

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Heavy landslides in California have blocked railroad traffic.

Japan has called home all her subjects who have served in the army.

Santo Domingo revolutionists have captured and are in complete possession of Navarrete.

The British commander at Wei Hai Wei denies that Japanese vessels have been making that port their headquarters.

A battalion of marines at Colon have been dispatched on the Pacific with secret orders. It is supposed they are bound for Santo Domingo.

W. A. McKowen, defaulting secretary of the board of regents of the University of California, has commenced serving his sentence in San Quentin.

Trouble between New York lithographers and their employers is likely to cause a lockout, in which events contracts worth millions will be transferred to Europe.

The transport Dix has just completed a cargo at Portland for the Philippines. The Buford is also there leading a lumber cargo for Manila. The Buford will also take 600 marines.

Affairs in the Balkans are assuming a serious aspect.

William J. Lemp, the well-known St. Louis brewer, has committed suicide.

Russia is lashed into a fury by the continued defeats and highly patriotic demonstrations are common.

The house sub-committee will report for Sunday opening of the 1905 fair, but will reduce the appropriation.

Great Britain and France are preparing for the possibility of an emergency. Rush work is the order at the ship yards of both nations.

Baltimore merchants take issue with the governor's statement that federal troops are unnecessary to guard the fire swept district.

France will give her support to the note of America for the preservation of the neutrality of China, thus putting all the powers in line. It is thought the acceptance by Russia and Japan will be received soon.

The Japanese steamer America Maru, which left San Francisco a short time ago for Yokohama, arrived safely. This is the vessel two Russian war vessels were supposed to be waiting for between Honolulu and the Philippines.

Maryland will aid the fire stricken city of Baltimore.

All Russia is fired with war spirit. Japan celebrates its victories.

The transport Dix is in Portland to load a cargo of supplies for the Philippines.

The house has unseated Howell, Democrat, in favor of Connell, Republican, from Pennsylvania.

The Japanese have captured at least five commercial steamers belonging to Russia. Some of the steamers are rich prizes.

The American policy of maintaining the neutrality of China meets with the approval of the powers and a note has been addressed to Japan and Russia.

Vladivostok telegrams announce the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on the Yalu river. These advices also claim that Chemulpo, Corea, has been occupied by the Russians.

A Port Arthur dispatch says Japanese attempted to land men in several bays in the neighborhood of Port Arthur under the protection of the guns of the cruisers. It is asserted, however, that all the attempts were unsuccessful.

Eight Russian war vessels have been either sunk or badly disabled.

The Chinese are much gratified at the victories that are falling to Japan.

Russia will send one company out of every regiment of guard troops to the Far East.

Senator Hanna is very weak and nervous, but his physicians declare his condition improving.

The United States consul at St. Petersburg will look after Japan's interests there during the war.

St. Petersburg newspapers print a story claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. As the story can not be confirmed, it is discredited.

The czar has issued his official declaration of war. He lays all blame on Japan, saying she began the attack without waiting for negotiations to be broken off.

A Russian war vessel is supposed to be cruising between the Hawaiian islands and Japan waiting for the Japanese boat American Maru, which sailed from San Francisco with a valuable cargo of munitions of war.

Great quantities of coal are being hurried from Pennsylvania to New Orleans for shipment to Russian war vessels.

Senator Hanna's condition continues to improve.

Militia may be called to Coal Creek, Tenn., to prevent trouble among the striking miners and operators.

The Russian battleships damaged by Japanese torpedoes in the first conflict are said to be the best in the Russian navy.

STRICT CENSORSHIP OBSERVED.

Mikado Endeavoring to Keep St. Petersburg in Ignorance.

London, Feb. 17.—That the Russians and Japanese have been engaged in a terrific land battle ever since Friday night on the north bank of the Yalu river there is every reason to know, but the details of the encounter cannot be procured.

Never in the history of modern warfare has a more rigid censorship been exercised than by the Japanese ever since the beginning of the war. Their evident purpose is to keep the Russian government quite as much in the dark as to what is going on as the rest of the world. Most of their movements have been veiled in secrecy.

Japan has evidently a carefully mapped campaign before it. It hopes to accomplish much through celerity and secrecy of its movements. If the war correspondents were permitted to send forth the details of these movements the Russian authorities in the Far East would be in a much better condition to checkmate them.

It is manifest from what has been allowed to come forth that the Japanese are making steady and rapid advances ever since the sketchy details of the first sea engagements electrified the world. When the news embargo is lifted it is not improbable the world will discover that the Japanese have made marvelous headway and that in celerity of movement and effectiveness of field work they have set a new standard for the armies of the civilized world to follow.

BROWN MEN COMMAND.

Reports Indicate Japanese Are Masters of the Situation.

Port Arthur, Feb. 17.—Official reports today are that the Japanese landed 600 strong near Talien Wan Saturday with disastrous results to the Cosacks, sabering 410. Thirty were killed and the remainder retreated.

The steamer Wenehow, with 300 Japanese on board, was refused permission to depart. The landing at Dove bay was not opposed until the Japanese were ashore, when the forts and troops shelled. Four Russian warships were sighted near Tsugaru straits and may attack Hakodate.

London, Feb. 17.—A concerted attempt of the Japanese to land her sea forces to invest Port Arthur is imminent. All dispatches this morning unite in the indication that such a plan is in action. News of the first shot has been received, and it is believed will prove an irreparable blow to Russia.

The fact that only 19,000 Japanese were landed at Chemulpo is taken at Chefoo to indicate that the main Japanese army has been deflected for the land investment of Port Arthur.

WERE WITH JAPAN.

American Naval Officers on Vessels Attacking Port Arthur.

New York, Feb. 17.—International matters are assuming a very serious aspect, according to a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg. One of the most serious bits of news at this moment is the alleged confirmation of the statement that on board the Japanese vessels of war attacking Port Arthur were a number of American naval officers. This report has caused something akin to a feeling of consternation among the Russian officers.

The emperor has issued the strongest orders, continues the dispatch, that no news whatsoever be communicated through the headquarters' staff. Further, he is deeply annoyed with the attitude recently adopted by the Russian press of writing upon the political situation in a way calculated to raise enmity between Russia and England, and also, very specially, America. For instance, the St. Petersburg Gazette has been prohibited, not as is generally supposed for publishing false news about the war, but because of an accompanying article declared to have been highly insulting to England.

Verifies the Report.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Central News wires that news from a Russian source states that it is verified that a battle between the Russian and Japanese forces is now being fought on the northern bank of the Yalu river where the Russian land forces are concentrated and Reuter's agency states the Japanese minister of Seoul has advised the emperor of the arrest of Yi Yong, the Korean minister of finance, who is practically dictator of the country and most friendly to Russia.

Russian Insults Miller.

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Manchuria reports that Henry Miller, the American consul, vigorously intervened in behalf of a number of Japanese refugees in that country who were arrested by Russians. Mr. Miller is likely to be successful. While he was attending his official duties a Russian trooper interfered and insulted him. The latter was severely disciplined by Russian officers and he hastened to apologize.

Passed by House.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The House today passed Hermann's bill for the sale of allotted lands of the Grand Ronde reservation.

LOSS OF NATION

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA PASSES TO ETERNAL REST.

End Came After Two Months of Illness, Filled With Apparent Recoveries Followed by Relapses—Last Moments Were Without Pain—Was Kept Alive by Powerful Scientific Agencies.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna died at 6:40 o'clock last night at the family apartments in the Arlington hotel, after an illness extending over nearly two months, filled with apparent recoveries followed by relapses, and finally drifting into typhoid fever, which, in his weakened condition, he was unable to withstand. When the end came all the members of the Senator's family were in the room except Mrs. Hanna, the Senator's wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna. Mrs. Hanna had left the room only a few minutes before.

The last sinking spell began at exactly 6:30 o'clock. Doctors Carter and Osler were then in attendance. They did not conceal the fact that life was about to end, and all the members of the family were sent for. Mrs. McCormick, one of the Senator's daughters, and Miss Phelps were present when the end came. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna were the first to arrive, and they withdrew immediately to the chamber of the Senator's wife to summon her to the bedside. It was while they were absent that the Senator breathed his last.

There were no distressing incidents attending the last moments. It was a sinking spell, which terminated in 10 minutes. Just after his eyes closed in death Mrs. Hanna was able to come into the room. She bore up well under the ordeal, and tonight she is showing calmness and bravery.

The courage displayed by Mrs. Hanna is the subject of the greatest surprise. She was in almost constant attendance on her husband, though realizing fully there was no hope for recovery. Nevertheless, the remonstrances of the physicians and the added implorings of her children that she take some rest were unavailing until late in the afternoon, when she was attacked by a violent headache. She was given a narcotic and then she retired to her chamber, but requested that a call be sent as soon as there appeared any change for the worse.

AT MERCY OF JAPAN.

Forces Are Closing in on Port Arthur and It Must Fall.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Although communication is said to be reopened between points in Japan and Corea, the advices still are indefinite. A special dispatch published here by the Star states that its correspondent has reliable information that in the second attack on Port Arthur the Japanese sunk eight vessels and captured ten. No confirmation can be obtained and the report is not generally credited, despite the Star's insistence that it is true.

Russia is protesting in the matter of the British permission that Japan occupy Wei Hai Wei. Russia would like England to reoccupy the place if it is true that the fleet of the Mikado has been making it headquarters. The czar apparently knows that there are likely to be serious complications with other nations, and is making great military preparations to guard his country from all manner of attacks.

Although the land forces of Japan have met with some reverses, these are not thought to be serious, as they were not her main body of troops. It is conceded that Port Arthur must fall, and the Japanese are working rapidly and persistently to this end. They are slowly but surely closing in, and as the Russian fleet is scattered it cannot be seen how she can possibly prevent the Japanese from assaulting her stronghold from both sides.

Mrs. Botkin's Second Trial.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was called this morning, but was postponed until March 10 at the request of the state. The prosecution produced affidavits showing it could not get important witnesses to come here from Delaware before the middle of March. The defense demanded a dismissal of the case in accordance with the trial judge's promise if the state failed to proceed with the trial today, but the court held that the state showed sufficient cause for a postponement.

Will Not Go to Sea.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur, which before the war began was preparing for sea, has now gone several miles up the Wu Sung river, where she is likely to remain, unless objections are raised by the Chinese authorities. The Nanking Viceroy has telegraphed instructions to the officials under his jurisdiction to observe strict neutrality and to take measures to prevent anti-Christian and other disturbances.

Russians Demoralized.

London, Feb. 15.—Dispatches from New Chwang, Manchuria, report great aggressiveness and more victories for the Japanese which has demoralized the Russians afloat and ashore. Russian commanders ashore are fearful of a surprise and are spreading troops in order to watch the coast.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED.

Japan and Russia Both Rushing Troops Into Korean Territory.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Japan is making tremendous preparations to land more troops in Corea. 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 Corea, 115 miles from Seoul.

Japan is concentrating her forces at Taushima island in the Straits of Corea, which is Japan's most advanced base.

It is officially stated here that the Russian troops have crossed the Yalu river and are pouring into Corea. Their objective point is believed to be Seoul. Officials here declare that this action compelled Japan to initiate hostile measures and make war a terrible actuality.

Official circles in Tokio are convinced that a great battle between the Russian and Japanese land forces will occur soon in Korean territory.

The Japanese, however, are clamoring for a rigorous prosecution of hostilities all along the line. Plans for landing a greater Japanese force in Corea are being pushed strenuously.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Russia Worsted in Battle Off Chemulpo—Two Vessels Lost.

London, Feb. 10.—The official account of the Chemulpo battle received at the Japanese embassy here says that the Japanese squadron in escorting transports to Corea was met on its way to Chemulpo by the Russian gunboat Korietz as the latter was leaving port. The Korietz assumed the offensive and fired on a Japanese torpedo boat. The latter replied by firing two torpedoes without effect. The Korietz then returned to anchorage in the port and early next morning Admiral Iri, commanding the Japanese fleet, formally demanded that all Russian vessels leave the port of Chemulpo adding that if they did not comply by noon yesterday he would be compelled to attack them within the harbor.

The Russian men-of-war left the port at 11:30 and battle was immediately given outside Polynesian island.

After one hour's engagement the Russians took refuge among the islands, and towards evening the cruiser Varieg sank.

About 4 o'clock this morning, the Korietz was reported sunk by her own crew, who, finding her utterly disabled, blew her up.

LONG-LAID PLANS.

Japanese Ministers Discuss the Recent Victories Over Russia.

London, Feb. 12.—Minister Hayashi this morning said: "The engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo were merely in accordance with plans of long standing. As soon as our forces are landed in Corea I look for an important fleet action at Port Arthur. The Russian vessels probably lie close beneath the island batteries but by going on the Chinese side our ships, by a high-angle fire, can shell them out. The Russian admiral may possibly like Cervera, anticipate his fate and come into the open of his own accord.

In speaking of the Hay note, he says Japan will most certainly and heartily agree, but so long as Russian troops are in Manchuria Japan cannot regard it as neutral territory. While Japan is anxious to assist in maintaining neutrality with China proper.

ANARCHY MUST END.

America Will Take Stern Action in Santo Domingo.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Drastic measures will be taken by this government to end the anarchy in Santo Domingo. Continued violation of international law, the destruction of American property and disregard of foreign interests, has convinced officials that affairs there can be best improved by force. Its handling has been turned over to the navy and Secretary Moody tonight is sending supplementary instruction to Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron now in Dominican waters, giving him wide latitude in the course he is to follow.

Acceptable to Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Secretary Hay's note to the powers concerning the neutrality and integrity of China was delivered to the German Government yesterday by Foreign Secretary Vong Rittchoff. The Associated Press understands that the latter has already conveyed an intimation to Secretary Hay that his proposals are likely to be acceptable to Germany, because they tend to localize the war and avoid fresh subjects of international dispute. The step is regarded here as being an able move.

Walls Must Come Down.

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—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.

Capture of Troops Reported.

London, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch from Tokio, dated today, says it is reported that three transports of the Russian volunteer fleet, conveying about 2,000 troops, have been captured by the Japanese troops off the Korean coast.

IS OVERESTIMATED

NOT AS MANY RUSSIANS IN FAR EAST AS REPORTED.

Troops Number Under 100,000 Men—Officers in Manchuria are Surprised War is On—Russians are Said to Have Slain One Hundred Chinese and Officials Appeal to Peking.

London, Feb. 13.—The Pekin correspondent of the London Times ascribes the habitual overestimation of the Russian forces in the Far East to the claim arising from the Boxer troubles, put forward by M. De Giers, then Russian minister at Peking, during the peace negotiations at Peking in 1900 for an indemnity of 17,900,000 pounds, on the ground that Russia had put 179,000 men in the field. It is now known, however, that the real number of these men will be under 100,000.

Continuing, the correspondent says an American military officer who has just returned to Peking from a trip through Manchuria, made for the purpose of reporting the situation, declares all the Russian officers he met in Manchuria professed to believe war would be averted. While he was at Port Arthur, on January 31, the Russian fleet was hurriedly ordered to sea, but in getting out two vessels stuck fast in the mud of the shallow basin and were compelled to remain behind.

Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report that the Russians have massacred 100 Chinese at Liaoyang, in consequence of which the officials at Shanhaikwan are greatly alarmed, and are appealing to Peking for protection.

RUSSIANS BLAME ALEXIEFF.

They Say He Should Have Been Better Prepared to Fight.

Chefoo, Feb. 13.—More than one-half of the Russian officers at Port Arthur blame Admiral Alexieff for the disaster that has overtaken them. They believe that, instead of spending the time sending communications to St. Petersburg during the last few weeks, bemoaning the anxiety for peace that prevailed there, he should have been preparing his forces for the combat. In fact, the wish is declared to have been made by one of the Admiral's warmest supporters that he would be recalled to St. Petersburg, court-martialed and shot for incompetency.

The land forces are in a bad way and are ready to run at the first fire. A corps of the determined Japanese infantry would have little trouble taking the fortress with the squadron attacking from the harbor mouth. The situation at present looks as if Russia would be forced to abandon her "modern Gibraltar" within a very short time.

AID ASKED TO FIGHT FIRE.

Largest Starch Factory in the World Is Destroyed.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The huge starch factory of the Corn Products company, consisting of three great buildings, forming the largest establishment of the kind in the world, took fire this evening in the chemical room. At 23:0 o'clock the flames were under control, being confined to the building. The loss will be over \$1,000,000.

After the city fire department and the volunteer department of Kingsford's mills had tried in vain to cope with the flames, Mayor Mansfield telegraphed for aid to Fulton and Syracuse. From the latter city, three engines and 25 men were dispatched and joined their efforts to those of the local department. Fireman Dougherty and Evans have been injured, the former fatally by a fall from a roof. Twenty-five men at work in the buildings where the fire started barely escaped.

The burning buildings contain many hundreds of thousands of bushels of starch and corn. Six hundred employes are thrown out of employment.

Lancaster Situation is Serious.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 13.—Backwater from the gorge, which extends from McCall's Ferry to Bainbridge, on the Susquehanna river, covered the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad at Bainbridge today to a depth of three feet. Four freight trains are stalled. The water is slowly receding, after having reached the record mark in June, 1889. The water is still in the station of the Pennsylvania railroad, and the situation as a whole is regarded as the most serious that has ever confronted that town.

Own Plant Saves City Much.

Boston, Feb. 13.—Dr. Samuel Abbott, of the state board of health, announced today that by manufacturing its own anti-toxin the commonwealth has saved the people \$405,000 in four years. The actual expense during that time, when 159,000 bottles of anti-toxin were distributed free, was \$1,500. These statistics have been forwarded to Chicago, where it is proposed to adopt the Massachusetts idea, instead of purchasing supplies.

Manchurian Railway Bridge Wrecked.

London, Feb. 13.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says that an important bridge on the Manchuria railway has been blown up, and 39 men have been killed.

SUNK BY JAPAN.

Russian Ship Lost at Chemulpo—Another One Is Fired.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo yesterday. It is said the engagement began at 11 A. M. and continued until 3 P. M. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk and the larger one was fired and hopelessly destroyed. A part of the crews are reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured. The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged. Official confirmation of the battle is unobtainable.

Japanese Start for Seoul.

London, Feb. 10.—In a dispatch from Tien Tsin dated February 9, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported there that the Russian cruisers Varyag and Korietz hauled down their flags without firing a shot and that 8,000 Japanese immediately landed at Chemulpo and the march to Seoul commenced.

It appears, the correspondent continues, that the Russian warships at Vladivostok are icebound.

Another correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs from Port Arthur under date of February 9 that the Russian advance has commenced. General Kranshtinsky will leave Liaoyang tomorrow for the Yalu river at the head of the Third brigade of artillery, consisting of 24 guns and three regiments of infantry. The Third, Fourth and Fifth infantry brigades are entrenched along the railroad at a distance of 40 miles from Haicheng, and three batteries of the Fifth brigade are at Kinchou. The greatest activity prevails here and ammunition is being served out lavishly at an average of 150 cartridges per man. New recruits are being enrolled with feverish haste, drilling being dispensed with in favor of incessant target practice.

BALTIMORE PARALYZED.

Aftermath of Terrific Fire Shows Appalling Conditions.

Baltimore, Feb. 11.—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. 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. Special agents from all important companies went into a special session at 11 o'clock this morning as a loss committee.

When morning broke it would have been impossible to describe the scenes of devastation that met the eyes of the thousands who flocked to the scene of the great conflagration that raged from Sunday morning at 11 o'clock until late Monday 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.

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 occupied the stone, brick, iron and steel buildings and their loss is great; greater than can be estimated at the present. Insurance underwriters roughly and conservatively estimate the loss at \$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 estimating.

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, on the east by Jones Falls, and on the south by the Basin.

Russia Is Excited.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The news that Japan had duplicated her tactics at the opening of the China-Japanese war by a torpedo attack on the Russian ships off Port Arthur, created intense excitement. Details of the attack are anxiously awaited. Extra editions of the morning papers printed early in the forenoon, after the appearance of the Official Messenger, conveyed the intelligence to the population of the capital and dispelled any lingering hopes that war could be averted. All are eager to go to the front.

Consular Bill of Appropriations.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate today passed the diplomatic consular appropriation bill without debate. Overman, of North Carolina, made a speech on Panama explaining why he would vote against the ratification of the canal treaty. Carmack followed. Daniel introduced a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for an exposition to be held at Jamestown, Va., in 1907. In the house Maynard introduced a duplicate of Daniel's senate bill.

Currency Undamaged.

Baltimore, Feb. 11.—The vaults of the Continental trust company building were opened at noon. Thousands of dollars in currency and bonds were found to be undamaged. The bank will do business despite the 10 holidays. Assistant United States Treasurer Dryden, after communicating with Secretary Shaw today opened the subtreasury making \$12,000,000 available for the local banks if wanted.