

BLEW UP TRANSPORT

Accident by Russians That Caused Death of Nearly 100 Men.

Catastrophe Occurred in Harbor at Port Arthur—Four Russian Cruisers Sink a Japanese Merchant Ship—British Ship Fired On.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yenisei sank and Capt. Stepanoff, three officers and 91 men were lost.

Two Japanese Steamers Shelled.

London, Feb. 13.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received a dispatch from Tokio announcing that on February 11 two Japanese merchant steamers, the Nakanoura Maru and Zensho Maru, while on their way from Sakata to Otaru (on the island of Hokkaido) were surrounded and shelled by four Russian warships, presumably the Vladivostok squadron, off the coast of Herunshi (Okushiri). The Nakanoura Maru was sunk, but the Zensho Maru escaped and arrived safely at Fukuyama (island of Hokkaido).

Masampho Is Japan's Forever.

London, Feb. 13.—Baron Hayashi, summing up events in the far east so far as they have gone, said to the Associated press: "Whatever say be the eventual result of the war, Russia, in allowing us to occupy and fortify Masampho, has created for herself another dardanelles. With the fortification 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."

Japs Landing Troops at Chemulpo.

London, Feb. 13.—The Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, has received a despatch from the government at Tokio announcing that the latter has not yet received an official report of the battle fought off Port Arthur and adding that apparently the disembarkation of Japanese troops is proceeding satisfactorily and without disorder at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, Korea and elsewhere.

Battle Fleet Not Seen.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—It is officially announced here that nothing is known of the alleged passage, or impending passage of the Russian Baltic fleet through the Kaiser Wilhelm (Baltic North sea) canal.

If China Is Consistent.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Minister Conger cabled the state department from Peking that China would immediately issue a proclamation of neutrality, having yesterday received from the Russian minister the declaration of war. If this proclamation is observed it will, of course, prevent the threatened invasion of Manchuria by the boxers. China also must prevent the use of her soil by either Russian or Japanese troops.

Text of Hay's Note.

Washington, Feb. 13.—"To Russia and Japan the Washington government suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as possible and of respecting the neutrality and administrative entity of China, that China may be free from disturbances and foreign interests there from menace." This the Associated press is enabled to give as the substance of the note addressed by Secretary Hay on February 10 to the St. Petersburg and Tokio governments.

Russia Pushing Troops Eastward.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The movement of Russian troops eastward is being pushed from all directions. Notice has been given that emigration eastward is suspended. In fact, the Siberian railroad is monopolized by the transportation of troops and war munitions, to the complete exclusion of commercial traffic.

England's Refusal Emphatic.

London, Feb. 13.—England will deny permission to Russia to pass its fine Black sea fleet through the dardanelles: an attempt to make such a movement of the fleet without asking England's permission will be met by armed resistance, and it is thought Russia would not dare to attempt the movement against England's consent.

A British Steamer Fired Upon by Russians.

Chefoo, Feb. 13.—The British steamer Fuying, when leaving Port Arthur, was fired upon by Russians. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded. The Russians afterwards apologized for firing on the vessel.

Great Britain Getting Ready.

London, Feb. 13.—The Daily Telegraph this morning says the British neutrality has sent letters of warning to all retired naval officers who are eligible for service.

WERE TWO HUNDRED KILLED?

Details Via Tokio Report Many Lives Lost in the Destruction of the Russian Vessel Variag.

Tokio, Feb. 13.—About 200 of the Variag's crew lost their lives when the vessel was destroyed Monday by the Japanese off Chemulpo. The crew of the Russian cruiser numbered 570. Many lost their lives under fire, but a large number drowned in attempting to escape.

TO MAKE IT THE BEST.

St. Louis Wants the Democratic National Convention to Meet in a Model Building on July 6.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Col. John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms of the democratic national committee, accompanied by Architect M. C. Zeederbaum, representatives of the telegraph companies and of the press, have inspected the coliseum at Chicago, where the republican convention will be held with the view of gaining information which will enable him to make the coliseum at St. Louis the best in the country in its provisions for the press and telegraph companies when the democratic convention begins on July 6.

Col. Martin states that the Jefferson hotel, selected by the democratic national committee for its headquarters during the convention, is absolutely a fireproof building, one of the most handsomely equipped in the world.

BALTIMORE RECUPERATING.

The Great Majority of Merchants Who Were Burned Out Resume Business and Trade Begins to Flow on as Usual.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 15.—Just one week ago yesterday the great fire which destroyed 80 blocks and 2,500 houses in the business center of this city broke out and seven days thereafter it may be truthfully said that the city has shown a recuperative power which must be accounted extraordinary. Though only five week days have elapsed since the fire was checked the great majority of merchants who were burned out have found locations and have resumed business.

The restoration of almost the whole of the city's street car line service is one of the agreeable surprises of the week, as the inhabitants feared that the period of walking would be extended indefinitely.

WILLIAM J. LEMP A SUICIDE.

St. Louis Brewer Ended His Life as a Result of Sorrow Over Death of His Son.

St. Louis, Feb. 14.—William J. Lemp, proprietor of the brewing company, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The deed is supposed to have been committed because of sorrow over the recent death of his son.

Mr. Lemp lost interest in life three years ago, when his son Frederick died. He was the brewer's favorite son, the superintendent of the brewery and the chief reliance of his father. He died suddenly of heart failure and the blow to the father was so severe that he never recovered from it. At first he seemed to resist the impulse to withdraw from active life, but after a time he yielded to it, and was seldom seen at his office.

BIG FIRE AT TOPEKA.

Parkhurst-Davis, McCormack Harvester and Schick Mattress Companies Suffer Losses Aggregating Near \$500,000.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 14.—Fire destroyed the Parkhurst-Davis Mercantile company's building and stock, at First and Kansas avenue; the Sells building adjoining, occupied by the McCormack Harvester company and W. I. Schick as a storage room for mattresses, and some smaller property. Total loss estimated at \$400,000. The principal loss was sustained by the Parkhurst-Davis company, and is estimated at \$250,000, with \$125,000 insurance.

BRAVE CHIEF OF POLICE.

At Weatherly, Pa., the Officer Attacked Two Robbers and Received Several Stab Wounds That May Prove Fatal.

Weatherly, Pa., Feb. 14.—In a battle with two men who were trying to break into the Weatherly bank Chief of Police McLean has been seriously wounded. McLean attacked the robbers single-handed. They drew knives and stabbed him several times but he put up a strong fight and escaped mortal injury. The men kept him from shooting until an opportunity for flight presented itself. Then they got away in the darkness without affecting an entrance to the bank.

Raising \$5,000,000 for Japan.

New York, Feb. 14.—More than 300 Japanese and a plentiful sprinkling of American men and women attended the Japanese meeting at Carnegie concert hall for the purpose of assisting in raising the proposed fund of \$5,000,000 to be subscribed by the Japanese and others in the United States for the aid of Japan in its war with Russia.

Many Kansas University Students Failed.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 15.—The registrar's books at the University of Kansas show that 225 students out of the whole number of 1,259 failed to pass the last examination. This is the largest number of failures recorded at this school.

Robbed Post Office and Stores.

Fayette, Mo., Feb. 14.—The postoffice and four stores in Harrisburg, a small town on the Howard and Boone county line east of here, were robbed county line east of here, were robbed stolen.

JAPS AT CHEMULPO.

Viceroy Alexieff Says 10,000 Brown Men Have Landed There.

Railroad Behind Port Arthur Blown Up and 6,000 Japs Are Near Dalney—Report That 400 Japs Were Sabered by Cossacks Near Tallen Wen.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff just received confirms the report of the landing of 10,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo. The viceroy adds that reports have been received of attempts to cut the telegraph wires along the Chinese Eastern railway and also to destroy one of the abutments of the Sungari bridge. These attempts, he adds, were immediately detected and decisive measures taken to guard the railway.

It is reported from Tientain that all foreigners and civilians have been ordered to leave Port Arthur. It is also reported that the Siberian railroad has been wrecked in six places, covering a distance of 70 miles.

The Daily Mail's Port Arthur correspondent says: Official advices states that the Japanese landed 600 soldiers near Tallen Wen with disastrous results, 400 being sabered by Cossacks; the remainder escaped to their ships. It is further stated that the Japanese landed at Dove bay, where 30 of them were killed and the remainder retreated.

The Daily Mail's Newchwang correspondent cables: According to official Port Arthur telegrams the Japanese landed a force yesterday at Pigeon bay, West Port Arthur. They were then attacked by troops and by the land batteries and were defeated with heavy loss.

The correspondent of the Daily Express at Peking in a cablegram dated February 12 reports that Viceroy Alexieff is practically isolated, direct communication between Port Arthur and Vladivostok being suspended. He adds that the railroad behind Port Arthur has been blown up and that 6,000 Japanese troops have landed near Dalney.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold the Liao-Tung peninsula and that Port Arthur is bound to fall by the effluxion of time, even without an assault.

Viceroy Alexieff's silence about the Vladivostok squadron is explained as follows: For strategic reasons the viceroy, as commander-in-chief, is empowered to dispose of the ships and men without consulting headquarters. The enumeration of the Russian ships engaged at Port Arthur was purposely omitted in the official reports as it would have given a valuable clue to the enemy.

Six Steamers with Coal Captured.

Nagasaki, Feb. 15.—Six Norwegian steamers chartered by a Russian naval contractor have been captured. The vessels are the Lena, Activ, Sentis, Seistrad, Argo and Hermes. They carried coal cargoes. The Hermes arrived here yesterday under convoy of a cruiser. It is rumored that 1,800 Japanese soldiers have been killed, presumably by the sinking of a transport. Disturbances are reported proceeding in Seoul.

Germany Fears Victorious Japs.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The position of the German government respecting the Russo-Japanese war is now well defined. It is exact neutrality in act, but in sentiment it is sympathetic toward Russian predominance in China rather than Japanese predominance there.

IS HE "BILL" RUDOLPH?

Desperado Who Escaped from St. Louis Jail Said to Have Been Found in the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—"The world isn't big enough to hide 'Bill' Rudolph." William Pinkerton, chief of the great detective agency, said this eight months ago when Rudolph, bank robber, murderer of Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective, escaped from the St. Louis jail. The search for the escaped bank robber and murderer ended Saturday 700 feet underground. There, at work in the coal mines of the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing, "Bill" Rudolph was found and fully identified by a Pinkerton man.

Held a "Rump" Convention.

Wyandotte, Kan., Feb. 14.—N. Barnes, who was overwhelmingly defeated for congress in the republican primaries, got up a "rump" convention which elected contesting delegates to state and congressional conventions. The regular convention, presided over by O. J. Peterson, elected delegates instructed for Henry McGraw for congress.

Automobiles for the Farm.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—"Automobiles will soon be taking the place of wagons on many farms in the United States and Canada," declared Isaac E. Potter, president of the American Motor league before a banquet of the league here. He said that soon thousands of the vehicles would be speeding "to town" with the farmers' produce.

IN PRAIRIE LAND.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

MOOSE JAW, Assiniboia.

Farmers' Review, Chicago, July 22, 1903. "Most of the prairies in the United States have ceased to exist. Man has broken them up with orchards, forests and farm buildings. But in Western Canada the prairies still stretch grandly from horizon to horizon as yet unmarred by the hand of man, save where the iron road has been laid. To a city man there is something deliciously restful about the vast grassy solitudes.

"Numerous clumps of trees mark the course of the Assiniboine River, which keeps in sight of the railroad for some distance.

"Grass is one of the notable things about all the landscape of Western Canada. It is a remarkable fact that the entire length of the Canadian Pacific railway from its eastern terminus to the Rocky mountains is over plains where grass grows. The sage brush appears at some points, but never to the exclusion of grass. There is thus not a mile of this country that cannot be used for some agricultural purpose—either for tilling or ranching.

"Moose Jaw is a town of over 2,000 inhabitants and one of the most important places in Assiniboia, being the center of a very good farming country and a great grain and stock shipping point.

"Near Moose Jaw agriculture and ranching go hand in hand; for near the town was seen a herd of beef cattle several hundred in number. On another side was seen a good sized herd of dairy cows, the property of the citizens in the town.

"In riding over the prairies we saw many good fields of alfalfa. The great need of the country is timber, which grows readily where planted, as was demonstrated by the shelter belts on some of the farms, and the trees on the residence lots in the town.

"Stories were told the writer of men who last year cleared from their wheat crop more than the land on which it was grown originally cost them. This is easy to believe in view of the large crop and high price for wheat last year.—Henry F. Thurston."

By sending your address to any agent of the Canadian Government you will have mailed to you a copy of an Atlas, railway rates, etc., giving fullest information regarding Western Canada.

Ostentations.

An Atehonian man tells the Globe about his uncle, an Irishman, who suddenly became rich. The first thing he did was to buy the best pew in the church. When Sunday rolled around the Irishman walked grandly down the aisle, carrying a silk hat and elegant overcoat. He found two strange women occupying his pew. "Come out," he said, imperiously. The women were very much shocked, and walked out, their heads hanging in shame. "Now, then, ladies," the Irishman said, "oblige me by walking back. I just wanted to show you who owned this pew."

Three Doctors' Opinions.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Physicians have accepted Dodd's Kidney Pills as the standard remedy for diseases of the Kidneys and kindred complaints. R. H. Dunaway, M. D., of Benton, Ill., says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Diabetes after everything else had failed and I was given up to die. I have since prescribed them in my regular practice for every form of Kidney Trouble and have never as yet known them to fail."

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Leland Williamson, M. D., Yorktown, Ark., says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine I know of for all forms of Kidney Disease. I believe in using the remedy that relieves and cures my patients, whether ethical or not, and I always prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and can testify that they invariably accomplish a permanent and perfect cure of all Kidney Complaints."

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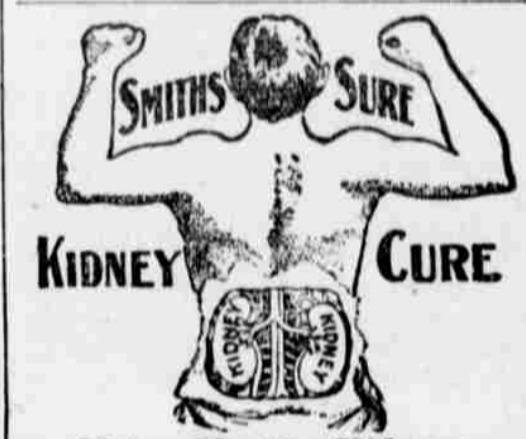
On March 1 and 15th, the K. C. Southern Ry will offer to the public the extremely low rate of \$19 for the round trip to all points on the Port Arthur Route, including Beaumont, Port Arthur, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Texarkana, Ft. Smith, Mona, De Queen and all intermediate points. The return limit on these tickets will be 21 days from date of sale, with stopover privileges at all points south of Kansas City on the going trip. Any information desired by the public relative to the cheap excursions will be cheerfully furnished upon application to S. G. Warner, G. P. & T. A., Kansas City, Mo.



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"I am glad that I followed her advice, for every ache and pain is gone, and not only this, but my general health is much improved. I have a fine appetite and have gained in flesh. My earnest advice to suffering women is to put aside all other medicines and to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—MISS NELLIE HOLMES, 540 No. Division St., Buffalo, N.Y.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.



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