

Snow tonight and tomorrow; fresh to brisk north winds.

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MILLIONS RECOVERED FROM BANK VAULTS NINE RUSSIAN SHIPS PUT OUT OF ACTION

Cash and Securities Found in Good Condition.

Work of Rebuilding the City Already in Progress.

All Danger of Famine or Financial Stringency Past.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—The actual work of rebuilding Baltimore was begun this morning. All danger of any financial stringency resulting from the fire ended at daylight.

Millions of dollars are coming into the city from all parts of the country. Two millions were received by local national banks from New York; one million from Philadelphia, and almost as much from Washington and Chicago.

Work on Vaults.

So rapidly have the great piles of brick and debris in the burned district cooled that work on nearly all vaults was begun before noon. The vaults and safes of the First National, the Third National, National Bank of Commerce, Farmers' and Merchants', the Mercantile Trust Company, the Mechanics' National, Merchants' and Farmers', and Union National were opened this morning and the contents were found to be in excellent condition.

Armed to the Teeth.

Clerks are inside the carriages armed to the teeth and the soldiers on top of the coaches have their rifles loaded with ball cartridges. Vehicles thus protected are going in all directions through the streets, which, with the squads of soldiers in all parts of the devastated district, gives the city the appearance of a great armed camp.

Plenty of Money.

To the correspondent of The Times, President John B. Ramsey, of the bank, said:

"I know there is much anxiety among business men all over the country as to the possibility of getting money. But there is no occasion for this lack of confidence. As an instance I might cite the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company. Their representative came to me, saying: 'Where are we going to get money for our pay day Wednesday?' I replied, 'Right here.'"

"I suppose this feeling of anxiety originated from the proclamation of a ten-day holiday. This was done only to cover the legal phases of financial transactions that might have to be delayed until the banks could get into working shape in temporary offices. No, there need be no fear of a financial stringency, and the fire insurance companies will expedite payments to enable merchants to resume rapidly."

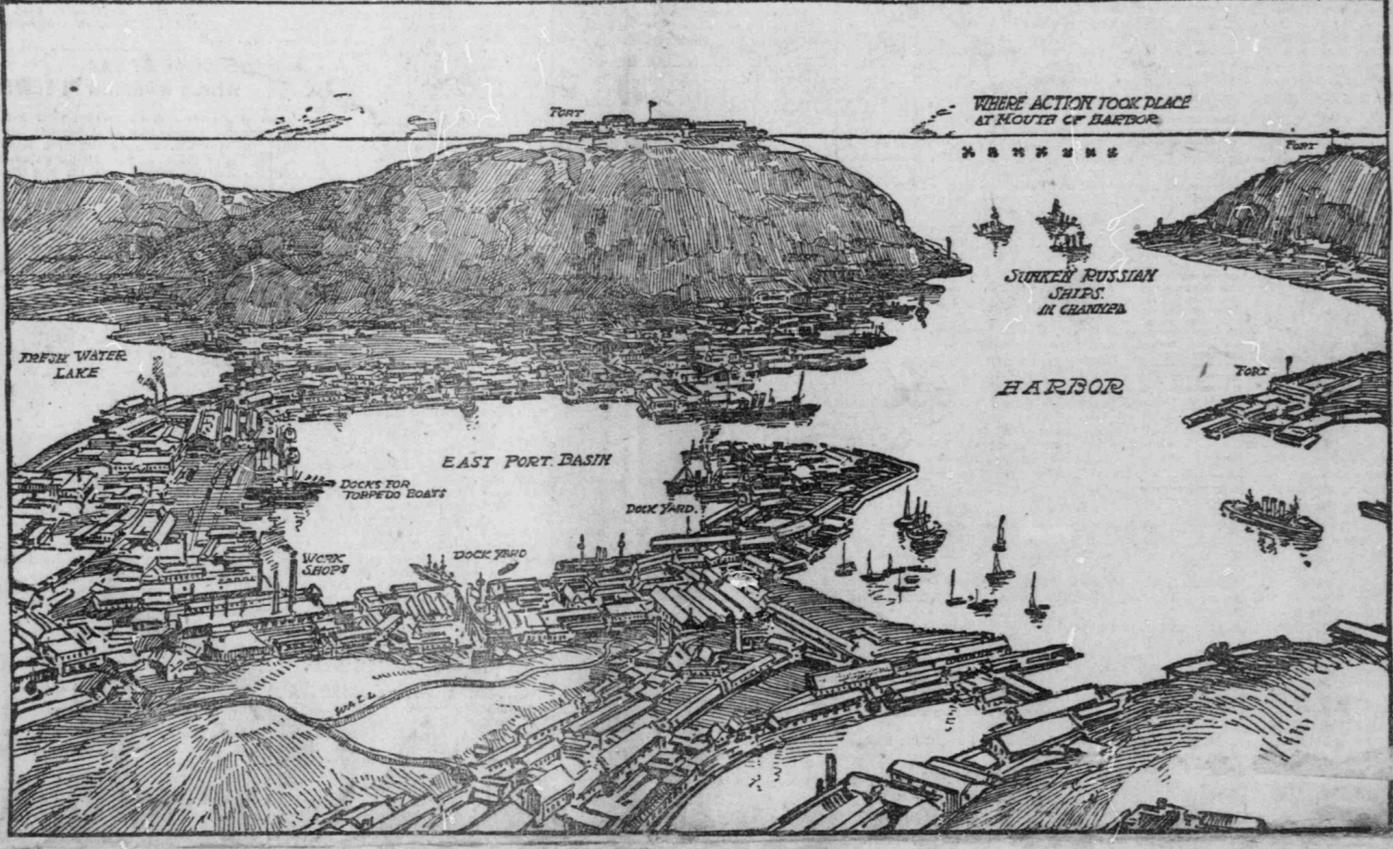
For \$50,000,000.

The fire insurance men have with them certified checks at their headquarters in the Lexington Hotel for \$50,000,000 and the first payments were made this morning. The agents declined to name those who were paid, but they said that \$2,498,245 had been paid out before 12 o'clock.

"We have the money, the claims are good, and all we want is to have them presented," said a prominent agent. "We hope to facilitate matters by paying at once. We expect to pay out twenty-five millions today if the people come for it."

The food famine did not appear and prices dropped today to nearly normal. The Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania both came to the aid of the city with extra trains and impromptu marshes.

SCENE OF THE FIRST BATTLE IN THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.



PORT ARTHUR AND ITS DEFENSES.

The night attack of the Japanese torpedo boats resulted in the sinking of three Russian ships in the channel, as shown in the picture. The subsequent daylight battle, in which two Russian ships were severely damaged, was fought off the mouth of the harbor, as indicated by the crosses.

Fortified by an elaborate scheme of defenses, Port Arthur is the most powerful southern naval station which the Muscovites possess in Asia. The entrance to Port Arthur is also guarded by nature. It is extremely narrow, in some places not more than 200 yards wide. For this reason Russians have boasted that it is as nearly impregnable as any naval station in the Orient.

Like Vladivostok, Port Arthur lies at right angles to the main channel. The outer harbor is deep, but the water in the inner harbor will not float the largest vessels. All ships having a draft of over twenty-four feet must lie outside in the outer roadstead, where they are open to attack.

Russia occupied Port Arthur on December 18, 1901, explaining her act she said that she regarded the possession of Port Arthur as a compensation for her grievance with China.

The Russians strengthened the series of fortifications known as the Hwang-Chinshan forts, which command the entrance of the harbor to the east, and directly behind they rebuilt a chain of batteries which are intended to pour down shot and shell into the inner harbor. The Laomochu battery is so placed that it sweeps the approach of the port diagonally and commands both the outer and inner basins. The village of Port Arthur is situated opposite the entrance to the harbor.

Despite the powerful equipment of cannon which can play on vessels approaching Port Arthur, Japanese strategists have asserted that the fortress can be stormed and taken by a concerted land and sea attack. Situated on a peninsula, its batteries may be isolated and cut off from supplies.

May Lay Strong Hand Upon Santo Domingo

Conditions There Approaching the Point Where United States May Have to Establish Protectorate to Preserve Its Prestige.

The conclusion is being forced upon State Department officials that the time is approaching when the United States, to preserve her prestige in this hemisphere, to protect her citizens' interests and in the name of civilization generally, will be forced to establish a protectorate over Santo Domingo.

Conditions there have become intolerable. Property rights, of not only Americans, but British, Germans, and other foreigners, are in constant jeopardy. Repeatedly, Minister Powell has been forced to warn, and even threaten, to prevent assaults upon the lives of the owners, while the government does not warrant interference by the United States but that its complications become too imperiling.

Admiral Wise the Arbitrator.

Upon Admiral Wise's report will hang the precise action taken by the Administration.

He was ordered to Porto Plata from Guantanamo, Cuba, two days ago, and will have at his disposal a fleet composed of the Minneapolis, Columbus, Hartford, Yankee, and the Dixie. He is instructed to protect foreigners as well as Americans in life and property, and to investigate the situation thoroughly. This is made necessary by interruption of the cables, which delays Powell's reports from four days to a week. Meanwhile for the benefit of business, the State Department recognizes the Morales faction as the de facto government.

No Sympathy for Clyde Steamer.

Not much sympathy is expressed in official circles for the Clyde steamer New York, which was endangered last Saturday off Monte Cristi, Santo Domingo, by a fight between a Dominican gunboat and the insurgents while she was trying to land a cargo of ammunition for the latter. It is held that she was perfectly aware of the risk she was taking, and that under the circumstances she cannot look to the United States for redress.

MACHEN STOUTLY DENIES HIS GUILT

Saw Groffs Together Only After Arrest.

CROSS-EXAMINATION IS ON

Ex-Superintendent Proves a Cool Witness and Has Business Details at Finger Tips.

Direct examination was concluded and cross-examination of A. W. Machen began this morning in the Postoffice trial. Nothing of special importance was brought out on the direct examination this morning. Machen positively denied that he had made any bargain whatever with the Lorenza or Groffs to promote the sale of the fasteners, and said he had never seen the two Groffs together until after they were all indicted together. He also stoutly maintained that his financial transactions with Lorenza and Ferdinand Machen for \$2,500, and a short story after sold two-fifths to George E. Lorenza, for \$25,000. Machen said that under the Ohio law a stockholder was liable for twice the amount of his holdings. Ferdinand Machen learned that the oil company owed \$85,000, and was frightened at the prospect of losing all he had. For that reason he was willing to sell at such a low price.

Had No Property.

Machen admitted rather reluctantly that when he bought out Ferdinand he had no property that could be reached by execution. He also admitted that he was carrying out our plans for Washington.

Shiras Stirs Up House By Non-Partisan Talk

Breaks Away From His Party in Discussing Connell-Howell Election Contest—Says Republicans Went Outside of Record.

The House today resumed consideration of the Connell-Howell contested election case from the Tenth district of Pennsylvania. Mr. Cassell (Rep., Pa.) supported the claims of Mr. Connell.

Mr. Shiras, (Rep., Pa.), a son of Associate Justice Shiras, retired, created something of a sensation by breaking away from his party associates in the matter, and attacking the effort of Mr. Connell to obtain the seat to which Mr. Howell had been declared duly elected. He severely criticized the report of the Republican majority of the committee in favor of Connell, and contended that it was not justified by the facts in the case. Nine-tenths of the great volume of evidence before the committee, he said, was absolutely useless.

Fighting With Wooden Guns.

The Republicans, he said, were fighting behind wooden guns; they did not have in the report the material to make good their claims. Members of the House should not delegate their consciences to the majority which had acted loosely in preparing its case.

Mr. Shiras reviewed the history of

the case in brief, and told of the efforts of Mr. Connell, a Republican, to capture a Democratic convention in a Democratic district.

Justifying His Course.

Mr. Shiras explained his election by saying that he represented the untrammeled school of agriculture for the anti-machine, non-offending representatives and the Democrats supported him because there was no chance of winning otherwise, notwithstanding the fact that the representatives were divided.

Mr. Shiras said the committee had gone outside of the records and evidence in the case in order to declare Connell entitled to the seat. He asserted that Mr. Howell had been wisely elected and should be allowed to retain his seat.

His remarks were loudly applauded by the Democrats.

HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO ACT AS GUIDES

Major Sylvester has declared war against persons in the District who represent themselves to be authorized guides without such authority having been granted them. In a letter to the District Commissioners, today, the Chief of Police says:

LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE MUST WAIT

Commissioner Macfarland has received a letter from President U. N. Bethell of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in New York city, as follows: "Yesterday and the day before I spent in Baltimore arranging for a restoration of our service in that city. Our principal Baltimore office was completely destroyed in the great fire. It was necessary for me to make use of the switchboard provided for our main office in Washington, which has been in storage in Washington, awaiting the completion of the building."

WEATHER REPORT.

There will be snow tonight and tomorrow in the middle Atlantic States, lower lake region, and upper Ohio Valley, possibly becoming heavy. There will also be rain or snow in the south Atlantic States. Rain or snow tonight in the Gulf States will be followed by fair, colder weather tomorrow. It will also be colder tomorrow in the south Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	16
12 noon	19
1 p. m.	21
2 p. m.	23

THE SUN.

Sun sets today..... 5:30 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow..... 6:57 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today..... 2:36 a. m.
High tide tomorrow..... 4:32 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow..... 10:37 a. m., 11:22 p. m.

Sea-Fighters of Czar Sink and Burn in Battle.

Nicholas Proclaims War—Asks Heaven's Blessing.

Rumors of Capture of Transport With 2,000 Troops.

CZAR NICHOLAS OFFICIALLY DECLARES WAR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN.

RUSSIAN DEFEAT AT PORT ARTHUR STIRS TURKEY TO WAR-LIKE PREPARATIONS AGAINST BULGARIA.

PARIS HEARS THAT THE MIKADO'S VICTORY WAS ONLY A BOMBARDMENT.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA NEARING PORT ARTHUR. REPORT OF A BATTLE MOMENTARILY EXPECTED. LAND FORCES CONCENTRATE ON BANKS OF THE YALU.

JAPANESE MINISTER AT ROME DICTATES A COMPLETE VICTORY.

TWO THOUSAND RUSSIAN TROOPS REPORTED CAPTURED OFF KOREA, BY JAPANESE FLEET.

EMISSARIES URGE POLAND TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR INDEPENDENCE.

NINE VESSELS OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY ALREADY REPORTED OUT OF COMMISSION.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Less than seventy hours of an actual state of war between Russia and Japan have gone by, and yet the Mikado's forces have already demonstrated to the world that they are premiers in the art of fighting and astuteness itself in the matter of taking advantage of opportunities.

Already Russia is in a bad way at Port Arthur, the Gibraltar of the Far East. Two of her cruisers are captured, two battleships and another cruiser are out of commission, and several other warships reported to be in badly damaged condition, sums up the damage inflicted by the wily Japs.

The Japanese themselves have, so far as can be ascertained, thus far escaped unscathed.

The Injured Vessels.

Following is a list of the Russian vessels which have been put out of action:

- Damaged.
- RETZIVAN, battleship.
- CZAREVITCH, battleship.
- FOLTAVA, battleship.
- PALLADA, cruiser.
- DIANA, cruiser.
- ASKOLD, cruiser.
- NOVIK, cruiser.
- Captured or Sunk.
- VARIAG, cruiser.
- KORIETZ, gunboat.

As the details of the fighting off Port Arthur and in the very harbor itself come in, every new fact goes to indicate the unpreparedness of the Russians and the excellent judgment and maneuvering ability of the Japanese.

One report, given by an eyewitness of the first attack on the ships outside Port Arthur, says that not the slightest preparation had been made against the approach of the Japanese. It is declared the Russian officials did not imagine that any active measures would be taken for several days to come at the earliest; that the lighthouse in the harbor was lit, and that while a nominal patrolling of the harbor was conducted it was but a half-hearted one, and that the entrance of the Japanese vessels was to a great degree easily managed.

This state of affairs is astonishing, inasmuch as the Japanese vessels were reported at Wei-Hai-Wei on Monday, within easy steaming distance of Port Arthur.

Reports of Eyewitnesses.

The most thoroughly detailed reports of the torpedo attack on the Russian vessels Monday night come from Chesapeake and are given in interviews with persons aboard the Indo-China steamer Columbia. According to these eyewitnesses of the attack, everything in the harbor was quiet as usual on Monday night and no one was looking for any excitement.

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR IN SENATE CHAMBER

The chief event of interest in the Senate today was the appearance on the floor of Secretary of War Taft.

The new Cabinet officer came into the chamber shortly after the morning session had been begun and had short chats with a large number of prominent Senators. Mr. Lodge was the first to greet him, and they took places on the large divan at the southeast corner of the chamber and talked for some minutes.

Senator Perkins immediately took Mr. Hearst over to Secretary Taft, and the two men strongly antagonistic in their views on Philippine matters in the past few years shook hands most cordially.

Father John's Medicine Cures Colds and All Throat and Lung Troubles—Adv.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE FOR BOYS OF DISTRICT

Representative Rixey of Virginia, by request, today introduced a bill to establish a school of agriculture for the District of Columbia, either in the District or an adjoining State, for the instruction of boys of the District over twelve years of age, in all branches of rural industry.

A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Corporation Counsel Duvall, in an opinion submitted to the District of Columbia Commissioners today, holds that the Y. M. C. A. is within the meaning of the act of Congress relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, being both a "private school and place of religious worship." This will preclude a reissuance of a retail liquor license to H. E. Klotz, 1206 G Street northeast.

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