

Russian Fleet Destroyed in Mighty Sea Battle--Four Battleships and Three Cruisers Being Sunk

By Associated Press. LONDON, FEB. 11--A DISPATCH TO THE ROUTERS TELEGRAM COMPANY, FROM TOKIO, DATED 7 15 P. M., YESTERDAY, SAYS THERE IS AN UNOFFICIAL REPORT CURRENT THERE THAT THE RUSSIAN FLEET WAS DESTROYED, FOUR BATTLE-

SHIPS AND THREE CRUISERS BEING SUNK, AND THAT TWO JAPANESE WARSHIPS WERE DAMAGED IN AN ENGAGEMENT OFF PORT ARTHUR, THE JAPANESE GETTING BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR BEFORE THE FIGHT BEGAN.

BRIDGE BLOWN UP

By Associated Press. London, Eng., Feb. 11--A Tien Tsin special confirms the report that the Manchurian railroad was blocked by blowing up one of the bridges and that thirty Russians were killed by the explosion. It is reported that two Russian steamers, "Nome" and "Mukden," have been captured by the Japanese.

BALTIC FLEET GOING EAST

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 11--The "Anzeiger" says notification has been received of the proposed passage of the Russian Baltic fleet consisting of fifteen warships, through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal on the way to the far East.

FAILED TO LAND TROOPS

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 11--A Port Arthur special says the Japanese failed yesterday in an attempt to land troops in the rear of the fortifications there.

JAPANESE FLEET OFF CHEMULPO

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--Two cable dispatches from Minister Allen, at Seoul, reporting the engagements of the 8th and 9th, off Chemulpo, says that twenty-one Japanese vessels arrived on the 9th. The reports confirm the previous accounts and say the battleship Variag was sunk. Twenty-five hundred Japanese troops are in Seoul.

JAPAN DECLARES WAR

By Associated Press. Tokio, Japan, Feb. 11--The existing state of war with Russia was formally announced to-day by Imperial proclamation.

SIX PRIZES OF WAR

Nagasaki, Feb. 11--While the Japanese fighting squadron has been working wonders at both Port Arthur and Chemulpo, their secondary line of naval defense has not been idle, and already six prizes of war are lying in the harbor of Sasebo on the island of Kiushi. The prizes are: The volunteer transport Ekaterinosiav, the steamer Argun, the whaler Glorgie, the whaler Nicolai, the whaler Alexander and the whaler Michael. All the prizes were brought into Sasebo harbor by the prize crews which had been thrown aboard them immediately upon their capture. They were guarded by the cruisers Saiyen and Haiyen. Great rejoicing is being felt here on the receipt of the news, because those in a position to know, declare that it is only a question of a few hours at most when every Russian cargo-carrying bottom will be sent into Japanese ports under guard.

GREAT BRITAIN NEUTRAL

By Associated Press. London, Eng., Feb. 11--Great Britain's neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan was declared by a proclamation issued by King Edward to-day.

THE CZAR'S DECLARATION OF WAR.

"To All My Dear Subjects:--I declare that we were anxious to preserve peace, so dear to our hearts and did all in our power to maintain tranquility in the Far East. With these peaceful aims, we declared our readiness to revise the existing treaty between the two empires regarding Korean affairs. "The negotiations, however, have not been carried out to a conclusion. Japan, without waiting for the receipt of our reply, broke off diplomatic relations. Without considering whether such a rupture meant the commencement of warlike actions, the Japanese government ordered her torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron at Port Arthur. "After the receipt of the report we ordered our governor to reply with arms. We hereby make known our decision, in firm trust in the help of the Almighty, and in the assurance of the unanimous readiness of our true subjects to stand with us in the defense of our fatherland. "We call the blessing of the Lord upon our brave army and fleet. "NICHOLAS."

generally believed, that a Japanese warship had destroyed the Russian mail steamer, "Mongolia," bound from Shanghai to Dalny.

RIGID NEWS CENSORSHIP

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 11--A rigid censorship prevents the receipt of any news. Nothing is known except Admiral Alexiff's report of the Port Arthur engagement. The government has suppressed one paper for printing false rumors of a Russian victory.

COREAN CABLES CUT

By Associated Press. Paris, France, Feb. 11--Advices to officers indicate that the Russian battleship Cessarvitch can be put into service soon. The cutting of the cables delays Korean news twelve hours. No official confirmation of the report that the Emperor of Korea had taken refuge in the French legation has been received. By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 11--The Temps says it has received confirmation from official sources of the report from Port Arthur that the Japanese attempted to make a landing at the bay of Port Arthur and was immediately repulsed.

STRIPPED FOR BATTLE

IS HON. CHARLES F. TETER, CANDIDATE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

He Says He is in the Fight to Win and Will Stay in the Campaign to the Finish.

Hon. Charles F. Teter, of Philippi, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, is a distinguished visitor in the city, being a guest at the Waldlo hotel. Mr. Teter arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Parkersburg and Huntington where he has been looking after business matters as well as his campaign interests.

The genial man from Harbour county was the center of a host of friends in the lobby of the Waldlo hotel. When asked by a Telegram representative of the object of his visit here Mr. Teter said it was purely a matter of personal business which called him to the city.

Asked as to the political outlook Mr. Teter says the political future looks very bright. He says that while no one could forecast exactly just what the choice of the Republican state convention will be, on account of the state of things politically at present, he is fairly well satisfied with his campaign prospects. Mr. Teter says he is in the fight to win and he has been very much stimulated over the encouragement given him by his friends. He says he is stripped for battle and will win or die game. He will be in the city for a short time attending to business matters and will probably go from here to his home at Philippi.

DANIEL DENHAM DIES

Death of Cashier of New York Branch of Methodist Book Concern Announced at Cincinnati Meeting.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 11--At the second day's session of the Methodist Book Concern, Dr. Eaton, the eastern agent, announced the sudden death of Daniel Denham, for the last fifteen years cashier of the New York Book Concern. Resolutions were adopted and Dr. Eaton expressed from further attendance.

83 MILLIONS FOR NAVY

Naval Appropriation Bill Presented in the House of Representatives--Provides For Five New Battleships.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--The naval appropriation bill was presented in the House of Representatives to-day. It contemplates the building of five battleships to cost, with the completion of those now building, nearly eighty-three million dollars. The bill appropriates \$19,828,825.

MUCH INTEREST IN HANNA'S CONDITION

Shown in Clarksburg, News From His Bedside Taking Precedence Over the Russian-Japanese Conflict.

News concerning the condition of United States Senator Hanna, who lies at death's door in Washington City, as the result of an attack of typhoid fever, took precedence here during the day over even the war news. The report got started at a late hour last night that the Senator was dead, but there was no confirmation of it, and all was anxiety until the first Associated Press bulletin came to the Telegram office Thursday morning. That bulletin was not at all reassuring, but later dispatches proved much more satisfactory. A feature of the day was the universal interest taken in his condition and the hope that he might recover. Republican and Democrat alike expressed themselves freely on the subject and deplored the great loss the demise of this great statesman and party leader would bring about.

BURIAL

Of Remains of James McFarland, Who Died From Small Pox in Point Comfort, Occurred Wednesday Midnight in I. O. O. F. Cemetery

The remains of James McFarland, who died at the Lindsay home in Point Comfort Wednesday morning, a victim of the small pox, were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery Wednesday midnight. The burial was made with all precautions as to the contagion of the dread disease. McFarland was an employe of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Factory and his fellow workmen as well as a large number of friends, are grieved and pained on account of his unfortunate death.

ANOTHER

Successful Meeting at the Goff M. E. Church Last Evening, With Large Audience in Attendance.

A very large audience was again at the revival services at Goff M. E. church last evening, and a very profitable meeting was held. Rev. Jacob Reed, a local preacher, and member of the Upsur circuit, who is visiting his brother, Thomas Reed, of Glen Elk, was present and aided much by his fervent prayers and exhortations towards the success of the meeting. Rev. Coffield also gave much valuable assistance. Mrs. E. B. Deison and Miss, Mable Rutten-cutter sang a very beautiful and impressive duet. The large chorus choir and audience sang most heartily and a splendid spirit prevailed the meeting. The Rev. L. M. Barnard will preach the sermon tonight. There will be special music and a grand, good meeting is anticipated. All are invited to come at 7.30 p. m.

WHY NOT GET CLARKSBURG ORCHESTRA

The Camden Theatre Orchestra, which plays for nearly all the dances that the given in Parkersburg, and is recognized as one of the best orchestras in the state has been employed for a big dance to be given at the new Waldlo hotel on Friday evening of this week. The full orchestra will go out, and if they don't please their Clarksburg patrons it will be because they don't know what good music is. Parkersburg Sentinel.

LETTER CARRIERS CHANGE

Charles E. Thacker, of Paducah, Ky., Transfers Position as Letter Carrier With Delbert R. Smith, By Order of Post Office Department.

Charles E. Thacker, of Paducah, Ky., an employe of the post office department, has been transferred from Paducah to this city by order of the departmental headquarters. He has arrived in the city and will take the position of carrier in the place of Delbert R. Smith, who has been transferred to take Mr. Thacker's place in Paducah. Mr. Smith has been carrying the mail on route No. 3, in the east end. His many friends here will regret to lose him from their midst.

DEATH OF MRS. SHAFER

Esteemed and Respected Resident of Adamston Passes Away on Thursday Morning After Long Illness.

Mrs. Mattie J. Shafer, wife of A. J. Shafer, an esteemed and respected resident of Adamston, died Thursday morning at seven o'clock after a long illness. The deceased was sixty years of age. Besides her husband she is survived by three children, namely Arthur M. Shafer, Shas. Shafer and Mrs. F. L. Shim. Mrs. Shafer was a kind hearted, lovable woman and a large number of friends and acquaintances will mourn her death. The funeral will take place from the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church on Friday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. The burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

SENATOR HANNA WEAKER

PHYSICIANS HAVE APPREHENSION THAT UNFORSEEN COMPLICATIONS MAY ARISE.

Rested Comfortably Last Night But Was Considerably Weaker This Morning Showing Effect of Fever.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--Senator Hanna's physicians said at noon: "Senator Hanna was weaker this morning, showing the effect of the fever. Temperature, 102; pulse, 100; respiration, 28. - o complications."

By Bailey & Melton's Private Wire. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11, 12.30 p.m. --The condition of Senator Hanna is unchanged. His physicians are not yet able to predict just when the crisis will be reached. They have apprehension that unforeseen complications may come momentarily.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--Senator Hanna rested comfortably last night with the exception of a slight recurrence of gastric trouble. His general condition at 9.30 a. m., today, was good.

The doctors are not yet able to predict with any certainty when the crisis in the case will occur. All they know for certain is that the Senator now has had the fever continuously for eleven days and the disease they say generally runs its course in three or four weeks. The doctors say they are satisfied with the progress of the case, although they do not conceal their apprehension that unforeseen complications may occur at any time.

NATIONAL BANK AT SYRACUSE CLOSED

By Associated Press. Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 11--The American National Bank, of this city, was closed to-day by a National Bank Examiner.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--The American National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., closed its doors by a vote of the directors, who asked for the appointment of a receiver.

The capital of the institution is \$200,000, and the deposits \$500,000.

TRIAL

Of William E. Wiley on Charge of Stealing Diamonds From Young Woman in Baltimore, on in Magistrate's Court.

The trial of William E. Wiley, alias "Kid" Wiley, who was jailed several days ago on a warrant which charged him with stealing over a thousand dollars worth of diamonds from Mable Ross, a young woman of Baltimore, came up before Magistrate Samuel W. Gordon Thursday afternoon. At the time of going to press the hearing was still in progress. Considerable time was taken up in the examination of the prosecuting witness. The trial is attracting considerable attention and the magistrate's court is crowded with spectators.

HAGGARTY

And His Attorney Make a Motion in Judge Jackson's Court Concerning Injunction Issued.

Thomas Haggarty, the local labor agitator, was with his attorney Samuel Burdette, in Parkersburg Wednesday for the purpose of making a motion before Judge John J. Jackson to dissolve the injunction, which was awarded by the judge in the case of William Atkins, president of the Kingswood Coal Company, against Charles Springer and other strikers and strike agitators. Mr. Burdette made a motion combating the coal company. Attorney P. J. Crogan, of Kingwood, represents the plaintiff. The hearing of the case will be April 14.

VICTIM

Of Small Pox is Nine-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis at Point Comfort

Mattie Davis, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis, of Point Comfort, died Thursday morning at 1.30 o'clock from small pox.

Although the little girl was not out of the house during the prevalence of the dread disease in the neighborhood, she contracted it in some manner and ten days ago she was taken down with it. She grew worse and succumbed to the ravages of the disease. The Davis home is situated just across the street from the Lindsay home where small pox has existed for some time and where two deaths from the disease have occurred. The father, mother and a younger sister are quarantined in the house where the little girl died. Two trained nurses, immune from the disease, have been in attendance. The other members of the family have been vaccinated and fumigation and other precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Burial will be made at midnight Thursday.

HIBERNIANS

Will Be Addressed To Night in Centennial Hall By National Organizer Dennis E. Ryan.

Demis E. Ryan, of Buffalo, N. Y., national organizer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will address the local members in Centennial Hall at 8.30 o'clock this evening. No admission will be charged and all Hibernians and their friends are requested to be present.

ELKINS

MAY ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY AGAINST THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Stated Authoritatively That Such is His Intention--Much Eastern Sentiment For the Big West Virginian.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--It is authoritatively stated to-day that Senator Stephen B. Elkins will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President in opposition to President Roosevelt. National Committeeman Hawley, of Texas, says that the Texas delegates to the National Convention will be instructed for Elkins if he will consent to run. Considerable sentiment in the east is being created for Senator Elkins.

CONSIDERING CANAL TREATY.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 11--The Senate considered the Panama Canal Treaty in executive session to-day.

HON. U. G. YOUNG HERE.

Hon. U. G. Young, of Buckhannon, is in the city attending to business matters and shaking hands with his many friends here. Mr. Young is a prominent attorney of Upsur county and is a candidate for the judgeship of the twelfth judicial circuit. He is a representative West Virginian and he stands high in the estimation of a host of friends and admirers.

ALLEN'S DAY WILL BE OBSERVED.

Allen's Day will be observed at the Bride's Chapel, A. M. E. church, next Sunday. There will be a special sermon at 7.45 in the evening, with this subject, "The Church of Allen, What It Stands For, vs. Negro Methodism." There will also be preaching at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon.

ONE LONE DRUNK.

One lone drunk paid the city a fine of three dollars and the unmeted costs of \$1.00 in police court at the regular morning session held Thursday and he was given his liberty. The man had been out on a high too-alorum Wednesday evening and was scratched up by a member of the city police force and skidded to the calaboose.

LOCAL FIRE INSURANCE

WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION IN BALTIMORE.

All of the Companies Represented Here Are Able to Pay Out and Their Stability is Not Affected.

None of the fire insurance companies that are represented in Clarksburg will be affected by the great conflagration at Baltimore. While it is to be expected that in such cases of overwhelming destruction of property insurance companies will be forced to suspend and some of them be seriously crippled, it has been found that in the Baltimore fire the only insurance companies that will suffer to any great extent will be the Baltimore companies. Several of them will be forced to suspend.

Word sent to the local agencies of the old line fire insurance companies represented in this city states that their stability will in no wise be affected and that they are fully able to pay the policy holders of Baltimore in full.

The Baltimore fire insurance companies are not represented in Clarksburg therefore all of the fire insurance policies held by Clarksburg people are as safe now as they were before the Baltimore fire.

STUART REED HONORED

Was Re-Elected Vice-President of the National Republican Editorial Association a tits Annual Session.

Stuart F. Reed returned Thursday from Washington, where he had been attending the second convention of the National Republican Editorial Association of the United States. Mr. Reed was a member of the organization committee when the association was formed and at the session just held was re-elected Vice President, and also made a member of a special committee of five, selected from the Republican journalists and speakers of the United States, to attend the National Republican Convention at Chicago, and co-operate with the National committee in matters relating to the coming campaign. The members of the association were royally entertained while at the National Capital. The special reception given to the delegates and their wives by President of Mrs. Roosevelt and the elaborate social functions arranged by Senator Chauncey M. Depew and wife, and by Senator and Mrs. Platt, of New York, at their Washington homes, will long be remembered. Mr. Reed was accompanied by Mrs. Reed who returned home on Sunday.

The association passed a resolution recommending Theodore Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

John A. Sleicher, of New York, editor of Leslie's and Judge, was elected the president of the association for the coming year.

COLONEL DUNNINGTON

Secretary of the State Grand Lodge of Masons, Dies at His Home in Fairmont.

Fairmont, W. Va., Feb. 11--Colonel Richard A. Dunnington, father of the late George Dunnington, for years editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer, died at his home on Fairmont avenue last night at 7 o'clock, after a long illness of heart trouble. He was 63 years of age.

Colonel Dunnington was at the time of his death secretary of the State Grand Lodge of Masons, and one of the most prominent members of that order in the country. He had for many years been a resident of this city, where he had engaged in extensive business enterprises. He is survived by a widow and four children.

THEY WILL WED.

The County Clerk has issued certificates of marriage to the following persons: Ralph James Gill and Lucy McClung.