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No soothing strains of Maia's sons
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep.

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JAPAN KEEPS UP THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

Failing in an Attempt to Block the Entrance to the Harbor, Japan Renews the Attack and Disables More Russian Ships - Other Important Developments Favorable to the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—(Thursday), 2:45 a. m.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says:

"At a quarter before three in the morning of February 24 numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor; they were coming directly towards her. One of them went down on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger Peninsula and the other sank under Golden Hill. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition, and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crew of the Japanese vessels was drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines."

Wei-Hai-Wei, Feb. 24.—Four Japanese battleships and nine cruisers passed this port to-day.

New York, Feb. 24.—A cable message from Seoul, Korea, reached the office of the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city to-day, again announcing the safety of all Methodist missionaries in Korea.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—It is reported that the Japanese torpedo fleet have attacked the Russian fleet and sunk one warship at Port Arthur this morning. The report is not confirmed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Failing to bottle up the Port Arthur fleet the Japanese fleet has returned with twenty-three ships strong and began a desperate naval attack on the forts and fleets of the Russians. The Russian cruisers Bayan Novik and Ascid have blocked the entrance of the harbor and are assisting the forts with a cross fire. The Japanese at times approached within 3,000 yards of the forts and fired broadsides and retreated.

Nagasaki, Feb. 25.—Japanese warships intercepted the steamer Korea from San Francisco for the Russians at Vladivostok.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.—The trouble concerning the Russian cruiser Mandur has been settled. She will be allowed to remain. Her rudder is disabled.

Paris, Feb. 25.—It is believed in diplomatic circles that Russia's Black Sea fleet will be permitted to pass through the Dardanelles. It is argued under the treaty in Paris that Turkey has a right to allow the passage of the fleet, and that Japan has no right to object because it is not one of the treaty powers.

New York, Feb. 25.—It is reported from Moscow and St. Petersburg that the Jewish soldiers are deserting in great numbers from the Russian army. Six were caught and shot.

Ping Yang, Feb. 26.—Russian soldiers have seized the premises of an American mining company at Unsan.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Recent diplomatic developments have caused considerable apprehension in government circles. The fact that Japan made a treaty with Korea, guaranteeing its independence and making it ally Japan, is considered of far reaching importance, probably involving the Western powers. A confirmation is seen in a message from King Edward sent to the Czar by the Russian Ambassador, plainly stating that England is Japan's ally should France make the slightest move in violation of strictest neutrality.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The Port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The taxations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later.

Tokio, Feb. 26.—It is reported here that Vice Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. Later:—"At 11 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted near Port Arthur. At a quarter past eleven a squadron of warships appeared near the mouth of the harbor and an engagement which lasted forty minutes, ensued. There was no damage."

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Russians are keeping open the communications between Wiju and Anju. Beyond this they have not advanced southward. Russian spies are known to be in the vicinity of Ping Yang. The inhabitants are in a panic.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The Czar has received the following from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Port Arthur, February 26: "After the moon had set early in the morning of February 25 the Retvizan repelled several attacks by the enemy's torpedo boats, two of which are believed to have sunk in the open sea. Our torpedo boats, under captain of the first rank, Matuzvitch, and captain of the second rank, Prince Lieven, unsupported, encountered and pursued the enemy's torpedo boat flotilla. They sighted no large warships. Later in the morning of February 25 the cruisers Bayan, Diana, Askold and Novik were sent out to prevent the Japanese cruisers from pursuing a portion of our returning torpedo boat flotilla. One of our torpedo boats, which was cut off by four Japanese cruisers, sought shelter in Dove bay, where it was subjected to a long-distance fire by the enemy. It had no casualties. "The Japanese fleet, on sighting our cruisers, came in closer to the forts which, together with our warships, opened fire at 10:50. Our cruisers, still firing, entered the harbor, which our torpedo boats had already safely reached."

"The enemy's shell for the most part fell short. One seaman was wounded, but we sustained no other casualties. "The Japanese fleet consisted of seventeen large warships and eight torpedo boats, whereas the squadron which attempted to block the entrance to Port Arthur on the previous day had 12 torpedo boats.

BATTLESHIPS MISSING

THEY ARE FROM THE JAPANESE FLEET.

Rumors of All Kinds Are Afloat. It is being Circulated Among the Chinese That Port Arthur Has Fallen.

Chee Foo, Feb. 28.—Two battleships and a dispatch boat are missing from the Japanese fleet now bombarding Port Arthur.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—It is being circulated among the Chinese at Chee Foo that Port Arthur has fallen.

London, Feb. 28.—Vladivostok has been blockaded by the Japanese since Thursday, according to a dispatch to-day.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Private advices received here say that Japanese warships have been sighted off Kieng-Seng.

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 28.—It is reported from Nadochi that a Russian sentinel stationed near a small tunnel was fired upon. He returned the shot, but did not hit his man. Armed persons in disguise have appeared near Datsan, just over the frontier.

London, Feb. 26.—A report emanating from St. Petersburg, says the Japanese Minister at Seoul, Korea, has requested the government to hand the French Minister his passport.

London, March 1.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Yinkow states that fifteen Japanese warships appeared before Port Arthur at ten o'clock yesterday morning and opened a furious bombardment. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan and four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack, but were forced to return. The Askold was in a sinking condition, and the Novik was badly damaged when the fight ended.

The bombardment lasted for two hours. The Japanese fleet then withdrew in perfect order.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—It is stated that Grand Duke Cyril, whose impending departure for the far east was lately announced, has already started for Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Grand Duchess Elizabeth is making arrangements to dispatch a number of churches on wheels for the use of the troops.

London, March 1.—It is stated that the Russian government has refused the American offer of medical help for the wounded on the ground that the Russians already possess a sufficient ambulance and hospital service. This statement has made a considerable impression, especially as a Dutch sanitary corps started some time ago under exalted auspices to join the Russian field force.

Chee Foo, March 1.—It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo. The transports now are not escorted by war vessels.

Liao-Yang, March 1.—The snow storms are raging here and the frost is intense.

Liao-Yang, March 1.—A Japanese Major, Tog Tazusiro, and five men, captured by Cossacks at Wiju, have been brought here.

Aarbin, March 1.—The Korean officials are fleeing from the places traversed by the Russians and are informing the Japanese of their approach.

TO MEET IN RALEIGH.

MR. SIMMONS CALLS DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

It Meets in Raleigh in the Senate Chamber On Thursday Night, March 17th, 1904, at 8 O'Clock.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Senator Simmons, Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee, to-day issued the following call:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.

Dear Sir: There will be a meeting of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees in the city of Raleigh, in the Senate chamber, on Thursday night, March 17th, 1904, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the State convention of the party, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee.

Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

A. J. FIELD, Secretary.

The belief among the North Carolina delegates in Congress is that an early convention will be called. It is known that at least two of the candidates for Governor desire an early convention, and if there is not some good reason for a contrary course, the wishes of the candidates will likely be consulted by the committee in fixing the date.

With this idea in view a copy of the call has been forwarded to all gubernatorial candidates and some others.

HYOMEI A RECORD BREAKER

Novel Method of Curing Catarrh. Sold On Approval By J. H. Hill & Son.

The popularity and remarkable sales of Hyomei have broken all records. In nearly every city and town in the country, this guaranteed cure for catarrh has given most astonishing results.

The leading druggists are so enthusiastic over the remarkable percentage of cures following the use of Hyomei, that with hardly an exception, they advertise to their customers that Hyomei will be sold with the understanding that it costs nothing unless it cures.

In Goldsboro, J. H. Hill & Son are endorsing it and guaranteeing to refund the money unless Hyomei cures catarrh. They have sold a great many Hyomei outfits, and today, no other treatment for the cure of catarrh has as many friends in Goldsboro and vicinity as Hyomei.

It is a scientific, yet common sense method of treating and curing this too common disease. It sends by direct inhalation to every cell of the air passages in the head, throat and lungs, a balsamic air that destroys all catarrhal germs, purifies the blood with additional ozone, and makes a complete and lasting cure of any catarrhal trouble.

The complete outfit costs but \$1, and includes an inhaler, medicine dropper and sufficient Hyomei for several weeks' treatment.

You take no risk in buying Hyomei. J. H. Hill & Son positively guarantee to refund your money unless it cures.

BONAVENTURE ASHORE.

The Flagship of the British North Pacific Squadron.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 29.—It is reported here that H. M. S. Bonaventure, the new flagship of North Pacific squadron, en route from Portsmouth to Esquimaux, is ashore on the South of Central American coast.

Half Million Dollar Deal

One Big Institution Has Been Absorbed By Another.

EFFECT FELT IN GOLDSBORO.

The Great Cable Company Has Purchased the Plant and Business of the Old Mason and Hamlin Company—John Wanamaker Tried to Buy the Plant.

Goldsboro is soon to feel the effect of the push and enterprise of The Cable Company. The acquisition by the Cable Company of the immense plant of The Mason & Hamlin Company, of Boston, places them in a most enviable position in the piano trade. The immense plants at Chicago and St. Charles, Illinois, has established the Cable Company in the Middle and Western States, and spread their business through the Middle Atlantic and Southern States, but the establishment of a factory in the East has been the aim of the able officials of this company for several years. The negotiations for the control of The Mason & Hamlin plant, at Boston, have been protracted, and have extended over a period of months. John Wanamaker, of New York and Philadelphia, who has handled The Mason & Hamlin output, and who knows, by practical experience, the value of the well-known instruments manufactured by this concern, put up a tremendous fight to get control of the business, but the efforts put forth by The Cable people finally won the fight, and the half million dollar plant of Mason & Hamlin is now under the management of The Cable Company.

Mr. A. W. Chandler, the general manager of The Cable Company in this city, and the official head of their business in North Carolina, points out that this means to the State of North Carolina, and to the city of Goldsboro especially, a tremendous increase in business, and as a consequence an increased circulation of money.

While The Cable Company had already, through years of enterprise and effort, acquired an enviable position in the piano and organ business, both in this country and abroad, the control of The Mason & Hamlin output, and a well equipped factory in the East, places them in a position by themselves.

There is now directly under the control of this immense corporation, with its millions of capital and its millions of resources, The Mason & Hamlin Pianos, the Conover Piano, which is recognized among the best made, the Kingsbury, Wellington and Cable Pianos. Truly a remarkable

able line of splendid pianos—ready sellers in every section. Now added to these is The Mason & Hamlin, which has won a distinct place among the few Artistic instruments of national renown, that are strictly of the highest possible grade of manufacture. The Cable Company is indeed in an impregnable position. The deal also gives The Cable Company control of the world-renowned Mason & Hamlin Organ as well, which will now be run in connection with their own famous Chicago Cottage Organs. The purchase of the immense plant of The Mason & Hamlin Company is not the only big deal in which The Cable Company has figured recently. Recognizing the great future in the manufacture of the Piano-Player and in placing this instrument in connection with their own magnificent line of pianos, The Cable Company cast about for a suitable plant; finally deciding upon that of The Imperial Company, at a cost of forty thousand dollars. The Imperial was made the goal at which The Cable Company aimed for the reason that it ranked among the best of mechanical Piano-Players, and was possessed of certain patent devices which makes The Imperial Player more nearly akin to the human touch and expression possibly than any other player. All rights and patents of the Imperial Company have been transferred to The Cable Company, and these instruments will shortly be placed on the North Carolina market. Briefly, the control by The Cable Company of the Imperial plant means simply that purchasers will now be able to buy one of these famous Piano-Players direct from the manufacturer, and under the same liberal terms and prices which are now extended by The Cable Company to purchasers of their pianos and organs.

The city of Goldsboro may well congratulate itself upon having within its limits such an enterprising firm as The Cable Company, which makes the city of Goldsboro the distributing point of North Carolina, and such a practical and stable man as its general manager, Mr. A. W. Chandler, under whose control the business of The Cable Company must prosper.

DEPOT ORDERED.

The Seaboard and Southern Railways Have Been Ordered to Build One at Charlotte.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—This evening the Corporation Commission made the following order: "It is ordered that the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line Railway be at the joint undertaking and expense of erecting, building and maintaining a union passenger station at Charlotte, commensurate with the business and the revenues, and that the said station be located at or near the junction of the said roadways in the city of Charlotte. It is further ordered that the plan be submitted to this commission on or before March 31. This cause is considered for further direction."

FIGHT A DUEL.

Two Prominent Men of Bainbridge, Ohio, Fill Each Other With Lead.

Bainbridge, O., Feb. 27.—Mercer Baggs and John Hunter, both prominent merchants, fought an impromptu duel in the streets this morning with pistols.

Hunter died a few minutes after the shooting. Baggs is in a hospital with a wound in the neck and another in the arm. He is seriously hurt.

There seems to have been an old quarrel between the two men of long standing.

A Russian victory means the partition of China, or a world's war to prevent it.