

JAPAN WINS A VICTORY

Makes Bold Dash Under Guns of Port Arthur Disables Two Russian Battleships and Sinks the Third

Fleet Is Now Bombarding Port Arthur---Russia Rushes Troops to the Yalu River, and Japan Lands Forces In Korea---War Promises to Be Short and Decisive Yet One of the Greatest of Modern Times

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—According to an official messenger the first gun has been fired, and war is now an actuality. Reports from Alexieff, at midnight, February 8th, telegraphed to the czar that nine Japanese boats suddenly attacked the Russian squadron in the open roads at Port Arthur in the crash the Russian battleships Retzwan and Tzarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged.

Capture Jap Steamer.
London, Feb. 9.—The Japanese export house has just received information that Russian warships have captured the Japanese steamer Inagi Maru, bound from London to Yokohama with merchandise.

Story Too Large.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—2:30 p. m.—A dispatch just received by the admiral, from Port Arthur, says that in the attack on that port 12 Japanese vessels were sunk. One Russian warship is also reported sunk; seven Russians are said to be killed and many wounded.

Japs Make a Dash.
Chipu, Feb. 9.—Reports from Port Arthur show the attack was made on the Russian ships by the Japanese dashing under the very guns of Port Arthur. The harbor being too small to hold the entire Russian squadron a portion was obliged to remain in the open roads. Monday night in the darkness the torpedo detachment of nine Japanese vessels got within firing distance, and discharged their tubes. Two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged. One report says the vessels are in a sinking condition, while another says the damage was slight. The greatest confusion was immediately manifested on the Russian fleet. The Japanese immediately retired amid furious broadsides from all the Russian vessels able to bring their guns to bear. There are

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no reports, however, that the Japanese ships were damaged.

Three Ships Sunk.
Paris, Feb. 9.—The agency of the National Dispatch, at St. Petersburg states that two Russian cruisers and one transport were sunk at Port Arthur. This is probably the same engagement referred to in the official messenger dispatch.

Port Arthur on Fire.
London, Feb. 9.—The Central News Berlin correspondent wires that a dispatch received from St. Petersburg says that, following the attack made on the Russian fleet by the Japanese a large fleet of Japanese battleships and cruisers appeared off Port Arthur and that city is said to be in flames.

Pray for Victory.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The naval battle has caused the cancellation of the imperial ball, which was set for this evening. A solemn Te Deum will be celebrated at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be attended by the court functionaries. Prayers will be offered for victory. The damaged battleships are the best in the Russian navy.

Russia Still Seeks Peace.
London, Feb. 9.—Hayashi this morning said he had today received a cablegram of the departure of the Japanese fleet for the Yellow Sea, but had no news of an engagement at Port Arthur, and there was no landing of Japanese troops in Korea. He says Russia is making desperate efforts through various embassies, to have the powers intervene, Russia is now willing to concede everything, but the offer comes too late.

Don't Believe the Story.
London, Feb. 9.—The report of the attack on Port Arthur, so far, has not been confirmed here, and is given but little credence. Because of this customary notice to non-combatants that the port would be attacked makes the story appear untrue.

Japs Win First Round.
Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—The Japanese boats making the attack last night escaped undamaged, thus scoring for Japan the first victory of the war.

The Ice Gives Trouble.
Moscow, Feb. 9.—There is a serious traffic blockade on Lake Balkal which is the sole route for Russian

shipments to the war scene. The ice breakers proved ineffectual, and munitions of war have accordingly been hurried across the lake on sledges. Each northerly gale, however, cracked the ice and heaped it in piles, making the sledge passage difficult and dangerous.

A French Battleship.
Cherbourg, France, Feb. 9.—The cruiser Marsellaise has been ordered to sail immediately for the Orient.

Battle Story Is Confirmed.
Paris, Feb. 9.—Official dispatches to the foreign office today says the damages sustained by the Russian battleships Czarevitch and Retzwan were serious, and that the cruiser Pallada was sunk. The Retzwan was built by the Cramps at Philadelphia in 1901, the Pallada in Germany in 1902 and the Czarevitch in France in 1902.

Japs Land in Korea.
London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch this afternoon says it is reported in St. Petersburg that Japanese troops have been landed at Masampo.

Some Cheerful Liars.
London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch has been received here denying that 11 Japanese warships were sunk at Port Arthur, or that the city was burning.

Japan Cuts Cable to Korea.
Paris, Feb. 9.—The French foreign office was advised this afternoon that the Japanese have cut the cable connecting Japan and Korea. The object of this action is believed to be to prevent news of the operations of the Japanese reaching the Russians, which was possible, no matter how closely censored the dispatches sent might be. Following the breaking off of relations between Russia and Japan the cutting of the cable is regarded here as significant of the purpose of the Japanese to begin hostilities.

It is learned that among the troops sent by Russia to the vicinity of the Yalu river are 15,000 Cossacks, whose province it is to destroy the communications of any Japanese army landing along the coast or trying to strike the Port Arthur railroad. The French military experts consider this a good tactical move, for the reason that the Japanese have only a small cavalry force, insufficient to cope with that of the Russians.

Other Powers May Fight Her.
London, Feb. 9.—The St. James Gazette asserts on diplomatic authority that, assuming that Russia defeats Japan, she will be confronted with a demand for the acknowledgement of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria from Great Britain and the United States, and she must either grant it or fight both countries. An understanding, the paper adds, has been reached in this sense between the United States and Great Britain.

Russia Waited on Powers.
London, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from Nagasaki, dated Monday, February 8th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:
"It is assured that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russians long ago decided upon war, and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether certain powers would intervene."

A Press Pipe Dream.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Official denial is made that there has been a second battle at Port Arthur, in which 11 Japanese and one Russian war vessels were sunk.

BURNED TO THE LIMIT

Baltimore Fire Has at Last Burned Itself Out

While Under Control the Buildings Are Yet Furnaces of Smoldering Fire

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—When darkness fell last night, the people of this stricken city knew the worst was over. The flames which for 32 hours had swept relentlessly through the heart of the city were checked. An army of firemen from many cities, working unwearyingly, and aided by a muddy little stream finally conquered. Worn by a night and day of terror the great crowds that watched the ruin of their city turned homeward, and a midnight the streets were deserted, save for the police and military, who guarded the burned area.

To the south, a red glow rises and falls marking 140 acres of devastation 75 squares of property that yesterday represented values to the extent of \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000. Not even a close approximation can be made of the loss. No guess can be made of the insurance. An expert, the city building inspector, estimates the loss in buildings alone at \$75,000,000. On the other hand, it is said that insurance estimates do not place the total loss at a greater figure. So far there has been no systematic attempt to fix the values that were represented in the district in that which is tonight a devastated waste.

One factor that will figure largely in the final estimates consists of the securities in the banks and trust companies whose homes were destroyed. Their vaults and safes tonight are in the ruins, covered with tons of debris. Experts who have given them as close examination as possible express the belief that the contents are safe. On the correctness or falsity of this belief depends many millions of dollars.

Not a Single Life Lost.
Not a single life has been lost, and not a human being has been even dangerously injured. The hospital lists consists of minor burns, with the exception of Jacob Hingritz, a fireman from York, Pa. He has a fractured leg, and is badly burned.

There has been little or no excitement, and there has been no hysteria. There has been no disorder and there has been no looting or attempt at looting. Baltimore tonight is as orderly as a village, and only the throb of the laboring fire-engines and the boom of dynamite, as it brings down dangerous walls to the ground disturbs the quiet.

So far there has been no call for aid. Proffers of assistance have come from many quarters, from sister cities from corporations and from private citizens, but Baltimore tonight can not say whether it will be needed or accepted. That will be decided later.

The city is beginning to realize the immeasurable magnitude of its loss and the weather has taken a wintry chill. The workers who are idle realize they will probably be compelled to leave for other cities. All estimations of the loss today vary from \$150,000,000 to \$300,000,000. It will be months before the losses can be adjusted, as the task is so great. Insurance adjusters are dazed by the great work ahead. A dispatch from Liverpool this morning says the London & Globe is fully prepared to pay the millions of losses which it has sustained. Special agents of all the important companies went into a special session at 11 o'clock this morning, as a loss committee. Turner, of the German American, was elected chairman. He appointed a committee to constitute a clearing house, where a big force of clerks and accountants will be employed to tabulate the losses and arrange for payments. One of the greatest problems is the lack of food. All the visiting fire departments will leave today. The fire will, doubtless, rage furiously for several days, but the

local force is able to handle it. General Corbin returned to New York this morning. The city is not under martial law, the troops merely acting as an adjunct to the police force. A thousand militiamen are on duty making a cordon around the burned district.

At 10 o'clock this morning the ruined law building, facing the new and imposing court house, was dynamited by a naval expert, sent from Washington by Secretary Moody. Fifty-seven pounds were used in a series of mines. Fireman Hgenfritz, who was yesterday reported dead, is alive, but has broken legs and is badly scorched. Insurance men, after canvassing the situation, and comparing notes, believe the losses to be paid won't exceed \$80,000,000. This afternoon new arrivals increased the number to 50 special agents, and an army of adjusters. Many brought huge bunches of drafts, in the hope of quick settlements.

It has been decided, as no appeal was made for federal troops, that none will be brought from New York. Those from Port McHenry were ordered back to the post today. There is very little trouble in holding back the crowd. No attempts at looting have yet been discovered, although enormous wealth is buried in the safes and vaults of the burned district.

Baltimore Coming to Life.
The vaults in the ruined Continental Trust Company building were opened at noon. Thousands of dollars in currency and bonds were found undamaged, and the bank will do business, despite the ten holidays. Assistant United States Treasurer Dryden, after communicating with Secretary Shaw, today opened the sub-treasury, making \$12,000,000 available for local banks if it is wanted. General Riggs, of the state militia; Governor Marfield and Mayor McLean, in consultation at noon, arranged preliminaries for action, and will meet again this evening. No public meetings were held today. Half the street car lines in the city have resumed, and the streets are thronged with holiday crowds.

No Place to Spread.
Baltimore, Feb. 9.—Acting Chief Emerck, of the fire department, made the following statement this morning: "The fire is practically a thing of the past. The ruins are vomiting smoke and flames, but there is no danger of it spreading farther."

USUAL MORNING WRECK

This Time Accident Occurs on Canadian Pacific Road

Head End Collision, Due to Mistaken Orders Sends Many to Their Graves

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 9.—The Canadian Pacific flyer from Montreal was wrecked near here this morning; 19 are reported killed and many injured. A later report says nine were killed. The scene is four miles from the nearest telegraph, and the accident is said to have been caused by a collision. All those killed resided in Ottawa.

Collection of Clackamas Taxes.
Oregon City, Or., Feb. 9.—Sheriff J. R. Shaver today began the collection of taxes on the 1903 tax roll. The first two receipts representing in the aggregate \$649.30, were issued to County Judge Ryan, who is the largest individual taxpayer in Clackamas county. In addition to this amount Judge Ryan will pay \$300 more taxes.

Heinze Is Shut Out.
San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The United States Circuit court of appeals today denied Augustus Heinze a rehearing in his suit against the Butte & Boston Consolidated Mining Company, in which he sought to gain possession of copper property in Montana, valued at \$3,000,000.

Settles the Matter.
New York, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Judge Kirkpatrick today signed the decree adjudicating the insolvency of the shipbuilding trust, and appointing J. A. Smith permanent receiver. The court declared all litigation was ended, and, therefore, no further hearings were necessary.

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