

A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

Rochester, New York, has an early morning fire that destroys three acres of magnificent buildings in the heart of the city. Firemen, assisted by the Buffalo and Syracuse departments, made gallant fight for five hours, and at 10:15 o'clock the flames were under control and city safe, though the fire was still raging in the devastated district.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The entire business section is threatened by a fire, which broke out at 5 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock the loss is \$7,000,000.

building of Sibley, Carr & Co., At 7 o'clock the fire chief said he was powerless to stop the flames, which, by that time, were encroaching on the wholesale district. Buffalo and Syracuse were appealed to, and specials, given by railway companies, started carrying extra fire apparatus. At 7:30 a series of explosions were followed by the breaking out of the flames in the 12-story building at the corner of St. Paul and Main street. Within half an hour the flames were belching through the roof. At 10:15 the fire is practically under control.

At 8:15 the Buffalo and Syracuse fire companies arrived. It seemed at that time as though the fire would cross Main street east, and the windows in the stores across the street began to burst out under the terrific heat. The entire police force is engaged in holding the crowds in check. Employees in the threatened buildings were allowed to assist in removing goods. The streets are filled high with merchandise, the merchants fearing another Baltimore. The Sibley-Carr store alone had 1500 employees, and there were as many more in the others. These were utilized with but small success, as in the actual fire

district the salvage is small. The fire-wall of the Sibley wholesale building temporarily stopped the spread of the flames north. The inhabitants of several houses on Mortimer street were removed from their homes by the police. Shortly afterward the Sibley wall fell, crushing these houses. The west wall dropped into St. Paul street. This was followed by an explosion of the boilers, that threw fire into the Granite building, whose 12 stories were soon ablaze through the shaft. It had been regarded as absolutely fireproof, and was the finest office building in the city. The heat was so great the front and rear

walls bulged and became dangerous. Shortly after 9 o'clock the front wall of the five-story Marble building fell outward into Main street, compelling the firemen to abandon the fight in that direction. Several companies mounted the roof of the six-story Burk & Fitzsimmons department store, and began throwing streams.

The Syracuse relief consisted of two engines, and two hose companies, and two hose companies and the same number from Buffalo. All the streams were concentrated on the Granite building and its surroundings. Shortly after 10 o'clock the big 36-inch water main burst materially diminishing the pressure. The burned district includes the area from a point on Main street to East Midway, and from between Clinton avenue and St. Paul street thence north to Division street, thence half way to Mortimer. The fire wall of the Cox building marked the line of flames on the North side. Up Division street the burned district extends half a block. The total burned area covers three acres. The fire is confined within this section, but there will probably be little relief for the firemen until tomorrow. Assistant Chief Jaynes fell from a window and was seriously injured.

JAPS ADVANCE ON VLADIVOSTOCK

While Apparently Preparing to Attack Kirin the Objective Point of the Japs Is Port Arthur---Kuropatkin Must Be Reckoned With and He Says No Jap Who Lands in Manchuria Will Ever Leave It---Jap Fleet Still Maneuvering

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The czar has issued a proclamation to the army through General Kuropatkin, who was a few days ago relieved of the war portfolio, and put in chief command of the land forces. He lauds the past services of Kuropatkin, and confers the order of "Alexander Nevsky" on him. He transmits to the army his imperial greeting and blessing.

London, Feb. 26.—The Russian squadron, which left Jibuti, is now anchored in the Gulf of Suez. Sailed for Chemulpo. Washington, Feb. 26.—The navy department is informed that the cruiser Cincinnati has sailed from Shanghai for Chemulpo, where she will remain indefinitely. The Vicksburg will also remain at Chemulpo.

the harbor of Port Arthur. The object in sinking these vessels was attained. The officers and crews returned in safety. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained regarding its safety.



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If his suit rips and the buttons fall off—Just get him a suit of the "Jane Hopkins."
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China Will Aid. Cheefoo, Feb. 26.—Circulars from Russian sources have been printed in the Chinese language and distributed here belittling the successes of the Japanese, and exaggerating those of the Russians. It is stated on the authority of those close to the Chinese, that at the first success of the Japanese army the Chinese will join the Japanese, with the hope of driving all foreigners out of China. A Russian official report states that four Japanese battleships were sunk at Port Arthur in last Wednesday's attack, but the report is not credited. The Japanese have only six battleships in these waters. Four of them were off Wei Hai Wei last Wednesday evening, and the remainder of the fleet is intact. American Nurses to Go. Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross society, independent of the national society, will send ten nurses to Japan in charge of Dr. Anita McGee, of Washington. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Philadelphia association, held in Independence Hall today, when a resolution was adopted binding the local association to raise a fund of \$5000 by voluntary contributions, on condition that the expedition will go under the auspices of the Philadelphia society. The selection of the nurses will be left to Dr. McGee. Only those who have seen active service in war will be accepted. The nurses will be under the direction of the Japanese government, which has already accepted the services of the Red Cross society. Simply Old Hulks. London, Feb. 26.—The Japanese embassy this morning issued an official statement as follows: "Early on the morning of the 24th, four old vessels were escorted by torpedo boats to blockade the mouth of

the harbor of Port Arthur. The object in sinking these vessels was attained. The officers and crews returned in safety. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained regarding its safety. HEADING FOR VLADIVOSTOK. Japanese Have an Excellent Base in Possiet Bay. New York, Feb. 26.—The New York Herald Thursday prints a dispatch from the London Mail confirming the advance of the Japanese on Kirin. The Mail states that if the objective point of the Japanese is Kirin a long march will have to be made over very formidable country and through mountain chains in extremely severe weather. The very difficulty of the route may have led the Russians to leave it unguarded. Though there is a road running up from Possiet Bay to Kirin, it is yet hard to see how the transport of a large army can be worked along it. There are no parallel roads available for a great distance, and the problem would be one of immense difficulty for the Japanese staff. In view of these difficulties, the most obvious explanation of the Japanese movement would be that their force was seizing and securing an advanced base for the purpose of an operation against Vladivostok. For this Possiet Bay is admirably adapted, being only about 90 miles off. The Russian fortress and the naval base of the Japanese action, in fact, would be exactly analogous to that of the American in the war with Spain, when they occupied Guantanamo with an expeditionary force to serve as the base of their fleet blockading Santiago. It was announced from an independent quarter two days ago that 70 miles of Russian railway, between Vladivostok. Also it is also said that the fact that a Japanese landing had been reported to Viceroy Alexieff would at once explain what he has been doing. Up to now there has been somewhat of a mystery in his sudden and hasty departure from Port Arthur. "It would seem that the Japanese must have disembarked about a week ago, as soon as the Vladivostok squadron had been driven back to harbor. "While the inner recesses of Possiet Bay are frozen over three months in winter, it is stated that a landing can

be effected at certain points during the present season of the year." Another Attack Is Expected. Paris, Feb. 26.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg a correspondent of the Echo de Paris says the last, or reported second attack of the Japanese at Port Arthur, was repulsed brilliantly. He says the Japanese were obliged to quit the roadstead. It is presumed that the entire squadron joined in the second attack, hoping to avenge the repulse of the preceding day. The Japanese are believed to have incurred further losses during this long fight. Admiral Stark has telegraphed that he expects a third attack. Continuing, the correspondent says that General Kuropatkin has started for home to take leave of his mother before going to the Far East, and he quoted the general as having said: "This war may last 18 months, but every arrangement has been made that no Japanese, after being landed, shall return to his country." Claims Russian Victory. St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Major-General Pflug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphed as follows under today's date: "The enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to 3 a. m., and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow." Following the dispatches of Major-General Pflug, saying the Japanese had attacked Port Arthur Thursday morning and had been repulsed, Viceroy Alexieff has sent in an identical report to the czar. The fact that the Japanese have renewed the attack is interpreted here to mean that they are determining to bottle up or destroy the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, in order to give themselves freedom for land maneuvers to cut off or invest the city, or as a feint to cover a movement elsewhere.

JOHNNY BULL MAY GET MAD
Russian Torpedo Boat Stops One of His Big Liners
Boarded Her and Examined Her Papers, Something Johnny Got Licked for
London, Feb. 26.—The Russian torpedo boat fired a shot across the bow of the British India liner Mombassa, in the Red Sea, and then boarded and examined her papers. The vessel was bound for Calcutta. Washington, Feb. 26.—Captain George Broome, of the Porto Rican regiment, today entered suit for \$250,000 damages against Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barbour.

MURDER THEN SUICIDE
Buffalo Business Man Kills a Prominent Attorney
Trouble Occurred Over Business Matter, Swartz Had Four Bullets in His Body
Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Henry Schwartz, a prominent attorney, was this morning fatally shot by Hugh Knowles, of Knowles & Gardner, a prominent dry goods firm. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few minutes, blew out his own brains. The murder took place in Schwartz's private office and the dispute over business troubles Schwartz died at 1:20. There were four bullets in his body, three of which pierced his lungs.

CUBA MAY NOW LOSE IT.
Lapsing of Isle of Pines Treaty Due to Oversight.
Havana, Feb. 26.—The lapsing of the Isle of Pines treaty, on account of its not being ratified within the time limit, is regarded here as due mainly to the fact that the state department at Washington, did not call attention to the matter. It would also appear, however, that the Cuban state department failed to remember this time limit. The treaty was signed in Havana, July 2, 1903, and was ratified by the Cuban senate on July 16th, since when it has been pending in the United States senate. The last condition of the treaty was to the effect that the ratifications be exchanged in Washington within seven months of the date of signing. Persons interested in securing American sovereignty for the Isle of Pines are jubilant over the lapse, considering it to be a setback which gives promise of the defeat of the proposition that the island remain under Cuban sovereignty. Fresh Today Log Cabin Creams and Penotia at Zinn's 164 State St. Phone 1971 Main.

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