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the railway from the interior to the coast proceeded with great precision

Think Only Two Battles Fought.

A careful study of the reports that have reached America and Europe from the east, including press dispatches and communications through official channels, would indicate that but two actual conflicts of any moment have so far occurred. These are the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur on Monday night and Tuesday morning and the affair at Chemulpo on Monday and conditions in that part of the world allows them to speak with accuracy the various reports of other engagements are considered but echoes of these two fights. News travels slowly in north China. Cable and telegraph facilities are limited is evident that as reand -11 of the Port Arthur and Cheports sulpo affairs reach various points they are promptly cabled by resident correspondents, resulting in a natural confusion of dates. The circumstantial report of another engagement, sent by the Reuter Telegram company from Tokio, under date of February 10, published in this country yesterday afternoon, also undoubtedly referred to the original Port Arthur engagement. news of which had just reached Tokio. This belief is strentghened by the fact that no official confirmation has been received of subsequent engagements, and it is pointed out that such official advices were received through the various embassies at Washington promptly on the heels of the press reports of the events of Monday and Tuesday.

Disregard Rumors of Battles.

The flood of conflicting dispatches from various north China points during the Boxer revolution is recalled.

For this reason the report cabled by the Tien Tsin correspondent of the London Standard that a Russian fleet had bombarded Hakodate is entirely disregarded. Naval men in this city say that so far as known the only Russian vessels in position to make a move are those at Vladivostok, and that it cannot for a moment be thought that they would be withdrawn from the defense of the important depot, even if they are free from the ice and not blocked up by a Japanese squadron, as re- to Mukden. They profess to have no doubt ported. In view of the fact that there is cable communication between Japan and China, except by way of Shanghai, it is, to say the least, improbable that such important news would be first heard in the inland town of Tien Tsin.

The official notice sent out last night from St. Petersburg that the cable from Vladivostok to Nagasaki, the telegraph line from Seoul to Masampho and the telegraph line from Seoul to Won San are broken, limits communication with Japan to the cables that land at Shanghal, which are under Japanese consorship. This is additional reason to discredit the vague reports of further engagements.

Tokio Has no Official Reports.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- The Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, has received a dispatch from the government at Tokio announcing that the latter has not yet received an official report of the battle fought off Port Arthur, and ad-ling that apparently tics almost exactly similar to those inproceeding satisfactorily and without disorder at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, Korea, and elsewhere.

The advices of the Japanese minister furminister at Seoul, and the Russian legation guard have departed for China, and that the Russian officers and satiors who surrendered to the Japanese after the battle fought off Chemulpo will be sent to Shang-



hal under parole on the first neutral vessel of the Russian squadrons. He thinks from available.

The official telegram adds the information main Japanese equadron is still in the hat all the survivors of the Variag, Koretz vicinity of Port Arthur, probably preparand the transport Sungari were taken on ing for another attack. board the British, French and Italian war-Berlin Knows Nothing of Fleet, thips off Chemulpo. BERLIN, Feb. 11.-It is officially an-

Japanese May Take Port Arthur. nounced here that nothing is known of the alleged passage or impending passage The British government has information which leads it to believe that Japan is of the Russian Baltic fleet through the

likely to be in possession of Port Arthur Kalser Wilhelm (Baltic, North sea) canal, a week from now. In the best informed The German cruiser Hanza left Che Foo "uesday. In circles whose knowledge of Japanese circles here it is privately thought today for Port Arthur to bring away the that the war will be over by July. Those German women and children from that British officials who are cognizant of the port. The best denial of the statement that extraordinary thoroughness with which Japan prepared for the war are inclined Russia wishes to send fifteen warships to share the Japanese view regarding the through the Kalser Wilhelm canal was duration of the struggle. made at the Navy department, where it

It is evident that the Tokio dispatches of , was said that, Russia has not fifteen ships yesterday received by the Reuter Telegram In the Baltic that could readily be seat to company referred to the first fight at Port the far cast, seven or eight being all it gorgeously for the occasion, and about au Arthur and not to a subsequent engage- has there, according to the intelligence ment. here, that could be made serviceable M. Pavloff, from Seoul, reported that he against Japan, and, as many more coaling

the Russian ships to Shanghai or Che Foo fleet could do nothing alone. on board two American transports which Russia is withdrawing portions of its were anchored off Chemulpo, after con- garrisons on the German froniler, preverting them into noncombatants, but the sumably because it is fully confident of Hanna by the unanimous vote of those Japanese minister at Seoul was ultimately Germany's neutrality.

instructed to accept the French offer to M. Kurino, the former Japanese minister rulser Pascal, on the condition that Rus- from St. Petersburg. M. Kurino intends to rado and Hon. C. C. Goodwin. The gathersin engaged not to allow them to proceed northward from Shanghal during the war. at least until he receives further instruc-Baron Hayashi, summing up events in the tions from his government, far east so far as they have gone, said to China Will Be Neutral.

the Associated Press today:

aggerated.

road.

Russian forces toward Harbin.

Plans of the Japanese.

the Associated Press loday: Whatever may be the eventual result of the war, Russia, in allowing us to occupy and fortify Masampho, has created for her-self another Dardanelles. With the fortifi-cation of Masampho the integrity of Japan is assured forever. No fleet can now pass there against Japan's wishes. Even if we are beaten we would not give up Masampho. ger cabled the State department today from Peking that China would immediately issue a proclamation of neutrality, but has not received from the Russian minister the declaration of war. If this proclamation is observed it will, of course, prevent the The Associated Press understands that threatened invasion of Manchuria by the the Japanese troops are advancing rapidly Boxers. China also must prevent the use toward the Yalu river. There it is expected of its soil by either Russian or Japanese they will meet and engage the Russian troops. forces. The Japanese declare that the num-All the answers to Secretary Hay's prop bers of the Russian troops are greatly ex-

osition are not yet in, but it is hoped that they will be received within the next The plan of the Japanese appears to be twenty-four hours.) take the road which leads almost straight A cablegram received at the Navy de-

partment announces the departure of the that they will be able to drive back the gunboat Wilmington from Hong Kong to Che Foo, just opposite Port Arthur. It will remain at this neutral port ready for service at any moment as a dispatch boat Baron Hayashi points out that the Muk-

to communicate with the American minden road, though nominally under Rusisters and consuls in case of need. sian military control, will be subject to Calls Russian Red Cross to Work.

constant raids from Chinese bands, who will swoop down from the hills. Proceed-ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12 .- The dowaing diagonally, the Japanese intend to cut ger empress has issued a rescript to the the line of communication between Port Red Cross of Russia, directing it to make provision to alleviate the sufferings of the Arthur and the mainland of Manchuria, wounded in the war with Japan. A branch not only preventing reinforcements from reaching the Port Arthur garrison, but Inof the Red Cross has been established in flicting damage on the Manchurian railthe new hermitage of the Winter palace. The English view, that the Japanese The offers of services have been so numer will in the meantime be able to occupy ous that no more will be entertained at Port Arthur, is chiefly based on the latest present. A continuance of the patriotic demonstrations, in which thousands of stuinformation that the Russian guns cannot be brought to bear on any force landing dents and workmen participate, are reported from Moscow, Kieff and other places. at Pigeon bay, which is on the western side of Port Arthur, and it is believed It is positively stated by the government that the Japanese admiral will follow tac-tice almost exactly similar to those in-tended to be pursued at Santiago. The restrict the second to be pursued at Santiago. The second seco that the Japanese admiral will follow tacthat no telegrams have been received from Viceroy Alexieff except those already given the disembarkation of Japanese troops is tended to be pursued at Santiago, the out, and it is understood that even the czar ther announce that M. Pavloff, the Russian must either make a dash for liberty with gard to further fighting. The explanation

LINCOLN AS A GUIDING STAR the plans previously arranged that the

> Re; ublican Party Still Follows His Lead for Human Advancement.

HIS WONDERFUL FORESIGHT AND PATIENCE

John L. Webster Eulogizes the Great **President Before the Colorado** Republican Club at Denver.

DENVER, Feb. 12.- (Special Telegram)-Lincoln's birthday was observed in most ostentatious style by the Colorado republicans. The new clubhouse was fitted up loyal and prominent republicans attended the gathering. Among the notable outsiders at the gathering were John L. Webasked Mr. Allen, the United States min- ships might have to go with them. the ster of Omaha, C. C. Goodwin of Utah and ister to Corea, to convey the survivors of German naval opinion is that so small a many other men who are prominently identified with the party, Judge N. Walter Dixon of Pueblo acted as toastmaster. A message of sympathy was sent to Senator

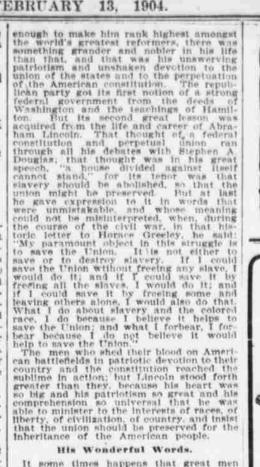
present. Speeches were made by Hon. John L. take them to Shanghal on board the to Russia, and his staff arrived here today Webster, former Senator Wolcott of Colo-

observe events from Berlin indefinitely of ing was very harmonious in every respect. Mr. Webster spoke as follows:

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Abraham Lincoln has been the subject of the most over and taithful biographers, of the most searching and talented his out of the most searching and talented his of the most searching and talented his of the common consent of all the hearts of his countryme. The manihess of his character, the honesty of his nearly and his self-sacrified devotion to the Union won for this fract and the lowly, of the proud and be humble of the rich and the noor alles out of the high and the lowly, of the proud and be humble of the rich and the noor alles of favorably was he admired wherever liberty are the whole earth became a willing the word is the centuries and the humble of the rich and the noor alles of the norm high-titled parentage. Normality the word is progress. They do not form high-titled parentage, normal propose her and shakespeare. Such men whole and unknown until their genus of where of strength or greatness flashes the vision of the human race. Such men had bakespeare. Such were been and Martin Luther, Such were word and Martin Luther, Such were word and Martin Luther, Such were beat and Martin Luther, Such were beat and Martin Luther and closes and such was the American coloseus and such was the American coloseus of the such and there was light. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- Minister Con-

For Human Liberty.

For Human Liberty. When Washington battled for the liber-ties and the independence of the colonies, there were the lights of the revolutionary camp fires to kindle patriotism. In the presidential chair, his wisdom, aided by the genius of Hamilton, gave to the ma-tion a federal character whose splendor shed a juster that France saw, and Eng-land admired. Then followed the forest fires of discussion and dissension, and from thence the descent into darkness. Now and then, in emergencies, the light of the strong federal sentiment touched the hearts of the geople and the country rose again



His Wonderful Words.

It some times happens that great men-give utterance to single sentences which go ringing down through the corridors of the ages, not only as evidence of their superiority, but as an index to their character. When we read that saying of Caesar's, "Veni, vidi, vid," we think of his conquering career through Germany and Gaul. When we read of that saying of Napoleon's to his troops in the shadow of the pyramids, "forty centuries look down upon you," we think of one whose chief ambition was to conquer empires. When we read the words of Daniel Web-ster, "union and liberty, one and insep-arable, now and forever," we think of the masterly statesmen whose fervent hope was that the federal union might be perpetual. When we read the words of Abraham Lincoln, in his second inaugural address, "with malice toward none, with charity for al." we think of a patriot, whose but whose would then forgive his erring brethen. It some times happens that great mer for all," we think of a patriot, who would first save this country, and whose big heart would then forgive his erring brethen, and who, if he were living today, he would stand by with exulting pride when the children of those who wore the blue and the gray march together and battle to-gether in the cause of their country, under their country's flag.

THERE IS SOME HOPE

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retained it. At 6:10 Senator Hanna's brother on leaving the sick room said: "Mark had a very severe chill, but is slowly coming out of it under the influence of powerful stimulants and oxygen. His temperature is lower and he is breathing better.'

Prior to this those coming from the sick oom scarcely knew what to say regarding the senator's condition, so much depended on his power to rally. It was stated several times that his breathing was better, but at first it could not be told whether the breathing was natural or superficial and only induced by the oxygen. Later the bulletin announcing the reaction and improved condition was issued by the doctors, giving relief to the large number of the senator's friends who were in his office and in the corridors of the Arlington.

A greater portion of the Ohio delegation

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called today, also a long list of senators and members of the house, among them Senators Spooner, Lodge, Kean, Platt (Conn.), Elkins and representatives Payne and Dalzell. Among the members of the cabinet calling were Secretaries Taft and Cortelyou and Postmaster General Payne

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OHIO, ROCK SPRINGS, ILLINOIS, SHERIDAN.

graphed to the British representative there in order to ascertain if any incident had occurred to give the slightest color to the report. Lull in War News, There is a marked lull in war news. No onfirmation has been received here of the reported attempts of the Japanese to land troops near Port Arthur. Captain Tamari.

the Japanese naval attache, discredits these rumors. He said: "The Japanese will never attempt to take Port Arthur from the sea alone." The captain attaches the greatest im-

Wel Hai Wel, Foreign Minister Lansdowne

declared the report that Great Rritain had

given Wei Hai Wei as a base for the Jap-

anese operations against Port Arthur was

entirely unfounded and so far as he could

conjecture it was a "mischlevous fabrica-

Lord Lansdowne added that he had tele-

portance to the seizure of Masampho, Corea, as giving Japan command of the straits of Corea and preventing a junction

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o the Russian charges on the subject of

Notice has been given that emigration enstward is suspended; in fact, the Siberian railroad is monopolized by the transportaion of troops and war munitions to the omplete exclusion of commercial traffic.

In response to the appeal of the dowager czarina several grand ducheses and numerous other noble ladies have organized committees in St. Petersburg. The Official Mesenger daily prints pages of loyal addresses from zemstvos and municipalities and governmental and private correspondents. The

czar takes pains to personally thank the enders of addresses in each case. The situation in financial circle here

slightly improved, but is still very critical. From all parts of the empire come telegrams telling of the feverish activity of Indies' committees, embracing various classes of the population, who are preparing linen bandages and other supples for the pospitals and the Red Cross society.

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Gain in Business the Past Year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- (Special Telegram.) In the face of the general depression in Anancial circles and the shrinkage in infustrial and other securities, no better evidence of the general prosperity of the country and the thrift of the people could e given than is contained in the recently ublished statement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. This company shows a great gain in assets and, notwithstanding market depression, a handsome gain in surplus. It issued in 1903 \$338.859,-074 of new insurances, a larger amount than that issued by any company in the world. It has done this for the last ten cars. It has 7,528,915 policies in force, which is a larger number than is held by all the other regular life insurance companles in America put together, less one; equivalent to policies on one-tenth of the total population of the United States, greater than the combined population of wenty-nine states and territories, or, as the report puts it, greater than the combined population of Greater New York. Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis. When one realizes that an average of one out of every ten human beings, men, women and children, one passes on the street is insured in the Metropolitan Life he widespread beneficence of this great ompany can be appreciated. The income of the Metropolitan Life in 1903 was \$49,887,804.11 and it paid out to colley holders and added to its reserve fund \$98,582.76 every business day of the past year. The company now holds avaits of \$105,656,311.60 for the benefit of its po'ly olders and a reserve fund consisting of capital and surplus over and above every iability of \$10,691,872. The success of the Metropolitan has been so great that i recently announced a special dividend. which will amount to about \$650,000 (in addition to over four and a half millions paid in the past seven years), for certain classes of policy holders who had continued with the company-a dividend not nominated in the insurance contract and which is A windfall to the policy holders. The growth

of this company from \$63,000,000 in 1883 to \$1,342,381,457 of insurance in force in 1908 is one of the wonders of the insurance world.

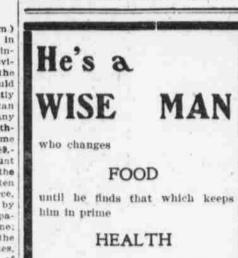
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His Greatest Trait.

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during the afternoon. Mrs. Roosevelt was with Mrs. Hanna, when the doctors at noon announced an improved temperature. The president came later and remained in

A Sore Never Matters

the senator's apartments nearly half an hour, when he was fully advised of the condition of the senator at that time. He had not been gone long when the change occurred. The constant attendance occasioned by

the senator's critical illness has been a older severe strain on the physicians and especially on Dr. Carter. Dr. Carter was so nuch exhausted tonight that Dr. T. B. Fulcher of Baltimore, the assistant to Dr. Osler, came over to spend the night and relieve Dr. Carter of the watch over the senator.

At 11 o'clock the doctors issued the following bulletin about Senator Hanna:

At 11 o'clock the senator has reacted from the chill and depression. Temperature. 101: pulse, 120; respiration, 32. He is quictly RIXEY. OSLER.

CARTER. Senator Hanna as the night wore on con inued at least to hold the rally he had shown, and at 11 o'clock the doctors said that the indications are that the senator would have a quiet and comfortable night.

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far east a greater force than it now possesses. Colonel Younghusband, who commands the expedition, will probably have more than winter weather to encounter, for it is reported that the Thibetans will light the invasion of their territory. This robability of hostilities assumes great importance now. Representatives of foreign governments here today frequently asked he question: "How will England, Japan's ally, be able

to further invade Thibet if it agrees to respect and assist the neutrality of China? It is pointed out here that if Russia agrees to the neutrality proposition it will doubtless declare that further progress of an English force into Thibet would be as flagrant a violation of the agreement us Rus sian occupation of Peking.

Russia Not Ready to Answer.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12 -- Russia evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to Secretary Hay's note on the subject of the neutrality of China. As preclously stated in these dispatches hostili ties having begun the military authorities must be consulted, and the czar will doubtess refer the matter to Viceroy Alexieff, if he has not already done so. Russia, it can be said, is certainly as anxious as the United States that the war cause no risings or disorders in China, indeed the attitude of China is already causing some misgivings here, as it has not yet declared its neutrality. It is thought here that the action of th

Japaneze in flooding Peking with posters relating their victories is part of a well laid campaign projected from the beginning to break down Russia's prestige in China fo the purpose of ultimately effecting the union of the two races, which would make

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the "yellow peril" a reality. Russia has already learned of the post tion taken by several powers regarding Secretary Hay's note. Germany and Great Britain, it is said, both express sympathy with its purpose, but with an important reservation concerning Manchuria, which is now the theater of war.

Germany's views in this respect were anlicipated, but Great Britain's failure to

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