

# THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 9, 1904.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

16 PAGES—FIVE O'CLOCK.

## Three Russian Ships Disabled by Jap Torpedoes

### CIVIC PROBLEMS NOW CONFRONT BALTIMORE

Citizens Awake to Find the Entire Business District a Mass of Smouldering Ruins-- No Fatalities Reported.

City Is Under Military Control and There Has Been No Looting—Fire Was Unique in That History Affords no Parallel to a Calamity So Costly in Property and So Fortunately Free from Loss of Life or Limb—For the First Time in 27 Hours Some of Baltimore's Fire Fighters Secure a Little Rest.

#### FIRE FACTS IN LITTLE

Insurance men place loss at \$125,000,000. Outside fire fighters leave for home. Federal troops withdrawn—City orderly. Valuable securities in vaults of financial institutions unharmed by flames. Mayor MacLane says a greater Baltimore will rise to replace the old. Area of fire was 140 acres. Militia is still on guard and there has been no looting.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—Baltimore will now enter undauntedly upon the task of resurrection. Another and more beautiful city will rise from the ruins and we shall make of this calamity a future blessing.

We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged, and every energy of the city as a municipality, and its citizens as private individuals, will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of, but will be a monument to the American spirit.

—MAYOR MACLANE.

#### INSURANCE ESTIMATE OF LOSSES.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—After a meeting of the representatives of insurance companies to-day, it was announced that they estimate the loss at \$125,000,000, with insurance to the amount of \$90,000,000.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—With the great fire which ate up property variously estimated from \$25,000,000 to \$150,000,000 slowly burned itself out, Baltimore awoke this morning to face the grave questions of civic and municipal readjustment. Confronting the mayor and his associates of the city government are the problems of aid, the acceptance or refusal of generous offers of assistance from every section of the country, the policing of the vast burned district where lies buried untold treasure in warped vaults and safes and all the hundred minor things that follow a calamity so stupendous that it is not even yet fully realized.

With admirable promptness all the important phases of the situation have already been provided for. To relieve banks and citizens from the embarrassment of financial transactions the next seven days have been declared legal holidays in the commonwealth of Maryland.

#### MILITIAMEN ON GUARD.

Three regiments of state militia are on duty and Troop A of the state cavalry also has been called into service. So thorough is the policing of the city now systematized that the big force of federal troops yesterday ordered here to assist the national guard was not needed, and after a conference with Brigadier General Riggs, Major General Corbin has returned to New York, and it is not probable that a single federal soldier will be retained in Baltimore. The city is orderly and but one man is under arrest for an offense directly connected with the fire.

#### NO FATALITIES IN FIRE.

Probably never before has there been a fire of such magnitude absolutely without loss of life and so remarkably free from accidents. The only person seriously injured was Jacob Ingelritz, a volunteer fireman of York, Pa., who was unconscious when taken to the hospital. A report arose that he was dead. He soon revived, however, and was reported this morning to be suffering only from a broken leg and minor injuries.

In this respect, as in many others, the great blaze that had the city in its grasp for twenty-seven terror-filled hours, is unique. History affords no parallel to a calamity so costly in property and so fortunately free from loss of life or limb.

Bright and early, in spite of the fact of his long tour of duty, Mayor MacLane was at his office this morning holding conferences with the other city and state officials, and Governor Warfield was also on hand.

To-day dawned cold and clear and lacking wind. There was a decided fall in temperature during the night and by early morning the full gutters of the fire district and the flooded streets were turned to ice. The cold, however, is not intense enough to cause suffering among the police, soldiers and firemen on duty. The absence of wind is a godsend for thousands of feet of tottering walls would surely tumble in a strong breeze and add greatly to the peril of the men whose duty calls them in the danger zone.

Baltimore is not under martial law. General Riggs terms the condition "military control," but in no way have the civil authorities been superseded. Military and civil authorities are working together.

#### FIRE FIGHTERS GET REST.

One-half of the local fire companies were ordered to their quarters at 1 (Continued on Second Page.)

#### WAR NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

Japan scores the first naval victory. Russian cruiser Pallada sunk by Japanese torpedo. Battleships Retvisan and Czarevitch badly damaged. They are out of it for this war.

Japan is landing troops at Fusan and Pen Yan, in Korea, preparatory to open attack.

Movement is protected by fleet stationed between Chi-fu and the Yalu river.

Japanese minister in London says night torpedo attacks will continue against Russian fleet while it remains outside Port Arthur.

Russian torpedo flotilla icebound in interior of Port Arthur harbor.

Russian warships in the far east number 94, including eight battleships, sixteen cruisers, seven gunboats and fifty-six torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats.

Secretary Hay proposes that the powers join in a demand for the recognition of Chinese neutrality and integrity by belligerent nations.

Formal statement by Russia gives the Muscovite version of the diplomatic negotiations.

Japan's note shows that the independence of Korea and the integrity of China were the points in dispute.

### UNITED STATES TAKES ACTION

State Department Initiates Movement Among Powers Which Is Designed to Guarantee the Integrity of Chinese Territory.

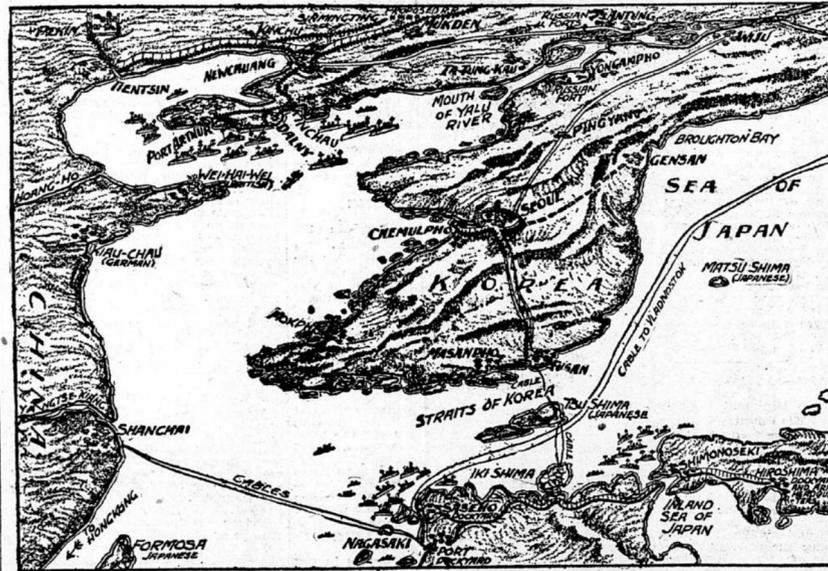
Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers, to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities, and thereafter, the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. Details of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of replies. It is known, however, that exchanges already have taken place which justify the state department in expecting favorable responses. The matter has created a great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

#### UNITED STATES SHIPS ORDERED TO CHINA.

Orders will be cabled to-day to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Alliance, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati, from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters, yet to be determined, to observe the naval operations.

Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan. This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting to-day, after long consideration. It has been definitely settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

### BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE SEAT OF THE WAR



## JAPAN STRIKES HARD—CATCHES RUSS NAPPING

Four of Mikado's Torpedo Boats Start Things at Port Arthur by Sinking One and Disable Two Russian Ships.



ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF, Who wired the Czar admitting the Japanese Success at Port Arthur.

Admiral Alexieff in Official Message to Czar Admits Disaster at Port Arthur.

Two of the Three Boats Disabled are the Finest Russia Has in the East

Chi-Fu Dispatch Says the Naval Battle Is Still Going On Furiously.

Beyond question the Japanese have scored a great naval victory off Port Arthur in the first encounter of the war. The news of the battle thus far is mostly from Russian sources. Dispatches that have filtered thru St. Petersburg admit enough to show that a staggering blow has been dealt to the Russian navy. An impartial version of the affair will probably make the disaster to Russian arms worse. The St. Petersburg report that eleven Japanese warships were sunk has been authoritatively denied.

Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here last night and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

Martial law has been proclaimed here.

#### ALEXIEFF ADMITS THE DISASTER.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexieff's official report of the early attack by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8, nine Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvisan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

#### THE NAVAL BATTLE IS STILL ON.

Chifu, China, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight on Monday. Two Russian battleships and one Russian cruiser were disabled by torpedoes.

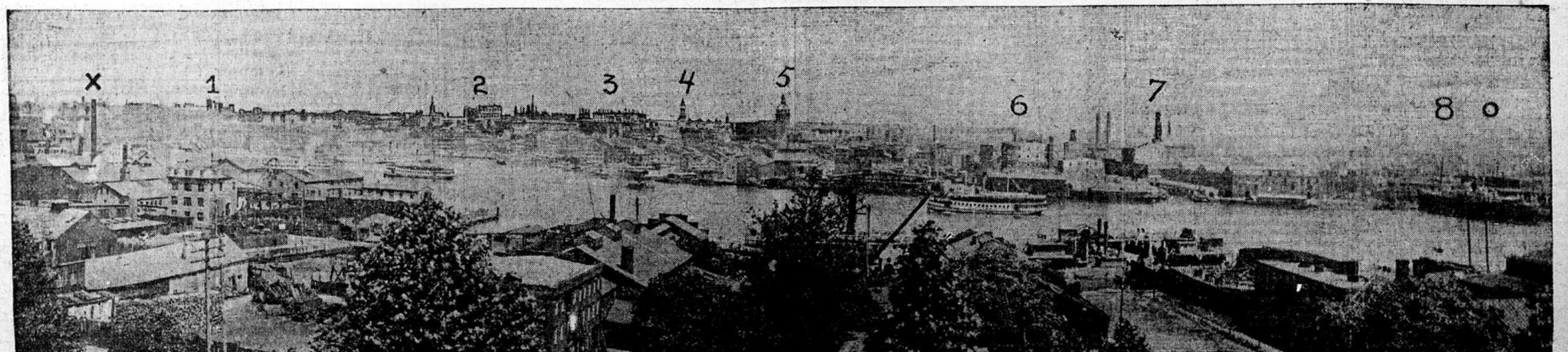
The battle is being continued this morning at a range of three miles. There has been no further damage.

#### THREE OF RUSSIA'S FINEST DISABLED.

The Russian battleship Retvisan was built by the Cramps at Philadelphia. She is of 12,700 tons displacement, has 16,000 indicated

### THE FIRE SWEEP SECTION OF BALTIMORE AS SEEN FROM FEDERAL HILL

The Fire Started at a Point Indicated by X and Swept Thru the Heart of the City Until the City Hall Was Reached. There It Turned Toward the Harbor and Reached the Wharves of the Transportation Companies Indicated by O.



1—Wharves of Bay Line Transportation Co. 2—Fidelity Trust Building. 3—Equitable Building. 4—Postoffice. 5—City Hall. 6—C. A. Gambrell Flour Mill. 7—The "Old Shot Tower." 8—Wharves of Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company. —Photo by W. E. Bateman, Minneapolis.