

JAPS HAMMERED RUSSKINS; RUSSIANS HAMMERED JAPS

Jap Admiral Admits Failure to "Bottle" the Russians,
But Claims He Destroyed a Torpedo Boat.

CASUALTIES—ONE CHINAMAN HIT BY A SPLINTER

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26, 2 a.m. — A copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of the Far East, Admiral General Adm. Alexieff, to his majesty, the Emperor has just been given out. It is dated Feb. 25. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows: "A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering 16, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning, and opened a bombardment on the Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fortress, but out of range of fire. At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon Bay. The firing there lasted for 30 minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Several measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to cross up the sea. Our losses this day were one man wounded at the battery. I respectfully report the above to your imperial majesty. (Signed) Alexieff."

HERE'S THE RUSSIAN ACCOUNT

Jap Fleet Maneuvered Cleverly and Were Badly Hammered.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27. — The Port Arthur correspondent of the Russ telegraph as follows: "On the morning of Feb. 25 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. The Japanese ships, upon attaining a position within thirty-five cable lengths of the Russian ships, opened an attack. At this time two of our torpedo boats returned to our ships from Pigeon Bay. All the Japanese cruisers attempted to cut them off; nevertheless, one of the torpedo boats succeeded in reaching Port Arthur, while the other turned back. The scene of the battle was thus cut in two. The Japanese battleships commencing the Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were supported by the batteries, and the cruisers pursuing the Russian torpedo boat, which entered Pigeon Bay. The cannonade lasted 40 minutes, and several shells fell at various points in the fortress. One Chinaman was mortally wounded by a splinter, and one by a shell. "In yesterday's affair the maneuvers of the Japanese appeared to be defective. While turning back to sea the Japanese battleships got bunched, and our ships did not fail to take advantage of this fact. They opened a running fire and one could clearly see shells bursting amidst the tremendous target. This clumsy maneuver on the part of the Japanese is considered as affording weighty reason for the belief that the enemy's losses were heavy. "A Japanese torpedo boat lies on a bank off Port White, and apparently one of these which participated in the night attack with the frigates. "I close, hearing our cannonading, but without knowing the occasion of it."

JAPS' STORY OF THE FIGHT.

Sunk Their Hulks and Destroyed a Torpedo Boat.

Tokio, Feb. 27. — The official report of the attempt made last Tuesday night to block the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur reached Tokyo last night (Friday). The report was written by Vice-Admiral Kamimura, division commander under Admiral Togo. The report recites that at a certain point near Port Arthur, Tuesday evening a number of merchant steamers, escorted by a torpedo boat, were dispatched for the purpose of closing the entrance to the harbor. The torpedo flotilla rejoined the fleet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, at a rendezvous previously agreed upon and reported that the steamer Hokoku Maru had been sunk at the foot of the light-house on the left side of the entrance. The Boshu Maru was sunk outside, beyond the Hokoku Maru. The Tenshin Maru, the Buoy Maru and the Jusen Maru were sunk at the foot of Laotche Hill, almost side by side. All the above mentioned steamers were sunk by their own crews, who were all safely rescued. The torpedo flotilla was unharmed. The torpedo flotilla also reported that it discovered the Russian cruisers Bayan and Novik, together with a few destroyers, in the inner harbor.

JAIL AND INMATES GONE

Freight Car Used as Lockup Hauled Away and Can't Be Found.

Winamac, Ind., Feb. 27. — The Putlaski County jail and two prisoners have disappeared. When the old jail was torn down in order that a new one might be built on the same spot a freight car was substituted for the county lock-up. Recently a train crew, which did not know it was carrying a county institution, hitched the car to the train and left town with it. The posse comitatus that went on the hunt for the jail returned after a care-

After the flotilla rejoined the main fleet it advanced slowly on Port Arthur, where the Russian cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik were slowly moving about the outer harbor under cover of the batteries. A bombardment began at long range and at 11:45 a.m. all the ships and batteries were responding vigorously. Shortly after noon the Novik retreated into the inner harbor. The Askold and Bayan quickly followed, demonstrating that the sinking of the steamers had not blocked the entrance of the harbor. A bombardment of the inner harbor was then ordered and for 15 minutes all the heavy guns of the Japanese fleet threw shells over the hills into the harbor. The Japanese were unable to determine the exact position of the Novik, but saw huge columns of smoke arising from time to time. In the meantime the Japanese cruiser squadron discovered two Russian torpedo destroyers at the foot of Laotche Hill and gave chase. One of the destroyers from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where it was sunk. Vice Admiral Kamimura reported that the Japanese fleet sustained no damage and did not lose a single man.

CABLE TO HELP JAPS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27. — The Bourse Gazette today makes a Washington dispatch saying the United States has undertaken to lay a submarine cable from the Philippine Islands to Japan. The subject of the latter's isolation in case of an emergency, the Shanghai cable, the subject of a bitter attack upon the Government at Washington, "for this new evidence of its breach of neutrality," claiming that the laying of the cable will be undertaken for the improvement of trade relations, "not clear America's skirts," and insisting "what the Americans would say if Germany had run a cable from Kiaochow to Port Arthur or Vladivostok."

THE JAP COMMISSARIAT.

Arrangements for Feeding the Mikado's Men Are Perfect.

New York, Feb. 27. — Foreign military experts, according to a cable to the World from Koyano, near Seoul, Korea, loudly praising the excellence of the Japanese commissariat for the transport of their commissariat, Gen. Aino, who came here from the Philippines to serve the military operations, says the equipment of the commissariat of the Japanese Infantry is splendid. He is reported for the work the troops have before them. The arrangements for feeding the troops are perfect. With the troops are carried half-pounds of meat. Eighty of these tin boxes make a load for a horse. So four horses can carry enough ration for a battalion. The army takes with it a quantity of sulphate of sodium to purify drinking water. Each soldier carries two ration boxes of cooked rice and in addition six emergency rations of rice, which weigh very little.

JAP GUNBOAT LOST.

The Poo, Feb. 27. — Several Japanese gunboats and sailors landed here from an open boat early today. They refused to give any information as to who they came. At the Japanese consulate it was stated that the boat belonged to a gunboat which was damaged in a fight off Port Arthur, and the Japanese minister at Seoul, Korea, has requested the Korean Government to hand the French minister his passport.

WAR NOTES.

There is no truth in the report published in London and which originated in the Novik, of Port Arthur, that the Japanese minister at Seoul, Korea, has requested the Korean Government to hand the French minister his passport. Mitsuhashi, Nobukata, the Japanese minister to the Netherlands, has been instructed by his Government to lodge a protest with the president of the council of the permanent court of arbitration against the language used by the Japanese minister at Seoul, Korea, in a speech he made after announcing the tribunal's decision in favor of the blockading powers as against Venezuela.

Count Leo Tolstol has contributed a thousand sets of his works, the profits from the sale of which are to be expended for the benefit of the troops taking part in the campaign in the far east. According to a telegram from the commander of the Russian cruiser Askold at Port Arthur, all rumors regarding the sinking of his vessel are false. The commander adds that the Askold is quite sound.

The Russian ministry of finance, it is stated, has again declined firmly the offers of several groups of leading foreign banks to loan Russia money, on the ground that there is no need for adopting such a course.

ful search for the peripatetic jail. It is feared Putlaski County will see its jail no more. Even the spots its wheels had kept from being rusted on the Pan-handle Railroad sidetracks were coated with ferric oxide by the time the posse returned. Public sentiment divides the responsibility for Putlaski County's unfortunate condition about equally between the sheriff and the county commissioners.

TAKEN TO HAMILTON.

Inspector MacMahon, of Hamilton, passed through the city last evening, having in charge William Hillis against whom there are two true bills for burglary and the charge of breaking jail. Hillis was caught in Flint, Mich., and came back without fighting extradition proceedings.

BROTHERS DIE TOGETHER

Pathetic Incident in Fire Fatality at Napierville.

Napierville, Que., Feb. 27. — News has reached here that the residence of Edouard Beaudin, of Sherrington, was burned Thursday night. Edouard Beaudin, aged about 75 years, and his brother, Narcisse, aged 58 years, perished in the flames. They were both seen outside the burning building, but Edouard, not perceiving his brother, thought he was inside and went in search of him. Several minutes later Narcisse appeared outside and inquired for his brother. Being told that he was in the burning building looking for him, he too went in again to bring his brother out, but the building fell in before they could get out, and both lost their lives.

POISON IN PECK

Little Game Fighter Cost Its Owner an Arm.

New Haven, Feb. 27. — Nathan S. Plumb, a chicken fancier of Hartford, is minus his right arm as a result of a peck from one of his roosters. Two weeks ago Mr. Plumb went out to his henhouse and took hold of a Plymouth Rock hen whose comb he thought was pale. A game rooster which had whipped every other cock in the flock resented the intrusion, flew at Mr. Plumb, and pecked him savagely on the thumb, drawing blood. The wound refused to heal. Blood-poisoning set in, and the arm was amputated at the hospital. Mr. Plumb killed the rooster, and he is inclined to believe that if he had not done so he might have saved the arm.

UPLAND BIRDS HAVE SUFFERED

The Severe Weather Creates Havoc With the Quail.

DEER AND DUCK ARE PLENTIFUL

The Use of Automatic Guns Is Censured—Annual Report of Game Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 26. — The annual report of the Ontario game commission, which was presented to the Legislature today, states that owing to the cold weather during the hatching season the upland birds suffered severely. In Essex County, for example, the report continues, "the great concentration of the future of that gamiest of all game birds, the quail, and they have had under cover of the plans for keeping up a fair stock of birds in the Province. The experiment of breeding quail in a box and turning them out in confinement for this year on a small scale, and if successful we hope to be able to establish hatcheries in the future. Owing largely to the destruction of their haunts, woodcock have become all but extinct in many parts of the Province; but where local conditions are favorable, fair bags of these beautiful game birds were made last fall. The same remarks apply to snipe." Favorable reports were received from many of the duck preserves, and black duck particularly is rapidly increasing. In the north, the abundance of deer and moose, and sportsmen in increasing numbers are coming from the United States and Europe. During the year 107 deer licenses were issued, and 153 moose licenses.

The Canadian Express Company report having carried during 1903 2,360 carcasses of deer, and the Dominion Express Company 418, making a total of 2,778, an increase of 175 over 1902. Ninety-three head of moose were reported killed by licensed hunters. These butchers are not in adequate idea of the total number killed during the season.

"It is very gratifying to report that the heaver, the fur-bearing animal," the commissioners say, "is increasing in number in the sections of the Province. But after is still reported to be very scarce."

OPPOSE AUTOMATIC GUNS.

The commissioners oppose the use of automatic repeating shotguns for sporting purposes, because the birds are becoming scarcer from natural causes, and the use of such destructive weapons should therefore be discontinued and discontinued by all true sportsmen.

During the year the receipts of the game department amounted to \$13,595.22 and the expenditures, \$9,208.10. Chief Game Warden Tinsley, in his report, recommends that in future game wardens be required to devote all their time to the Government, and it is necessary, to protect the game, and be paid accordingly. This recommendation is made owing to the large number of tourists, lumbermen, hunters and poachers who invariably flock into newly opened districts.

MORE LICENSE FEES.

Thirty-eight game wardens were appointed during the year, making a total of 229, and on their reports the law was fairly well observed. "I am fully convinced," the warden says, "that the time is not far distant when it will be necessary to collect a small license fee in the Province for the right to kill any species of game to insure its better protection during both open and close seasons. This would have the effect of stopping county storekeepers employing boys to shoot partridge for export from the Province. It would also enable us to have more effective espionage in the back country where the practice prevails."

ICE IN THE LAKES

Grand Haven, Mich., Feb. 27. — After being laid up in Milwaukee for three weeks, the Grand Trunk ferry Grand Haven and the Crosby steamer Naom have arrived here. Both captains assert that in all their years of sailing they never saw such an extended ice field. Lake Michigan is practically frozen from shore to shore.

THE WAR SITUATION.

There is a shower of conflicting dispatches as to the two attacks on Port Arthur by the Japanese fleet. The Russians claim to have prevented the "bottling" of the harbor, and say they gave the Japs a terrific hammering. The Mikado's fleet tells of putting one torpedo boat out of business, and claim to have withdrawn their squadron undamaged. Apparently the Japs are attempting to land troops under cover of these attacks. Reports from Northern Korea indicate that the Japanese are ready to launch themselves at the enemy on the front and flanks and clear the road to Manchuria.

The Russian army on the Yalu is not as strong as the Japanese, and is hindered by a lack of reinforcements. The Russian landing of Jap troops close to Vladivostok has not been verified. As the Russian squadron from this port is supposed to be at sea, it seems improbable the Japs would attempt transportation of troops. The most startling development of the last twenty-four hours is the report that the Korean Government has ordered the army, 20,000 strong, to take the field for Japan.

SENT \$10,000 TO RUSSIA

Chicago Man Cables This Sum for Wounded Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27. — The giving of \$10,000 by Charles A. Crane, of Chicago, to the "Young Empress" fund for Russian soldiers and sailors has been received everywhere with expressions of appreciation. Her majesty was deeply touched by his donation, and has expressed her sincere thanks. The gift was made by Mr. Crane through Count Rostoff, her majesty's chancellor. Mr. Crane first cabled, saying it was believed in America that Russia had done everything to maintain peace, but that her hand had been forced by a treacherous enemy. He asked how he could help. In reply Count Rostoff sent a telegram of appreciation, and Mr. Crane replied by sending \$10,000.

CANADA'S ARMY 47,000 STRONG

The New Peace Footing of the Dominion's Militia.

STRENGTH OF OFFICERS 4,529

Gives An Aggregate Increase of the Force of 4,496—Mounted Infantry Merged Into Cavalry.

Ottawa, Feb. 27. — The new establishment on a peace footing of the militia has been approved. The regulation provides for a total strength, including all arms, of 4,524 officers and 42,334 non-commissioned officers and men, or a grand total of 47,358. This, compared with the former establishments, gives an increase of 1,475 officers and 3,021 men, or an aggregate increase in the force, on a peace footing, of 4,496. The following are the details:

Officers, and men.	N.C.O.
Field artillery.....	1,589
Cavalry.....	529
Garrison artillery.....	2,125
Engineers.....	722
Medical corps.....	374
Army service corps.....	40
Transport companies.....	27
Field hospitals.....	24
Signaling corps.....	18
Corps of guides.....	25
Totals.....	4,524
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WANTS A DIVORCE.

The Port Huron (Mich.) Times says: Alfred Christian has begun suit in the circuit court for a divorce from his wife, Alice Christian. He claims she ran away from her home in London with N. Newberry and was afterwards taken back. After the family came to Port Huron to reside it is alleged that Newberry followed and the wife again disappeared. Mr. Christian makes numerous other charges and says his wife is now in London. He wants a divorce at once and the custody of their two children.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—MILDER, WITH RAIN

London, Saturday, Feb. 27. Sun rises, 5:50 a.m. Moon rises, 2:13 p.m. Sun sets, 6:30 p.m. Moon sets, 4:06 a.m. Toronto, Feb. 28—3 p.m. A change to milder conditions is now occurring in the Northwest Territories, and maximum temperatures of 40° are reported from Southern Alberta. From Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces the weather has been fair and cold, and snow-furries are reported from Southwestern Ontario. The outlook is for a gradual moderation of the cold weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Klamath, 24-38; Calgary, 10 below; Qu'Appelle, 16 below; Winnipeg, 8 below; Regina, 4 below; Port Arthur, 16 below; Toronto, 3 below; Ottawa, 6 below; Montreal, zero-10; Quebec, 2 below; Halifax, 6-18.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Feb. 27—5 a.m. Today—Fair, becoming milder. Sunday—Southerly winds; milder and cloudy; light sleet or rain before night. TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary..... 2..... Clear. Winnipeg..... 16..... Cloudy. Port Arthur..... 8..... Clear. Toronto..... 12..... Clear. Ottawa..... 4..... Fair. Montreal..... 2..... Clear. Quebec..... 2..... Clear. Father Point..... 10..... Clear. The sign—indicates "below zero."

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Friday, were: Highest, 21° above; lowest, 2° below.

ARRANGING THE SEATS

Preparations Going Forward for the Opening of Dominion Parliament.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 27. — W. S. Calvert, M. P., Liberal whip, is in the city arranging with the members of the Government certain matters in connection with the meeting of Parliament a week from Thursday next. There is, for instance, the seating accommodation on the Government side of the House, which was about as good as fixed today. Some of the old members have been put forward and the newcomers will get their desks.

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A BIG BATTLE CLOSE AT HAND

Japanese About to Close in On the Russians.

NAVAL ATTACK IS A FEINT

Mikado Will Attempt to Destroy Russia's Army on the Yalu and Clear Road to Manchuria.

London, Feb. 27. — The military correspondent of the Times says: One must take the Japanese proceedings at Port Arthur as an intimation that decisive events are in progress elsewhere, and that the task allotted to the navy is to keep the Russian squadron fully occupied in their own defense. There is no doubt as to the audacious attempt on the night of the 23rd to block the channel to Port Arthur, and it seems a fair conclusion that the entrance was only obstructed, and not fully closed. General Pluff reports a renewal of the attack on the 24th, without giving details. Even if these attempts are not completely successful, they fulfill the Japanese navy's task of chaining the enemy to the strict defense.

THE LAND OPERATIONS.

If the report from Vladivostok can be credited Vice-Admiral Kamura is now off the Russian coast line in the north, and should the report be confirmed the resulting increase of the naval tension would point to the striking of the hour for the commencement of serious operations on land. Unless the Russian destroyers at Port Arthur can gain the open sea unobserved and reach the point of the assembly of the Japanese transports during the critical operation of disembarkation, there seems little chance of interference with the Japanese plans.

IN NORTHERN KOREA.

Where the first blow will fall remains a secret, but the scouts of the two armies in Northern Korea are in touch between Anju and Ping Yang, and this parts of the theater of war remains the most probable scene of the first serious encounter.

A Japanese landing at Fossiet Bay is reported. As the ice on this part of the coast does not clear off until April, Fossiet Bay cannot be considered a favorable landing place for a large force in the present season, while the ruggedness of the country, the absence of supplies and the poverty of communications render an unwinning objective save as a local base of attack upon Vladivostok at a later period.

It is quite possible that the Japanese have landed raiding parties to endeavor to break up the railway lines, which run from Harbin toward Vladivostok and Port Arthur. As a landing in this quarter would be unexpected at this time of the year, the raiding parties might hope to take full advantage of a surprise.

There can be no doubt, judging from the facts before us, that the clearing up of the situation on the Yalu River is the first military interest of the moment. The Japanese army and the prudent statesmen who direct the councils of the Japanese are not likely to fail to take into account the tremendous moral results of a first success. Here is a Russian force on the Yalu River separated by a great distance from the other fractions of the Russian army. Here, on the other side, is the whole mass of an amphibious force, fit and ready to strike. The chance of an initial success is too great to be disregarded. It is a gift from the gods.

If a combined attack by sea and land can hope to grip and destroy the Russian force on the Yalu, it would be a gift from the gods. But if the Russians retire on the Moringen position before being seized and shaken, a frontal attack upon the immensely strong position would be extremely hazardous. In this case it is clear that the Japanese divisions advancing from Korea would approach the position and endeavor to hold the Russians there while the main army landed at the gulf of Liao Tung.

CRISIS IN THE OIL INDUSTRY; APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT

A Delegation of Sarnia's Citizens Will Ask Government to Reduce Tariff On American Crude.

TO PREVENT THE CLOSING DOWN OF REFINERIES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 27. — Mayor Cook presided over a citizens' meeting last night called to discuss the present grave crisis in the oil industry, and the threatened complete close-down of the Imperial refinery here.

Two hundred merchants and Imperial employees were present. President Chamberlain explained the situation of his company in detail, the same as given in The Advertiser interview of yesterday.

Dr. Johnston, M. P., told how the Government, desiring to give the people cheap oil, had accounted every dollar within its power except altering the duty.

Shipping by tank cars and tank ships—allowing great economy in transportation—had been provided for. Fees for oil inspection were abolished, \$15,000 yearly being thereby remitted to the consumer. Dr. Johnston said: "I

KIND OF TARTE

For the Present Will Not Insist Upon Quebec Leadership.

Montreal, Feb. 27. — Le Canada says that as a result of an interview with Mr. Pelletier, the Conservative organizer, had with Mr. Tarte, the latter has agreed not to insist at present on being named Conservative leader. Mr. Tarte, who had written to Ottawa asking that Mr. Monk's seat next to Mr. Borden be reserved for him, had terminated the letter, and notified the sergeant-at-arms that he will be satisfied with the seat next to that of Mr. Cosgrave.

NAMES EASTER TUESDAY

Probable Date of the British General Elections.

London, Feb. 27. — Confirming the statement made by the Associated Press that it is in a position to declare there will be a dissolution of Parliament within six weeks, the Daily Chronicle this morning says it hears that the Government does not intend to remain in office longer than is necessary to get through the supply vote, and that Parliament will be dissolved on Easter Tuesday.

The Chronicle adds that the Government did not originally intend to appeal to the country at such an early date, but the recent divisions are believed to have driven it to a new decision. The impossibility of holding the party together for any length of time, it is said, is also recognized.

TREASURES OF INCAS FOUND

Long-Hidden Riches Discovered in Peru—Amounts to Eighteen Million Dollars.

New York, Feb. 27. — A cable from Lima, Peru, to the Herald says that advices from La Paz, Bolivia, announce that the traditional treasure of the Incas has been discovered at Challaacata. It amounts to \$18,000,000. The discoverers are of various nationalities, and are quarreling over the treasure, although a legal contract exists between them as to the division. The authorities have interfered.

KOREAN ARMY TO FIGHT FOR JAPS

Government Orders Them to Take the Field—Are 17,000 Strong.

Seoul, Feb. 26. — The Korean Government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The Korean standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel, with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898. A royal bodyguard of 1,000 men was formed, and has been well-drilled, and periodically a draft of well-trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army. A police force of about 2,000 men has also been formed, and is under the police department.

The Port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later. This action necessitates a harbor, and Yonampo has been decided on.

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A SANDWICH SHUTDOWN

Lack of Material Causes Big Knitting Concern to Close.

Sandwich, Ont., Feb. 27. — The Ojibwa knitting mills, conducted by Leo Fage, have been forced to close, owing to lack of material. The door pointed out that by an order in council the cabinet had power to reduce or remove import duties on raw materials to be manufactured in Canada without consulting Parliament. The subject was discussed by a number of speakers.

THE ROCHESTER FIRE

Loss Is Estimated at \$5,000,000—Over 2,000 Out of Work.

Rochester, Feb. 26. — Insurance men now estimate the loss at \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

At 2 o'clock Rochester firemen, assisted by the four fire companies and the Syracuse and two from Buffalo, had the fire under complete control, and at this hour there is little danger of the flames spreading unless a strong wind should suddenly spring up. A snafu is predicted for tonight.

It is estimated that 2,500 persons are affected directly by the fire and that this number are out of employment as a result. The Standard & Cur Company employed 1,000 persons, and there were 1,100 tenants in the Granite building. The Rochester Dry Goods Company has its employees and the Beadle & Sherburne Company, 150. Early in the day the proprietors of offices in the Standard & Cur Company began a search for quarters in which to continue their business.

FIRE DESTROYS STATE CAPITOL

Legislative Building of Wisconsin State Burned—Loss Will Be \$800,000.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 27. — Wisconsin State Capitol was practically destroyed by fire today, with a loss estimated at \$300,000.