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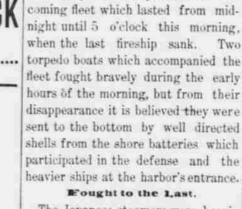
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Russian Victory.

'esterday's date says:

A dispatch from St Petersburg of

Late this evening Viceroy Alexieff

made an official report, which was

that the Japanese lost eight fireships

and presumably two torpedo boats in

an ineffectual attempt to bottle up the

entrance to Port Arthur. The at-

The fireboats were discovered

reeping in under their own steam

from the south and southeast. The

search lights when thrown upon them

from the farthermost outer points

of the port immediately identified

them as enemies and warning was

Torpedo boats and torpedo boat

out, Admiral Alexieff himself going

aboard the coast defense ship Otvash-

A heavy fire was opened on the on-

flashed to the fleet in the harbor.

tack took place last night.

The Japanese steamers were heavily armed with Hotchkiss and Maxim guns and responded warmly to the Russian fire, although fighting armored vessels of high speed.

They attempted with desperation and remarkable bravery to force their vessels to a point where the object on which they came could be effected. The torpedo boats circled round and round them hurling in deadly pro-

One after another the fireships with their valiant crews were sent to the bottom. Up to the very last, the sole ship surviving this duel held on with crippled engines and dismantled decks, striving to gain the entrance to the port.

Even in this the Japanese were disappointed, as the ships were sunk, mainly by the guns of Port Arthur, clear of the harbor entrance.

Alexieff after paying tribute to the bravery of the crews of the Japanese says that but two officers and a few members of the crews of the fireships were saved by the Russian ships, although others would have been rescued had they not fought so doggedly to the very last.

Great Enthusiasm.

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The announcement of the victory, dthough made late at night, was sufficient to fill the people, who during the entire day had awaited confirmation of the report, with the wildest excitement.

In less than an hour the streets were thronged with men and women, who embraced each other or shook hands with fervor. All are now And to get them promptly when you order them. Call up eagerly awaiting news which will tell of the number of Japanese killed in he action, although expressing admiration for the courage they dis-

It is generally believed that in view of the resistance made the fireships must have been heavily manned and that the Japanese loss of life has been the heaviest they have yet sustained in the naval fighting.

Alexieff's message was brief, but letails were furnished by private dispatches from other participants in the engagement. All of these, however, are unsatisfying as to the loss of

For Cigaret Smokers To Burn.

"Cigaret smoking in this country, ays an exchange, "began a few decades ago among the students of the Rensseaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N Y., where it was introduced by pupils from South America and Cuba. Thence it has spread until now it is more devastating to the health and morals of boys and young men in this country than any other habit or vice that can be named.' In answer to the question, is the consumption of tobacco in this country falling off? it may be stated that the American Tobacco Company, which controls the greater part of the cigar, cigaret and manufactured tobacco business of the United States, reports a marked decrease of business for the first two mouths of this year .- Union Signal.

Excursion Rates.

Commencing March 1, 1904 and coninuing daily to and including April 30, 904 colonists tickets will be on sale from the East to points on Oregon lines via Portland, rates from some of the princiits as follows: \$33 from Chicago, Ill; \$31 from Peoria, Ill; \$30 from St. Louis, Mo; \$25 from Missouri River Points, Omaha and Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive; \$26.90 to Sioux City, stop overs not to exceed 10 days at one point will be allowed between Portland and destination of ticket on Oregon

RUSSIAN FLFFT immediately bulletined, to the effect

JAPANESE FIRESHIPS STOP EN-TRANCE TO PORT ARTHUR

TOKIO CLAIMS TWO VESSELS REACHED ENTRANCE BEFORE SINKING-NIU CHWANG REPORT IS NOT CONFIRMED

London, May 4.—If advices received here through Renter's agency and confirmed by a Tokio dispatch may be taken as correct, the desperate attempt of the Japanese fireships to bottle Port Arthur on Monday was successful, and the remainder of the battle scarred Russian fleet is now powerless to do turther harm.

Reuter's carries a dispatch saying that the attempt is now believed to have been successful, as the Russians at Port Arthur are evidently perturbed over something at the harbor entrance and have abandoned the usual reconnoissances by heavier vessels.

A dispatch from Tokio by the way of Rome asserts that the bottling of the harbor was complete and that two of the fireships which were so valiantly handled were sunk in the narrow roadstead entering the port, effectually stopping it from either egress or in-

If this proves to be true, it seems that the last obstacle in the immense Japanese plan has been accomplished, that Port Arthur must within a short time fall, and that Russian entrance to any port of the far east is nearly at an end. Such culmination would be effectually reached when the fleet under Togo abandons the vicinity of Port Arthur and swoops down upon Vladivostok.

The latter port could not withstand this force, and should the fleet there be entrapped, it would end the Russian navy now in eastern waters.

Doubt Niu Chwang Reports.

A report was received here last night from Chefoo correspondent of the Chronicle as follows:

"The Japanese landed troops and attacked and captured Niu Chwang last evening, the Russians falling back to protect the railway."

Nothing further regarding this report had ben received up to 4 o'clock this afternoon and it is therefore believed, owing to the difference in time, that the report was not well authenticated.

From the beginning of the war Chefoo has been the source of much unreliable news. There would be no occasion for its complete concealment had such an event taken place and by this time the Japanese government would have been notified. If Niu Chwang has fallen the government at Tokto is apparently in

Russians' Terriffic Resistance.

PORT ARTHUR, May 4 .- An idea of the terrific resistance offered by the Russians defending the channel Monday may be gained from the fact that more than 3,500 shots were fired by the Russian batteries and guardships on the attacking fireships.

Every ship that could bring a gun to bear on the approaching vessels, as well as all the land batteries and torpedo boats, participated in the terrible hail of fire that was poured upon the intrepid Japanese. The Russians enthused with battle strife recognized the Japanese by universally paying tribute to them after the battle was at an end.

Japanese Ready to Advance.

SEOUL, May 4 .- A dispatch from the Japanese front at Yalu states that the dead have all been buried and that the wounded given medical attention, and the army is ready to continue the advance. The mes-

"Many of the enemy were found hiding in the underbrush and were taken prisoners. These latter were in most cases wounded, or were stragglers who had failed to join the main body of the retreat.

"Everything is being made in readiness for another advance, which is liable to take place at any time. The Japanese sorely feel the need of better horses, as the mountainous roads require considerable power to drag the heavy field pieces which are being carried with the advance. The horses are in pitiable shape, and rapidly becoming useless from lack of proper attention and food.

City Dads Meet.

The city council held their regular monthly meeting last Monday night, when the following business was transacted:

The complaint of Mrs. Lewis of a nuiance existing in the alley near her resilence on south side of Lane street, referred to committee on health and

The proposition of H. J. Wilkins to grade a certain portion of Stephens street at the rate of \$3.00 per 40 feet. aid on the table.

A remonstrance against the proposed improvement of Fowler street was placed

The matter of establishing a grade on apper Cass street, was referred to a committee consisting of Burr, Rice and Micelli.

The grade lately established by city Surveyor Fenn on upper Lane street,

The council instructed the Recorder to notify F. A. McCall to remove his barn from a portion of Kane street into which it projects, so as to not interfere with the proposed improvement of that

The Recorder was authorized to advertise for bids for the improvement of the following streets: Kane, from its \$1.10 Per Sack, For Sale By Any Grocer in Town. las, from Main to Claire; Mill, from Moshier to Burke. Bids to be in the hands of the Recorder by six o'clock p. m., May 12, 1904. Plans and specifications of improvements may be seen at the office of the City Recorder on and after May 1st, 1904.

Upon the petition of a number of business men, Ed. T. Naghel was appointed by the mayor and council, special police nan without pay from the city.

Recorder was authorized to obtain bids for furnishing 24 inch sewer pipe to be placed across Kane street. Following bills were allowed:

A G Long, of Portland, 750 feet of hose and other apparatus. \$688 00 Plaindealer Pub Co. printing... B B Brockway, gravel P M Mathews, special police. R W Fenn; surveying ... John Hunter, work on bell tower 7 50 J F Barker & Co, wood for city . 5 50 H C Slocum, Treas' sal D J Jarvis, Marshal's

H. L. Marsters, hecorder's sal., 25 00 writing and posting notices of St improvement 8 00 Councilman Micelli went on record in the negative on the allowance of the last item on the above list of bills. He contended that the recorder had no right to demand extra pay for drawing up and posting the notices of proposed street improvement because his salary

as recorder embraced such work. Recorder Marsters contends that inasmuch as the charter gives him the option of either preparing and posting the notice himself or having them printed in a newspaper, and further for the reason that he was requested to write and post the notices, he was entitled to

The bills of B. F. Page, for street work, and the Leona Mills for lumber, were referred to the street committee for investigation. Adjourned,

Go Slow Billy! Go Slow!

The Houston Post on Sunday publish ed a letter from Hon. John H. Reagan to W. J. Bryan, in which he gives the ormer candidate some advice. Judge Reagan states that if he had his way he would select Mr. Bryan as the candidate, but intimates that he can not have his choice under prevailing conditions. He continues:

If we go into the contest with contesting factions in the party, defeat is in- Diamonds and Silverware evitable and the practices of Roosevelt and the polices of the Republican party will have four years more in which to become crystalized, and that would be the end of constitutional government and the enthronement in its stead of a government of classes, money, corporations and trusts. I believe as earnestly as you do in the great body of the doctrines you have been advocating, but I am not so afraid of the limited numbers of Democrats who disapprove these policies as to be afraid to go into a convention with them

Surely 60,000,000 Democrats need not be afraid of 300,000. While 300,000 may not be able to elect a President, they with the influences they can command can surely defeat the election of any one on a platform antagonizing their views. With me it is not a question of whether we can defeat and punish any faction in the Democratic party, but whether we shall, by uniting all Democrats, secure an election which will restore the constitution, good government and the best nterests of the people.

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