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## JAPAN SUNK TWO RUSSIAN SHIPS. LEAVES REMAINDER OF RUSSIAN FLEET BOTTLED UP IN PORT ARTHUR HARBOR AND AT A GREAT DISADVANTAGE. RUSHES TROOPS INTO KOREA.

### READY FOR WORK.

The Local Land Office is now Open and Ready for Business. Receiver Roberts Arrived Yesterday.

The land office is now open and ready for business. Receiver Al Roberts arrived in the city yesterday armed with the proper authority to assume the receivership and the office was promptly turned over to him by Ex-Receiver A. B. Thomson.

There is an enormous amount of work piled up in the office which will be taken up in the order it came to the office and disposed of just as rapidly as possible.

The public will be greatly pleased to know that the office is open for business, and the business of disposing of Uncle Sam's domain will be transacted in due form.

### Ocean Ships

The Oregonian of Feb. 8, gives a list of nineteen vessels chartered or available for grain cargoes enroute for Portland, not one of which carries the American flag. On that day there were five grain carrying ships in the Columbia river all under foreign flags.

On the same day there were seventeen ocean ships enroute for Puget Sound all bearing foreign flags, and seven ships in the Sound all bearing foreign flags. These make 48 foreign ships and not one American flag seeking cargoes in Oregon and Washington.

### House Warming

The house warming by the Commercial Club at the Club hall last evening proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

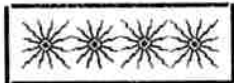
The refreshment and entertainment committee deserve credit for the manner in which they performed their duties.

Everyone present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

### LOST

An Eagle's charm. Finder will call at this office and receive reward

The Chicago Store



SPRING GOODS ARE ARRIVING DAILY

THE DESIGNS ARE ALL NEW

CALL AND SEE THEM

We will be pleased to show them.

THE CHICAGO STORE

Japs make getaway without being injured.

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

Monday night in the darkness, a torpedo detachment of nine Japanese vessels got within firing distance and discharged tubes two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged. One report says the vessels were in a sinking condition, while another says the damage was slight.

The greatest confusion was immediately manifested in the Russian fleet. The Japanese immediately retired amid furious broadsides from all Russian vessels able to bring guns to bear.

ALL HANDS WENT DOWN London, Feb. 9.—A late Paris dispatch reports that all hands went down with the Russian cruiser Palladia. She carried 450 men.

GOT AWAY UNHURT Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—The Japanese boats making the attack last night escaped undamaged, thus scoring for Japan the first victory of the war.

CZAR OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—According to an official messenger, the first gun has been fired and war is now an actuality.

Governor Alex. off at midnight February 8, telegraphed the czar that nine Japanese boats suddenly attacked the Russian squadron in the open roads at Port Arthur. In the clash the Russian battleships Ratwizan and Tzarevitch and the cruiser Palladia were damaged.

LATER DETAILS St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—2:30 P. M.—A dispatch just received by the admiralty from Port Arthur, states that in an attack on the port, 12 Japanese war vessels sunk one Russian warship and also sunk seven smaller craft.

RUSSIANS AT DISADVANTAGE

As Russian repairing facilities are most meagre at Port Arthur, the damage done, even though slight, would effectually put those vessels out of commission some time.

BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR Chefoo, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet that last night engaged the Russian battleships under cover of darkness this morning began bombarding Port Arthur. But little damage has been done at this time.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN KOREA London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch this afternoon is reported from St. Petersburg that Japanese troops have been landed at Masampo, Korea.

RUSSIA WANTS INTERVENTION London, Feb. 9.—Minister Hayashi today received a cablegram announcing that Russia is making desperate efforts through the various embassies to have the powers intervene.

Russia is now willing to concede everything, but the offer comes too late.

PANIC IN ST. PETERSBURG St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—There is panic on the Bourse today on account of the official admission of Japanese success.

Japs show Russians a thing or two about Naval Warfare.

### EXCITEMENT IN EUROPE

Berlin, Feb. 9.—News of naval engagement off Port Arthur created intense excitement throughout Europe. Details are anxiously awaited.

At St. Petersburg Alexieff's message caused war preparations to be pushed in all directions. The czar's manifesto declaring a state of war to exist is expected tomorrow.

Naval experts look upon the result of the attack as a staggering blow one that places Russia at a disadvantage in future operations.

Mrs. Helen B. Harford, President of the Oregon W. C. T. U., will be in La Grande on the 19, 20 and 21st and will deliver one or more lectures.

### Lincoln's Birthday

There will be a public meeting of the Grand Army men all old and young soldiers, the Woman's Relief Corps and all who wish to honor the great works of Abraham Lincoln under the auspices of Oliver P. Moton Post G. A. R. of La Grande at the Central Christian Church on Friday Feb. 12 at 1:30 p. m. sharp, the day being the 55th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday.

There will be an interesting program consisting in part of music reading of appropriate selection by Mrs. Kate Simpson, patriotic addresses by citizens and reminiscences. All are invited.

By order of J. W. FAULK, Post Commander F 19 to F 13

### Neighborhood Club

Neighborhood Club Feb. 9 1904. Leader Mrs. Charles Norris. Roll call answered by questions on household economics.

Piano Solo Mrs. Clara Lyle Paper "How Children spend their money." Mrs. J. T. Richardson Paper "Domestic and Domesticity" Mrs. Wurstell

Paper "Household Accounts" Mrs. Norris

Paper "Manners at Home" Mrs. J. C. Ardrey Guessing Contest

Vocal Solo Ben Bolt Mrs. J. J. Carr Reading "Club and Homelife" Mrs. Geo. H. Curry

## BALTIMORE FIRE REACHED A LIMIT.

Natural Territorial Limit Prevents Fire From Spreading Further. City is a Surging Roaring Flame and Falling Walls. Public Records Safe.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The fire has been effectually stopped so far as extension into new territory is concerned but the two miles square over which it marched is a sea of surging, roaring flame and falling walls, of red hot pavement and white-hot girders, safes and vaults.

The fire is stopped because it reached a natural territorial limit, not because the efforts to check it were or could be any more availing during the last hours than the first.

The convention of insurance adjusters roughly estimate the losses which they must pay at \$80,000,000.

DEPOSITS AND RECORDS SAFE Governor Warfield says the safe deposits and records of public institutions are believed to have withstood the fire.

OUTSIDE RELIEF MEASURE Washington, Feb. 9.—Emrich of

Chicago introduced a bill in the house this afternoon appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of Baltimore, to be used in sheltering the homeless and clearing the streets of debris.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE The Chamber of Commerce, which gave \$1,000,000 after the Chicago fire, is one of the first to ask if financial help is needed.

New York banks assured the Baltimore banks they can have any assistance within reason.

PROPERTY LOSS Baltimore is beginning to realize the immeasurable magnitude of its loss.

The weather has taken a wintry chill, and workers who are idle realize they will probably be compelled to leave for other cities. All estimations of loss today vary from \$150,000,000 to twice that amount.

## THERE ARE FIVE REASONS



Why we can sell goods cheaper than any firm in La Grande. 1st We buy and sell for cash. 2nd Our rent is only one-fourth what others pay. 3rd We do our own clerking. 4th We sell only the best goods. 5th We carry eight lines of goods as follows: Shoes, the best in town, made by Selz, Schwab & Co., Chicago, Sweet Dempster & Co., Hats. A

complete line of ladies and gents furnishings. Dress goods, notions and a full line of jewelry and the best line of Millinery in Union County. If we only sold one line our expenses would be the same as when we sell eight. Therefore we can save you money. Remember we have an expert Jeweler who does all kinds of repairing.

## RAINBOW STORE

### DO YOU WANT

### CHOICE TIMBER CLAIM?

If so, we can locate you on some fine claims in Wallowa County.

McDaniel & McDonald, WALLOWA, OREGON

### A Good Show

The performances given by Beaty Bros Vaudeville and Specialty Co. in the Red Front Store room did not receive the patronage last evening that the merits of the show deserved.

The company carries 7 people every one of whom is a star in their line.

The moving pictures are exceptionally good and the illustrated songs are also good. Frederik the Great, in his tricks of magic, is a wonder and his work alone is worth the price of admission. The Vaudeville performances are strictly refined and the most fastidious lady can spend an hour very pleasantly at the show.

### J. J. LILLIS

PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERER... Phone 1223

Shop: P. St. between 3d and 4

### Island City Diphtheria Scare

Monday and Tuesday Island City experienced quite a diphtheria scare. Mr. Helmers little boy died Sunday night from Diphtheria. And Monday school was dismissed for the week.

Tuesday about a dozen children had sore throat and Dr. Hansen was called to see them. He said some of them had a few symptoms of the dreadful disease but he would not say it was or was not until he advised with another Physician accordingly Dr. Hall of La Grande was called in to Mr. Jas. Garity's but the two Doctors decided it was not Diphtheria. So a great load was lifted from the minds of the people.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In last night's Chronical was a statement to the effect that E. Andross and Company had sold their Undertaking business to Henry and Carr. I take this to mean to state that this is not a fact and that I have not sold the undertaking business to anyone and that I am still in the undertaking business and am prepared to take care of any case of undertaking intrusted to my care. E. ANDROSS,

## THE GREATEST OF WHITE CARNIVAL

As announced in Sunday's Observer our White Carnival opened promptly Monday morning. We placed our order for these white goods with the best known mills and manufacturers months ago, with the object of making this White Carnival the

## The Greatest Carnival of Bargains of the Season

This is making-up season. Come now and get what you need—it is a safe prediction that you will pay more later. Participate in our offer of refunding the money for all cash purchases made some day between now and March 5th.

Save all your cash purchase slips. This is an opportunity of getting something of value absolutely free.

