-Koko Coe and Cocoa Co." —J. J. Coe.



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Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of Womb, which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"I was a great sufferer for six years and doctored all the time with a number of physicians but did not receive any benefit," writes Mrs. George Sugden, of 641 Bond Street, Saginaw (south), Michigan. "I had given up all hope of ever getting better. Thought I would write to you. When I received your letter telling me what to do I commenced to take your Favorite Prescription and follow your advice. I have taken ten bottles in all, also five vials of the Pleasant Pellets. Am now regular, after having missed two years and suffered with pain in the head and back. I was so nervous, could not get or sleep. Now I can thank you for my recovery."

Don't hesitate to write to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. If you want good medical advice from a fully qualified physician as to your personal good health. Such letters are always answered free of charge and confidentially. A medicine which has outlasted all others for women in the past third of a century and being recommended by all those who have used it, is a good remedy to tie to. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is purely vegetable and does not contain a particle of alcohol to destroy the blood corpuscles and weaken the system. Do not permit the dealer to insult your intelligence by suggesting some other compound which he recommends as "just as good," because he makes it himself.

SPLENDID CEREMONY AT WINDSOR

Special to the Mail.

London Feb. 9.—An interesting state ceremonial took place today when a chapter of the Order of the Garter was held at Windsor by order of the King. It was the first ceremony of the kind since 1895, when the Emperor Napoleon then on a visit to the English court, was admitted to membership in the order by Queen Victoria.

At today's function the knights assembled in the throne room, all wearing the full uniform of the order. At the conclusion of the chapter the King and Queen entertained at a state Banquet in St. George's Hall. Many of those present will remain at Windsor for the royal wedding tomorrow of Princess Alice of Albany and Prince Alexander of Teck.

WORST FIRE KNOWN

Wipes Baltimore off the Map

Russia and Japan Recall Ministers

The wires were all clear during the day yesterday, but a tree fell across the line somewhere between here and Fairview, cutting the telegraphic despatches for last night. However, the following news was received.

Baltimore Md. was in conflagration and there was great danger of the entire city being wiped out unless the wind subsided. At 3 p. m. the business part and factory section had been wiped out and the loss amounted to over \$200,000,000, and there is great danger of the entire city being wiped from the face of earth. Fire relief was at hand from New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington and all other available points but it was impossible to cope with the terrific holocaust, the greatest in the history of the United States.

The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline in one of the factories.

The Japanese and Russian governments have each recalled their ministers and it is now considered that war is inevitable.

Irving Improved.

"Now tell me what you can about Ichabod Crane," said the teacher as she took up the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The little pupil described Ichabod's personal appearance and concluded with, "And he carried home the palm that belonged to the parson." The teacher gasped. "What are you talking about?" she demanded. "Well, it said so in the book, and I'll find it for you," said the pupil excitedly, and she turned the pages until she found a certain paragraph which she triumphantly pointed out. And the teacher read, "It was a matter of no little vanity to him on Sundays to take his station in front of the church gallery with a band of chosen singers, where in his own mind he completely carried away the palm from the parson."

ATTACK RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR

Vessels Sunk on Both Sides

RUSSIAN CRUISER CARRIES DOWN 450 MEN

Japanese Capture Russian Mail Steamer And Russian Warships Catch the Incha Maru

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—According to the official Messenger the first gun has been fired, and war is now an actuality. Reports that Alexieff at midnight of February 8, telegraphed the Czar that the Japanese boats had suddenly attacked the Russian squadron in the open roads at Port Arthur. In the clash the Russian battle ships Retvizan and Tarvitch, and the cruiser Pallada were damaged.

London, Feb. 9.—The Japanese export house has just received information that the Russian warships have captured the Japanese steamer Incha Maru, bound from London to Yokohama with merchandise.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—At 2:30 a dispatch just received by the admiralty from Port Arthur says that in an attack on that port, 12 Japanese vessels were sunk. Russian warships are also reported as sunk, seven Russians are said to be killed and many wounded.

Chifu, Feb. 9.—Reports from Port Arthur show that an attack was made on Russian ships by the Japanese dash under the very guns of Port Arthur. The harbor being too small to hold the entire Russian squadron, a portion was obliged to remain in the open roads.

On Monday night, in the darkness a torpedo detachment of nine Japanese vessels got within firing distance and discharged their tubes, two Russian

battleships and one cruiser being damaged.

One report says the vessels were in a sinking condition, while another says the damage was slight.

The greatest confusion was immediately manifested by the Russian fleet. The Japanese immediately retired amid the furious broadsides of all vessels able to bring their guns to bear. Reports, however, indicate that the Japanese ships were considerably damaged.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Official dispatches to the Foreign Office today say the damage sustained by the Russian battleships Cezrvitch and Retvizan were serious, and that the cruiser Pallada was sunk.

The Revisan was built by the Cramps at Philadelphia in 1901. The Pallada in Germany in 1902, and the Czarovitch in France in 1902.

London, Feb. 9.—Late Paris dispatches report that all hands on board went down with cruiser Pallada. She carried 450 men.

Chifu, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet last night engaged the Russian Battleships under cover of the darkness and began bombarding Port Arthur. Little damage has been done at this time.

London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Shanghai reports that the Russian mail steamer Mongolia which left Shang Hai Sunday has been captured by the Japanese off Shang Tung.

How They Stacked Up Last Week

Subscribers to the WEEKLY COAST MAIL may be interested in knowing how their favorite paper compares with the other county papers. The following table shows the number of lines of home-set matter, exclusive of advertisements and readings, appearing in last week's edition of the respective county papers. For a fair comparison it is all reduced to the equivalent of 3 point type, by tables found in the Desk Book of the American Type Foundry Co.

Paper	Lines	8 pt
WEEKLY COAST MAIL	1428	1859
COOS BAY NEWS	1080	922
COQUILLE HERALD	1078	1079
COQUILLE BULLETIN	781	785
NORTH BEND CITIZEN	1008	829
MYRTLE POINT ENTERPRISE	761	575
TUE SUN	69	10
	598	8
	448	8
BANDON RECORDER	111	7

A. O. U. W. IN GOOD SHAPE

Special to the Mail.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 9.—The Michigan grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen assembled in biennial session here today. The report of Grand Master Workman, F. C. Wetmore, is interesting as it tends to show the effect on the membership of the order as a result of the increase in rates. The figures show that while the increase in membership during the past year was somewhat smaller than the preceding year, there was a gratifying decrease in the number of suspensions and withdrawals, so that on the whole the membership enrollment may be said to be satisfactory.

Milk Condensary

(Astorian)

From Sunday's Daily.

The Coquille Ice & Cold Storage Company has written to W. O. Hemlow in reply to a communication relative to the establishment of a milk condensary in Coos county. The proposition made by Mr. Hemlow meets with marked favor by the Coquille people, who seem desirous that such an enterprise as Mr. Hemlow suggests be established in their midst. That Coquille would be an ideal place for a condensary is attested by the statement on the part of the company that from 800 to 1000 cows would be available. The company already has the site, together with a building that would in every way be suitable, so that the expense attending the inauguration of the business would arise only from the purchase and installation of the plant. Mr. Hemlow has another proposition pending at Salem, from which he expects an early response. A resident at Warren has also written him for information regarding the condensary business, his idea being to establish such an enterprise in that community. Mr. Hemlow is meeting with wide recognition throughout the country because of the active interest he takes in all departments of canned products.

[This matter of milk condensers is of vital importance to the Coos county dairy interests, whether we have one at Coos Bay or whether it is on the Coquille. The dairymen of the Coquille are wide awake to their best interests when they invite so important an industry as a milk condensing plant. Coos Bay would do well to invite those interested in establishing condensaries to our favored locality, and Marshfield would no doubt be much benefited by such a plant.]

Legs and Oratory.

In the "Souvenirs de Mme. Recamier" there is a pleasant description of a scene which took place during her exile at Lyons in 1813. Almost every cultivated or fashionable individual who passed through that city was sure to be attracted to her house. Talma, the tragedian, happened to be giving some representations in the Grand theater and was dining with Mme. Recamier when the bishop of Troyes, better known as the abbe of Boulogne, was announced. This celebrated preacher, though devoted to literature and familiar with the works of the great playwrights, had never seen a play performed.

After dinner Talma was persuaded to recite, to the intense gratification of the abbe, parts from his principal roles. In return Talma begged the ecclesiastic to repeat some passages of his sermons. When he had done so, "It is splendid, monseigneur, as far as this," exclaimed Talma, touching the chest of the preacher, "but the lower part of your body is deplorable! Clearly you have never bestowed a thought upon your legs!"

ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS

Will Not be Very Far Away

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Admiral Evans commanding the Asiatic station, has been ordered to take his cruiser squadron to a point on the Chinese coast about four hundred miles from the Philippines and to keep his battleship squadron in the Philippine waters. This means that the cruisers will not be Hong Kong or that vicinity.

I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.

J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

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