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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Wednesday increasing cloudiness, probably rain or snow in extreme southern portion, fresh north to northeast winds. Tuesday: Wednesday increasing cloudiness; fresh northeast winds. South Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday increasing cloudiness; fresh east winds.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear and warm for the season. There was a slight fall in temperature in the afternoon and at night.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	42
12 M.	45
3 P. M.	44
6 P. M.	38
9 P. M.	32
12 Midnight	31
Average	38.50

Highest temperature yesterday..... 45
 Lowest temperature yesterday..... 28
 Mean temperature yesterday..... 41
 Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
 February 9, 1904.
 Sun rises..... 7:06
 Sun sets..... 5:41
 Moon rises..... 1:45
 HIGH TIDES
 Morning..... 11:15
 Evening..... 11:51

JAPAN RUSHING HER TROOPS INTO KOREA

Seoul, the Capital, is to be Occupied.

RUMORS OF ALL SORTS CURRENT

One Correspondent Wires That Sound of Firing Has Already Been Heard.

RUSSIAN FORCE IS NEAR GREAT WALL

Chinese Court Said to be Preparing for Flight, as It Is Feared Czar's Army Contemplates a Descent Upon Peking Fleet Leaves Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that sixty Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea, from Masampo and Fusan on the south to Kusan, Mokpo and Chemulpo on the west. Seoul is to be occupied and the landing is being covered by the torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent concludes, will sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur says news has been received there that Japanese troops have landed at Masampo.

Firing of Guns Reported.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpo has received a telegram from Fusan, Korea, declaring that the firing of guns was heard to the east of Kojia Island (about twenty-five miles southwest of Fusan) at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Army Embarked on Steamers.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Vienna says Admiral Baron von Spain, commander-in-chief of the Austrian navy, has received a dispatch from the commander of the Austrian legion guard at Peking to the effect that Japan has embarked her regiments of guards and two army divisions on forty steamers.

Chinese Court to Flee.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from Tien Tsin, a correspondent here of the Standard, says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan (in Peking province, 110 miles northwest of Peking and near the Great Wall), and that preparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the imperial treasure, as it is feared that Russia will descend upon Peking.

PATIENCE EXHAUSTED.

Russia Said to Have Sent Troops Secretly to Yalu River.

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, Feb. 8.—In a dispatch, dated Nagasaki, Saturday, February 6th, and which was delayed by the censor a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, asserts that Russia deliberately precipitated the crisis by secretly dispatching a few days ago from Port Arthur transports and escorted by a fleet division of troops and escorted by a fleet of torpedo boats, to the Yalu River, thus occupying Northern Korea.

"Japan's patience became exhausted, and to-day Japan moved her ships and took unrestricted possession of certain merchant vessels, including the Shikoku and Manchuria." The correspondent continues: "Two other Russian vessels were seized and escorted to Sasebo, Japan." The Daily Telegraph says it supposes that the foregoing seizures occurred at Masampo, but that the censor suppressed the location.

CAVALRY GOES TO KOREA.

Report That Japanese Ships Are Waiting to Intercept Fleet.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—An advance detachment of Russian cavalry is leaving Mukden for Korea. The telegram from Mukden, announcing the departure of the cavalry, adds:
 "Russia's love of peace has been exhausted by Japan's demands. Troops, therefore, have been concentrated at the Yalu River. The Russian troops are in mass warlike preparation, and are every day hurrying homeward."
 "The Mukden dispatch reports the rumor that a Japanese squadron is off Wei-Hai-Wei, on the north coast of the Shun Tzu Peninsula with the object of intercepting the Russian ships coming from Europe.

Telegraphic Communication Cut.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The State Department has received a cablegram from the American legation at Seoul to the effect that it is reported Japanese warships have arrived off Masampo, but that telegraphic communication has been cut off and it is impossible to confirm the report.

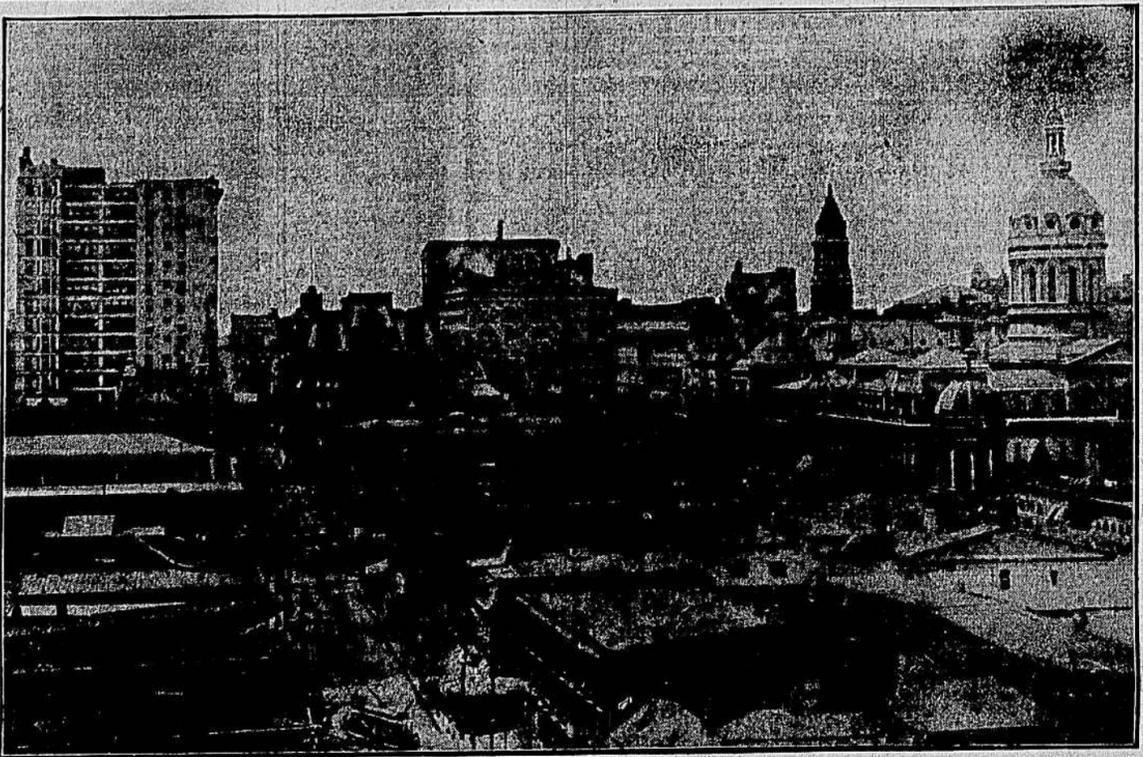
Ships Going to Chemulpo.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Lieutenant-Commander Marsh, the American naval attaché at Tokio, announcing the departure of a naval division from Japanese waters for Chemulpo, Korea.

WAR SAID TO HAVE BEGUN.

Dispatches from the Far East remove all hope of a peaceful solution of the dispute between Russia and Japan, and indicate the beginning of hostilities. Japan is said to be rushing troops into Korea and her fleet is ready to sail to Port Arthur. Seoul is to be occupied and the landing of troops is being covered by the torpedo division.

A Russian force is reported near the Great Wall, and preparations are said to have been made for the flight of the Royal family from Peking and the removal of the imperial treasures. It is feared that Russia will make a descent upon Peking. Russia's cruiser division is said to have sailed from Port Arthur and fighting is hourly expected. One correspondent cables that firing has already been heard.



CONTINENTAL TRUST BUILDING. B. & O. OFFICE. CALVERT BUILDING. EQUITABLE BUILDING. POSTOFFICE. CITY HALL. BALTIMORE STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM GAY STREET.

SPECTACULAR FIRE ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Burning of Old Storage Ice-House on River Front Called Out-Department.

FIREMAN HAAKE AGAIN HURT

Slightly Injured by Collapse of Structure—The Damage Insignificant.

The fire alarm from box 221, at Twenty-eighth and Dock Streets, at 11:30 last night, followed by an outbreak of flame that illumined the eastern horizon, served to attract the largest crowd that has attended a night fire in Richmond in many months. The flames originated in the west and were confined to a frame shell-like structure adjoining the Old Dominion Dock on the west and formerly occupied by the Richmond Ice Company. It was unoccupied, and was not an expensive structure.

The most notable feature of the fire was the large outpouring of people, a fact directly attributable to the devastation wrought by the great Baltimore fire, and the idea that anything was possible when the fire fiend began work. The crowds from the theatres, from dances and social gatherings, some in evening dress, and people from everywhere filled the streets, running toward the scene of the illumination, which cast a yellow glare on the hills to the northward. Every street car on the Main Street and Clay Street lines was jammed to its capacity, and it seemed that everybody awake was going to the fire.

Second Alarm Sounded.
 Interest in the fire was heightened by the sounding of a second alarm a few moments after the first. Arriving at the scene of the fire, it was seen that the flames would be confined to the structure in which they mysteriously originated. The sheds of the Old Dominion Steamship Company closely adjoining the old ice storage house, the burned building was of frame, with double walls of wood, filled in with sawdust, which had become perfectly dry. The old shed burned like tinder, the flame going directly upward. From the roof

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BALTIMORE'S LOSS TWO HUNDRED MILLION

Boundaries of Baltimore's Burned District

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 8.—The burned district is within the territory bounded on the west by Liberty Street, on the north by Lexington Street, on the east by Jones Falls, and on the south by the basin. Within this district were the big structures on Fayette, Gay, Lombard, Charles, Balderon, Elliott, Hollingsworth and Cheapeale Streets.

Passing southeast along the basin, the following large docks were destroyed: McClure, Pattersons, Smiths, Frederick, Long and Union. Small thoroughfares which do not extend as far north as Lexington Streets, and which were in the path of the flames are Commerce, Frederick and Mills Streets. The district thus swept by the fire comprised seventy-five blocks and nearly 2,500 buildings.

Flames Checked After a Desperate Battle.

SIXTY BLOCKS ARE WIPED OUT

Entire Business, Banking and Commercial District of City Is Wiped Out.

THOUSANDS OF MEN WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT

Great Fortunes Wrecked and Commercial Prestige of Baltimore Given a Blow It Cannot Recover From for Years.

TREMENDOUS AREA OF BLACKENED RUINS

Only Burnt Walls and Piles of Debris Mark Spots Where Baltimore's Proudest of Structures Stood—Flames Conquered at 7 o'Clock After Desperate Battle—City Under Martial Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
 BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 8.—Stunned, disheartened and on the verge of despair, Baltimore drew a deep sigh of relief at 7 o'clock to-night when Mayor McMane confirmed the report that the progress of the flames had at last been arrested. After thirty hours of desperate fighting the combined fire forces of a half dozen cities succeeded in holding the flames at the Union docks.

Two hundred millions of dollars' worth of property in the meantime had been swept away. This is the conservative estimate. Sixty business blocks have been wiped out. More than one thousand modern structures, many of them skyscrapers, modern in every respect and said to have been "fireproof," are blackened ruins.

Fortunes Wrecked.

The fire area covered a territory more than a half a mile in length and from three to six blocks in width. Two square miles are in ruins. The entire business, banking and commercial district of Baltimore has been obliterated, thousands of poor workers have been thrown out of employment, great fortunes have been wrecked and the commercial prestige of Baltimore has received a blow from which it cannot recover in many years.

Amid the darkness and the desolation of the city, there is only one ray of light.

So far as can be ascertained at this hour, only one life has been lost in the tragedy of flame and gale that has devastated one of the great cities of the continent.

Jacob Dignifritz, a member of the Laurel Company, of York, Pa., one of the first to respond to the appeal for outside help, was crushed to death beneath a falling wall early this morning.

John M. Hood, president of the United Railways Company, is missing. Scores of firemen have been injured and the miraculous escapes from death mount into the hundreds.

Martial Law.

Martial law has been proclaimed. The police of a dozen cities are patrolling the streets, aided by national guardsmen and a thousand regular troops dispatched hither by the War Department. Major-General Henry C. Corbin, commanding the department of the east, has been ordered to take military command of the situation and by morning will be at the right hand of Mayor McMane to assist in maintaining order and restraining the lawless. Looting has begun. Bands of robbers spread over the city to-day, plundering abandoned property and prowling about the ruins until stern repressive measures were adopted. Orders have been issued to the troops on guard to shoot down all persons found engaged in unlawful operations.

Gleam of Hope.

Not without varying hope and despair did Baltimore reach to-night the first stage in her progress toward recovery from the calamity.

All through the night the fire raged. At dawn the flames were still sweeping restlessly onward, and it seemed that the entire city must go down in smoldering ruins. Then at 11 o'clock came a gleam of hope. The firemen announced that the fire was under control.

A cry of thank went up and Baltimore took courage. A hundred fires still blazed about the destroyed district, but the firemen kept back their spread. There was a feeling that the worst was over, and then came another blow. At 2 o'clock, despite all the worn and weary fighters could do, the flames took fresh

THE LIST OF LOSSES IN BALTIMORE FIRE

STAND BY THE OLD RESIDENTS FIRST

Colonel Cutshaw and Major Allen Would Improve Present Territory Before Extending.

PREACHED FUNERAL OF JOHN BROWN

Rev. Joshua Young, Noted Abolitionist, Gone to His Last Reward.

CONTRACTORS CHARGED WITH WHOLESALE FRAUD

(By Associated Press.)
 COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 8.—The committee appointed by the last session of the South Carolina Legislature to inspect the alleged inferior work of the Capitol building at Columbia rendered their report to-day, in which wholesale fraud on the part of the contractors is charged. It is understood that the report accuses Melville and Unkper, of Pittsburgh, and Architect F. B. Milburn, of this city.

The report recommends that proceedings be instituted at once against Unkper and Milburn.

The report was founded on testimony of Architect Hunt, of Washington.

TOBACCO PLANTERS TO MEET IN DANVILLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Preparations have been made in the city for the entertainment of a large gathering of tobacco planters of this county, who will gather here to-morrow for the purpose of completing the organization of a county association.

WHOLE BLOCK BURNED IN LAKELAND, FLORIDA

(By Associated Press.)
 LAKELAND, FLA., Feb. 8.—The entire block bounded by the railroad, Kentucky Avenue, Main Street and Massachusetts Avenue was burned here this morning.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with insurance of about one-third.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The entire burned district will at once be rebuilt in brick.

Richmond.

The devastating fire in Baltimore arouses profound sympathy in Richmond; the General Assembly adopts resolutions of sympathy and the Chamber of Commerce will hold a public meeting. Richmond insurance companies fortunately had no risks in the Monumental City. People coming from Baltimore give thrilling accounts of the great conflagration. Secretary of War Root donates the requisition of Governor Montague and calls for advance proof sheets of the Confederate muster rolls. Cases argued in United States Court by Baltimore lawyers whose offices were burned on Sunday. Animated but fraternal discussion in Memorial Union over question relating to the Erie in school. Methodist ministers call upon Congressmen to vote for the Hepburn inter-state liquor bill. Preparations for the elaborate celebration of St. Patrick's Day before Lent a brilliant event. Negroes parade in car and stick to motorcade. Madame Patti to arrive here this evening. Cases of alleged blind tigers continued in Police Court. Death of Mr. James P. Fligg. Judge Ingram overrules demurrer in the plumbing boycott suit. Trial of Mohave entirely successful. Crutches of Captain Sullivan placed over the door of the House of Delegates. Burglars rob a Baltimore saloon on Sunday night. Masquerade ball given by Rebekah Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gearty to take trip to Europe. Question of whether a slave on Sunday is a necessity.

Local Lodge of Elks to hold new home. Street Committee to open bids for permanent street improvements at meeting to-night. Finance Committee will work on budget. Funeral of Mrs. Craig. Two young deserters arrested. Suspicious negro arrested by Officer Watt. Mrs. Lipscomb worse.

Virginia.

The new monthly assembly day at Louisa Courthouse, as substituted for the old county court day, a great success. R. Lee, Jr., makes an address. Timely discovery saves another conflagration in the Seaboard Air Line building. Portmouth. Magistrate Francis Lovjoy found dead in his room in Alexandria. Rev. R. M. Baskin gives his children carbolic acid by mistake and endangers his life. The first harbor defense squadron ever formed assembling in Hampton Roads. A young yarder & fireman & iron jerked from engine and ground to pieces under the wheels. Habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of W. R. Koon, eddy at Lexington. An organized gang of thieves operating at Williamsburg and in the vicinity of Lunenburg county. Citizens gather at the courthouse as if county court were in session. Citizens are petitioning the Legislature for a change of deputy collectors at Durham a surprise. Grandstand blown down at Charlotte and wrecked. Four horses killed. Rev. L. M. Kerschner resigns pastorate at Spencer much to surprise of many. Sixteen of Hannan's appointments changed since conference.

North Carolina.

George K. Pritchard appointed United States marshal in the Indian Territory. A timely discovery prevents the destruction of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Raleigh. Chamber of Commerce to have a citizen lecture every meeting night. Three new stock companies chartered by the Secretary of State. Firenado sweeps over Walden and does much damage. Roof of cotton mill torn off and other buildings damaged. Wire down. Change of deputy collectors at Durham a surprise. Grandstand blown down at Charlotte and wrecked. Four horses killed. Rev. L. M. Kerschner resigns pastorate at Spencer much to surprise of many. Sixteen of Hannan's appointments changed since conference.

General.

Baltimore fire checked after destruction of property to the estimated value of two hundred million dollars. Thousands of people thrown out of employment; only one person killed and not many injured. Firemen reported to be rushing troops into Korea with the intention of occupying Seoul. Russian force said to be near the Great Wall of China and ready to descend upon Peking. Fleet of cruisers sails from Port Arthur and the fleet is reported to be heading for the Yalu River. One correspondent has already heard the sound of distant firing and guesses a battle is raging. Remarkable resistance to unfavorable news of war and fire, and though prices fell from three to five per cent. there was a substantial rally in the final hour. Several persons killed and many houses destroyed in Arkansas. Senator Hanna's condition is reported to be satisfactory. Automobiles going to Virginia. Hannan's efforts to be made to have a big racing meet there during Easter week. Meeting of Jamestown people with congressmen in Washington and determination to call Congress to appropriate three million dollars for the expedition.

HANNA'S CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The following bulletin was issued on Senator Hanna's condition to-night:
 "Senator Hanna's temperature at 8 P. M. was 102; his pulse is 92 and regular; respiration, 24. There has been less irritability of the stomach and his general condition remains good."
 (Signed)
 "RIXEY,"
 "CARTER."

TRIAL OF MRS. POST WILL BE FINISHED TO-DAY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
 JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 8.—The case against Mrs. Helen Wilms Post, the mental science sealer, who is on trial in the United States Court for using the mails for fraudulent purposes, will be ended to-morrow. Today was taken up with arguments of counsel, and the court will charge the jury to-morrow morning.

A Plea for Peace.

(By Associated Press.)
 VIENNA, Feb. 8.—The Austrian Peace Society has sent a cablegram to President Roosevelt, requesting him to intervene in the Russo-Japanese conflict under the provisions of the international arbitration tribunal at The Hague.