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AFRAID OF POISON.

AND WON'T WEAR SOCKS,
AND ONLY DRINKS AT
PUBLIC FOUNTAIN.

Another Monopoly for Standard
Oil—The Guillotine in Paris—
Masked Men Slaughter Fif-
teen Hundred Sheep
Other News.

Paris, Feb. 6.—That Francis
Reuben Bryan, an American mil-
lionaire, who committed suicide in
1902 in Paris, was in mortal dread
of being poisoned, has been brought
ought by the suit of relatives who
have been contesting his will.

He lived here many years, and
on dying left \$10,000 to the Histor-
ical society of Pennsylvania, and
residue of his great estate to the
South Kentuckian Museum in Lon-
don, together with a large collec-
tion of valuable curios and works
of art.

At the hearing Mr. De Lagrenee,
the consul-general of France at
Moscow, testified that Mr. Bryan
believed the Cardinal Richard, the
Archbishop of Paris and the prefect
of police were conspiring to murder
him and had bribed all the laun-
dresses to poison his socks. Con-
sequently he never wore any.

Whenever he received a new suit
of clothes from the tailor he soaked
it in a bath for forty-eight hours
before wearing it.

He would drink only at a public
street fountain, and refused to pass
the front windows of the Jockey
Club, believing that the members
would kill him.

He always carried a complete list
of antidotes to poison, and gave
copies to friends.

The court rendered today a deci-
sion that Mr. Bryan was mentally
irresponsible at the time he made
his will.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Deibler, the Paris
headman, is passing sleepless
nights trying to arrange for the
coming "Promenade de la Veuve
(widow)," as the Parisians facet-
iously speak of putting the guillo-
tine in operation.

Francois Spino has just been sen-
tenced to death, but the question is:
Where can the guillotine be erect-
ed?

The last beheading was that of
Peumenez at La Roquette, but since
that prison has been torn down the
residents of that quarter have made
such vigorous protest against the
riotous scenes attending an execu-
tion of the death sentence that the
four famous stones on which the
guillotines used to be put up have
been removed.

Capital punishment in France is
public, and crowds pass the night
before holding points of vantage.
Sometimes they dance and sing
madly about the scaffold during
the execution.

Every quarter of Paris is equally
opposed to having the guillotines
and Deibler would hardly dare to
erect it in the place de la Concorde.
He hopes President Loubet will
commute the condemned man's sen-
tence, as he has allowed no one to
be put to death since he became
president.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Asbestos, as a
manufactured commodity, is now
controlled by the Standard Oil
Company. That corporation has
contracted for the entire output of
the Ontario asbestos mines, from
which comes all but a small per-
cent of the asbestos of the world.
The plan is to make the industry
monopolistic as the steel or the oil
industry.

Asbestos is to be a material em-
ployed for a hundred new pur-
poses. Railroad coaches are to be
built from it, tunnels are to be lined
with it and fire-proof furniture is
to be made from it.

As an indication that there is no
exaggeration in this outlook, the
corporation has prepared plans for
asbestos cars built with steel frames
for the underground system of the
Rapid Transit Company of New
York. It also has the contract for
lining with asbestos a large part of
the tunnels of the same system.

Asbestos planks, experiments
have shown, can be shaped and
used exactly as wood. They may
be sawed and planed and polished.
They will bear weight and stand

wear. They are much lighter than
wood.

It is said plans will be made for
the Pullman Company for fire-proof
cars.

London, Feb. 15.—There were a
number of belated telegrams reach-
ing London from the Far East last
night, but they added little or noth-
ing to what is already known re-
garding the situation there. The
mystery surrounding the fate of the
Vladivostok squadron is still un-
solved.

The Daily Mail, the Daily Tele-
graph and other papers publish dis-
patches from Tokio, Nagasaki and
Shanghai, reporting the destruction
of three Russian cruisers by mines
or torpedoes in the Taugaro Strait,
off Aomori, Japan.

The Daily Mail, which at first
described the news as official, in a
later telegram says the report still
lacks absolute confirmation. In
the absence of confirmation the re-
ports are not generally credited.

A statement that China will
maintain neutrality, is published
in Pekin. It is reported from Tien-
Tsin that all foreigners and civil-
ians have been ordered to leave
Port Arthur.

It is also reported that the Sibe-
rian railroad has been wrecked in
six places, covering a distance of
70 miles. The correspondent at
Tien-Tsin of the Standard, cabling
under date of February 11, says the
British, American and French,
German and Italian ministers,
have jointly notified the Russian
and Japanese ministers that no hos-
tilities will be allowed on Chinese
soil, other than that of Manchuria.

Nagasaki, Feb. 14.—The survivors
from the Variag and Korietz,
the Russian cruisers that were sunk
by the Japanese fleet at Chemulpo
last Thursday still remain on board
the British cruiser Talbot, the Ital-
ian cruiser Elba and the French
cruiser Pascal.

The situation is becoming acute,
as the Japanese have twice made
demands on the commanders of the
three foreign vessels that the Rus-
sians be surrendered as prisoners
of war. The captain of the Talbot,
being the senior naval officer, each
time replied that he was awaiting
instructions from his government.

None of the Russians are on
board the American gunboat Vicks-
burg, whose commander considers
that the Japanese are right in their
demand, as the Russians took ad-
vantage of the clemency of the Jap-
anese in returning to the harbor,
then taking refuge on the foreign
vessels and refusing to surrender,
whereas the Japanese fleet refrained
from sinking them in the open sea,
as it could have done.

A magnificent episode in the bat-
tle was the second sortie of the two
Russian cruisers. With bands play-
ing the national anthem the inter-
national fleet loudly cheering the
bravery and gallantry of the Rus-
sians, the Variag and Korietz faced
the Japanese fleet in what was cer-
tain death.

The position of the wrecks ap-
pears to be such that it will be easy
to recover the guns. The Russian
losses were one officer and 40 men
killed and 464 wounded.

Hays City, Kan., Feb. 13.—As a
result of the war in the Orient, the
district court is besieged with ap-
plications for citizenship. There
are hundreds of Russians in this
county who now seek naturalization
papers, to avoid taking any chances
of being compelled to return to their
native land to be drafted into the
army.

The decision of the marine board
of inquiry which sat upon the Clal-
lam disaster case, handed down to-
day, lays the chief blame for the
disaster upon Chief Engineer de
Launey, charging him with neglect
and incompetency. Captain Robert-
s is censured for not having an
officer of the ship in the second and
third boats that were launched and
for not giving explicit orders to the
captain of the Holyoke to take the
ship to the nearest shelter. The
officers of the tugboat Holyoke and
Sea Lion are highly complimented
for their share in the work of rescu-
ing the passengers of the Clallam.
De Launey's license is revoked and
the license of Captain Roberts is
suspended for one year.

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EIGHT SHIPS SUNK.

AND TEN TAKEN BY JAPS—
LATEST REPORT IN
ORIENTAL WAR.

Dispatches Also Tell of the Loss of
Three Japanese Vessels—Port
Arthur Expected to Fall
Into Hands of Jap-
anese—Other News.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A semi-
official telegram dated from head-
quarters of the viceroy at Port Ar-
thur says the German cruiser Han-
sa, which had been sent to remove
German subjects from Port Arthur
and which had on board also a
number of Russian women and chil-
dren, had been fired upon by Jap-
anese warships.

The Telegram reiterates the state-
ment that three Japanese torpedo-
boats have been sunk in a night at-
tack on Port Arthur.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Rus-
sian consulate here was destroyed
by fire Sunday night, says a World
dispatch from Shanghai. The cause
has not yet been ascertained.

The Russian gunboat Mandjur,
which was trapped by the Japanese
warships at the mouth of the
Yangtze River, is now being dis-
mantled.

London, Feb. 16.—Among the
dispatches from the Far East, pub-
lished here this morning, is a re-
port of another engagement at Port
Arthur, in which the Russians lost
eight vessels sunk and ten captured.

A reporter of the Daily Mail, who
witnessed the engagement off Port
Arthur, confirms the morning's
previous accounts of the fight and
asserts again that one Japanese tor-
pedo-boat was sunk and another
deserted by its crew in a sinking
condition and probably captured by
the Russians.

He says also that the Japanese
lost one battleship; and had one
cruiser put out of action, and that
the Colonel of the Fifteenth Rus-
sian regiment was killed by a shell
during the bombardment.

Cablegrams to the Daily Mail
from Wei Hai Wei and Nsu Chang
report a Japanese fleet with trans-
ports, cruising in the Gulf of Pe-
chili, apparently with the idea of
effecting a landing near Port Dalny.

The correspondent of the Daily
Express at Pekin, in a cablegram
dated February 12, reports that
Viceroy Alexieff is practically iso-
lated, direct communication be-
tween Port Arthur and Vladivostok
being suspended. He adds that
the railroad behind Port Arthur
has been blown up and that 6000
Japanese troops have landed near
Dslney.

The Daily Mail's Tokio corre-
spondent, under date of February 12,
says that the Japanese ship Amaki
has captured the German steamer
Yokohama, which had a cargo in-
cluding dynamite, for Port Arthur.

The Nagasaki correspondent of
the Daily Telegraph expresses the
conviction that Russia is quite un-
able to hold the Lia-Tung peninsu-
la and that Port Arthur is bound
to fall by the effluxion of time, even
without an assault.

Chefoo, Feb. 15.—The steamer
Wenchaw, arriving from Port Ar-
thur, reports that 11 Russian ships
were struck in Wednesday's engage-
ment.

It is stated that the cruiser Aak-
old, with a big hole at the water
line has been towed into the inner
basin and beached.

The battleship Sebastopol has a
shell hole just above the [waterline
and is useless in rough weather.

The cruiser Novik has a hole in
her after port side.

The battleship Retvizan is on the
beach and her bottom has fallen
out.

The cruiser Pallada was torped-
doed abaft the engine room.

The battleship Czarevitch, which
was also torpedoed, has been dock-
ed.

The others were chiefly damaged
in their upper works.

The whole of the fleet has been
taken into the inner harbor and
Port Arthur is depending for pro-
tection on her forts, which have
been reinforced. There is frequent
firing which is presumably drawn
by Japanese torpedo boats.

Firing was heard at midnight,
February 11 at intervals, also on
the nights of February 12 and 13.
On February 14 the firing continu-
ed until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
An eye-witness claims to have seen
18 dead landed from the Russian
ships Wednesday.

It is understood that Admiral
Stark has been reduced for his fail-
ure to repulse the Japanese attack.
The cruiser Novik was the only ves-
sel to do effective work. She gave
chase to the Japanese torpedo boats
and, according to the Russian ac-
count, sank two and captured one.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Journal's
Yeng-Chau correspondent under
date of February 12 says:

Russian wires being absolutely
forbidden, I am obliged to leave
Port Arthur.

Monday's surprise was absolute.
The squadron anchored only one
vessel, using a search light. When
firing began the officials and sev-
eral naval officers thought that only
maneuvers were intended, as the
Japanese had hugged the coast with
lights veiled.

The Czarevitch, Retvizan and
Pallada were not destroyed and the
two former are floating in port with
repairable breeches. Complete re-
pairs will be difficult at Port Ar-
thur, but the vessels are utilized in
the roadstead. All three took part
in the second engagement which
took place on Tuesday.

The population are fleeing from
Port Arthur and the authorities are
endeavoring to rid themselves of
useless persons. Viceroy Alexieff
apparently foresees a long siege. It
is certain that Russia is preparing
to make a great effort here.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily
Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent
under date of February 12, says it
is reported that the Japanese have
bomarded Dalny and landed ma-
rines.

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A Matter of Health

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