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## GRIM FIGHT IS NEARLY ENDED

### Senator Hanna's Physicians Announce That His Death May be Expected Momentarily.

Senator Hanna is dying. The physicians in attendance announced the sad news today at 1 o'clock. The end is a matter, they say, of only a few hours at the most.

The following bulletins were issued after the announcement that Senator Hanna was dying:

12:45—Manager Bennett came from the sick room and announced that Senator Hanna is dying. The family has been summoned to the bedside.

12:50—Secretary Dover came from the sick room at 12:50 and announced that the Senator was still alive.

"The family are at his side," he said. "He is just breathing; that is all."

12:55—Two tanks of oxygen have just been taken to the sick room.

1 p. m.—Governor Herrick and Andrew Scheffers have been summoned to the Hanna apartments. They were hurriedly taken to the rooms by Manager Bennett.

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1:06—Only the immediate members of the family and Drs. Carter and Fletcher with the nurses are present.

1:07—At 1:07 Dr. Carter said that Mr. Hanna might live an hour and a half.

1:15—Governor Herrick and Medill McCormick have come from the Hanna rooms.

"He is still breathing, and his pulse is barely perceptible," said Mr. McCormick. "No one can foresee when the end will come." Mr. Herrick's eyes were filled with tears.

1:24—Capt. L. G. Hanna, a nephew of the Senator, has come from the Hanna rooms with the word that there is no change. Governor Herrick has been recalled to the rooms.

1:35—Daniel R. Hanna, son of the Senator, who has just come from the sick room, says:

"The pulse can still be detected."

1:52—"He is breathing his last."

These are the words of Dr. Rixey, who has just left the hotel. His departure is an indication of the complete abandonment of hope.

2:20—At 2:20 Medill McCormick, the Senator's son-in-law, came from the sick room and announced that the patient's pulse was still very perceptible.

"There has really been very little change during the last two or three hours," he said. "I would not be surprised if he were to live for three or four more hours."

At 2:25 the physicians issued the following bulletin:

"Senator Hanna is sinking slowly. Respiration, 50; pulse, scarcely perceptible."

"CARTER."

"FUTCHER."

The physicians have realized since Sunday morning that hope was lost, but in spite of the nearness of the inevitable, they fought on and on, answering each thrust of the Reaper with a counter thrust of medical skill, giving up the ground they knew was lost only an inch at a time.

"We will fight as long as there is a breath in the Senator's body," announced Dr. Carter, Saturday. Even when there was no breath there, they filled the unwilling lungs with oxygen and kept the tired heart at work pumping counterfeit blood of salt and water through the arteries and veins of the dying frame. When oxygen and brine failed, they resorted to injections of brandy and nitroglycerin.

**Third Sinking Spell.**

At 2:30 this morning the third sinking spell since Sunday's dawn overcame the patient. These relapses come usually as a trilogy, the physicians say, and the third is recognized the certain forerunner of death.

The relapse Senator Hanna had on Friday was not counted in the fatal three, for more than twenty-four hours elapsed before the next. All through Saturday the physicians fought their desperate battle with waning hopes, and even up to Sunday forenoon they told the Senator's family that their loved one had a bare fighting chance.

But shortly before the pastors of many flocks throughout the land mounted their pulpits to offer their prayers for Senator Hanna's recovery he had a relapse, and again in the afternoon his heart all but stopped beating.

After each sinking spell his life forces were weaker, and he responded more slowly to the remedies administered. After the second, the physicians awaited the coming of the third, with gravest apprehensions. It came in the small hours of the morning, and it is believed destroyed the last remaining chance that the patient had for life.

**At His Bedside.**

Mrs. Hanna, his son Dan, his daughters, Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Parsons, and his brother, H. M. Hanna, gathered in the room beside the Senator's bed to await the end.

But as the seconds ticked along and became minutes, then hours, the weak heart fluttered on. It was the brave heart of a born fighter and in its last battle against the foe that has never met defeat, it showed the same indomitable spirit that has made Marcus A. Hanna what he is among men.

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## HOSTILE FORCES CLASH ON YALU

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### CZAR'S NAVAL OFFICERS AGAIN CAUGHT NAPPING?

#### Rumor Says Eight Russian Vessels Were Sunk and Ten Captured in Second Attack on Port Arthur.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Paris correspondent of the Central News wires that a Japanese flying squadron has been detailed to watch the fleet.

Some shortage in the supply of transports is delaying the despatch of Japanese troops to the Asiatic mainland. There are now about forty large steamers available for this purpose, and many smaller vessels are being impressed.

The Tientsin correspondent of the "Star," writing under yesterday's date, says the reports of another Japanese victory at Port Arthur have been confirmed. The dispatch states that eight Russian vessels were sunk and ten captured, but this latter is unofficial.

The correspondent adds that the Russian officers were again caught napping, as all the naval officers were again ashore when the attack began.

**Vladivostok Fleet Sighted.**

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company writes that firing was heard in the direction of Fukuyama, off Hakodate, on Saturday. It is believed that the Russian ships are being sighted in Japan Sea.

### ITALY FAVORS PLAN TO ESTABLISH ZONE TO RESTRICT SPHERE OF HOSTILITIES

Italy is favorably disposed toward Secretary Hay's movement to preserve the neutrality of China and limit the sphere of hostilities in the war between Japan and Russia.

Count di Cellere, the counselor of the Italian embassy, called at the State Department this morning, and assured Secretary Hay that the Italian government looks upon the neutrality plan with favor and will probably formally approve it and send notes to Russia and Japan in a short time.

It is believed that Russia will soon announce its approval of Secretary Hay's suggestion. Although the movement to limit the zone of hostilities seemed in danger last week, its success is now practically assured, and it is not believed Russia will hold out long with all the powers which moved on Peking urging her to take steps to keep China out of the war.

### CHINA CALLS CONDITION IN MANCHURIA "GRAVE"

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Reuter Telegram Company says the Chinese government has informed the powers that it cannot assume responsibility for the maintenance of neutrality toward the war while part of its territory is still under foreign control. The condition in Manchuria is grave.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 15.—The Russian government departments here have been transferred to Nikolik, and the Russo-Chinese bank has removed its valuables to Khabarovsk.

This move is vitally significant, as in indicating that the Russian authorities consider a Japanese attack on Vladivostok is possibly imminent.

### HAS NOT ASKED PASSAGE THROUGH DARDANELLES

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the house of commons today Home Secretary Acland Douglas stated that the government had received no request from Russia relative to the passage of Russian warships through the Dardanelles.

He added he had no reason to believe that Russia contemplated such a violation of treaty obligations.

Earl Percy, under secretary for foreign affairs, replying to a question by Joseph Walton, said the British government was taking no steps to secure an arrangement between the powers looking to the neutralization of Niuchwang.

The government, he said, would consider impractical any effort to secure the neutralization of any territory occupied by one of the belligerents.

The Reuter Telegram Company states that the Japanese minister at Seoul has advised the Emperor of the arrest of Yi Yong Ik, Korean minister of finance, who is practically dictator of the country. He is most friendly to Russia.

The Chefoo, China, correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company reports that a part of the Russian fleet came out of Port Arthur Harbor on Sunday night.

### NICHOLAS PROSTRATED BY DEFEAT OF NAVY

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Reports from St. Petersburg state that the war disasters in the Far East have prostrated the Czar. He sits apathetically, for hours, gazing into space. At intervals he weeps.

Conversing with relatives or his ministers, he constantly bemoans the evil which has befallen his empire, and has brought about. His majesty is said to have lost much of his hope, and indulges in pessimistic speculations as to Russia's future. His health is entirely broken down, and the impression is gaining ground that the reverse to the arms of his navy are affecting his brain.

### RUSSIANS DEMORALIZED AFLOAT AND ASHORE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Dispatches from Niuchwang, Manchuria, report that the aggressiveness and the success of the Japanese have demoralized the Russians afloat and ashore. The Russian commanders ashore are fearful of a surprise and are spreading the troops in order to watch the whole coast.

Henry B. Miller, United States consul at Niuchwang, has vigorously interceded in behalf of a number of Japanese refugees who were trying to leave the country, but were taken in custody by the Russian authorities. He is likely to be successful.

A Russian trooper has been disciplined for interfering with Consul Miller while the latter was attending to official business.

The Russian commander also apologized for the trooper's rudeness.

### PREDICT JOINT ATTACK ON RUSSIAN STRONGHOLD

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A concerted attempt by Japanese and sea forces against Port Arthur, the Russian stronghold of the Far East, and their main basis of supply, is imminent. All dispatches from the seat of hostilities this morning unite in indicating that such is now the objective of the Japanese war managers, and news of the first shot in this attempt is momentarily expected.

The plans for the accomplishment of this feat, which would mean an almost irreparable disaster to Russia and a glorious victory for the Japanese arms, appears to have been long considered and carefully worked out.

**Big Army Missing.**

CHEFOO, Feb. 15.—The fact that only 15,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo, Korea, is taken here to indicate that the bulk of the Japanese army has been deflected for a land invasion of Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo is still investing Port Arthur from the sea, though at some distance, such as Admiral Sapporo conducted the blockade of Santiago in the Spanish-American war.

**On Qui Vive.**

The news that Japanese troops are landing on the eastern shore of Liaotung Gulf, near Port Arthur, is momentarily expected.

Belgian engineers who were recently in Manchuria, say that Port Arthur defenses are weak on the land side, and many of the batteries are incomplete. Long stretches of the Manchurian railway, they say, are practically undefended.

**Rumor Unconfirmed.**

TOKYO, Feb. 15.—The report that the Russian Vladivostok fleet has been torpedoed and sunk not far from Hakodate has not been confirmed. Instead, a report has reached here that the Japanese warships have entered the Pacific for

### MISSOURI ELECTION CONTEST ARGUED

The House Committee on Elections No. 2 today began consideration of the election contest of George D. Reynolds vs. James J. Butler, from the Twelfth Missouri district. W. M. Kinsey, attorney for Reynolds, addressed the committee, arguing that any irregularities in the record should be overlooked, because the Reynolds-Butler contest overlapped the Wagner-Butler contest—this being the third contest for Butler's seat—and because the contestant's counsel did not have enough time to look after all the details.

Henry W. Bond will argue for the contestee.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The weather will be fair tonight and Tuesday in the East and South, except in the lower lake region, where snow storms will continue. It will be colder tonight in the Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	31
12 noon	36
3 p. m.	35
6 p. m.	36
9 p. m.	36

**SUN.**

Sun sets today, 5:35 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow, 6:52 a. m.

**TIDE TABLE.**

High tide today	7:42 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	8:46 a. m., 8:21 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	2:22 a. m., 2:30 p. m.

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