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east of Douglas street, from Pembroke street to Queen's avenue.
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The total loss is e-llmated at about $\$ 100,000$.
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T. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8. $=$ It is rumored in the city that Port Arthur has fallen, due to reports from Chefoo of another assault in which the fortress was taken by the combined land and sea forces, though the Japanese lost three warships, includ= ing the protected cruisers Chiyoda and Itsukushima. There is no confirmation of these rumors.

## CHEFOO HEARS THUNDER OF CONFLICT

Chefuo, Aug. 8. $=$ ( 1 i p. m.) $=$ The firing of heavy guns at intervals of one minute has been distinctly heard in the direction of Port Arthur since $10.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., the acoustic conditions of the atmosphere being unusually favorable.

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