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Japanese Dead, Russians Crushing Blow at Port Arthur
Twelve Thousand Japs in Corea Marching on to Seoul

Mikado's Fleet First Torpedoed Czar's Vessels Bottled Up in Harbor During Monday Night, and on Tuesday Engaged It at Three Mile Range to Its Utter Discomfiture, Putting Warships Hors de Combat---At Chemulpo Two Russian Vessels Strike Their Colors---Japanese Troops Land in Corea by the Thousands---Russia Hastens Troops to Scene of Coming Land Fight.

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF REPORTS DEFEAT TO CZAR HIS FLEET SHATTERED BY JAPAN'S PROWESS

Russia's Casualities Number Fifty-Six, Ten of Whom are Dead, While Japan Gets Off Without a Scratch.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—An official despatch received here, says that Japanese torpedo boats have attacked the Russian squadron in the outer roads at Port Artnur, and that three Russian boats were damaged.

Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows: "I most respectfully inform your Majesty that at or about midnight on Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan and Cesarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage." (signed) ALEXIEFF.

WHEN FLEET MEETS FLEET.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10, 1 a.m.—The following official bulletin has just been received in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, dated Feb. 9:

"By order of the Viceroy I beg to report that this day at about 11 o'clock in the morning a Japanese squadron, consisting of about 15 battleships and cruisers, approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the shore batteries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement.

"At about mid-day the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding south.

"Our losses in the fleet were two officers wounded, nine men killed and 41 men wounded. On the shore batteries one man was killed and three were 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." (signed) "MAJOR-GENERAL FLUG."

RUSSIAN FLEET DRAWN OUT.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The following official despatch, dated Feb. 9, has been received here from Port Arthur:

"A Japanese fleet, composed of 15 armored ships, has bombarded Port Arthur since this morning. The forts returned the fire. The entire Russian fleet has gone out and a combat is in progress. Martial law has been declared here."

La Revue Russe says it learns from St. Petersburg that this bombardment began during last night.

RUSSIANS CAUGHT NAPPING
JAPS HIT AS THEY PLEASED
IN INITIAL NAVAL CLASH

Fourteen Russian Vessels Attacked in Harbor of Port Arthur by Torpedoes, and Later Bombarded With Deadly Effect by 16 Japanese Vessels.

Cheefoo, Feb. 9.—The British steamer Columbia has arrived from Port Arthur with 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 explosion at eleven o'clock Monday night. The attack continued all night and at daylight this morning two Russian battleships and one first-class Russian cruiser were seen to have been disabled and beached at the entrance of the harbor. The cruiser was badly listed.

Russia Begins Fire.

This morning the Russian forts opened fire on the Japanese fleet, which was about three miles distant. The Japanese vessels returned the fire, hitting several of the Russian ships, but doing little damage. The Russian cruisers then went out and Japanese vessels disappeared. They were seen later going in the direction of Dalny, apparently undamaged. Altho the officers of the Columbia say there were 17 in the attacking party, only 16 were seen later in the day by the steamer Foo Chow, which passed thru the Japanese fleet to-day. The fleet consisted of six battleships, four first-class cruisers and six other vessels. They were 18 miles from Port Arthur this morning and were proceeding in a southeasterly direction.

Story of Eye Witness.

A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval battle at Port Arthur:

"The Columbia was lying in the roadstead, surrounded by 14 Russian battleships and cruisers. At 11.30 o'clock Monday night a severe shock was felt on board the Columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their searchlight and opened fire towards the sea. The firing lasted only a short time. At 1 o'clock more shocks were felt and the Russians again commenced firing.

"The Japanese did not return the fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships went in and were BEACHED ACROSS THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR. THEY WERE SOON FOLLOWED BY A RUSSIAN CRUISER, WHICH WAS BEACHED.

"None of the vessels were damaged above the waterline. More shocks from torpedoes were felt during the early morning and then all was quiet.

Started in Pursuit.

"At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning three Japanese cruisers passed Port Arthur in sight of the Russian fleet. The whole Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor and went after them, but returned in half an hour. The Russians left one cruiser outside to watch for the Japanese ships. The cruiser was fired upon by the Japanese and the other Russian vessels took up their anchors and cruised around the roadstead. The Japanese fleet came up within three miles and battle commenced. The Japanese fired on the ships and forts, which replied. The Russian ships were struck by shells, but were only slightly damaged. The Russian fire fell short. The Columbia steamed away while the battle was in progress, but later saw the Japan fleet leave. One cruiser with the torpedo boats is reported north of Chefoo."

Harbor Blocked by Ships.

The two battleships disabled are the Poltava and the Cesarevitch. The disabled armored cruiser Boyarin and the grounded battleships block the entrance to the harbor, preventing gunboats from getting out and battleships and cruisers from going in and getting coal. Besides this, Japan has the Russian gunboats Variag and Koratz caught at Chemulpo. They were bound for Vladivostock.

The Japanese fleet was under command of Vice-Admiral Togo, and consisted of four fast cruisers, the Chitose, 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 Asahi, Fuji, Yashima, Shikas, Hima, Hatsuse and the despatch boat Tatsuma.

The second division of the fleet, under command of Admiral Kammimura, on the flagship Idsumo, consisted of the armored cruisers Yakuma, Asama and Iwat.

Disabled Cruiser Outside.

When seen by the steamer Foo Chow Tuesday morning, the fast cruisers were circling in a radius of six miles. No torpedo boats were seen, and it is probable that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack on Monday night. The Russian fleet outside of the harbor consisted of the battleships Petropaulovsq, flagship; Pereviet, sub-flagship; Pobelda, Poltava, Cesarewitch, Retvizan and Sebastopol, and the cruisers Novik, Boyarin, Bayan, Diana, Palada, Askold and Aurora. The disabled battleships are inside Forts Huan Ching Shan and Chi Kwan Shan. The cruiser Boyarin is outside, but within range of the forts.

Had Narrow Escape.

The Columbia reports she had a narrow escape from injury during the naval battle. While going out of the roads at Port Arthur the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese fleet. Shells which passed over the Novik struck the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fell on her deck. The faces of those who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke.

A naval officer who was recently at Port Arthur says THE RUSSIANS WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THE ATTACK AND HAD AN INSUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF STEAM UP. A boat patrolled the Straits of Pechili continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired, but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off.

Russians Bad Shots.

An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned toward the harbor after half an hour. The Japanese came within three miles. A battle then began between the Russian forts and fourteen ships and the sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells were effective, but as far as seen the Russian shots fell short.

The Japanese fleet was steaming toward Dalny when seen last.

The Columbia left just as Tuesday morning's contest began and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was convoying twenty-six troop ships from Saseho to some point in Corea. THE JAPANESE ARE REPORTED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PENINSULA.

Vessels at Vladivostock.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostock are the armored cruisers Rurik, Rossia, Gromoboy and the Bogatyr, a screw corvett built in 1860. Russia has 1000 tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships, disabled by the Japanese are floated.

STORY OF A GREAT FIGHT.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The correspondent at Chefoo of the Paris edition of The New York Herald describes in a despatch the tranquil appearance of Porth Arthur on Monday night.

At 8 o'clock the lighthouse was lighted and the guiding lights were burning. Only one Russian warship was using her searchlight, and this in a leisurely fashion. Three toorpedo boats were patrolling on the outskirts of the fleet. All the others were on the inside of the basin. A deep silence settled down, but this was disturbed at half-past 11 o'clock by three muffled explosions. Instantly firing began and the searchlights were used, but without much method.

"I watched the operations," the correspondent goes on, "thinking they were only manoeuvres, when the firing almost ceased. It stopped suddenly at 3 o'clock in the morning."

Beaching of Vessels.

The correspondent then describes the arrival and beaching of the Russian vessels, which were at first supposed to have been in collision. But at twenty minutes three Russian naval officers boarded the steamer Columbia in a great state of excitement, saying the viceroy had ordered the Columbia not to attempt to leave. This was apparently done with the idea of preventing the ship from acquainting the Japanese with the extent of the Russian damage.

After daybreak a strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians.

The white-faced, gaping crews crowded forward on the decks of the damaged vessels and one of the Russian ships showed a disposition to chase the enemy or fire a single shot till the Japanese had departed at 20 minutes past eight, when the Russians started in pursuit, going in shore towards Port Dalmy. The returned, however, at a quarter past nine, without having fired.

Russians on Lookout.

It apparently having occurred to them that the Japanese had effected a complete surprise, owing to their bad outlook, the Russians have now outside the harbor five battleships and five cruisers, besides seventeen torpedo boats and other small vessels.

It was almost 11 o'clock when the Japanese squadron of sixteen ships, including five battleships, appeared in fine order. At a quarter past eleven there came the first flash from a Japanese vessel, and a 12-inch shell landed near the torpedo boats grouped near the entrance of the harbor. The aim was splendid.

Owing to confusion on the part of the quarantine officials, or perhaps because the Russians thought the Japanese would not like to fire near the British flag, the Columbia was close to the Russian fleet, and in the line of fire, and the Japanese shells fell thickly around her, several bursting near by and serewing her decks with splinters. The captain of the Columbia, in spite of the protests of the Russian officers, boarded the steamer Columbia and got his vessel out of danger, making full speed for Chefoo.

Russian Guards Pray.

The Russian guards were praying fervently, and the Chinese crew of the ship was frightened, but they worked well. Those on board the steamer feared lest

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WHERE JAPAN STRUCK THE FIRST BLOW.

ONE DAY'S WORK.

JAPANESE SCORE:

- 2 Battleships torpedoed and beached
  - Retvizan
  - Cesarevitch
- 1 Protected Cruiser " "
  - Pallada
- 1 Battleship damaged below waterline
  - Poltava
- 1 Protected Cruiser " " "
  - Novik
- 1 Protected Cruiser disabled
  - Boyarin
- 2 Gunboats captured at Chemulpo
  - Variag
  - Koratz
- 2 Russian Officers wounded
- 10 Russians killed
- 44 Russians wounded
- Port Arthur Forts damaged and Harbor blocked

RUSSIAN SCORE: 0

CRUSHING BLOW.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a despatch from Chefoo, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of The Daily Express says:

"The Japanese have dealt the Russians a crushing blow at Port Arthur. An advance squadron of the Japanese fleet, under command of Vice-Admiral Togo, and comprising 16 battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left the main fleet off Shan Tung Peninsula on Sunday, immediately that the news of the diplomatic rupture became known. This information was conveyed to the Japanese Admiral by a destroyer despatched from Tshushima Saturday evening.

"The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday mid-day toward its goal, and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It cruised slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians were lying in the roadstead, apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were despatched on their dangerous and daring task. They rushed full steam on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great rattle of small arms greeted the invaders, who, however, escaped unhurt, and the Retvizan, the Cesarevitch and Palada were almost immediately torpedoed. The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed by this time 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 accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping practically unscathed and rejoining the admiral outside. The admiral's fleet during the attack kept out of range of the Russian searchlights.

"Line of battle was then formed and the Japanese fleet moved in within range of two and one-half miles and opened fire on the Russians. The battle is understood to be still raging and the wildest reports are current. The Chinese population of Chefoo are in a frenzy of excitement at the reports that the Japanese, whom they now regard as their friends, scored the first victory."

U.S. ASKS THE POWERS TO PRESERVE INTEGRITY OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM

Exchanges So Far Received Justify Secretary Hay in Expecting Favorable Outcome.

WILL RESTRICT HOSTILITIES TO NARROWEST AREA POSSIBLE

Japan Welcomes Action Which Will Confine Dispute to Two Original Combatants.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Announcement may be expected from the United States State Department probably tomorrow, of the hearty endorsement by the European powers of the note of Secretary Hay calling for concurrent action to ensure the neutrality of China and to confine the Japanese-Russian war to these two combatants. A sufficient number of governments already have been heard from, including Great Britain, to ensure the success of Secretary Hay's latest diplomatic move. Japan welcomes the action and officials of the State Department feel confident these representations will be received with favor at St. Petersburg. It can be said that, unofficially, it was known in advance that Germany, Great Britain, France and Japan were anxious that the neutrality of China be preserved.

Unofficial pour-parlers on the subject were exchanged.

Restrict Hostilities.

It is further learned that the proposition of the United States contemplates a restriction of hostilities and the consequent hardships of war to the smallest possible area. Just what this means is not made clear to the public, but the determination may have the greatest effect upon the struggle between Russia and Japan. It is almost certain that neither will be allowed to invade China proper, meaning by that that they may not with hostile intent go southward below Shan Hai Kwan, on the border line between Chi Li and Manchuria. It is a grave question whether or not it will apply to Corea, which is striving desperately to preserve neutrality and prevent invasion, but the general opinion is that it is too late in the case to do more than seek to preserve Corean independence after the war.

Is Manchuria Included.

No explanation is accorded as to whether Manchuria itself, already the scene of the first battle off Port Arthur, is, being part of China, regarded as being within the scope of the proposition, but here, as in the case of Corea, it is believed that the determination will not be reached before the close of the war. The exchanges preliminary to the issue of the note have been going on for several weeks in anticipation of an outbreak of hostilities. It was at first supposed that the intention was to do no more than maintain the open door in Manchuria, but it is apparent that there is a deeper purpose and that from the original thought the proposition has grown into one that will conserve the territorial integrity of China. It is pointed out that some such outcome followed the China-Japanese war, so that after all the present action is within the line of precedence.

Notes to Two Combatants.

It is understood that relative to the question of restricting warlike operations to the narrowest possible limits, the proposition took the form of a note to Russia and one to Japan, suggesting some such limitation. In addition the neutral powers were called on by the United States to address themselves in the same fashion to Russia and Japan, and it is intimated that these suggestions have been well received.

RUSSIA WANTS INTERVENTION.

London, Feb. 9.—The Japanese Minister, Baron Hayashi, said this afternoon: "Russia is making desperate efforts, thru the various embassies, to have the powers intervene. Russia now is willing to concede everything, but the offer comes too late."

CHINA STANDS PAT.

Paris, Feb. 9.—China, it is understood, has given official assurances that she will immediately issue a declaration of neutrality. This is considered highly important, in view of the possibility of Chinese impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur, joining the Japanese.

SHOULD SURRENDER NEW CHWANG

London, Feb. 9.—A despatch to Lloyd's from New Chang says: "Owing to the enormous trade interests involved, the powers should demand that Russia surrender the port of New Chwang and agree to the neutralization thereof."

SUGGESTED THE HAGUE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Associated Press learns that M. Kurino recommended his government, instead of the action taken, to suspend negotiations with Russia and offer to submit the controversy to The Hague Arbitration Tribunal, but it is believed here that the Japanese feared that on account of the excitement of the people, they would not support the government in such a course.

FRANCE IS NEUTRAL.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The attitude of the French government, in view of the war, is now definitely determined upon. France will maintain neutrality under any and all circumstances, the Franco-Russian Alliance being construed as not requiring France to intervene in behalf of Russia, even should Great Britain or any other third power intervene in behalf of Japan.

HOW IT WILL PROBABLY START.

THE BEAR (as Mr. Jap "soaks one in"): Oh! wait till I get you on shore, young feller!

TWO MORE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS
WITHOUT FIRING ONE SHOT
YIELDED TO THE JAPANESE

Russian Ships at Chemulpo Put Out of Business, Allowing Enemy to Land in Corea and March On to Seoul.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo to-day. It is said the engagement began at 11 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk, and the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of the crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured. The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged. Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable.

It was reported yesterday that the Russian cruisers Korietz and Variag were lying at Chemulpo yesterday, and it is possible they were the vessels reported to have been engaged.

WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT.

London, Feb. 10.—In a despatch from Tien Tsin, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of The Daily Mail says it is reported there that the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo hauled down their flags without firing a shot, and that 8000 Japanese immediately landed and the march to Seoul commenced.

JAPANESE TROOPS ALSO LANDED AT ALL THE CHIEF POINTS OF SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COREA. ONE DIVISION OF THE JAPANESE GUARDS HOLDS FUSAN AND CHEMULPO. ALTOGETHER THREE DIVISIONS OF THE JAPANESE GUARDS, EACH OF 12,000 MEN, HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED.

It appears, the correspondent continues, that the Russian warships at Vladivostock are ice-bound. Another correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs from Port Arthur, under date of Feb. 9, that the Russian advance has commenced. Gen. Krastalinsky will leave Liao Yang tomorrow for the Yulu River at the head of the third brigade of artillery, consisting of 24 guns and three regiments of infantry. The third, fourth and fifth infantry brigades are entrenched along the railroad at a distance of 40 miles from Hai Cheng, and three batteries of the fifth brigade are at Kin Chou.

The greatest activity prevails here, and ammunition is being served out at an average of 150 cartridges per man. New recruits are being enrolled with feverish haste.

A despatch to The Daily Mail from Tokio, dated Feb. 9, says that a plot is on foot at Seoul to bring 2000 soldiers from Pen Yang, to take the Corean Emperor to the French Legation, to which place the Imperial treasury has already been conveyed.

The War Has Commenced.

The morning and evening papers will for some time be brimful of most interesting and exciting news from the seat of war.

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MARRIAGES.

SPRATT—BANKIER—At Christ's Church Cathedral chapel, Hamilton, on Tuesday, February 9, 1904, by the Rev. Canon Bland, W. A. Spratt, to Margaret Jane Bankier, daughter of John Spratt.

DEATHS.

KEARNS—Suddenly, on Tuesday, February 9, 1904, at his late residence, 71 George-street, William P. Kearns, aged 66 years.

Funeral on Thursday, 11th inst., at 3.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

MACDONALD—On the 8th inst., at her late residence, 43 Mercer-street, Rachael, widow of the late John Macdonald, Caledonia, Ont.

Funeral Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock, to Union Station, thence to Caledonia Cemetery.

Service Wednesday evening.

STEWART—On the 8th inst., at his late residence, 110 Anne-street, William A. Stewart, formerly of Cookstown, Ont., in his 52nd year.

Funeral Thursday at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

FLEMING ON THE STAND REQUESTED TO ANSWER A VEILED ACCUSATION

Writer, Identity Withheld, Charges Him With Paying Ald. Woods' Election Expenses

AND PROMISING HUSH MONEY FOR ALDERMAN'S SILENCE

Commissioner Gives Denial to Page's Incriminating Evidence, But Admits Some Things.

A spirited session of the civic investigation, with Commissioner Fleming as the storm centre of the municipal disturbance, attracted a throng yesterday afternoon. The explanations of the accused city official provoked many sharp sallies between the contending counsel, much inflammable material was added to the pyrotechnics. It was red fire from opening to close, and the final blast was a bomb of enormous proportions, fired in the last five minutes of the proceedings, and was recognized as a strategical move on the part of the prosecution.

It was the presentation of a letter just received by Mr. Riddell, charging that Mr. Fleming had paid Ald. Woods' election expenses and would pay him a certain sum of money if he did not implicate the Assessment Commissioner in the falsification of the records. Mr. Fleming hotly denied the truth of the statement and demanded the name of the writer. It was refused.

Fleming the Star.

The forenoon was consumed with evidence submitted to Judge Winchester concerning the other branch of the investigation. But it was Mr. Fleming's explanation that the crowd came to hear and he was given the largest audience that the investigation has thus far attracted. He was the only witness of the afternoon and was in the box for more than three hours. Mr. Fleming's friends were well pleased with his explanations. Mr. Riddell also said he was much pleased with the day's developments. Just how far the report of Mr. Fleming having paid Woods' election expenses and given him money to keep quiet on other points is to be pressed is uncertain. Mr. Riddell refused to name the author of the letter to the press, tho he said it would be given to the court. The indications are that this feature will be again touched on at to-day's session.

But Mr. Fleming's story was well told under circumstances calculated to

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VERY COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 9.—(8 p.m.)—An extensive area of pressure covers the entire Dominion, and zero temperatures have again been recorded generally. No material change in existing conditions is indicated at present.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 26 below—16 below; Victoria, 26—38; Calgary, 22 below—10 below; Winnipeg, 34 below—12 below; Port Arthur, 20 below—2; Parry Sound, 30 below—zero; Toronto, 8 below—10; Ottawa, 20 below—4 below; Montreal, 18 below—4 below; Quebec, 18 below—6 below; Halifax, zero—10.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northerly winds; mostly fair and continued very cold.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Continued fair; decidedly cold weather.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly and northerly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Maritime—Strong northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fair and extremely cold.

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Mendelssohn Choir, Massey Hall, 8.
E. H. Griggs on "The Content of the Ideal Life," Conservatory of Music Hall, 8 p.m.
Superintendent McLaren on "Western Missions," Chalmers' Church, 8.
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