

Fire's Great Destruction

The Berlin Felt Boot Company's Large Establishment Goes Up In Smoke.

Department Was Powerless and Flames Left to Complete Their Work.

Loss Will Exceed One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 16.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations in Berlin's history occurred this evening, when a large four-story building of the Berlin Felt Boot Company, the largest of the kind in the Dominion, was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered in the spinning and carding room on the first floor about 10 o'clock. The time was lost in getting the fire brigade out, but low pressure and a strong wind, very little could be done to save the structure. The fire raged for over two hours and a half and is still burning.

The Waterloo fire brigade arrived about 8 o'clock to render assistance. Pieces of the burning embers were carried to a distance of six miles north. The loss is estimated by George Rumbel, one of the proprietors, at \$175,000. Insurance between \$40,000 and \$60,000. The factory employed about 200 hands and was known from Victoria to Halifax.

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RUSSIAN SABLE STORY OF PORT ARTHUR

An Eyewitness of the First Action of the War Succeeds in Getting Through The Russian Lines at Port Arthur And Sends an Uncensored Description of the Attack by The Japanese Fleet.

The Mobilizing Of Japan's Army

Three Hundred Thousand Soldiers at Bases Ready For Embarkation.

Task Carried Out With Great Precision and in Perfect Secrecy.

Nagasaki, Feb. 12, via Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in the field.

Russian Barbarity

Hakodate, Saturday, Feb. 12.—Intense indignation is felt at the action of four Russian cruisers in sinking the little steamer Nakhimov.

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WIRINGS FROM OTTAWA CITY

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Capital's Leading Citizens Pay High Compliment to Ex-Mayor Cook.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Sir Charles Ross, yesterday in search for the Japanese, says the first batch of new rifles from the factory are completed.

Russians After Japs

Special to Colonist.

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