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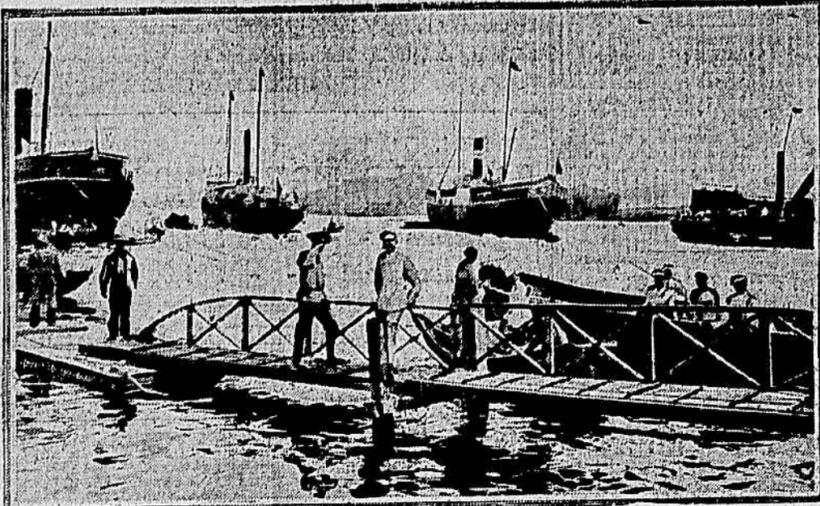
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## FIRST BLOOD FOR THE JAPANESE NAVY

## NEW BALTIMORE MORE BEAUTEOUS THAN OLD



HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR, WHERE MONDAY'S BATTLE WAS FOUGHT.

### Disables Three of Russia's Best Vessels.

### BATTLE FOUGHT OFF PORT ARTHUR

Japs Repeat Performance of Chinese War, Attacking With Torpedo Boats.

### FIRE OF RUSSIANS FELL FAR SHORT

Attacking Fleet Delivers Its Killing Blow and Steams Away Without Suffering Any Damage Whatsoever.

### CZAR'S WAR VESSELS HIT BELOW WATER LINE

Two Battleships Are Beached in Entrance to Harbor, Bottling Rest of Fleet Up and Preventing Those Outside From Getting In—Two Other Vessels Said to Have Been Captured at Chemulpo.

### VICTORY FOR JAPANESE.

TOKIO, Feb. 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships whose names have not yet been learned at Chemulpo. It is said the engagement began at 11 A. M. and continued until 3 P. M. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk and the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of the crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured. The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged. Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable. It was reported yesterday that Russian cruisers Korietz and Varig were lying at Chemulpo, and it is possible that they were the vessels to have been engaged.



RUINS OF BALTIMORE STREET, CHIEF BUSINESS THOROUGHFARE OF THE STRICKEN CITY.

### Baltimore Surveys Her Ruins, Saves What Is Left in the Debris and Prepares to Rise Again—Remarkable Energy and Courage Displayed by Citizens. Strict Military Guard.

### Metropolis of South Will Give to World Most Marvellous Exhibition of Energy and Pluck the World Has Ever Seen—Demands for Architects, Plans and Workmen Cannot Be Met.

### Julian Hawthorne, in Graphic Word Picture, Paints Baltimore's Desolation in Tones so Graphic That One Can Almost See the Desolation and Smell the Smoke Rising From the Debris.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 9.—Amid ruins still hot and smoking, Baltimore has begun its resurrection. With the dawn of a clear winter day, whose brightness was in itself an inspiration, the apathy of yesterday gave way to energy from the Government of the State to the private citizen; the people of this distressed city aroused themselves to meet the appalling conditions that confront them.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Though Baltimore is stricken sorely and its citizens are almost smitten dumb by the calamity that has overtaken them, the city will rise again as fast as workmen can build.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 9.—After viewing the mounded desolation of what was Baltimore's business quarter and of that region which was inhabited by the unknown hordes of the poorer classes, none imagines that the angel of destiny, in his journeyings to and fro over the earth, passed here on the Sunday morning of this week and recognized the spot named in his book of fate for an especial and memorable visitation.

In order to hurry this work, the owners of the newer and finer buildings, desirous their structures rebuilt on the original plans which will be done in some instances, but, unfortunately, the offices of a number of architects went down in the general ruins, and the plans were burned. However, every architect and builder in Baltimore, already has more demands for patrons than can be completed in ten years, and outside men will have to do the bulk of the work.

Business men and especially the real estate dealers are confident that the reconstruction will go ahead with an energy and rapidity that will surprise the world. That the sufferers have the energy to go ahead is shown by the tremendously high rents being paid for any sort of office room.

When in the early dawn I looked from my window toward the east, there was a ruddy glow upon the sky, which I at first mistook for the reflection of the still burning city. But it was only the daily miracle, once more, "God made Himself an awful rose of dawn," and when, leaving the train and hastening up Charles Street, I had my first glimpse of the city itself, the quiet houses and the wide, clean, almost deserted streets suggested no calamity. The few shops and buildings in the region were closed. I seemed to have come upon a community still peacefully still.

### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday in Virginia—Snow or rain, north portion; south and by night in north portion; Thursday rain or snow; increasing easterly winds. North Carolina—Rain Wednesday; Thursday clearing and colder; increasing northerly winds.

### STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	77
12 M.	80
3 P. M.	82
6 P. M.	81
9 P. M.	81
12 midnight	81
Average	80 1/2

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises... 7:06  
Sun sets... 5:42  
Moon rises... 2:43  
Moon sets... 12:21

### Virginia.

Serious fire at Gate City, the result of a defective fuse—Peterburg lady breaks her hip by a fall—Negro arrested in connection with highway robbery—A steamer will be shipped out of the B. & O. Frederickburg, Norfolk, Lynchburg and other points on the Chesapeake Bay—Man arrested in Norfolk for robbing the Masonic Orphanage—Misses in Norfolk, Va., arrested for highway robbery—New system of taxing rolling stock of railroads—Negro robber gets out of prison in Pamlico—Man arrested in view of Frankfort—Wilber Smith burned to death by iron metal at Petersburg—Hundred—Winchester Republicans make change in committee—Keedy, the condemned felon, who was arrested in Virginia, has been sentenced to life imprisonment—Negro dies at Chalkville—Thousands of visitors attend the annual fair to ply between Urbanna and Baltimore.

### General.

Japanese draw first blood in fight with Russia, her mosquito fleet of torpedo boats putting three of Russia's best warships to the bottom—Russia's fleet at Port Arthur, thousand Japanese troops land at Chemulpo, and it is reported that the Russian fleet is being bottled up and one of them sunk; news of the success of the Japanese navy on the sea is finally established; Secretary Hay addresses the Senate on the Russo-Japanese war—Russia's fleet at Port Arthur, asking their united action in support of Russia and Japan a promise of the United States—Baltimore's business men demand more energy and pluck, and out of the ruins will be a greater and more beautiful city than the one destroyed—The offices of the architects are besieged with demands for plans for rebuilding—The city is a scene of desolation, though military guards keep all except those who pass from out the burning city—The House of Representatives has passed a bill to suspend the operation of the Federal Court in favor of the Federal Court of New York—Attorneys for Dodge instituted habeas corpus proceedings and a hearing of the case was given by District Judge Kitzell, who issued an order to the effect that any officer of the State of Texas acting in interference with Dodge while he is held in bond to the Federal Court would be held guilty of contempt and punished accordingly—This resulted in the immediate release of the prisoner.

## GIVES HER FREE HAND

### Japan's Victory Establishes Her Superiority Over Russia on the Sea.

## ALL ENGLAND IS ELATED

### With This Comes Feeling of Amazement at Audacity of Japanese Sailors.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—All England is glad that first blood in the mighty struggle between Russia and Japan has been drawn by her allies.

## Drive Russia Out.

The question has been asked many times to-day, will the Japanese soldiers measure up to the standard set by the men of the torpedo fleet? Officers who served during the Boxer troubles in China are unanimous that they will, and declare their belief that Russia will be driven out of Manchuria before the summer is old.

## Of Great Importance.

In the opinion of diplomats, second only in importance to the Japanese victory at Port Arthur is the news from Washington to the effect that the United States has invited the powers to join her in neutralizing China. In this move she will have the hearty sympathy and full co-operation of Great Britain, and it is believed the other powers of the first class will join in the movement with little hesitation. It will do much to localize the fighting. The declaration of neutrality by France also tends to confine the fighting to the original belligerents.

## RELEASED, ARRESTED AGAIN AND THEN SET FREE

(By Associated Press.) HOUSTON, TEX., Feb. 9.—C. F. Dodge, wanted in New York on a charge of perjury, was to-day released on bond, re-arrested and again released.

## JAPS GAME FIGHTERS

### They Cannot Stand the Strain of a Long and Trying Struggle With Russia.

## TALK WITH ADMIRAL WEBSTER

### Port Arthur the Key to the Eastern Situation—Yellow Sea Scene of War.

The boom of Japan's fighting cannon has reverberated through the world, fulfilling its message of defiance in the face of the rabid and unborn Russian bear and sending a thrill through the halls of diplomacy in every land upon the globe.

## What Admiral Webster Thinks.

"The Russians will need all the praying for victory they can get," said Admiral Harrie Webster yesterday as he read the bulletin announcing that the Imperial court was preparing to attend a solemn Te Deum to beseech success.

## MRS. POST IS GUILTY

### Verdict to this Effect Reached After Seven Hours' Conference. Eleven Other Indictments.

(By Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 9.—A verdict of guilty was returned this evening by the jury in the case against Helen Williams Post, the mental science healer, who has been on trial for the past ten days in the United States Court.

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## PATTI WILL NOT COME

### The Premier Singer Delayed in Atlanta by a Cold and Cannot Appear Here.

Madame Adelina Patti-Nicolini, Baronesse Godefron, the renowned singer who was booked for appearance at the Academy of Music to-night, will not appear here at all this season.

## FIRE IN LUMBER DISTRICT OF CHICAGO

### Blaze Has Eaten Its Way Through Block and Is Beyond Control of the Firemen.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—At 1 o'clock this morning a serious fire broke out in the lumber district. The fire started in the factory of the Wilce Lumber Company, makers of sash, doors and blinds, at Twenty-first and Allport Streets. The flames spread through the factory with great rapidity, and driven by a high wind from the east, had spread through the block from Allport Street to Throop Street, had leaped across the latter thoroughfare and had attacked the box factory of J. J. Wintermeyer. The department was unable to check it here and additional calls were sent for more engines. At 1:30 the fire was blazing and was beyond control.

## HANNA RESTING WELL; HIS CONDITION GOOD

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The following bulletin on Senator Hanna's condition was issued to-night: "At 8 P. M. Senator Hanna was resting quietly. His temperature was 102.8; pulse, 94, and regular; respiration, 24. There are no complications, and his general condition remains good."

## All Was Ruin.

What was the prevailing characteristic of the scene? I should say a cold and irredeemable desolation. Nothing was visible that was not ruin—burnt out to mere lime and clinders. Heaps of barren brick; rugged mounds of scorched, splintered and calcined stone; a chequered debris of formation of twisted girders and granite beams of iron; an inextricable tangled mass of all sizes; the low ramparts of walls which had been lofty, charred with the breath and bitten by the tooth of the