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BALTIMORE'S LOSS TWO

HUNDRED MILLION.

Flames Checked After Desperate Bat-

tle of 32 Hours.

GREAT FORTUNES WRECKED.

Commercial Prestige of Baltimore Given a Blow it

Cannot Recover From For Years.

Boundaries of Baltimore's Burned day, plundering abandoned proper

dopted.

operations.

ty and prowling about the ruins

until stern repressive measures were

Orders have been issued to the

troops on guard to shoot down all

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ersons found engaged in unlawful

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District

The burned district is within the

territory bounded on the west by

Liberty Street, on the north by

Lexington Street, on the east by

Jones Falls, and on the south by

the basin. Within this district

were the big structures on Fayette,

Gay, Lombard, Charles, Baltimore

Elliott, Hollingsworth and Cheap-

Passing southeast along the basin

the following large blocks were

de troyed: McClure, Pattersons,

Smiths, Frederick, Long and Union.

not extend as far north as Lexing-

ton Street, and which were in the

path of the flames are Commerce,

Frederick and Mills-Streets. The

district thus swept by the fire com-

prised seventy-five blocks and

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8-Stunned,

spair, Baltimore drew a deep

disheartened and on the verge of

sigh of relief at 7 o'clock to-night

when Mayor McLane confirmed the

report that the progress of the

flames had at last been arrested.

After thirty hours of desperate

fighting the combined fire forces of a

half dozen cities succeed in holding

Two hundred millions of dollars

worth of property in the meantime

had been swept away. This is the

conservative estimate. Sixty busi-

ness blocks have been wiped out.

More than one thousand modern

structures, many of them sky-scrap-

FORTUNES WRECKED

ing and commercial district of Bal-

timore has been obliterated, thous-

blackened ruins.

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the flames at the Union docks

nearly 2,500 buildings.

Small thoroughfares which do

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ure into a law. The foraker propo-

WAR FIRST CLASH **OF**

By CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

sition is regarded as a throwing aside, on the part of the republi cans, any pretense of opposing the trusts and the notification that pros-pective contributions of Wall Street February 8th, 19:4: to the republican campaign are The principal subject of political assion in the national capital

to the republican campaign are deemed of more importance than the sympathy of the people who are lighting for the deliverance from the mergers and ill-gal combina-tions of railroads with the aggre-grations that control production, such as the coal trust and the beef trust at the present time is the so-called Foraker bill, which aims to relieve the trusts and the mergers of any control or limitation by the government, and is everywhere regarded as the administration's bid for the

support of the great corporations in the coming presidential election. This bill shows the lack of sincerity trust.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Some time during last month a on the part of the republican party resolution was offered in the House their alleged fight against the of Representatives by Mr. Tawney.

trust as does nothing else that has a republican from Minnesota, and come to the surface lately. The it ought to pass. I know "Jim" administration has been active Tawney well, and I know that he in getting before the people of the country and touting itself as an is a big-hearted, honorable gentleman. He offered this resolution anti-trust administration, telling in in the interest of humanity, but his

flashing headlines in the good reparty is not inclined to sustain him Not without varying hope and publican papers how the Attorneyin his position. The resolution ofdespair did Baltimore reach to-night Gen ral was going to smash the fered by Mr. Tawney was in refertrusts to smithereens. It would the first stage in her progress toerence to the rotten railway postal like to get the people to believe ward recovery from the calamity. cars, to which have been due, in a that it intended to do something All through the night the fire large measure the loss of life to the for them in the way of trust raged. At dawn the flames were cailway postal clerks in the past busting, but so far it has only still sweeping resistlessly onward, and it seemed that the entire city dozen years. Even last year there worked with its mouth and has was not less than 18 brilliant young done nothing in the courts of the must go down in smouldering ruins. men, who take their lives in their Then at II o'clock came a gleam country, notwithstanding the fact hands every time they enter a car that an appropriation of a half milof hope. The firemen announced and start out on their run, killed lion dollars has been made for the that the fire was under control. and cremated, simply because special purpose of prosecuting the A cry of thanks went up and these cars were old, ram shackle Baltimore took courage. A hundtrusts. The fund has not been affairs, become a box of matches raised and will not be, for that purred fires still blazed about the dein collision and burn like tinder pose. More similies, drawn from stroyed district, but the firemen wood thereafter. The preamble to the national game of poker, that kept back their spread. There was this resolution offered by Mr. Tawa feeling that the worst was over. fit the political situation, have lateney, and which recited the foregoly been coined, most of them by and then came another blow. At 2 ing facts, was striken out when the the redoubtable Mark Hanna, than o'clock, despite all the worn and resolution came up on January at any period in the political hisveary fighters could do, the flames 17th. In striking out this preamble tory of the country. The one that took fresh hold, and with renewed it easily will be seen that nowhere fits the present situation in the poli-

in the "Record" appears the reas tics of the nation is that the preson contained in the request for the and again the fire was master of ent play of the republican party is information and that was the in the situation. Then the flames a huge "bluff," so far as it intends tention of the resolution. Instead swept on, and once more, block to wipe out the criminal trusts of of this preamble, which was an atthe country.

tempt to get this information before Senator Foraker, besides being the people of the country, they the Ohio manager ot the President's simply add a request for knowledge campaign for election to succeed of the condition of the cars on June himself, is, with the Hon Henry the 1st last. This will be used as Cabot Lodge, his spokesman in the a wall to hide behind and an at Senate of the United States, and no tempt will be made to place the man who knows how things are blame, for bad equipment on the done in Washington considers that clerks themselves, as it will be there would be the remotest possi- claimed that they have neglected

bility of Senator Foraker offering to report the bad cars. - The truth such a bill without the President's of the matter is that the postal direction. clerks have learned from long ex-Following, as it did, the visit to pe ience that such reports on their

Washington of the trust magnates. part only secures a new coat o whose mergers and combines are paint and other subterfuges to hide menaced under the Sherman law. the real character of the cars. It the Northern Securities merger. would seem that with so many denow fighting for life in the Sumo ished cars and so many men preme Court, and the coal trust. killed and burned up that there

brought to bay by the suit started would appear to be some necesby William Randolph Hearst be- sity for action on the part of Con

Japanese Disables Three Russian Bat- DR. JOHN D. BIGGS, tleships in First Engagement. OFFICE:

> It Was a Daring Surprise In a dispatch from Cheefoo, dat

hitherto ignored Mr. Hearst's caned February 9, a correspondent of didacy are now making generous the London Daily Press says : comments thereupon. Some of the

"The Japanese have dealt the papers that seek to belittle Mr. Russsians a crushing blow at Port Hearst's candidacy or edited by men Arthur. An advance squadron or ra her controlled by men, who of the Japanese fleet under comhave made a signal success in mand of Vice-Admiral Togo and other walks of life, but a dismal comprising sixteen battleships and failure of the newspaper business cruisers with a numerous torpedo This is notably true of one Frank flotilla left the main fleet off Shan A. Munsey, who made money as a Tung Peninsula on Sunday imme puplisher of a cheap magazine, but diately that the news of the diplowho has lost about all he has made

matic rupture became known. This as the publisher of daily newspap. information was conveyed to the ers. Mr. Munsey's paper, the Wash Japanese Admiral by a destroyer ington Times, attacks Mr. Hearst dispatched from the Tsushima Satbitterly without presenting argu-

urday evening. ments against him and without shadow of excuse. This may be

papers in this country who have

expected of a man who employed men for the post-office investigation, but who had not the courage to withstand the onslaughts of corformation Sunday midday toward porate interest and who di. charged its goal, and came within sight of from his service the very man who Port Arthur under cover of darkstarted this investigation into the ness. It cruised slowly outside rotteness of republican officialism. without showing lights. The Rus-These attacks on Mr. Hearst from sians were lined in the roadsted ap uch a source are causing comment parently feeling secure from attack. here and thereby increasing the Nearly all the Japanese torpedo standing of Mr. Hearst as a demoboats were dispatched on their dancrat and an honest man The recent gerous and daring task. They decision of the republican Attorney rushed full steam on the enemy, General in the state of New York, who were completely surprised. A not to bring action against the coal great battle of small arms greeted trust under the application of Mr. the invaders, who, however, es-Hearst, has raised the trust issue caped unhurt, and the Retvizan, as the living issue of the next camthe Czarevitch and the Pallada were paign, and Mr. Hearst as its exponent, in the minds of the leaders of almost immediately torpedoed. The

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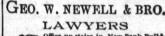
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at their work, the New York Batalion rendering magnificient aid, and shortly after seven the anment was made and confirmeg by the mayor, that the fire was surely under control. At this hour

great blazes continued in the burn-The fire area covered a territory more than a half a mile in length and from three to six blocks in vaste

of the flames are utterly futile so complete is the ruin

ands of poor workers have been thrown out of employment, great In the extent of property loss fore the Interstate Commerce Comthat are likely to exceed those of mission-the significance of Sena any other conflagration in the tor Foraker's effort becomes manihistory of the United States. fest. To estimate the loss accurately

after block going down, the residental sections looming into dang-

Powerless the firemen fell back

er, and all hope was abandoned.

fury began fresh devastation.

DESPERATE WORK

But they continued desperately

ers, modern in every respect and said to have been "fireproof," are

ed district, but they are no menace, being islands of fire in a desolate Any attempt to describe the speed width. Two square miles are in ruins. The entire business, bank-

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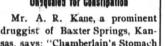
ledge in the care of money will

Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians' exposed by now to a terrible fire from machine guns and small arms from both the

ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians which probably ac counts for the Japanese torpedo boats esaping practically unscratch-

ed and rejoining the admiral out-

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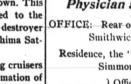


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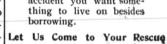
"The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Rus sian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle

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STANDING COMMITTEES:





the commercial prestige of Baltitimore has received a blow from which it cannot recover in many vears.

Amid the darkness and the desolation of the calmity that has overtaken the city, there is only one ray of light.

So far as can be ascertained at this hour, only one life has been lost in the traged y of flame and gale that has penetrated one of the greatest cities of the continent.

Jacob Ilginfritz, a member of the Laurel Company, of York, Pa., one of the first to respond to the appeal for outside help, was crushed to death by a falling wall early this morning.

John M. Hood. president of the United Railways Company, is missing . Scores of firemen have beer injured and the miraculous escape-from death mount into the hund-reds.

MARTIAL LAW

Martial law has been proclaimed The police of a dozen cities are pag the streets, aided by natfonal guardsmen and a thousand regular troops dispatched hither by the War Department. Major-Ger-eral Henry C. Corbin, commanding he department of the east, have ordered to take military com d of the situation and by morrg will be at the right hand o Mayor McLean to assist maintain der and restraining the law Looting has begun. Bande of robbers spread over the city

Not in years has anything hapat this time is impossible. A large pened to bring J. Pierpont Morgan, percentage of it will fall upon the H. C. Frick, J. W Gates, President nsurance companies. Insurance Cassatt of the Penasylvania rail. brokers to-day estimated that at road, and President Stillman, of the

least \$30,000,000 in premiums will have to be paid by the companies oncerned, the losses falling on individual companies to the extent from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 each.

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prove of exceeding value to gress in the interest of humanity. who heed them. "The Vicerine The railroads, however, are still of India," as presented by Waldon st ong enough to prevent Congres- Fawcet, deals with the remarkable

sional action and hoodwink the success of that beautiful American people, which will continue so woman, Lady Curzon, Articles long as there is a party is power appropriate to Spring in the house ning.

controlled by the railroads. and garden are "Flowering Plants The railway postal service and for the Window-garden," by Eben its efficiency are matters of impor-E. Rexford; "Raising Mushrooms tance to every business man and for Profit," by Madeline Rilley; every newspaper in the United and "Gardening Under Muslin," by George Ethelbert Walsh. States. Hitherto, the work of these

House dinner emphasized the view brave young men has been hidden of the situation that the Foraker under a bushel, simply because bill was the administration's tender railway influences have controlled

National City Bank, all to Wash-

ington together. The presence of

Cassatt and Stillman at the White

in exchange for the help of the the position of Second Assistant trusts in the next election. Not in

Post Master General, which has a generation has a bill introduced jurisdiction over this department of

in Congress provoked such a feelthe service. ing of alarm and indignation as this has done. Coming at a time The people have necessarily been

in ignorance of the real situation when the people are marshalling concerning it. This service is filled in the road just a few feet from the son. S. D. Matthews, J H. Rawls, all that is left to them of power to full of labor nnrequited by dollars, body. Master John Willis found Geo. F. Roberson. check the power of the rapacious of heroism, and it is a real tragedy. Wright on his way to the woods to combinations, and when the worst It will be pleasure and my province haul wood. There were no bruises

of these are under fire, the propoin the near future to expose the on the body, and how he came to sition to undo all that has been methods and denounce the machinhis death is not known. He was a done for the protection of the coun ery, engineered by the repuplican resident of this city. try against these predatory organi party, from granting justice and de-The services of W. P. Rose, an

zations, the Foraker bill is doubly cency to the manly young men architect of Raleigh, have been sealarming, and the fact that it is who still live and work, and to the cured by the public school trustees presented by the spokesman of the hundreds who have gone to their of this city to make the plaus for President intensifies the feeling of death through the cupidity and the new graded school building

dismay. avarice of cold-blooded corpora-The comments of the democrat tions controlling the machinery of building when completed will cost

in the Senate and House of Reprethe Government. entatives indicate how clearly the * * *

nger is realized and how unan The Hearst candidacy for Presious is the condemnation of the dent is receiving unp:ecedented

measure among those on whom will fall the burden of the fight to comment at present in the national prevent the enactment of this meas- capital from the fact that many each box. ssc. **Jurors For March Court** FIRST WEEK

Jamesville-S. M. Darden. Williams-N. T. Riddick. Griffins-Kinchen Corey, J. S. Griffin, J. J. Manning, J. E. Man-

Bear Grass-Jesse B. Harris. Williamston-Geo. W. Blount, C. W. Keith. John H. Mizell, Jr., M. G. Riddick, Eli Taylor. X. Rhodes-J. H. Ayers, Mc.G. Gurganus, J. Henry Wynn. Robersonville-L. A. Briley, A. D. Cherry, W. A. Jenkins, D. B. Parker, J. H. Roberson, Sr., John

Scott Wright, who is engaged in T. Ross, Jesse E. Vick. hauling logs for D. B. Willis, of Poplar Point-W. B. Ballard, this city, was found early this Geo. W. Coltrain, Mc. G. Leggett. Hamilton-T. H. Coffield, J. B. morning about three miles from Cloman, F. L. Gladstone, J T. here lying on the road dead. His carrylog and horses were standing Haislip, W.R.Howard, C T. John-

Goose Nest-H. K. Harrell, W . Williams. SECOND WEEK.

Jamesville-L. W. Davis, T. J.

Holliday, Clayton S. Modlin, H. H. Mizell. Williams-W. E. Daniel.

Bear Grass-John R. Harrison, C. B. Harrison, Levi S. Jones. Williamston-Dennis S. Biggs, G. Burroughs, R. H. Lanier.

X Roads-Alonzo Mizell. Robersonille-T. W. Roberson, Geo. M. Roberson, Ira D. Roberson.

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