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NIGHT SHAKEN BY SHOCK OF BATTLE

Vice-Admiral Togo, Attacks the Russian Fleet and Forts at Port Arthur with Terrible Effect.

WAR VESSELS BEACHED

They Are The Russian Battleships south. Poltara and Czarevitch and The Cruiser Boyarin.

at Chemulpo. The Practical Wrecking of the Russian Warships a Torpedoes. The Battle is Renewed in the Morning, the Russians Reporting in this Engagement the Loss of the Japanese Fleet.

(By the Associated Press.)

FLEET ATTACKED PORT ARTHUR AT one shell fell on her deck. The faces MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY. TWO RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS AND ONE DISsian battleships and one big those who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke. SIAN BATTLESHIPS AND ONE RUS-SIAN CRUISER TORPEDOES.

THE BATTLE IS BEING CONTINUED THIS MORNING AT A RANGE OF Chi Li continuously, but apparently the THREE MILES. THERE HAS BEEN NO Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed FURTHER DAMAGE.

The Attack on Port Arthur.

(By the Assor ated Press.)

Cheefoo, Feb. 9.-The steamer Columbia has arrived from Port Arthur with additional news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet in the roads outside of the harbor of Port Arthur. The Columbia was in the roads at the time, and felt the first shock of a torpedo the Russian forts and fourteen ships and explosion at 11 o'clock on Monday night. The attack continued all night, and at Japanese shells were effective, but as far daylight this morning the two Russian battleships and one first-class Russian Jaranese fleet was steaming toward Daluy cruiser was seen to have been disabled and beached at the entrance of the harbor. The cruiser was badly listed to one side.

fire on the Japanese fleet, which was that the Japanese fleet was convoying about three miles distant. The Japanese vessels returned the fire, hitting several of the Russian ships, but doing little dam-The Russian cruisers then went out and the Japanese vessels disappeared. They sula. were seen later going in the direction of Dalny, apparently undamaged. Although the officers of the Columbia say that there were seventeen in the attacking of the Columbia tells this story of the party, only sixteen were seen later in the naval battle at Port Arthur: day by the steamer Foo Chow.

The Russians left one cruiser outside to stead surrounded by fourteen Russian watch for the Japanese ships. The cruiser battleships and cruisers. At 11:36 o'clock was fired upon by the Japanese, and the Monday night a sovere shock was felt on other Russian vessels took up their an- board the Columbia. The Russians imme chors and cruised around the roadstead. diately commenced to operate their The Japanese fleet came up within three searchlights and opened fire towards the miles and a battle commenced. The sea. The firing lasted only a short time. Japanese fired on the ships and forts, At 1 o'clock more shocks were felt and which replied. Two Russian ships were the Russians again commenced firing. struck by shells, but were only slightly damaged.

lumbia steamed away while the battle of the harbor. They were soon followed was in progress, but later saw the Japan- by a Russian cruiser which also was ese fleet leave. One Japanese cruiser with beached. None of the vessets were damtorpedo boats, is reported north of Chefoo. aged above the water line. More snocks The two battleships disabled are the from torpedoes were felt during the early Poltava and the Czarevitch. The disabled morning and then all was quiet. armored cruiser Boyarmin and the this Japan has the Russian gunboats an hour.' Variag and Koretz, caught at Chemulpo.

They were bound for Vladivostock. The Japanese fleet was under the com mand of Vice-Admiral Togo and consisted of four fast cruisers, the Chitose, Ashi. Port Arthur and the Russian Fleet of Raleigh, fielder; Charles Nichols, now soaked with water. None of the guest Hatsuse, Spikishima and the Kasagi, Tagafago and Yoshino, which circled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians They then joined the main fleet and all went in to attack the armored cruisers. In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions were the Mikasa, the flagship, the first-class battleships Sahi, Fuji, Inashima Shikashima, Hatsuse and the dispatch boat Tatsuma. The second division of the fleet under command of Admiral Kamimura on the flagship Idsumo, consisted of the armored cruisers Yashima Iwate and Asama.

When seen by the steamer Foo Chow Tuesday morning, the fast cruisers were circling in a radius of six miles. No

TWO GUNBOATS TAKEN that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack of Monday night.

consisted of the battleships Petropaulovski, These Were Captured by the Japanese flagship; Pereswet, sub-flagship; Pobleda, Poltava, Czarevitch, Retvizan and Sebastopol, and the cruisers Novik, Boyarin, Bayaru, Dianu, Palada, Askold and

Port Arthur is the Work of Japanese Huan Ching Shan and Chi Kwan Shan. The cruiser is outside, but within range of the forts.

The British steamer Columbia which arrived here today from Port Arthur bringing news of the attack by the Japa. nese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that Columbia had a narrow escape from in Killed of Ten Men. Withdrawal injury. Her passengers and crew were

very much excited.

While going out of the roads at Port Arthur the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese CHEFOO. FEB. 9 .- THE JAPANESE fleet. Her flag was cut into shreds and

A naval officer who was recen'ly at prepared for the attack on their ships and had an insufficient amount of steam A boat patrolled the Straits of Pe up. until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired, but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance.

At ten o'clock Tuesday morning too Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned toward the harbor after an hour.

The Japanese, continuing, came within three miles. A battle then began between sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the as seen the Russians shots fell short. The when seen last.

The steamer Columbia left just as Tue. day morning's contest began and was un-This morning the Russian forts opened able to learn the result. It is probable twenty-six troops ships from Sasebo to some port of Korea.

Japanese are reported to be in posse sion of the southern portion of the penin-

STORY OF BATTLE.

Cheefoo, Feb. 9.- A member of the crew

"The Columbia was lying in the road

"The Japanese did not return the fire At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships went The Russian fire fell short. The Co- in and were beached across the entrance

"At ten o'clock Tuesday morning three going out and battleships and cruisers Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor from going in and getting coal. Besides and went after them but returned in half

A MORNING NAVAL BATTLE.

Attacked. Ten Russians Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 10th., 1. a. m. The following bulletin has just been issued in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieffs chief of staff, dated February 9:

port that this day at about 11 o'clock in men to Jacksonville. the morning, a Japanese squadron consisted of about fifteen battleships and cruisers approached Port Arthur and op- Williamston. Don't let it be all talk, the ened fire. The enemy was received with a real thing would be appreciated more. torpedo boats were seen, and it is probable cannonade from the shore batteries and Williamston Enterprise.

the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement.

"At about midday the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding

"Our losses in the fleet were two officers wounded; nine men killed and forty-one wounded. On the shore batteries one man was killed and three wounded-The battleship Poltava and the cruiser Novik each had a hole knocked in her side below the water line. The forts were slightly damaged.

"MAJOR GENERAL FLUG."

A Thousand Japs Disembark.

(By the Associated Press.) Pekin, Feb. 9 .- About one thousand presence there of two Russian warships.

(Special to News and Observer.) North Wilkesboro, N. C., Feb. 9 .- At the election held here today on the question of the graded schools, the schools work Out of 173 registered voters 102 were cast for and 30 against the schools. Many

Rev. J. A. Kuykendall crop bales, 1,307,169 commercial bales. Falls as He Announces His Text.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Feb. 9.-Wiley B. Brown, of this city, received the news of the death of his brother-in-law, Rev. J. A. Kuvkendall, which occurred at the Corinth Baptist church of this county, under peculiar circumstances. Rev. Mr. Kuykendall is a Baptist minister of this section, and Sunday had gone to Corinth to preach his regular weekly sermon. The preacher arrived at the house of worship in his usual good health, and had begun the services, taking for his text the 44th chapter of Genesis: "I will go and see Him before I die," when after speaking a few words he suddenly placed his hand to his side and fell to the floor of the pulpit, expiring within a few se conds and without uttering a word.

Rev. J. L. Cook, who occupied a seat close to the pulpit, was the first to reach the minister's side, but Mr. Kuykendall was dead before the brother pastor could reach him. When it became known that death had suddenly invaded the sanctuary and taken from them without a moment's warning their pastor, the excitement among the congregation was intense. Women became hysterical and children screamed, and a number of men were utterly unable to control themselves. After several minutes had elapsed and it was finally realized that the minister was dead, his body was removed from the

A Number of Them to Go to Jackson- published about February 13th. ville With "King" Kelley.

"King" Kelly, once the Captain of the famous "Red Birds," of Raleigh, is rapidly getting together his men for the ball team in Jacksonville, Fla., of which he is the manager and first baseman. Mr. Kelly went to Chapel Hill yester-

of the Florida Sun and Labor Journal loss of \$50,000 partially insured. t the A. and M., left field; Richmond was hurt. Reed, of Concord, catcher; William Fetzer, of Concord, third base.

The Jacksonville Times-Union is just as liberal with space and pictures. It has a long write up and description of the men and praises Eddie Person very highly. Ashenback, who is in Charleston at the head of the Charleston team, tried to buy that lad, but failed. The Jacksonville

There is talk of an artesian well for

Commercial Bales Ginned Guaranteed to Colombia, are 9,859,277.

INCLUDING THE ROUND AND THE PLEDGE OURS to comply with the requisition of the United States of Colone

Or Counting the Round as Half Bales Yet We Tied Her Hand and Foot in 9.485,537. How These Figures Compare With Those of the Declares, Explaining His Years 1902 and 1903.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 9.-The report issued by the Census Office today of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including January 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated, and that these ginned 9,859,277 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,485,537, which compares with 8,905,503 and 10,588,250 bales to December 13, 1902, and March 14, 1903, re-

The report for the entire country is as follows: 9,038,890 square bales, 747,480 Japanese troops disembarked at Chemul-round bales, 72,907 sea island crop bales, po, Korea, yesterday, notwithstanding the 9,859,277 total commercial bales. The total commercial bales ginned from the crop of 1902 to December 13, 1902, was The disabled battleships are inside forts North Wilkesboro Votes for Schools. 9,311,835, and to March 14, 1903, was 11,078,882.

The cotton ginned from crop grown in 1903 up to and including January 16, 1904, is given by States and Territories as fol

Alabama-3,873 ginneries, 947,599 square Alabama-3,873 ginneries; 947,599 square bales, 72,993 round bales, 1,020,592 com-

bales, 44,716 round bales, 664,410 commer-

Florida-272 ginneries, 30,418 square Georgia-4,994 ginneries, 1,224,419 square

bales, 46,516 round bales, 36,234 sea island tinued: Indian Territory-489 ginneries, 217,839 square bales, 81,614 round bales, 299,553 nounced his purpose to vote for

commercial bales. ommercial bales.

Kansas-2 ginneries, 55 square bales, 55 been a strong advocate of a canal and

563 commercial bales. bales, 79,543 round bales, 826,316 commer- science to support it. I have heard the

commercial bales. bales, 5,642 round bales, 32,239 commercial ernment as an independent republic, with

square bales, 21 round bales, 541,146 com- duty as a Senator representing not only mercial bales.

Oklahoma-231 ginneries, 158,334 square representing my country as well. bales, 32,761 round bales, 191,095 commer-

square bales, 9,917 sea island crop bales, my coming to this conclusion. Here is a 798,714 commercial bales.

cial bales

bales, 308,326 round bales, 2,505,588 commercial bales. bales, 12,255 commercial bales.

In the report issued today no account has been taken of linters obtained by the ment I will read only a summary of the cotton seed oil mills from re-ginning cot- thirty-five articles, which is as follows: ton seed. Statistics of such cotton will be included in the final report of this season, which report will be issued about March 15. The final report will distribute the crop by counties, segragate upland and sea island cotton and give weights of

The Census Office is now engaged in the computation of the average weight of NORTH CAROLINA BASEBALLISTS. the bale for this crop from data furnished by the ginners and cotton weighers, and a statement giving the results will be

Myrtle Hotel Has a Blaze.

(By the Associated Press.) Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 9 .- A special to the Herald from Gate City, Va., says: Guests of the Myrtle Hotel were aroused day, his purpose being to sign Jack Curran from slumber at five o'clock this morning grounded battleships blocked the entrance Japanese cruisers passed Port Arthur in and to talk with Edward Hobgood with by an alarm of fire, the flames having been to the harbor, preventing gunboats from sight of the Russian fleet. The whole the view of taking him on if terms were discovered in W. D. Davidson's store. This store and stock was destroyed, as was The Jacksonville papers are hurrahing also the general merchandise store of bowlings for the team. In a recent issue Bowling, Head & Sloan, entailing a total there is a big lot of pictures of the players, Myrtle Hotel was saved only by heroic and among the faces are those of George work of a bucket brigade, blankets being Kelly, Eddie Person, pitcher; Will Wynne, thrown over the frame building and kept

Caught in a Stream of Liquid Fire.

(By the Associated Press.)

Bristel, Tenn., Feb. 9 .- A special to the Herald from Pulaski, Va., says: A piece of the jacket of the Dora Furnace bursted off this morning at five sovercignty means only the guarantee of letin on Senator Hanna's condition was Bros'. Bank. The escape of these buildings folks have got a hustling manager in o'clock, allowing about two car loads of sovereignty as against foreign nations and "By order of the Viceroy, I beg to re- "King" Kelly, who will soon take fifteen molten metal to escape. Wilber Smith, not as against secession and dismemberan employe, was caught in the stream of ment from Colombia. metal and burned to death instantly. No

one else was seriously injured. The damage to the furnace and appliance tee the sovereignty of Colombia against will reach several thousand dollars.

their territory? "Besides, preceding this clause of sov

Says Overman.

the Panama Revolution, Overman

Reasons for Voting Against Treaty.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.-Senator Overman made his maiden speech in the Senate today in opposition to ratification of the Panama canal treaty. During its delivery he had close attention from the Senators on both sides of the chamber and at its conclusion was the recipient of many congratulations ..

The fact that Senator Overman has made a good impression on his fellow-Senators that has grown since the first time he occupied a seat among them, and his speech today, though short, has added to the high esteem in which they hold

It is pleasant to know that the most cordial relations exist and will continue to exist between the two North Carolina Senators though they have spoken on opposing sides of the Panama question and will vote accordingly. Senator Simmons was one of the first today to congratulate his colleague, and this afternoon they had a long conference. This situation is fortunate for the State, whose interest they represent.

Arkansas—2,530 ginneries, 619,694 square being a new Senator he had preferred to adhere to the tradition of the Senate and remain silent for a while at least, in regard to the proposed treaty with Panama bales, 26,756 round sea island crop bales, and that even now he did not arise for the purpose of making a speech but to rate purpose of making a speech, but to make a plain statement of his position. He con-

"I have preferred to vote with my colknowing that a very large number if not Kentucky-2 ginneries, 563 square bales, a majority of my people and the people of the country desire the treaty ratified, Louisiana-2,201 ginneries, 746,773 square that I could get the consent of my condebate, have for myself investigated every Mississippi-4,225 ginneries, 1,310,991 phase of the controversy, have familiarsquare bales, 56,498 round bales, 1,367,489 ized myself with all the facts and circumstances surrounding the revolution in Missouri-74 ginneries, 26,597 square Panama and its recognition by this Gov a view, if possible, to vote for the treaty North Carolina-2,733 ginneries, 541,125 and at the same time not to violate my

the great State of North Carolina, but "But, Mr. President, there has been all the time standing before me an insur-South Carolina-3,198 ginneries, 788,797 mountable barrier which has prevented solemn treaty-the treaty of 1845-enter-Tennessee-789 ginneries, 216,069 square ed into between this country and New bales 18,850 round bales, 234,919 commer- Granada (now Colombia), a solemn coverant, scaled, signed and delivered, ratified, Texas-4,438 ginneries, 2,197,202 square interchanged, and filed in the archives of each Government for its future conduct, the one to the other for all time un-Virginia-117 ginneries, 12,255 square less modified and repealed. It is called a treaty of peace, amity, navigation and commerce. For the purpose of my state-

> 'The Government of New Granada guaranteed to the Government of the United States that the right of way or transit across the Isthmus of Panama, upen any mode of communication then existing or hereafter constructcd, should be open and free to the Government and citizens of the United States and for the transportation of any articles of produce, manufac-tures, or merchandise of lawful combelonging to the citizens of the United States. Government of the United States, in order to secure to themselves the tranquil and constant enjoyment of the advantages mentioned and as an especial compensation for said advantages and other favors acquired by the treaty, guaranteed, positively and efficaciously, by that stipulation, the perfect neutrality of the Isthmus of Panama with the view that free transit from one to the other sea should not be interrupted or embarrassed in any future time while the treaty should exist; and in consequence, the United States also guaranteed in the same mannner, to wit, positively and efficaciously, the right of sovereignty and property which New Granada had and possessed over the said territory, to wit, the entire Isthmus of Panama.

"Therefore, Mr. President, we not only maranteed the perfect neutrality of the sthmus of Panama, but the United States in the most positive terms guaranteed the rights of sovereignty and property which Colombia had and possessed in the said territory, the entire Isthmus of Panama. "It is contended that the guarantee of

One colored man was burned slightly. Why, Mr. President, I ask-why guaran- eral condition remains good. foreign nations only when that was al-

Colombia, as well as all other South American Republics, to the extent that no foreign nation should ever acquire any of

ereignty, as I have read, there is a clause of neutrality which has always been held and construed to mean an obligation on the part of the United States for the preservation of the Isthmus against war and like acts of foreign nations. Mr Seward, Lincoln's great Secretary of

"'Neither the text nor the spirit of the stipulation in that article by which the United States engages to preserve the neutrality of the Isthmus of Panama in poses an obligation on this Government o comply with the requisition of th bia for a force to protect the Isthmus o Panama from a body of insurgents of that country. The purpose of the stipulations was to guarantee the Isthmus against seizure or invasion by a foreign power only.' Again Secretary Seward wrote to our Minister at Bogota on April

thirtleth, eighteen sixty-six, as follows: "'The United States desire nothing else, nothing better, and nothing more in regard to the State of Colembia than the enjoyment on their part of complete and absolute sovereignty and independence. If those great interests shall ever be assailed by any power, at home or abroad, the United States will be ready, co-operating with the Government and their ally, to maintain and defend them.'

Again, during Mr. Cleveland's adminitration, Mr. Bayard, his Seceretary of State, said: "'On several occasions the Govern-

ment of the United States, at the instance and always with the assent of Colombia, has, in times of civil tumult, sent its armed forces to the Isthmus of Panama to preserve American citizens and property along the transit from injuries which the Government of Colombia might at the time be unable to prevent. But in taking such steps, this Government has always recognized the sovereignty and superior right of Colombia in the premises.

"Then, Mr. President, the Monroe Docrine and the Neutrality Clause were sufficient to guarantee sovereignty as against foreign nations as to transit across the (Continued on Page Six.)

So Declares the Jury After a Long and Sfubborn Struggle.

(By the Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.-A verdict of guilty was returned this evening by the jury in the case against Helen Wilin the United States Court. The charge against Mrs. Post was that of violating section 5480 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. It was specifically charged that she devised a scheme to defraud divers people and that she used the United States mails to further said

The jury was out for seven hours. It stood ten for conviction and two for acquital from the first. t 4 o'clock the jury was called into court and the judge stated that the court would in this case require a verdict from the jury, and that if no verdict was returned by 6 p. m. the jury would be locked up and left in charge of the marshal, while the judge went to Tampa to hold a term of the court. At 5:30 a verdict of guilty was

The maximum penalty for the violation of section 5480 is a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding eighteen months, or both, in the discretion

The court has not yet passed sentence and the defense has been given ten days to prepare and submit a motion for arrest of judgment or a new trial. The defend-

and is under \$1,000 bond. There are eleven other indictments against Mrs. Post, her husband, C. C. Post, and her son-in-law, Charles C. Berg-

Mysterious Death of Scott Wright.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, N. C., Feb. 9.-Scott Wright, who is engaged in hauling logs for D. B. Willis, of this city, was found early this morning about three miles from here lying on the road dead. His carrylog and horses were standing in the road just a few feet from the body. Master John Willis found Wright on his way to the woods to haul wood. There were no bruises on the body, and how he came to his death is not known. He was a resilent of this city.

The services of W. P. Rose, an archiect of Raleigh, have been secured by the public school trustees of this city to make the plans for the new graded school buildings soon to be erected here. The building when completed will cost approximately \$30,000.

Hanna Rests Quietly.

(By the Associated Press.)

issued tonight: At 8 p. m. Senator Hanna was resting quietly. His temperature was 102 6-10; "The friends and high contracting par- pulse 94 and regular. Respiration 24. ties could have had no such intention. There are no complications and his gen-

(Signed.)

"RIXEY. "CARTER."

Baltimore for the Present Needs No Aid.

IS EAGER TO REBUILD

Day of Conferences Developed That City and State Will Try to Meet Emergencies, Loss About \$125,000,000. Cash

Vaults Unharmed. (By the Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, FEB. 9.-A REVIVAL OF THE FIRE TONIGHT IN THE LUMBER YARD OF WILLIAM D. GILL & SON, AT THE EXTREME SOUTHEASTERN LIMIT OF THE BURNED TERRITORY, CAUSED A NEW ALARM TO BE SENT IN. FOUR COMPANIES AND FIRE BOAT, THE CATARACT, RESPONDED AND AT 8 P. M. THE BLAZE WAS SAID TO BE

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9 .-- Amid ruins till hot and smoking, Baltimore has begun its resurrection. With the dawn of clear winter day, whose brightness was in itself an inspiration, the apathy of yesterday gave way to energy, an? from the Governor of the State to the least private citizen the people of this distressed city aroused themselves to meet the appalling conditions that confront

It was a day of conferences. The Covrnor, the mayor, and various municipal officials, met and threshed ou the probems that are theirs by virtue of public office. From this conforence came a decision that, Baltimore for the present needs no outside help, but will endeavor with her own resources and those of the State to meet the emergency. At this conference also was dveloped the machinery for an advisory legislative commission to act in conjunction with the legisla

The military officials had unusual croblems to decide and solved them in a military manner, for tonight every pass hat has been issued giving entrance to the fire lines was revoked. No civilian may pass the cordon of citizen soldiers which after forty-eight hours of continuous duty tonight stretches around the fire-swept district where lay safes and vaults containing untold treasures.

With equal promptness the Chamber of Commerce held a general meeting and issued a formal announcement that remans Post, the mental science healer who ficeted the prevailing hopefulness, declarhas been on trial for the past ten days ing "there are already such evidences of ecuperation that all are encouraged in he hope of the early restoration of every

branch of trade. The Stock Exchange members met and decided to rebuild as soon as possible. The same story can be told of practically every commercial body, while on every hand is evidence of private affort toward rehabilitation.

Old buildings long unused, private residences near the business sectio bin tact every available structure bears crudely ettered signs on board or cloth announcg that within is the temporary office of a firm. The names on some of these signs are those that rank high in the financial and commercial circles of the world and in the temporary offices men who for years have known only mahogony desks work on deal tables and plain

boards. Labor is in demand and the newspapers already contain display advertisements for men to begin the work of clearing toe

ruins. All things considered, the public stock taking that engrossed the business world of Baltimore today was satisfactory. But this does not mean that the great fire was a lesser calamity than has been pictured in these dispatches. The words that have hurried over telegraph wites, restored by almost superhuman energy to meet a wanting world's demand for news, have given but an inadequate conception of this catastrophe of a century. bald fact is that 140 acres of business buildings, representing property to the approximate value of \$125,000,000 were destroyed within twenty-four hours.

A great cloud was lifted this afternoon when it was discovered that practically all of the vaults and strong rooms and safes of the financial concerns whose buildings were destroyed, are unhurt. a tremendous loss in securities had been anticipated here, and when vault after vault yielded up its treasures unharmed the joy of the guardians was boundless. From the Continental Trust Company's safes alone papers to the amount of more than \$200,000,000 were recovered. The news cheered the whole city and encouraged immediate and thorough investigation. Merchants and their assistants, smokesoiled and begrimed and hollow-eyed rom anxiety and loss of sleep worked like laborers in the smoking ruins to uncover their safes, and in nearly every instance they were rewarded by intact con-

Another surprise was the discovery that financial concerns whose homes were directly in the path of the flames, were nactically unharmed. These were the Washington, Feb. 9.-The following bul- Mercantile Trust Company and Brown is attributed to their lack of height. They do not exceed four stories and as they were surrounded by lofty structures

the flames swept over them. There are between \$11,000,000 and \$15. 500,000 now in vaults of the Sub-Treasury, of which over \$7,000,000 are in gold.

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