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RUSSIANS MEET SECOND DEFEAT AT HANDS OF JAPAN'S NAVY AND A THIRD BATTLE IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED

OFFICIAL REPORT OF BATTLE OF CHEMULPO

(Journal Special Service.) London, Feb. 10.—The official account of the Chemulpo battle received at the Japanese embassy here this afternoon says that the Japanese squadron in escorting transports to Korea Monday afternoon was met on its way to Chemulpo by the Russian gunboat Korietz...

Forces of the Mikado Surprise the World and Belief Strong That Little Empire May Yet Wipe the Russian Flag From the Far Eastern Waters.

Fierce Battle on Land May Now Be in Progress—Emperor Nicholas Issues Declaration of War and Calls on Patriotism of His People—Descriptive Account of Battle at Port Arthur.

BY DOUGLAS STORY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS. PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IN THE JOURNAL.

Chee Foo, Feb. 10.—Japan has dealt Russia a crushing blow. As a result of the naval engagements off Port Arthur on the night of the 8th and the day of the 9th, eight Russian warships have been disabled. The damages to the battleship Pallada and the cruiser Novik consist of holes through the outer sheathing below the waterline. The Japanese fleet, under command of Admiral Togo, comprising 16 battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left Shan Tung Sunday immediately upon receipt of news that negotiations had been severed...

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA'S DECLARATION OF WAR

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The czar this morning publicly issued his official declaration of war as follows: "By the grace of God, we, Nicholas II, Emperor of all Russia, to all our dear subjects declare that we were anxious to preserve peace so dear to our hearts and did all in our power to maintain tranquility in the far east. With these peaceful aims we declared our readiness to revise the existing treaty between the two empires regarding Korean affairs. Negotiations had not been carried to a conclusion when Japan, not awaiting our reply, broke off all diplomatic relations. Without advising us of the fact that such a rupture meant a commencement of warlike actions, Japan ordered her torpedo boats to attack our squadron at Port Arthur. After the receipt of the report we ordered our viceroy in the far east to reply with arms. We hereby make known our decision in the firm trust of the help of the Almighty and with the assurance of an unanimous readiness on the part of our subjects to stand with us in defense of the fatherland. We call the blessing of the Lord on our brave army and our fleet. Given at St. Petersburg, Feb. 9, 1904, and in the 10th year of our reign. Written in full by the hand of his imperial majesty. "NICHOLAS."

ANGEL OF DESTINY

Hawthorne Describes in Graphic Words the Baltimore Fire.

(Journal Special Service.) Baltimore, Md., Feb. 10.—Julian Hawthorne, the noted writer, who has written a graphic description of the great fire, says: "After viewing the mournful desolation of what was Baltimore's business quarter, and of that region which was inhabited by unknown hordes of the poorer classes, one imagines that the Angel of Destiny, in his journeyings to and fro over the earth, paused here on Sunday morning this week, and recognized the spot named in his book of fate, for an especial and memorable visitation. Not long ago he had made terrible history in a Chicago theatre; in the near future he had work of another kind to do, far to the east in the Yellow Sea, and their adjacent shores, but he has always leisure for his doings, and he was resolved to leave nothing undone here. "Line Sharply Drawn. "With his irrevocable finger he marked out the area of the catastrophe. It was a line sharply drawn. On this side should be immunity; on that chaos and destruction. Here and there in midst of crumbled ruin should be left a structure almost unscathed. But in the main the sweep of the fiery beam should be thorough. Nothing should be lacking to the significance of the disaster. "It was not life that the angel sought on this occasion to destroy, but that for which so much of our life is eagerly expended—wealth and means of wealth, the property which we buy, and whose safety we hedge about with such stringent laws and precaution. "These huge buildings, so costly and well guarded, built to resist and defy all perils, should be wiped out as snow vanishes before the southern winds and rains. All that man labors for and wastes himself to gain should be taken, but man, himself, should be left to contemplate and moralize over the loss, and, perhaps, for one inevitably ascribes meaning to those vast calamities—to consider whether if, after all, the accumulations and preoccupations of civilization, are the only or most worthy objects of man's pursuit; whether it may not be worth our while to give more heed hereafter to those riches which earthly agencies cannot sweep away in a night. Such, one imagines, may have been the thought in the mind of the angel as he paused that Sunday morning over the beautiful and prosperous city of Baltimore. "Writing on the Wall. "Indeed, it is difficult to avoid apocalyptic and elegiac in speaking of this event. The writing on these walls is scored deep and spread wide. One can almost hear the voice of warning sounding in the smoke-laden atmosphere. It seems to say to those who have lost what they thought their all: "Is this your all, indeed? "In a little while we and all of our possessions must have passed away at any rate. The earthly works which man is foreordained to vanish; can he not gather something that will survive those treasures of a day? Why love so much what forsakes him so lightly? "JAPANESE FORCES SOUTH. "Vladivostok, Feb. 10.—Private advices were received here that the Japanese forces at Yalu river were completely routed by the Russians. It is also claimed that Chemulpo has been captured by the Russians, who are now occupying the town.

THE FAIR POPULAR

Commercial Bodies of California in Strong Support.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The commercial bodies of California and San Francisco will give strong support to the Lewis and Clark fair project. The business men in this community are favorably impressed with the Oregon undertaking, and that they have determined to give it loyal support was shown at last night's meeting of the state board of trade, when Commissioner Filcher and Arthur Briggs, representing the executive committee and the unanimous sentiment of the board, refused to endorse the request of a number of the members of the Merchants association for a big exposition for San Francisco in 1913. The motion was defeated on the ground that to set on foot a movement of the kind would look like a bid for a federal appropriation that might interfere with the demand for the national support for the Lewis and Clark fair. Commissioner Filcher said the fair was not one of local importance only, but that it would interest the entire coast, and that California and Oregon have closer trade relations than any other states in this section, and should work in harmony in all matters that are of common interest. It has subsequently been developed that the California promotion committee of the chamber of commerce here, and nearly all the business bodies strongly favor making every effort to assist the Lewis and Clark project and to lend Portland every bit of aid they can give. They consider that it would not be courteous or right under the circumstances, that California should put on foot an exposition scheme that would detract from the publicity necessary to make of the Lewis and Clark one of the greatest successes ever achieved in the way of advertising the west, that has yet been consummated. SENATE BUSY WITH PANAMA CANAL (Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 10.—The house today resumed the consideration of the Pennsylvania election contest in the Connell-Howell fight for senator. Chairman Hale opened the session with a prayer for peace and also for Senator Hanna's recovery. A resolution was passed to pay the expenses of the Dietrich investigation from the contingent fund. After a speech by McComber, defending the administration in its Panama canal policy, the senate went into executive session for considering the canal treaty. WALLS MUST COME DOWN. Baltimore, Feb. 10.—An army of men are clearing the streets. Several are open to wagon traffic. The mayor and business men held a meeting this afternoon. The engineers say all the standing walls will have to come down, as reconstruction would be unsafe. At a meeting of the citizens this afternoon a resolution was passed asking the legislature to appeal to the government for federal forces to protect the burned district. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being transferred from vaults in the ruins to safer locations. The mayor decided this afternoon to issue an appeal to the whole country for financial aid.

A BIG BATTLE IN KOREA EXPECTED AT ANY TIME

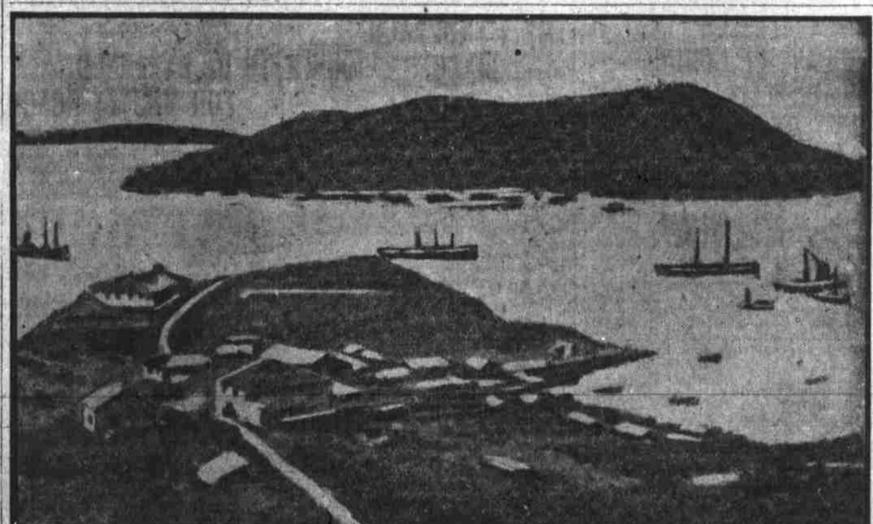
SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH BY PERCIVAL PHILLIPS TO THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS. PRINTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE JOURNAL BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan is making tremendous preparations to land more troops in Korea. She already has succeeded in landing several thousand of her forces at Chemulpo despite the presence of two Russian cruisers. Four battalions have been landed at Gensan, one of the treaty ports of Korea, 115 miles from Seoul. Japan is concentrating her forces at Tausshima Island in the Straits of Korea, which is Japan's most advanced base. The Japanese, however, are clamoring for a rigorous prosecution of hostilities all along the line. Plans for landing a greater Japanese force in Korea are being pushed strenuously. All troops on Tausshima Island are held ready to embark. The general transport fleet has been enormously augmented by steamships chartered everywhere, regardless of cost. Newspaper correspondents were refused permission to accompany the first expedition.

A MYSTERY TRANSPORT UNSOLVED DIX IN PORT

Woodburn Has Case of Death Which is Creating Much Comment. Officer Has High Praise for Portland as a Shipping Center.

(Journal Special Service.) Woodburn, Or., Feb. 10.—There is every reason to believe that some well-to-do citizen of the sound country lies in an unknown grave in the cemetery here. As it is there is considerable mystery connected with the suicide by laudanum of the unknown man who died at Priest's hotel, this city, yesterday afternoon. He had destroyed everything that would have led to identification. The body was photographed and the remains buried this afternoon at Bellepassi cemetery. In one of his pockets was found a photograph of a beautiful little girl, also a newspaper clipping, one side of which referred to evolution and the other contains an account of the trial in December of A. S. Sheeley at Virginia City, Mont. for the murder of Bert Crawford last August at Pony, Mont. Sheeley also having been suspected of the murder of Walter Alkire at the same time. The dead man had brown hair, brown eyes, mustache of the same color, a square chin, very broad nose, and was well built. He wore excellent clothing and underwear, and shoes that were but little worn and had been obtained in Seattle. He wore a derby hat bought at Everett, from the sweatband of which a piece had been cut. The sum of \$1.30 was found in a pocket. He had emptied two 2-ounce bottles of tincture of opium. His height was five feet eight inches. While he applied for work here the day before to paint signs, there is doubt as to his being a painter. His age was about 30 years. SENATOR HANNA IS BETTER TODAY (Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Marcus Hanna spent a bad night. He did not sleep until morning. His stomach was troubling him when the physicians called at 9:30. He went to sleep and was not disturbed. The report of the physicians at noon says his temperature is about 101. There have been no complications and his general condition is good. MISSOURI JEWS MAY FIGHT FOR JAPAN (Journal Special Service.) St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 10.—Lymann Forgrave, a civil war veteran, today announced that he would raise a regiment at once to be offered to Japan. He claims to have offers of enough men, including a large number of Jews, to fill up the regiment. ROBBERY INTENT AND NOT MURDER (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 10.—Notwithstanding the plea of not guilty of the carban murders, Marx this morning practically admitted his complicity, but will make a defense on the plea that he is not guilty of murder, but that his sole purpose was robbery. (Continued on Page Two.)



HARBOR OF CHEMULPO, OUTSIDE OF WHICH THE RUSSIANS WERE DEFEATED. Chemulpo is the port of Seoul, the capital of Korea, and the starting-place of the Japanese railway to the capital. This railway yesterday refused to transport a Russian legion guard of 30 men.