

TWO HUNDRED RUSSIANS SLAIN

The First Authentic Account of the Russian Casualties in the Chemulpo Fight--The Crew of the Variag Numbered 560.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Feb. 12.—According to a World dispatch from Tokio, about two hundred of the Variag's crew lost their lives when the vessel was destroyed by the Japanese at Chemulpo last Monday. The crew numbered 560. Many lost their lives under fire, but many drowned in attempting to escape. The men loyally aided their officers, not one of whom were drowned. Some swam to foreign vessels in the harbor, which lowered boats and rescued them. The British, Italian and French cruisers aided the men. The British Admiral in command of the station ordered that the wounded Russians should not be turned over to the Japanese unless the latter requested it.

PREPARING FOR BOMBARDMENT

The Russians are Making Preparations for the Expected Bombardment by the Japanese Fleet.

(By Associated Press)
London, Feb. 12.—The St. James's Gazette correspondent at Chefoo cables that in anticipation of the return of the enemy's fleet the Russians at Port Arthur are adopting extra defensive measures. Workmen and troops are taking down high brick buildings which, it was feared, would fall and cause loss of life in the event of a Japanese bombardment.

Russian Admiral Leaves.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet has left quietly for the Far East to take command of the Russian fleet there. All unattached naval officers in St. Petersburg and Kronstadt have been ordered to go east promptly making farewell calls.

Serious disturbances are reported to have broken out at Beval, the fortified seaport on the gulf of Finland. Four companies of soldiers are said to have been dispatched to suppress rioting. The disturbances are believed to be connected with labor troubles.

There is a general movement among the public to raise money for the purpose of increasing the Navy.

Rumor of Bombardment.

London, Feb. 12.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard cables it is reported that five Russian cruisers from Vladivostok bombarded Hakodate, Japan on Tuesday.

Hakodate is one of the islands of Hokkaido, the most northern of three Japanese islands. The harbor there is excellent and the town, containing about 50,000 inhabitants, is well and regularly built. There is a Japanese naval school there.

Southern Officials in Charleston.

(By Associated Press)
Charleston, S. C., Feb. 11.—President Samuel Spencer and the directors of the Southern Railway with a large number of representative merchants were entertained at the Commercial Club by The News and Courier tonight. The directors are on their annual inspection tour of the lines of the system and are accompanied by Major General W. F. Randolph, U. S. A., retired, and Captain W. Gordon McCabe, of Richmond, and others. Short but spirited addresses were made by President Spencer, Capt. McCabe, and Mr. W. C. Miller, of the Charleston bar. The directors of the company present are Adrian Iselin, Jr., Wm. Butler Duncan, James T. Woodward, president of the Hanover National Bank of New York; H. P. Fehentock, George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank, New York; Thomas E. Jovins, Edward Randolph, treasurer New York Life Insurance Company; Samuel M. Inman and Jos. P. Bryan. The party will visit points of interest in the city tomorrow.

Opening of Mardi Gras.

(By Associated Press)
New Orleans, Feb. 11.—The carnival opened tonight with the parade of the Knights of Momus who presented visions of the world's vanity and was one of the handsomest displays ever witnessed, even in this city, during the past thirty years. The city was brilliantly illuminated and already contains one of the greatest crowds in its history. The battleship Texas is in the river and will arrive here in the morning. The Drexel yacht Delarado, has arrived with President Steuyensant and party. The number of distinguished visitors will be large. The street parade was followed by brilliant tableaux at the French Opera House. The queen was Miss Adelia Prevost, daughter of Justice Prevost, of the Supreme Court.

Bishop Coadjutor.

(By Associated Press)
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Rev. Dr. Richard H. Nelson, of Philadelphia, today was elected bishop co-adjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

Death of Josiah Patterson.

(By Associated Press)
Memphis, Feb. 12.—Former Congressman Josiah Patterson died here this morning of a complication of diseases. His son, Congressman M. R. Patterson, representing the same district that his father did, left Washington for Memphis today.

IMMENSE QUARRY; TWENTY CARS DAILY

The Company Will Soon Begin Operations at Rock Ford Mt. Near Hiddenite--Southern Promised Twenty Cars Granite Daily.

(Special The News)
Statesville, N. C., Feb. 12.—A surveying corps of half a dozen engineers has been employed for some time surveying the route for a branch line to be built by the Southern Railway from Hiddenite to Rock Face Mountain, where an immense granite quarry is soon to be opened up by a company, the personnel of which cannot be obtained at the present time.

The company has a contract with the Southern that they will furnish at least twenty car loads of stone daily for transportation. The quarries at Rock Face Mountain have never been worked before to any extent but the supply is said to be enormous as may be judged by the output of twenty cars per day which the company expects to take out.

There is considerable secrecy about the make up of the corporation which will work this quarry and so far it has been impossible to secure the names of the parties composing the company. It is understood however that there is ample capital behind the scheme.

SENATOR HANNA AT THE CRISIS

His Temperature Today is 104—He Had a Comfortable Night.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's condition this morning is serious. It is said by his physicians that the climax of the disease has been reached. This condition may continue forty-eight hours and possibly much longer. Their belief is that if the fever breaks within the next two or three days there is a good chance of recovery. If longer, the worst is to be feared as the patient's strength is not sufficient to withstand the ravages of fever long. All his physicians are at his bedside and in constant attendance.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A bulletin issued at 9 o'clock says, Senator Hanna had a comfortable night but his fever is higher this morning. Temperature 104, pulse 112, respiration 28. The irritability of the stomach has disappeared. The doctors held an early consultation. It is believed the fever has reached its climax.

NO TROOPS FOR BALTIMORE.

Governor Warfield Says They are Not Needed, and the Cabinet Decides Not to Send Them.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 12.—At a cabinet meeting today it was decided not to grant the request of the Maryland Legislature for Federal troops to police Baltimore. General Riggs formally presented the petition and at the same time conveyed a personal statement from Governor Warfield, that troops are not needed.

COLLIER RAMMED BY GUNBOAT.

The United States Collier Nero Disabled by the Gunboat Concord in Havana Harbor.

(By Associated Press)
San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Information is received here that the United States Collier, Nero, has been rammed by the gunboat, Concord, in the harbor of Panama. The collier was beached to save her. The Concord is not damaged.

RESUMING NORMAL CONDITIONS FAST

Baltimore Banks all Re-Established and Well Supplied with Money--National Bank Vaults all Found Intact--Taxes Suspended.

(By Associated Press)
Baltimore, Feb. 12.—This city is gradually resuming its normal conditions as shown by the fact that all banks are established in temporary quarters and well supplied with funds. The vaults of all national banks have been opened and the contents found undamaged. The municipal authorities decided to suspend for the time the collection of taxes and water rents as January collections will meet the requirements for a long time. Insurance agents say ten million dollars have already been paid policyholders and many millions more are on deposit ready to be paid after partial adjustments have been made. At a conference today between the mayor and citizens' committee it was decided that no call be made for outside help to relieve the situation. If necessary the municipality will float a loan later.

PORT ARTHUR NOT TAKEN ONLY TWO NAVAL BATTLES

The Telegram From Reuter's Agency was a Repetition of the Former Battle at Port Arthur--The Port May Fall Within the Week--A Summing Up of the Whole Situation by Baron Hayashi.

(By Associated Press)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—On account of the lack of cable communications what additional news has been received has come from the Russian embassies abroad. The ambassador at Paris cabled a full story of a battle off Chemulpo in which he praises the heroic conduct of the Russian sailors. Papers here print the bare foreign telegrams of what happened in Korea. Large crowds of people are constantly at the admiralty office seeking information regarding the fate of relatives in the Far East. The movement of Russian troops eastward is being pushed.

ONLY TWO CONFLICTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A careful study of the reports that have been received in America and Europe from the Far East indicate but two actual conflicts have taken place so far between the Japs and Russians. These are the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur Monday night and Tuesday morning and the affair at Chemulpo Monday and Tuesday. Those acquainted with conditions there believe reports of other engagements are but echoes of these two fights, reports of those being cabled from different places as the news reaches them, naturally lead to confusion of dates. Two circumstantial reports of another engagement to Reuter Telegram Company from Tokio of Wednesday's date and published in this country yesterday undoubtedly refer to the original Port Arthur attack. This idea is strengthened by the fact that no official confirmation has been received of subsequent engagements and it is pointed out that such official advice is received by embassies at Washington promptly on heels of press reports Monday and Tuesday. For this reason the report cabled by Tien Tsin correspondent of the London Standard that the Russian fleet has bombarded Hakodate is entirely disregarded. There are many reasons to discredit the vague reports of further engagements.

NO DISPATCHES FROM ALEXIEFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—There is positively no ascertained by the government that no dispatches have been received from Viceroy Alexieff except those already given out and it is understood that even the Czar is anxiously waiting complete direct official information. At the Admiralty it is said some additional technical details have been received but nothing regarding fighting. The explanation is the lack of cable connections.

JAPANESE TROOPS DISEMBARKING.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister here, received a dispatch from the government at Tokio that the latter has not yet received official report of the battle off Port Arthur, adding that apparently the disembarkation of the Japanese troops is proceeding without disorder and satisfactorily at Chemulpo and elsewhere.

LULL IN WAR NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—There is a marked lull in the war news, no confirmation being received of the reported attempts of the Japanese to land troops near Port Arthur. Captain Tamami, a Japanese naval attaché here, discredits the story and said the Japanese never will attempt to take Port Arthur from the sea. He attaches the greatest importance to the seizure of Masampo, Korea, as giving Japan command of the Straits of Korea and preventing the junction of the Russian squadrons. He thinks that according to plans previously arranged, the main Japanese squadron is still in the vicinity of Port Arthur preparing for another attack. The British government has information which leads to its belief that Japan is likely to be in possession of Port Arthur within one week. In the best informed Japanese circles here it is believed that the war will be over by July. British officials who are cognizant of the extraordinary thoroughness with which Japan prepared for the war are inclined to share the Japanese view regarding the duration of the war.

BARON HAYASHI SUMS UP.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Baron Hayashi in summing up events in the Far East says: "Whatever may be the eventual result of the war with Russia in allowing Japan to occupy and fortify Masampo it has created another danger. With the fortification of Masampo the integrity of Japan is assured forever. No fleet can pass there against the wishes of Japan. Even if we are beaten we would not give up Masampo." The Associated Press understands that Japanese troops are advancing rapidly toward the Yalu river where it is expected they will engage the Russian forces. The Japanese declare the numbers of Russian troops are greatly exaggerated. The plans of the Japanese appear to be to take the road leading straight to Mukden. They profess to have no doubt they will be able to drive back the Russian forces towards Harbin. Baron Hayashi says this road, although nominally under Russian military control, is subject to constant raids by the Chinese. The Japanese intend to cut the line of communication between Port Arthur and the mainland in Manchuria to prevent reinforcements from reaching Port Arthur and inflicting damage in Manchurian railway. In spite of lack of news it is believed here that a big land forces were actively engaged in an important movement which will reach the climax as swiftly as Japan's naval attack.

The Japanese Minister further announces that M. Pavloff, Russian Minister, and his legation guard departed for China and that Russian officers and sailors surrendered to the Japanese after the battle at Chemulpo to be sent to Shanghai on the first neutral vessel available.

NEUTRALITY PROCLAIMED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Minister Conger cabled the State Department that the Chinese government will issue immediately a proclamation of neutrality. China must prevent the use of her soil by either Russian or Japanese troops.

FOR THE LEASE OF THE A. AND N. R. R.

Captain V. F. McBee is in Raleigh for the Purpose of Conferring With Governor Aycock on This Proposition--Corporations Chartered.

(Special The News)
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—The Southern Veneer Co., of Williamston, is chartered with \$10,000 capital. The incorporators are Noah S. Peel, Arthur Terry, Clarence R. White. A charter is issued to the Concord Wholesale Grocery Co., capital \$100,000. The incorporators are W. C. Houston, H. L. Parks and Hugh Parks. A novel concern chartered was the Dixie Fishing Pond Co., with capital \$800. The pond is to be at Lucama. The principal incorporators are Wiley Mercer, A. T. Barnes, and fifteen others.

The Rotary Machine Co., of Delaware, took out domestication papers, principal place of business in this State being at Forest City. The capital is \$50,000. The local directors are S. M. Flack and T. W. Kendrick, of Shelby.

Capt. V. E. McBee, formerly of the Seaboard Air Line, but now with the Southern in South Carolina, is here, it is understood, for the purpose of submitting to Gov. Aycock a proposition to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The proposition will be for a term of fifty years on a scaled per centage, ranging from 2 1/2 per cent, the first year to as high as 5 or 6 per cent toward the latter part of the term.

Insurance Commissioner Young issues a statement that reports thus far show total losses by all companies licensed to do business in North Carolina suffered in the great Baltimore fire are not less than \$30,000,000, and they may reach \$50,000,000. This will be about half the surplus of these companies. The Commissioner says that while natural there should be anxiety among agents and insurers in this State there is no use for great alarm; that it looks now as though a few companies will go to the wall and these will be almost all companies not doing business in North Carolina. He says he called for special reports of all companies involved in the Baltimore fire and will keep the public posted. He says 114 companies are licensed to do business in North Carolina, the assets amounting to \$200,000,000, liabilities to \$24,000,000.

SPEAKERS AT CONVENTION.

Full Details of the Meeting of Y. M. C. A. of Carolinas This Week.

There has just been issued a full program of the coming annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of the Carolinas in Spartanburg on the 20-23 inst. The convention will be devoted entirely to a discussion of "How the Y. M. C. A. can be of the largest and best service."

The program which is issued from the headquarters of the state executive committee here gives notice of the following special features:

Four talks dealing with the fundamentals of the Christian life by Dr. Scherer.
Platform Meeting Monday night, Work Among Industrial Classes, Evangelistic Meetings for Men and Boys.
Delegates' quiet hour.
Union Mass Meeting Sunday evening.
Convention sermon.

The following is a list of the leading speakers.

Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Charleston.
C. C. Michener, New York.
Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, Charlotte.
W. D. Weatherford, New York.
President Francis Venable, University of North Carolina.
Chas. R. Townsend, Philadelphia.
A. C. Ridgman, Columbia.
G. C. Huntington, Charlotte.
H. O. Williams, Richmond.
Rev. M. D. Hardin, Charlotte.
D. L. Probert, Philadelphia.
P. M. Colbert, Winston-Salem.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

A Paduch Street Car Struck by a Train with Fatal Consequences.

(By Associated Press)
Paduch, Ky., Feb. 12.—A street car filled with passengers was struck by an outgoing train this morning near the union station. Ten persons were injured, several believed to be fatally.

Trouble in San Domingo.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 12.—Minister Powell reported by cable to the State Department, dated Tuesday, the first battle being fought in Sanchez, and many killed. The French warship many killed. The French warship Troude arrived at San Domingo, and departed immediately for Porto Plata, where the Jimenez rebels were creating disorder. The Spanish warship Ris Dela Plata also had arrived at San Domingo.

New Orleans Market.

(By Associated Press)
New Orleans, Feb. 12.—The cotton market was dull this morning. The volume of trade was light and furnished chiefly by scalpers. It was an ideal scalping market with fluctuations moderately wide and rapid. At the opening prices were 7 to 20 points higher than yesterday's close.

EXCITING SCENES IN COLUMBIA

The Members of the Legislature Have Some Warm Words About the Shoddy Work on the State Capitol--The Lie Passed.

(Special The News)
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12.—There were exciting scenes in the hall of the House of Representatives at last night's session, and members indulged in language unparliamentary but quite expressive of their overwrought feelings. It was the outcome of the investigation into the manner in which the State House was completed.

At a meeting of the members of the commission, which had in charge the work of completing the capitol, held yesterday, it was decided to memorialize the General Assembly for the members of the building commission to be given a hearing in their own defense.

When the memorial was presented at the night session a colloquy ensued between Mr. T. Y. Williams, of Lancaster, and Mr. W. J. Johnson, of Fairfield, which almost resulted in a clash upon the floor of the House.

Mr. W. J. Johnson, a member of the State House building committee, in which he declared that it had not been his intention to speak upon this question, for the language which he would like to apply to the report would not be parliamentary.

Mr. Williams and Mr. J. D. Rawlinson, of Richland, pled Mr. Johnson with questions to find out if the latter had been denied the privilege of coming before the commission. The moment was exciting when Mr. Rawlinson began to approach toward Mr. Johnson, but the speaker rapped the members to order.

Mr. Johnson declared the report of a commission which had sat behind closed doors to have been a damnable insult to the State of South Carolina. Replying to a question, Mr. Johnson said that there had been no division in the building commission except for one dissenting member, who had been permitted to be with the investigating commission. Why not the other eight? They are honorable gentlemen, all of them, and any statement to the contrary is an infamous lie.

Mr. Williams—Do you mean to apply that to the members of the committee?

Mr. Johnson—You have heard what I have said.

Mr. Williams—Do you mean to apply that to me; it is very easy for you to say.

Mr. Johnson—If the cap fits wear it; just wear it.

Mr. Williams—All right, sir.

At the conclusion of Mr. Johnson's remarks, Mr. Williams very calmly rising in his seat, and pointed his finger at Mr. Johnson, said with deliberation: "There is absolutely nothing in the report which even intimates that any member of the State House commission has been in collusion with anybody to rob the State, and anybody who says so is a liar."

Mr. Johnson—Do you—
At this point several members sprang up, expecting to see trouble, and the sergeant at arms took up a place between the two members of the House, who stood glaring at each other.

Subsequently Mr. Williams apologized to the House, "but not to an individual" for the language he had used, and later Mr. Johnson did likewise.

Mrs. Lorenz Acquitted.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 12.—In the postal trial today, after all evidence had been submitted, Justice Pritchard directed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal in the case against Mrs. Lorenz, saying there was not sufficient evidence to hold her.

Cuban Loan.

(By Associated Press)
Havana, Feb. 12.—Speyer & Company have contracted to take \$5,000,000 of the Cuban loan. Price, 92.

A BIG FIRE AT WINTERVILLE

Estimated Loss \$12,000—Insurance \$3,000—List of Houses Burned Out.

(Special The News)
Greenville, N. C., Feb. 12.—Fire starting 2 o'clock this morning and destroyed an entire block of stores in Winterville, five miles south of Greenville, on the Atlantic Coast Line.

Practically all the mercantile section section was burned and only two stores are left in the town.

Fire began in the drug store of Dr. B. T. Cox, about the center block, and burned both ways to the corner. Nine buildings were lost, all frame. The total loss is estimated at \$12,000, with about \$3,000 insurance. These burned out are: Harrington, Barber & Co., general merchants; H. L. Johnson, grocer; Guy Taylor, grocer; G. A. Kittrell & Co., grocers; Dr. B. T. Cox, drug store; Mrs. Sarah Taylor, milliner; Winterville Mfg. Co., supply store; Hill Withington, barber; Masonic lodge and Junior Order Mechanics. Those losing buildings are: J. B. Cooper, J. S. Barber, C. D. Hooks and Tucker Bros.

A NEW ACCOUNT OF FIRST BATTLE

The Report is That the Russian Officers Were Attending the Circus--The Night Attack of Admiral Togo and his Destroyers.

(By Associated Press)

London, Feb. 12.—Statements of all kinds concerning the Port Arthur fight were published here. According to the Chefoo Daily Mail, the lack of preparation on the part of the forts at Port Arthur was due to the fact that all the naval and military officers were attending a circus performance and did not determine until early in the morning. According to the correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, the Japanese torpedo boats succeeded in entering the outer harbor by a ruse; they used the Russian flash light signals. This correspondent adds that three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk with great loss of life.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tokio sends in an entirely new account of the Port Arthur encounter. He says Admiral Togo's fleet arrived on Monday night and found the Russian squadron drawn up in battle formation outside the harbor and under the shadow of the forests the destroyers being spread out in front over a distance of five miles. Admiral Togo decided on a night attack and opened fire at 11 o'clock. While the cannonade was hottest a number of Japanese torpedo boats crept along close in shore as the foot of the cliff and succeeded in the darkness in getting between the Russian ships and the land. Here they lay unnoticed until the Russians began to give way before the Japanese fire and sought to re-enter the harbor. The Japanese torpedo boats then opened fire at comparatively close range and sank two battleships and one cruiser close to the entrance of the harbor. The effect of this coup was the retreat of the remainder of the squadron into the harbor. All was on board of the Japanese ships at noon on Tuesday the correspondent concludes, and the engagement was then still in progress.

The New Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

The following in regard to Mr. Probert, the new Y. M. C. A. secretary here is taken from the Philadelphia Association News:

"Mr. Probert will leave for his new work at Charlotte, N. C., Thursday, the 18th, and his name will be properly engraved with the hundreds of others who have served the Central Branch and then left for other fields."

"No one else has been so closely in touch with the popular Saturday Evening Societies that have been held regularly every week for the past two years, and the social hour, Saturday, February 13th, will be in the nature of a farewell to Mr. Probert."

"It will all be very informal, with music, talks, and refreshments, and every member of the association is invited to take their chance to say 'good bye' to one who has given a lot of hard work to the Central Association."

For Driving Over Horse.

Geo. Wipchester, a colored driver was summoned to court tomorrow to answer a charge of driving over the horse used in flushing a sewer today. Officer House being in charge of the work. Wipchester claims that he had either to drive on the sidewalk or over the horse and he chose the latter course.

Mrs. Miller Seriously Ill.

Mrs. A. A. Miller is reported seriously ill today as the result of being burned last week at her home in Dilworth. Mrs. Miller's friends are quite anxious on account of her condition.

Don't Mill Rebuilt.

Charlotte mill men will be interested to know that Paeolet Mill No. 3, at Paeolet, S. C., partly destroyed by the big flood last June, is now about completed and will be ready to resume work if cotton conditions make such a course advisable. Mills Nos. 1 and 2 were completely destroyed by the flood.

To Give Rental This Evening.

Prof. Jos. Craighill and Mr. Walter Scott have gone to Monroe where they will give a recital this evening in the opera house. The recital is understood to be given for the benefit of a local church.

First A. R. P. Church Meeting.

The meetings at the First A. R. P. church are increasing in attendance and interest. Rev. Mr. Fry preached a sermon on the "Christ Life." At 7:45 tonight Rev. W. W. Orr will preach. The public is cordially invited.

Lincoln's Birthday Today.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and is a legal holiday in the North. As a consequence no New York or Chicago market quotations were received here today.

Rev. Plato Durham Coming.

The reputation of Rev. Plato Durham and his well known ability as a speaker and teacher, make the announcement that he will speak at the men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. one of special moment. Good music will add to the interest of the meeting. Mr. John C. Watson will sing a solo.

Mr. Gilliam Ill.

Mr. Edw. Gilliam, advertising manager of The News, was taken ill at noon today and was compelled to leave his work. Mr. Gilliam was somewhat better this afternoon and his friends hope that his illness is only temporary.