

they shells over the hills into the harbor.

The Japanese were unable to determine the effect of the bombardment, but saw huge columns of smoke arising from the hills.

In the meantime the Japanese cruiser squadron discovered two Russian torpedo destroyers at the foot of Latoch Hill and gave chase.

One of the destroyers escaped, but the other was pursued into Pigeon bay, where it was sunk.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura reports that the Japanese fleet sustained no damage, and did not lose a single man.

THURSDAY'S ENGAGEMENT. Russian Correspondent Says It Is Believed Japs Suffered Heavy Loss.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The Port Arthur correspondent of the Russ telegraphs as follows:

"On the morning of February 25th a Japanese squadron consisting of six battleships and four light cruisers, appeared on the horizon.

The Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik were in the outer harbor, and the Japanese ships, upon attaining a position within a cable's length, about four and a quarter miles, of the Russian ships, opened an attack.

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THE LAND CAMPAIGN. The Japs Ready to Fall on Russian Should They Invade Korea.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Tokio correspondent of the World says:

"As the result of many conversations with the military authorities it can be stated that the preliminaries of the Japanese campaign on land have developed so far as to render practically impossible a formidable invasion of Korea by Russia.

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THE RUSSIAN COMMANDER. Gen. Kourapatkin Leaves For the Front in About Ten Days.

Coskov, Russia, Feb. 27.—General Kourapatkin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the Far East, who arrived here today to bid farewell to his aged mother before leaving for the Far East, received an oration at the railroad station where he was greeted by the governor and deputations from the nobility, the city officials and the command.

STOPPED BY RUSSIANS. Another British Steamer Reports Being Intercepted With.

Island of Perim, Red Sea, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Benalder, which sailed from London on February 6th for Yokohama, passed here this afternoon, and stated that she was stopped by a Russian warship in the Red Sea.

BRITISH SHIPS TAKEN. Tokio, Feb. 27.—The official report of the naval forces who attempted to block the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur on the morning of February 24th differ in some respects from that already reported.

Japanese infantry is splendidly adapted for the work the troops have before them.

The arrangements for feeding the troops are perfect. With the troops here carried half pound tins of meat.

RUSSIANS PUZZLED. Japanese Keep Authorities Guessing as to Object of Naval Operations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Two thousand cars from the Russian-European system, especially fitted for the transportation of troops, are being sent to the Siberian line.

The Novoe Vremya says the Slav press in Russia indicates the willingness of the Slavs to come under the Russian standard, adding: "Their hesitation would be finally overcome if Russia would be less uncompromising on the question of orthodoxy and autocracy."

The desperate manner in which the Japanese are returning to the attack on Port Arthur, in spite of their repeated repulses, has convinced the military authorities here that their main object for the present is to hopelessly cripple the Russian fleet.

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Pling reports that Russian mounted troops have entered Korea.

A dispatch received here states that a Russian cavalry regiment on which women which penetrated Korea had an encounter with a detachment of the Japanese and that the latter were compelled to retire.

ANOTHER REPORT. Russian Cavalry Said to Have Retired After Sharp Encounter.

Seoul, Feb. 29.—Details of a skirmish at Ping Yang last Friday show that 50 Russian cavalrymen approached the Japanese camp and fired. A sharp fusillade took place and the Russians retreated.

JAPS IN KOREA. One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Men Have Arrived at Seoul.

New York, Feb. 29.—A cable from Chefoo, China, says that 120,000 Japanese troops have arrived at Seoul up to the present date, consisting of cavalry and infantry, but with no artillery.

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Two Men Killed. The Scaffold on Which They Were Working Collapsed and Victims Fell 250 Feet.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—A triple floor scaffold in the dome of the new post office suddenly collapsed this afternoon, carrying fifteen men into the first floor of the building.

The helpless fifteen victims had a sheer descent of 250 feet through space. The men were at work on the big scaffold, finishing up the decorations on the interior of the dome.

About one hundred plasterers and laborers were at work in and about the dome when the accident occurred.

The scaffold which fell was one of the largest ever built of its kind in Chicago, and is said to have contained a hundred thousand square feet of timbers and lumber.

Although ten companies of firemen were soon at work with axes on the wedge-like mass of smashed and splintered timber, the work of recovering the bodies was necessarily slow.

Despite the fact that occupants of adjoining scaffolds declared fifteen men were trapped, the announcement was made later that only two perished in the accident.

The announcement was made as the result of a checking up of names by the police.

AUSTRIA PREPARES TO INTERVENE. WILL CO-OPERATE WITH RUSSIA IN BALKANS.

The Albanian Revolt is Spreading—Turkey Massing Troops on the Frontier of Servia.

New York, Feb. 26.—According to a cable to the Herald from their Berlin correspondent, Austria expects to have to intervene in the Balkans in co-operation with Russia.

Orders have been issued to prepare for the mobilization of the army. Commanders of the army corps have been told to grant no leave to officers, and horses liable to requisition have been called in and military railway and transport officers have been already appointed.

Telegrams received in Berlin today from Belgrade announce that there is no truth in the Constantinople dispatches announcing that the Albanian revolt has been crushed.

On the contrary, it is spreading daily. The Albanians are threatening to attack the Serbian monastery of the Holy Patriarch and the town of Lepk.

The news that the Turkish government is again concentrating large masses of troops on the Servian frontier has caused great excitement in Belgrade.

BURIED IN SNOWS. Well Known Guide Lost His Life in Northern Montana.

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—John A. Street, son of Mayor Street, of the city, was overwhelmed in a snowslide in northern Montana a few days ago.

Street was with a party of hunters, including Messrs. Redpath and Powell, of Montreal, and was considered one of the best guides in the Rockies.

He joined the Mounted Police when fifteen years of age, and was thirty-eight years of age at the time of his death.

None of the party was injured.

HEAVY LOSS. Seventeen Buildings at Nicholson, Pa., Destroyed by Fire.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 25.—Fire today destroyed the business portion of the town of Nicholson, twenty miles west of here.

Seventeen buildings, all of them frame structures, were burned, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000.

An overheated stove in the residence of Dr. Keller was the cause of the fire.

There is no fire apparatus in Nicholson, and assistance was sent from Scranton and other points.

A rumor has gained some currency in the city today that the cruiser Bona venture, now on its way to join the naval squadron stationed at Esquimaux, had gone ashore.

There appears to be no foundation for the report. The naval authorities at Esquimaux, as far as can be learned, have received nothing to that effect.

ROCHESTER SCENE OF CONFLAGRATION. BROKE OUT IN HEART OF BUSINESS SECTION. Buildings Destroyed—Effort to Check Flames—Damage Estimated at Over \$4,000,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The worst conflagration in the history of Rochester broke out a few minutes before 5 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company's store at 150-160 Main street, East.

The fire which, according to the night watchman estimates, was discovered soon after it started, spread with such rapidity that by the time an alarm was sounded in the entire front of the store was a mass of flames.

The fire department responded promptly. Assistant Chief Jaynes realized at once the dangerous nature of the fire and turned in a general alarm.

By this time the flames had spread to the building occupied by the dry goods firm of Beadle & Sherburne Company.

Chief Little arrived on the scene shortly after the general alarm sounded. He realized that the flames were beyond the control of the local department, and appeals for more fire apparatus were sent to the chiefs of the Buffalo and Syracuse departments.

Nearly five hours later four steamers arrived from Syracuse, and within an hour after being discovered the fire had spread to the big granite building occupying the two blocks between the Sibley, Lindsay & Currie, and by hundreds of other professional men.

Flames also spread to the buildings in the rear of the granite block.

The extreme cold made the fire fighting difficult and hazardous, as the ladders were coated with ice.

Assistant Chief Jaynes was struck on the head by the loss.

The loss is estimated between four and five millions of dollars, most of which falls on the Sibley, Lindsay & Currie Co., the Beadle & Sherburne Co., the Rochester Dry Goods Co., the Walker Shoe Co.

The loss to the business offices in the granite building cannot be estimated at this writing.

The plans and estimates were in the architect's office in the tenth floor.

Shill Raging. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The great fire started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning, still raging fiercely.

The weather is ideal for fighting the fire, as there is scarcely any wind blowing.

Had there been a moderately high wind, the firemen say nothing could have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire.

As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, and are not working as they should.

The extreme cold this winter has frozen up many of the mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thawing out the pipes.

On account of the lack of proper apparatus this work has been slow.

At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner Phelps telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance.

The chief of the fire department at Sals said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from Paul to North streets, unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street.

In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go.

The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company.

A furnace connected with the electrical plant that runs the elevator blew out, and the next moment the flames were rushing up the elevator, and the building wrapped in flames.

At 9 o'clock the fire is burning fiercely although the fire department are sanguine that they can prevent its spreading.

The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of disaster.

The firemen used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all sections of the city, and this noise was supplemented by the sound of crashing walls.

A FATAL ABOUT 'Frisco Liner B Lost Th

Port Townsend, Feb. 26.—The steamer Queen arrived at Port Townsend before she landed, the stern of the vessel was broken up by the waves.

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But a few minutes later fire fighting commenced in the entire aft portion.

The crew set to work with a will, and in five minutes the fire was under control.

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