

## CAPTURED BY COSSACKS

### A Japanese Officer and Some Important Papers.

## FIRST SKIRMISH ON LAND AT WIJU.

### Russian General Declares Situation at Port Arthur Unchanged and All Quiet in Manchuria—Meanwhile the Wary Japs Are Secretly Moving in Various Directions and May Strike at Any Moment—Scouts Cross Yalu River.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).—Major General Pliginskii, the chief of staff of the Russian Army, telegraphed from Port Arthur as follows:

The situation at Port Arthur is unchanged.

A column of Cossacks, marching from Wiju captured a Japanese major, Tatsuru, with five soldiers and two civilians.

The reports regarding the enemy are generally contradictory and scarce. It is confirmed that troops of Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese Army, are being dispatched to Tsinchou and Kuantze.

All is quiet in Manchuria.

A Press dispatch from Port Arthur says the first land encounter has occurred. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners on whom they found maps and papers.

The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties. A general engagement is not anticipated immediately.

The Japanese fleet was observed February 18 cruising off Port Arthur. All the women and children have left Port Arthur and practically only the garrison remains.

Reports from Northern Korea say the Koreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians.

The Manchurian Railroad is conveying troops without difficulty to the various points of concentration.

Native reports say that the Chinese pirates, since the outbreak of hostilities, have been displaying such activity in Eastern Asiatic waters, as almost to paralyze the coasting trade.

### Russians Lose Two Cruisers

Tokio, (By Cable).—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of Sunday, the 14th instant.

During the preceding night the vessels of the Japanese fleet of torpedo craft were parted by the force of the wind and waves, in a blinding snow storm, so that only two of the larger destroyers succeeded in forcing their way through the fierce gale to Port Arthur.

When they arrived there they attacked separately, and the officers of one of them are confident that they succeeded in torpedoing a Russian warship.

The destroyer Asagiri, in charge of Lieutenant Commander Ishikawa, arrived off Port Arthur about 3 o'clock in the morning, and was met with a sharp fire from the fortress and Russian ships acting as scouts.

The Asagiri discharged several torpedoes at a big warship, but the result is unknown. A cannonade was opened upon the scouting vessels and maintained until they withdrew.

The destroyer Hayatoro, Lieutenant Commander Takenouchi, arrived two hours after the Asagiri, and ran up close to the mouth of the harbor, where she fired a torpedo at one, and the torpedo exploded.

Admiral Togo, in reporting the attack, says although the results are unknown, he feels sure the moral effect upon the enemy will be excellent.

Commander Nagai commanded the entire torpedo flotilla. The number of the craft in the flotilla and the point of their departure is concealed.

### The Boyarin Blows Up

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).—The Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was blown up by a mine in the same manner as was the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei.

She had on board 197 officers and men, all of whom, it is understood, were lost. No details of the disaster have been given out.

The Boyarin was 548 feet long, 41 feet beam and 16 feet draught. She was of 3,200 tons displacement, and her trial speed was 25 knots.

Her armament consisted of six 4.7 inch guns, eight 1.3 inch guns, two 1.4 inch guns, and three machine guns. She was also fitted with six torpedo tubes. The Boyarin was last reported as having taken part in the engagement on February 9 at Port Arthur.

### THOUSANDS VIEW BODY.

Cleveland Citizens Pay Homage to Marcus A. Hanna.

Cleveland, Ohio, (Special).—Cleveland was again a city of deep mourning Friday. Business was practically suspended, and a very large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of their distinguished fellow-citizen, Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

Senator Hanna left this city for the nation's capital just four weeks ago, happy in the thought of his triumphant re-election to the highest legislative body in the land. To his belief in his leaving, the Senator expressed a sentiment that seems to have foreshadowed an event of the future.

"I am tired, and think I have earned a rest. If I can go to Washington and simply attend to my duties as Senator, I shall be happy," he said.

As dawn began to break over the city the doors of the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, where the body lay, were opened to a vast throng of people. Several thousand who stood in line awaiting their turn were disappointed when the doors to the Chamber were closed at 11 o'clock to prepare for the removal of the body to the church for the final funeral service.

At 10 o'clock the members of the State Legislature, who recently chose Mr. Hanna to again represent Ohio in the Senate, drove from their hotels to the Chamber of Commerce in a body and looked for the last time upon the face of the dead statesman.

### Naturalization Frauds.

New York, (Special).—Statements of Giovanni Morrell, an Italian miner of Butte, Mont., who was stopped by the immigration authorities here on his return from a visit to Italy, indicate, it is said, wholesale naturalization frauds in that state.

Morrell was found to be suffering from a venereal disease of the heart and was ordered deported. He produced his American citizenship papers, issued by the county court at Butte, Mont., but admitted that he first came to America only three years ago.

## PITS LOSS AT \$61,000.00.

### Appeal Tax Court's Estimate of Baltimore Fire Loss.

Baltimore, Md., (Special).—The report of the Appeal Tax Court on the estimated loss in the burned district includes the following:

The total number of pieces of property destroyed was 2200.

The loss on ground, according to the valuations placed by the city, amounts to \$12,000,000.

The estimated loss on improvements is \$11,000,000.

The loss on merchandise is placed at \$13,000,000, this being based upon the valuations as made by the assessor of the Appeal Tax Court.

The effect on stock operations is estimated at \$25,000,000 making a total estimated loss of \$61,000,000. This estimate is considered to be conservative, inasmuch as the merchandise on hand at the time of the fire is supposed to have been in excess of the average amount carried during the year and on which the assessment was placed.

## NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

### The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

#### Domestic.

Twenty-five persons were killed and 15 injured in a collision of trains at Jackson, Utah, that exploded a car of dynamite.

Three men were killed in an explosion at the Lullin-Rand powder mills, Wayne, N. J.

The insane asylum at Racine, Wis., was burned, but the 133 inmates were rescued.

Four passengers were injured in attempting to escape from a burning street car running rapidly at Pittsburg.

Perry Heath resigned as secretary of the Republican National Committee. Governor Herrick refused to run for Senator.

Mrs. Kittle Duffy, of New York, hunted for seven weeks for the slayer of her husband and at last found him on the Bowery.

A large electric fan is believed to have drawn the fire across the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago.

C. H. Troutman, a Millidgeville (Ga.) bank cashier, who had lost a large amount in speculation shot himself.

Otis Pierce, a Munice (Ind.) elevator boy, made nine trips in a burning building, saving its inmates.

Glenco Bays, a negro murderer, was burned to death by a mob near Crosscut, Arkansas.

May wheat touched \$1.01 1/2 in the Chicago Board of trade.

Capt. Geo. B. Jones, of Salisbury, Md., and five sailors of the wrecked schooner S. C. Tyrone were rescued off the Delaware Capes.

Joseph B. Canfield, a wealthy rubber manufacturer, and a servant were killed by coal gas at Bridgeport, Conn.

The engineer and foreman of the Dan River Power Company at Danville, Va., were killed for working on Sunday.

Plans are being made to hold an automobile carnival at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Jane Watkins, aged 81 years, was burned to death near Wheeling, W. Va.

Representative John F. Shaforth (Dem., Col.) resigned his seat in the House, because, he said, there were evidences of fraud in the ballots that elected him.

It is estimated an additional sum of \$1,600,000 will be required to complete the harbor of refuge at the Delaware Breakwater.

The Virginia Legislature passed a bill allowing changes of venue in assault cases and permitting victims to testify by deposition.

Grant C. Havers, 11 years old, charged with attempting to poison the family of W. A. Clark, of Chesterfield, was found with both legs so badly frozen that amputation was necessary.

The Maryland Society in New York gave its annual dinner at Sherry's.

Mrs. Mary M. Powell, foster mother of Estelle Albin, who was found dead in the garret of the former's home, 12 miles from Dover, Del., was arrested, accused of the girl's murder.

Antitoxin is reported to have decreased the mortality from diphtheria 65 per cent. in Chicago in nine years.

The Wabash Railroad filed a mortgage for \$10,000,000 in St. Louis to guarantee an issue of bonds for World's Fair terminals and improvements.

#### Foreign.

The first encounter on land in the Russo-Japanese War occurred in Korea and Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners.

European nations are making extensive military preparations, and war rumors caused a panic on the Paris Bourse.

An attempt to kill President Bonilla was made while he was at the theatre, and he has assumed the dictatorship of Honduras.

Another battle was reported in North Albania, in which the Albanians were defeated with a loss in killed and wounded of 500.

Fifteen persons were killed in an explosion in a celluloid comb factory in Paris.

A Russian force of 2,000 occupied Wiju, Korea, and rapid movements of troops were believed to indicate an early battle on land.

Russia intimated a favorable response to the Dray note concerning the neutrality of China.

Dr. Jameson, of Jameson's raid fame, was called upon to form a cabinet in Cape Colony, Sir J. J. Sprigg having resigned the Premiership.

## MANY PEOPLE KILLED

### Awful Damage Caused by Dynamite Explosion.

## DISASTER ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

### Everything Within Half a Mile of Explosion Wrecked and the Ground Torn Up for a Distance of a Thousand Feet, Leaving a Great Excavation Thirty Feet Deep—Besides the Dead There Are Fifteen Injured.

Ogden, Utah, (Special).—Twenty-five persons have been killed, 15 others injured, several, it is believed, fatally, and a great amount of railroad property destroyed by an explosion of a car load of dynamite at Jackson, a telegraph station on the western end of the Great Ogden-Lucien cut-off on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between two freight trains, due, it is said, to the failure of the air-brake apparatus to operate. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans; the others are Greek laborers.

The explosion following the collision between the two trains, which met on almost in front of the telegraph station, was terrific. Everything within a radius of half a mile was wrecked. The town of Terrace, 15 miles to the north, was shaken as though by an earthquake, window panes in the station at Colon, 15 miles away, were shattered, and the sound of the explosion was heard in this city, 81 miles from the scene of the disaster. The ground upon which the trains were standing was torn up for over a thousand feet, leaving a great excavation 30 feet in depth. Fragments of a dozen freight cars and two engines were thrown for incredible distances over the surrounding country, the station building was blown to splinters and the dead and injured were scattered for hundreds of feet in all directions, most of them having their clothing torn off.

### GREENSBORO COLLEGE BURNED.

### Ninety Pupils Escaped from the Building Without Injury.

Greensboro, N. C., (Special).—The famous old Greensboro Female College buildings in this city were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock A. M. There were 90 persons in the building, including the faculty. All escaped without injury, and saved their trunks, wearing apparel, most of the furniture and bedding. Hotels and private residents opened their doors to the students. The fire originated back of the sleeping rooms, in the same locality where a small fire occurred two weeks ago.

Miss Ella Transon, a student from Ashe county, was awakened by smoke, and gave the alarm. The fire department found the fire beyond control when it reached the spot. The college property was transferred only a week ago to the two Methodist conferences of the State. It has a bonded indebtedness of \$40,000, with a value of \$125,000.

### TO TAKE AWAY RIGHTS OF JEWS.

### Latest Ruling Expected to Cause Greater Emigration.

London, (By Cable).—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle says the commission now sitting at St. Petersburg, charged with the revision of the laws in force against the Jews, proposes to recommend that in 10 provinces of Poland where hitherto Jews have enjoyed unrestricted rights these rights shall now be restricted in every respect to conform to the regime obtaining within the "pale of settlement."

Under this ruling Jewish merchants and professional men will be deprived of the right to employ Jewish clerks and assistants. It is almost impossible for Jewish merchants to carry on their business without Jewish clerks and assistants. Most of the schools and kindergartens outside the "pale of settlement," few of whom if these restrictions were enforced, could remain. It is therefore believed that an unexampled emigration of Jews will result if the recommendations of the commission are put into effect.

### "BUFFALO BILL" AS A MINER.

### He Incorporates Company to Develop Minerals in Wyoming.

Newark, N. J., (Special).—Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," is one of the incorporators of Cody's Wyoming Coal Company, authorized to do mining of other kinds and generally improve properties in the neighborhood of lands owned by Colonel Cody.

The authorized capital stock is fixed at \$900,000, but only \$1,000 is paid up. There are 9,000 shares all told, and these have a par value of \$100 each. The incorporators, who are credited with \$200 worth each, in addition to Colonel Cody, are John S. Bell, of this city, ex-chief of the Secret Service and now vice-president and general manager of the Union Ice Company; Selwyn Bacon and Lucius C. Frank of New York city, and Dr. D. Frank Powell, of St. Paul.

### CASHIER SHOT HIMSELF.

### Says He Took for Speculation \$23,000 of Georgia Funds.

Macon, Ga., (Special).—C. H. Troutman, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Millidgeville, Ga., who shot himself twice Tuesday night, is still living, but in a sinking condition.

In a letter to President J. T. Allen, of the bank, he said he had touched none of the bank's funds, but had used \$23,000 of State funds. This money was in his own possession as treasurer of the State sanitarium. Troutman had engaged in cotton speculation and, while he had gained a large amount, he lost more in the slump. He was a Past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. The bank has been closed temporarily.

### Dartmouth Hall Burned.

Hanover, N. H., (Special).—Dartmouth Hall, the oldest building at Dartmouth College and one of the oldest college buildings in the country, was burned to the ground. The fire spread so rapidly that the firemen could not save the hall, though they were able to prevent the flames from reaching two adjoining college buildings. The loss is \$25,000, partly covered by insurance. Dartmouth Hall was built about 110 years ago. As the fire broke out during the chapel exercises there were few persons in the hall at the time.

## LOSS IN BATTLE HEAVY.

### Albanian Insurgents Routed by Turks—Siege Ended.

Saloniki, Macedonia, (By Cable).—The Albanians who were besieging Shemshi Pasha, who, with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns, was reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babajoshi, have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded.

The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been ordered to Verisovich.

Rome, (By Cable).—The situation in the Balkans, especially since the revolt of the Albanians in the district of Diakova, province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious.

It is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made, Italy would consider it as disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic and most detrimental to her interests there.

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## THE JAPS IN MANCHURIA

### Reported Contemplated Retreat of the Russians.

## SIBERIAN RAILROAD IN BAD SHAPE.

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