

ONE JAPANESE WARSHIP WAS SUNK AT PORT ARTHUR

This is the News Sent by a Witness to the Fight--The Japanese are Always Secretive Regarding their Casualties.

Rumor of the Sinking of a of a Japanese Merchant-Ship by Four Russian War-Ships--No News of Vladivostok Squadron.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—Russia is evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to the U. S. Secretary Hay's note on the subject of the neutrality of China.

Significant Silence. London, Feb. 13.—Complete silence has fallen over the far East. Not a word of news is to be had here except the report given out at the Japanese legation of the shelling of the Russian warships.

The Pu Ping, which was flying the British flag, moved out as she held a Russian permit to go. The Russian guardship, however, fired three shells at her, which are said to have wounded five of her Chinese crew.

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San Francisco Sails. Port Arthur, Feb. 13.—United States Cruiser San Francisco which arrived Wednesday from Beirut sailed today for Bombay and Yokohama.

Chinese Neutrality. Tokyo, Feb. 13.—The Chinese proclaimed neutrality yesterday of that country during the war between Russia and Japan.

John Hay, Diplomat. Washington, Feb. 13.—The State Department today issued a statement between this government and other powers interested in Chinese matters.

COLORED WOMAN'S ESCAPE. Remarkable Escape of a Negro Woman Who Jumped From a Train. (Special The News)

ADMIRAL TOGO'S OFFICIAL REPORT. The Japanese Admiral is Apparently as Modest as his Brave -- An Admirable Sketch of the Naval Battle.

The report was written at sea, February 10, at a point undisclosed by the Navy Department. The report briefly and modestly recounts the Japanese victory. Vice Admiral Togo left the battleground not knowing the full extent of the damage his torpedo shells had inflicted but he was evidently confident that the Russians had suffered heavily.

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CARNEGIE AND CLEVELAND.

The Latter Writes a Letter and the Former Makes a Speech at Hampton. (By Associated Press)

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SECRETARY MOODY

Takes Issue With Gorman on the Lesser Navy. (By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by the Republican Club of New York by a banquet at the Waldorf tonight. Many expressions of sympathy were heard when a letter of regret from Senator Hanna was read.

Washington, Feb. 13.—At 11 o'clock word came from the sick room that Senator Hanna is resting quietly.

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Only Eighty Executive Officers is a Condition That Strikes the Panama Patriots With Dismay--Army of one Hundred Men.

Dr. Amadore Slated for the Presidency--The New Republic has Spent Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars Since the "Revolution."

New York, Feb. 13.—A Herald dispatch from Panama says that following the resignation of Minister of War Obarrío all employes of the department have given up their positions. Their resignation followed the action of the Constitutional Convention.

HANNA'S CONDITION IMPROVED.

The Latest News is That the Distinguished Patient is Better. (By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Hanna's temperature continues high. The high altitude and the fact that his fever does not yield to sponge baths has given concern.

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Last Bulletin.

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TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

Anti-Saloon League Plans Series of Important Lectures.

Mr. F. R. McNinch, a member of the executive committee of the Charlotte Anti-Saloon League, made a statement today as to the plans of campaign mapped out by the committee at its recent meeting.

The first of this series of temperance sermons or addresses will be delivered by Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., at the A. R. P. Tabernacle on Sunday night, the 21st, instant.

Gross Ignorance. (By Associated Press)

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 13.—The Congressional committee appointed to investigate the charges against Federal Judge Charles A. Swaine, met here today.

Raleigh Letter.

(Correspondence The News) RALEIGH, FEB. 13. Gov. Aycock says the proposition he now has for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is by odds the best he has ever received.

BOLD ROBBERY AT COLONIAL CLUB

The San Francisco Club Finds its Members Held Up and Tied by Masked Men who Take All Their Watches and Small Change.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Five men entered the Colonial Club last night, frequented by sporting men, and while one remained on guard the others lined up the inmates against the wall with hands up.

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FARMERS MUTUAL IN ANNUAL SESSION

Mecklenburg Farmers Assemble Today to Elect Officers and to Hear Reports of the Work in the Past Year.

Capt. Ardrey Re-Elected President -- Company in Good Financial Shape and is Prospering--The Number of Policies in Force.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company was held this morning in the county court house.

Report by H. D. Stowe, chairman of the Executive Committee M. F. M. F. I. C.

The Mecklenburg Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company has now been in successful operation for two years. The executive committee in making its first annual report twelve months ago, deemed it necessary, as a matter of information to refer briefly to the action taken in effecting a separation from the State Association.

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