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Strength of the Mikado's Army and Navy Is Shown and Her Latest Maneuver Astonishes Powers.

GREAT BATTLE PLANNED

Report Circulated This Morning That Japan Had Lost in the Morning Conflict With Russia Proves Untrue---Details of Affairs.

London, Feb. 9.—An authentic dispatch from Port Arthur this morning four armored cruisers. Four of the says the damage done the Russian battleships in last night's attack by the Japanese fictilia of torpedo boats is very old construction and undergoing regreat, and it is claimed they are practi-cally put out of action. The fleet was stationed in Fort Arthur roads under the guns of the batteries ashore. The attack was made shortly before mid-night, and in the outer circle were the Retzivan battleship, 12 tens, with a bat-tery of four 12-inch rifles and aux-fliary guns. The Czarewich, a battle-ship of 13,110 tons, of the same arma-ment, and the Pallada, a protected ment, and the rainting. These cruiser, with eight 6-inch guns. These confusing, owing to recent change of the exposition corporation, received the brunt of the attack. The names that were already difficult enough the following dispatch last evening from Pallada is supposed to have been damaged by an explosion of a mine and was

forced to withdraw.

The Japanese withdrew after the attack and it is now known they suffered No detailed news will little damage. No detailed news will be sent out until the official report of

Big Battle Expected. Before midnight tonight one of the

may be fought, as It is known the Japanese attack was merely for the purpose of feeling the way and was a preliminary to a general fight. Japan de-sires to strike quickly and destroy that international law forbids their passage part of the Russian fleet so as to be of the Dardanelles. master of Port Arthur waters.

the report that Port Arthur could not be attacked by a torpedo flotilla on account of the ice was not true. The harbor is clear and the fleet could not have had much difficulty in entering it. Troops at Port Arthur have been anxlous to fight, and the news that war was on was received with wild rejoicing.

There has been a feeling of uneasi-

ness, however, regarding the ships, as Japan's tactics have been to draw about this strategic point a number of her best ships, and big torpedo contingent. Naval men here regard Japan's pedo attack at Port Arthur last midnight a staggering one.

CONSTRBNATION IN PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur has created consternation here. The offi-cials of the foreign office were among the first to receive information, and advices were similar to those sent to the St. Petersburg official gazette, showing that two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged, and also showing that four torpedo boats made the at-

An official of the foreign office said: "It is profoundly to be regretted that such a decisive step has been taken, as it terminates the efforts of the powers which might have been made to avert actual warfare."

Information has been received here showing that the British government will issue a declaration of neutrality within a few days.

JAPAN WELL PREPARED.

Washington, Feb. 9 .- It is reported here officially that Japanese torpedoboat destroyers have been lurking in the cicinity of Port Arthur, and this is taken to mean that the concentration of Japan's vessels can be made at any given time. The Japanese appear to have played a smooth game of preparation, and the Russians know that their shine are menaced and may be all de-

The landing at Seoul of Japanese troops, covered by a torpedo division that is constantly cruising back and forth, keeping a lookout for Russian ships, is constantly going on. Eight thousand troops have been landed

There is no truth in the report that Germany will take a hand, or that France is desirous of having the powers send troops to China. Official de nial is made at the French capital, and Germany sends word that she is preparing to issue a proclamation of neu-

Russia has dispatched every available vessel of the Baltic fleet to the orient, a voyage of 1,200 miles, and there

pairs, and four ships launched in 1901

1902, are being pushed toward comple miral Nakhimoff and the Pamyatazova, will be serviceable with present repairs completed. Of the unarmored fleet practically all of any possible use have been sent to Asiatic waters, as well as about 20 destroyers and a like number of torpedo boats, of which records are confusing, owing to recent change of to grasp by anyone but a Russian. In the Oregon senators at Washington: the destroyers and torpedo boats the "Washington, Feb. 8. — Congratula two navies possess about an equal num-

It is quite possible that Japan may effect a further purchase from South bill, as reported from the committee, American republics, which have still a was amended in the following respects: number of excellent ships to dispose of, but as it stands at the present, Japan's fighting fleet is stronger, unless Rusgreatest naval battles of modern times sia is permitted to bring reinforcements from the Black sea, where she has nine battleships, two armored cruisers and seven cruisers, the greater number of

GERMAN PROPLE EXCITED.

Berlin, Feb. 9.-Japan's initial succe on the first attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur produced a deep impression, both on the people and with military and naval critles here. Groups gathered around the distributors of extras, and on the streets read the news almost with exclamations of gladness.

The comment at the marine department was that even the temporary dis-ablement of three warships placed the Russians at great disadvantage in fu- off that sum. ture operations.

the enemy's vessels lying under powerful land batteries must have been carried out daringly and skilifully. As Viceroy Alexieff did not mention any losses in his first dispatch, the common talk among naval officers is can handle their ships better than the

ANOTHER REPORT.

Chifu, Feb. 9 .- Reports from Port Arthur show that the attack was made on the Russian ships by the Japanese dashing under the very guns at Port tion were obliged to remain in the open darkness a torpedo detachment of nine Japanese vessels got within firing dis-tance and discharged torpedo tubes. precedent to the payment of any appro-Two Russian battleships and one cruiser another says the damage is slight. The manifested among the Russian fleet, The Japanese immediately retired amid a furious volley of broadsides from all the Oregon senators agreed to an amendthe Russian vessels that were able to ment closing the grounds and buildings bring their guns to bear. There is no on Sunday. The bill then passed. report, however, that the Japanese vessels were damaged. As the Russians are repairing, and information of the fatalities most meagre, the damages done, even though slight, would effectually put the vessels out of commission for some time and give Japan naval predominance while she debarked her army on the Korean coast.

MERCHANT SHIP CAPTURED.

London, Feb. 9 .- A Japanese export that a Russian warship has captured the Japanese steamer Inaba Maru, bound from London to Yokohama with mer-

Moscow, Feb. 9 .- A serious traffic blockade on Lake Baikal, which is the sole route of Russian shipments to the the fair will be a success, yet if the

proved inefficient and munitions of war (Continued on Page Two.)

London, Feb. 9.—The decided victory of the Japanese flotilia at Port Arthur in the darkness of last night lends strength to the belief already strong in the minds of high officials that in the warfare now begun there may occur, at least one if not more of the greatest sea engagements of modern times.

It is generally conceded here that the navies of Russia and Japan will be the most prominent factors in the coming conflicts, and it is possible that the world may at last learn the actual fighting values of modern ships of war. There is but slight difference in the strength of the two conflicting navies, for the larger number of Russia's armored ships is offset by the better types and superior personnel of the Japanese battleships and her armored cruisers, and the fact that Japan's facilities for supplying and maintaining her fleet are vastly superior to those of Russia gives the smaller navy a distinct advantage.

Russia's fight is practically away from home. Port Arthur and Vladivostok, nearly 1,200 miles apart, are her only two naval ports in the Orient, and, Vladivostok being inaccessible during the winter months,

Japan, on the other hand, has, four dockyards, distant only 240 to 285 miles from Port Arthur, and the latter port is far from being an ideal harbor. It can accommodate only a small number of vessels and the dockyard could be shelled by an enemy in the open sea without great risk to it from the Russian forts. Thus Russia has "all her eggs in one basket," while Japan's dockyards, naval harbors and sources of supply are distributed on three islands difficult to approach, well fortified and impossible of blockade.

A protracted war, therefore, say men in Great Britain's foreign office, would be disastrous to Russia, and efforts to strike a decisive blow to annihilate Japan's navy may be looked for. Should Russia fail in this,

Fair Appropriation Carries | Councilmen Want Specific | Some Rider---H. W. Scott and Fire Underwriters. H. W. Goode Pleased.

the Lewis and Clark exposition passed the United States senate yesterday afternoon by a unanimous vote, carrying the provision that the fair be closed Sundays. Hervey W. Scott, president

"Washington, Feb. 8. - Congratula tions. The senate bill, carrying \$1,775, 000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition passed the senate this afternoon. The The sixteenth section, providing for a memorial building, was stricken out on Mitchell's motion. The national commission was reduced to three members The section providing for the franking privilege was also stricken out. Platt's amendment, closing the exposition Sunday, was adopted. The debate lasted about three hours. Not a single vote was recorded against the passage of the

"JOHN H. MITCHELL. Out Down \$350,000.

The committee that went to Washingtol in aid of the bill had asked congress for \$2,125,000, which amount would in furnished, but the senate struck out the sum of \$350,000, thus not allowing for the memorial. The senate realized that it would be setting a bad precedent had it allowed anything for a building, and on that ground chopped

The senate also declared emphatically It was added that the torpedoing of against opening the fair on Sunday. The nationals commission was reduced to three members, and the section providing for the franking privilege was also

struck out. up in the middle of the afternoon by Senator Mitchell, and, after several objections by Senators Cullom and Gal-linger, was placed before the senate for immediate consideration. Senator Bai-ley took a fling at the bill and, while he said that he was always opposed to such expositions, yet he felt certain that the bill would pass.

The bill was then considered section after section, but little debate being in-Arthur. The harbor being too small to dulged in. When the Sunday closing hold the entire Russian squadron, a por- section was read, there was considerere obliged to remain in the open able argument on the question. At this During Monday night in the point Senator Platt of Connecticut offered an amendment to that section of priation made in this act, the corporawere damaged. One report says the tion in charge of the exposition shall vessels are in a sinking condition, while contract with the secretary of the treas ury to keep the gates closed on Sunday greatest confusion was immediately during the entire period of the exposi-

For fear of defeating the entire bill

H. W. Goode Pleased. Director-General H. W. Goode of the Lewis and Clark fair said: "It is a source of gratification to myself and those associated with me in the securing of the \$1,775,000. I consider that the bill will pass the lower house without any material changes and that the action of the senate is equivalent to an appropriation. The including of the Sunday closing clause will be a disappointment to many who were opposed to the Platt amendment."

I. N. Fleischner, chairman of the press and publicity committee, said: This shows that the senate recognizes serving of the support and encourage-ment of the nation and the public generally. The appropriation will be of great assistance in the work, and while this bill, it will make it a far greater

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Statement From the

The city authorities think that the insurance people have not given any definite promises of lower rates in the recent communication to the special city council committee, and Chairman Albee, of that committee, today asked district attorney, but aspirants for the J. C. Stone, surveyor of the board of other places on the ticket are not wantstatement.

cline to talk for publication, but the tenor of the letter which was addressed. to Mr. Stone today represents the general sentiment prevailing in all the municipal departments, and among many,

of the largest property owners. in abeyance, awaiting a definite answer, and will continue so until some satisfactory terms are agreed upon. Stone's letter was published in full and is generally held to be too indefinite. The clause specifying a "resurvey as soon as practicable." is looked upon as a loophole from which the insurance empanies could escape every promise they might make.

Mr. Albee's letter to Mr. Stone is as

Portland, Or., Feb. 9 .- Mr. J. C. Stone, Surveyor, Board of Fire Underwriters, Pacific Coast, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Upon the instructions of the special mmittee of the council to whom was referred your communication of the 3d for you to give a more definite statement of what the public may expect in the way of reduction of fire insurance rates upon the installation of the fireboat and new equipment in the fire department of the city as specified in former communication from the com-

The committee also wishes to know if the readjusted rates on the property mentioned in your letter have already been settled upon, at least on the sawmills and lumber yards? If so, will the rates under the full-paid department show an increase or a decrease from those at present put on such risks? You will undoubtedly be willing to state more definitely just when the re-survey will commence after the installation of the full-paid department. soon as practicable," is rather an inde-finite term, and it is felt that a more specific time can be set by you. V truly yours, H. C. ALBEE,

ANOTHER KNOCKOUT FOR COPPER KING

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 9 .- The United States court of appeals today denied F. Augustus Heinze a rehearing in his pendent, or Simon Republicans, have desuit against the Butte and Boston Concided that in the event of their success solidated Mining company, in which he sought to gain possession of copper Scott to head their delegation to the property in Montana valued at \$3,- national convention to work and vote

TRUST TROUBLES SETTLED.

Newark, Feb. 9.—Judge Kirkpatrick delegation may be beyond all question, today signed a decree adjudicating the The reason of this prospective selection, insolvency of the shipbuilding trust and appointing James Smith as permanent receiver. The court declared all litigation ended. Therefore no further hearings are necessary.

HANNA GETTING WELL

Washington. Feb. 9.—At noon Han-na's physicians have posted the follow-ing bulletin: "The patient passed a "The patient passed a comfortable night; temperature, general condition good; jetains neur-

Candidates Eager for Political Honors This Year.

It is a dull week in political circles that does not add materially to the list of candidates for offices to be filled at the June election. Interest centers in the big prizes, the offices of sheriff and

Sheriff Storey still hopes for renomination by the Mitchell faction, if it is victorious in the primaries, and he is dispensing the patronage at his disposal where it will do the most good. He has been allowed 15 extra deputies to handle the tax collections, and the places f the largest property owners. ___ are being filled in accordance with sug-The full-paid fire department is still gestions from the Mitchell headquarters. Ability as a ward worker is a much better recommendation for appointment than skill as an accountant or experience in handling money. But Storey's efforts to make himself with the Mitchell machine are likely to

be of little avail. May Name Bird for Sheriff. Nathan Bird, who has twice been an

unsuccessful independent candidate for sheriff, is expected to be in the race again this year. He has a large personal following and is popular among the workingmen. It is said that some of the Simon leaders are strongly favor of making him their nominee, in case they control the county convention. He might have received the nomination at their hands once before if he had been willing to accept their program as to the patronage of the office, but he refused to make any promises. This time, say the Simon men, he would not be asked to promise any apbe the most available nominee.

Among the Mitchell Republicans there are several new candidates for district attorney. Charles F. Lord, who has served a term in the office, is said to be a possible candidate in case the primaries result in favor of the Mitchell organization. John P. Cavanaugh, deputy city attorney, is reported to be casting longing eyes at the office, and Roger Sinnott is also a candidate.

Carey Has No Choice. The fact that Sinnott is in Judge

Carey's office in the Chamber of Commerce gave rise to an unfounded story candidacy would have backing of the chairman of the Mitchell spreading further," Both of the Republican factions are

busily engaged in the organization of their forces, and clubs are being formed in all parts of the county. The Mitchell machine is utilizing the advantage which it enjoys through the control of the city and county governments, and many of the officials and their deputies are doing active work for the faction which put them in office. Scott May Head Delegation.

at the primaries they will ask H. national convention to work and vote for Mr. Roosevelt's nomination. further rumored that an effort will also be made to choose delegates for Mr. Scott who will be fully in accord with him, so that the internal harmony of the delegation may be beyond all question. it is said, is not because of any political alliance between the ex-senator and his former foe, but rests entirely on the well-known friendship existing between the president and Mr. Scott and also on the desire to recognize the work which Mr. Scott has done and is doing for the Lewis and Clark fair. The independent Republicans freely admit that Mr. Scott has done more to make Ore-gon a Roosevelt state than all other des combined, and his selection to head the delegation to the national convention is said by them to be absolutely isbment: is making apparently favorable without political significance and to be progress; no stimulants hive yet been merely a graceful appreciation of histit-necessary."

Aftermath of the Terrific Fire Shows Appalling Conditions-People Begin to Realize the Great Disaster.

140 ACRES OF BURNED DISTRICT APPEARS

Fire Officially Announced to Be Under Control This Morning---Estimate of the Loss and Details of the Horrible Catastrophe.

(Journal Special Service.) unfortunate city are dumbfounded. Baltimore is beginning to realize the

immeasurable magnitude of her loss. The weather has taken a wintry chill which adds to the grief. Workers who are idle know they will probably be compelled to leave for other cities. All estimates of the total loss vary from \$150,000,000 to twice that vast amount, but it will be months before it can be adjusted, as the task is a gigantic one.

Insurance adjusters are dazed by the great work ahead of them. A dispatch London and Globe is fully prepared to o'clock this morning as a loss commit-

been impossible to describe the scenes of devastation that met the eyes of the Sunday morning at 11 o'clock until late last night before it could be safely said that all danger of further destruction was passed. Even then no one could tell but a fresh wind might spring up and again fan the dying flames into renewed and vindictive vigor.

Two Thousand Piremen.

V'hen the buttery of scores of engines lined up late last night on West Falls ganizations, the stock exchange, avenue the stubborn efforts of 2,000 firethe East Baltimore district from almost

that the tenement house district back pointments, and they think he might all their property to places of safety threatened tenements.

The New York firemen were the last to leave their position for relief, and paper. although they were the last to arrive although they were the inst to of the men from other cities, they were in from the bay. Fireman stand by the control of the men from other cities, they were in from the bay. Fireman stand by the control of the last to be relieved by men who had engines, grimy and with sunken eyes, sought rest from mere exhaustion. This morning at 8 o'clock the acting chief of the Baltimore fire department teakettles full of coffee for the soldiers

issued the following notice: "The fire is practically a thing of the past. Ruins are vomiting smoke and flames, but there is no danger of the fire

One Hundred and Forty Acres.

One hundred and forty acres lie in utter ruin. In this desolate territory stood the greatest and most costly buildings in Baltimore or the state of Maryland. Millions were represented by the great business concerns that occupled the stone, birch, fron and steel bulldings and their loss is great, greater than can be estimated at the present Insurance underwriters roughly and conservatively estimate the loss at The story is current that the inde-\$200,000,000, and the amount of insurance involved at \$100,000,000. There must be added to this as a natural consequence the personal property loss that insurance men have no way of estimat-

The district swept by the fire is 75 blocks in extent and comprised nearly 2,500 buildings. It is within the territory bounded on the west by Liberty street, on the north by Lexington street. Continental building, Calvert building on the cast by Jones Falls, and on the and Equitable building it seems likely south by the Basin. Within the district were the big structures on Faytrict were the five came into the five some the five
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trict were the five c Small thoroughfares which extend as far north in the path of the flames are Commerce, Fredericks and Mill streets.

Seen at Midday. Baltimore, Feb. 2.—Busy Baltimore street as looked at this afterneon after much smoke is cleared away appears a wilderness of twisted fron healts, tangled trolley and telegraph wires, calcined

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The people of this sheet iron, and other wreckage.

The side strests from the corner of Sharpe and Liberty to Baltimore harbor

are in a similar condition. Soldiers stand with fixed bayonets a the corners of the streets leading to the burned district. The city is under martial law and all saloons business is done.

intense while the configgration raged that the supposedly fireproof structures like the Continental Trust building, the Equitable and Calvert buildings, were as if they were made of ice. pay the \$1,000,000 which it austained. burst in windows and in an instant the Special agents from all important com-panies went into a special session at 11 brick buildings did not last three min-

utes on an average. Every available engine When morning broke it would have York, Philadelphia, Washington, Wilmington, and from places as far away as Altoona and Harrisburg, re-inforced thousands who flocked to the scene of the Baltimore department and played the great conflagration that raged from water on the devouring flames. The into steam before it reached the fire Flames leaped across the narrow streets. A strong wind was blowing at times and it reached 40 miles an hour. Flames

were sent roaring 200 feet high. They Are Daned Today. Today the dazed business men are tak-

ing a second breath. Various trade orber of commerce, board of trade and men conquered the situation and saved financial organizations, which were all burned out, and members of the organi-The fire fighters were encouraged by the face. Men are grave and deter-the dying of the high wind that had mined. Today all Baltimore is out. been blowing since early Sunday and Every incoming train brings thousands probably it is due to this fact alone of visitors. Downtown streets are of the lumber yards in East Baltimore to curb. They stood by tens of thou-were saved. As it was thousands of sands against the lines and gaze dumbly people who inhabit this district moved at the ruins. Nobody is allowed in the occasioned among the foreigners at least, who make their homes in the Riggs who is in comments. obtained the necessary slips of official

> The wind is cold and blows s after working constantly for more than 36 hours. Men go about the streets with and policemen. The panting of engines can be heard all over the downtown por tion of the city and the shrill whistles for coal are sounded incessantly. In many places pipemen propped up hose and let the water play on the smoking ruins while they slept in doorways or on icy walks. Last night the 500,000 people who were in the streets of Baltimore saw a marvelous spectacle. All once would not make a sight one tenth so wonderful. The leaping flames, the constant falling of sparks and cinders, the reflection of the fire against the black sky, with a continuous detonation of dynamite used under the buildings to clear the space and thus stop the fiames, formed a picture with acco ment like artillery that put everybody

One lesson that the fire showed very clearly is that the ordinary fire-proof sky scraper is not fire proof so as it has open window casings and

wooden window frames, I fthere had been from shutters on the flames much better. As it was, as soon