

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Wednesday, rain or snow; southerly winds.

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If You Want the War News... You'll find it in 'The Journal'.

JAPAN'S GREAT VICTORY OVER RUSSIA IN MIDNIGHT ATTACK AT PORT ARTHUR ASTONISHES THE WORLD

RUSSIA TERRORIZED BY JAPAN'S VICTORY

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

ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE NOW 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 says the damage done the Russian battleships in last night's attack by the Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats is very great, and it is claimed they are practically put out of action.

Only two armored cruisers, the Admiral Nakhimoff and the Pamyatnaya, will be serviceable with present repairs completed.

It is quite possible that Japan may effect a further purchase from South American republics, which have still a number of excellent ships to dispose of, but as it stands at the present, Japan's fighting fleet is stronger, unless Russia is permitted to bring reinforcements from the Black sea, where she has nine battleships, two armored cruisers and seven destroyers.

THE GERMAN PEOPLE EXCITED. Berlin, Feb. 9.—Japan's initial success 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 circles here.

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 Arthur.

JAPAN WELL PREPARED. Washington, Feb. 9.—It is reported here officially that Japanese torpedo-boats have been lurking in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and this is taken to mean that the concentration of Japanese vessels can be made at any given time.

MERCHANT SHIP CAPTURED. London, Feb. 9.—A Japanese export house has just received information that a Russian warship has captured the Japanese steamer Imaba Maru, bound from London to Yokohama with merchandise.

RUSSIAN TRAFFIC STOPPED. Moscow, Feb. 9.—A serious traffic blockade on Lake Balkal, which is the sole route of Russian shipments to the war zone, is apparent.

Russia Active. Russia has dispatched every available vessel of the Baltic fleet to the orient, a voyage of 1,200 miles, and there remain at home ports only seven coast-defense ships, too small for foreign

London, Feb. 9.—The decided victory of the Japanese flotilla 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.

Russia's fleet 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, only Port Arthur remains a harbor of refuge and defense for upward of 80 vessels, including destroyers, torpedo boats and transports.

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.

TO CLOSE SUNDAYS LETTER IS TOO VAGUE

Fair Appropriation Carries Rider--H. W. Scott and H. W. Goode Pleased.

The bill appropriating \$1,775,000 to the Lewis and Clark exposition passed the United States senate yesterday afternoon by a unanimous vote.

At the present time the officials decline 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.

THE COMMITTEE WANTS SPECIFIC STATEMENT FROM THE FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

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.

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ANOTHER KNOCKOUT FOR COPPER KING

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The United States court of appeals today denied F. Augustus Heinze a rehearing in his suit against the Butte and Boston Consolidated Mining company.

TRUST TROUBLES SETTLED.

Newark, Feb. 9.—Judge Kirkpatrick today signed a decree adjudicating the insolvency of the shipbuilding trust and appointing James Smith as permanent receiver.

HANNA GETTING WELL.

Washington, Feb. 9.—At noon Hanna's physicians have posted the following bulletin: "The patient passed a comfortable night; temperature, 102; general condition good; retains nourishment; is making apparently favorable progress; no stimulants have yet been necessary."

STRICKEN BALTIMORE STANDS PARALYZED

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.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The people of this 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.

When morning broke it would have been impossible to describe the scenes of devastation that met the eyes of those who looked to the scene of the great conflagration that raged from Sunday morning at 11 o'clock until late last night before it could be safely said that all danger of further destruction was passed.

Two Thousand Firemen.

When the battery of scores of engines lined up late last night on West Falls avenue the stubborn efforts of 2,000 firemen conquered the situation and saved the East Baltimore district from almost sure destruction.

They Are Dazed Today.

Today the dazed business men are taking a second breath. Various trade organizations, the stock exchange, chamber of commerce, board of trade and financial organizations, which were all burned out, and members of the organizations look the situation squarely in the eye.

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.

Scott May Head Delegation.

The story is current that the independent, or Simon Republicans, have decided that in the event of their success at the primaries they will ask H. W. Scott to head their delegation to the national convention to work and vote for Mr. Roosevelt's nomination.

Seen at Midday.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—Busy Baltimore street as looked at this afternoon after much smoke is cleared away appears a wilderness of twisted iron beams, (sanitized trolley and telegraph wires, calcu-

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