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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

It Is Reported That The Russian Fleet Has Been Destroyed

JAPANESE MET WITH A REPULSE.

They Attempted to Make a Landing at Bay of Port Arthur And Failed.

DAMAGE TO THE CZAREVITCH.

Not So Serious as Thought at First And She Will Be Able to Resume Active Service Shortly.

RAILROAD ACROSS LAKE BAIKAL.

Orders Have Been Issued to Have It Completed by Feb. 28, and a Bonus For Each Day Earlier.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Temps says it has received confirmation from official sources of the report from Port Arthur that the Japanese attempted to make a landing at the bay of Port Arthur and were immediately repulsed.

CZAREVITCH NOT MUCH DAMAGED.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Advices received here by the foreign office are to the effect that the damage sustained by the Russian battleship *Czarevitch*, beached at Port Arthur, on the night of Feb. 8, after having been torpedoed by the Japanese is not serious and that she will be able to resume active service shortly.

The cutting of the cables compels official messages from St. Petersburg, causing a delay of 12 hours. Therefore, no official confirmation has been received of the report that the emperor of Korea had sought refuge in the French legation. Nor has the foreign office been officially notified that the crews of the sunken Russian warships arising and Korea took refuge on the French coast. Official sources here are somewhat rassured concerning the subject of neutrality and integrity of China, United States Ambassador Porter pointing out that the powers have a common interest in keeping China neutral. Foreign Minister Delcasse evinces the utmost desire to co-operate with the United States so long as nothing inimical to Russia is done.

LAKE BAIKAL RAILWAY.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Irkutsk, Siberia, says orders have been issued to have the railroad across the ice covered Lake Baikal completed by Feb. 28. The contractors have been promised a bonus of \$1,500 for each day earlier completion.

It was announced from St. Petersburg Feb. 9, that as the passage of Lake Baikal by train across the ice appeared too dangerous the ice on foot and the war material would be transported over a temporary line which is probably the undertaking referred to in the dispatch from Irkutsk. Lake Baikal is frozen over from January to May.

RUSSIAN SECURITY HOLDERS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The minister of justice has issued a communication which warns the people against becoming panic-stricken and sacrificing the securities they hold as they may only benefit the speculators. The minister exhorts the people to remain calm and collected regarding events in the far east, which, while they may create temporary difficulties, cannot shake Russia's economic power. It points out that stocks fell at the outbreak of the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, but that within a fortnight quotations recovered. This experience it says, is now being repeated.

Orders have been issued for the formation of a third Siberian army corps and a trans-Baikal division of Cossacks. The unit will be incorporated in the Manchurian army.

WAR EXISTS OFFICIALLY.

Tokyo, Feb. 11.—The existence of a state of war with Russia was formally announced today by an imperial proclamation.

RUSSIAN GARRISON WITHDRAWN.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 11.—The Russian garrison was withdrawn yesterday to Shan Hai Kwan. The position was transferred to the French authorities.

Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Chi Li province and commander-in-chief of the army, has issued a proclamation forbidding meetings of secret societies or seditious meetings. The Japanese are flooding Pekin with gaudy newspapers containing reports of the Japanese successes against Russia.

GREAT BRITAIN NEUTRAL.

King Edward Issues a Proclamation So Declaring.

London, Feb. 11.—King Edward, at a council held at Buckingham palace this afternoon signed a proclamation declaring Great Britain's neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan.

GERMAN AIMS IN FAR EAST.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The German foreign office says Germany's aims in the far east are identical with those of the United States as expressed in Secretary Hay's note regarding the neutralization of China, localizing the field of war and keeping the Chinese ports open to all traders.

BURNED DISTRICT OF BALTIMORE.

Three Thousand Workmen This Morning Began to Clear Away The Debris.

TO BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.

It is Calculated That This Work Alone Will Cost at Least Two Million Dollars.

Baltimore, Feb. 11.—Three thousand laborers reported to Street Cleaning Commissioner Wyckes today and after each had been provided with a workman's ticket, they were divided into squads and marched into the burned district. Accompanying the workmen were hundreds of carts and trucks. By 9 o'clock this force was busily at work in the debris piling the bricks and broken timbers on the sidewalks where they were then loaded into carts to be hauled away.

Besides this force, 700 railroad workmen under the supervision of contracting engineers of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads began to take down the pillars and girders left standing around the ruins which in their present position constitute an element of danger.

Thus the enormous task of bringing order out of chaos in the devastated city has been formally inaugurated. The magnitude of this work may be realized when it is estimated that the new cleaning away of the debris will cost about \$2,000,000.

A number of individual bankers have already made definite arrangements for new structures. Fully a thousand firms have quarters in other parts of the city.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

Fearful They May Now Settle Their Differences.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—In diplomatic quarters here the fear is increasing that Turkey and Bulgaria will take advantage of Russia's pre-occupation in the far east to settle their differences.

Turkish securities have been falling since Friday.

A DROWNING FATALITY.

Two Teachers and Two Doctors in Philippines.

Manila, Feb. 11.—A serious drowning fatality is reported off the coast of Tayabas, the southeastern province of Luzon. A number of government officials were returning to the mainland from a festival on Alabat Island in a small boat, when a severe storm arose and the frail craft was capsized.

The list of the drowned includes Burch and Grace MacGraw, teachers; a contract surgeon named P. T. Temore; J. Williams, a physician of the board of health and two natives.

LEE CHANG DISCHARGED.

Was Accused of Strangling His American Wife to Death.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Lee Chang, the Chinaman accused of strangling an American wife to death with a quilt, was discharged from custody today. Evidence against the Chinaman was lacking. The woman's name previous to her marriage with Chang was Lillian Russell. She is said to have been a stum worker for a Baptist school in Pittsburg.

SYRACUSE BANK CLOSED.

Examiner Closes the American Exchange National.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The American Exchange National bank of this city was closed today by National Bank Examiner Josiah Franklin. No statement of the bank's condition has been given out. The bank had a paid up capital of \$200,000. According to a recent statement it owed depositors \$200,000.

USED DYNAMITE.

Miscareans Attempt to Blow Up N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry. Bridge.

Ansonia, Conn., Feb. 11.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the railroad bridge being erected for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad across the Naugatuck river here. Apparently the object was to wreck one of the abutments and also a big traveling crane, which the contractors, the Boston Bridge company, have placed in position for handling girders. Little damage was done. The bridge watchman in his shanty when he heard an explosion and looking out saw four men running away. Later, seven sticks of dynamite were found about the structure. The police are working on the theory that the attempt was connected in some way with the troubles which are alleged to have been threatened following the bridge company's refusal to employ only union men on the bridge.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

Chairman Foss Throws Down Gauntlet to Senator Gorman.

Washington, Feb. 11.—In the report on the naval appropriation bill to the house today by Chairman Foss of the

Salt Lake Stake of Zion to be Cut in Four

Dividing Lines to be East Temple and Third South Streets—Important Action Taken at a Special Meeting of Church Authorities Last Night—Has Been Contemplated for Some Time.

Pursuant to the policy of stake division that the Church authorities have followed in recent years, the Salt Lake stake is to be cut in four. The dividing lines are to be East Temple and Third South streets and the work of re-organization is to be commenced at once. The names of the new stakes have not been decided upon nor have the men who will preside over them been selected. Those are details for future consideration and action. The advantages are obvious and need not be narrated here.

The action referred to was the result of a special meeting held last night in the Assembly Hall. Among those present were members of the Council of Twelve Apostles, a president of Seventies, the presiding Bishop of the Church and the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, High Council, members of the High Priests' quorum, Bishops and counselors of the different wards.

The meeting was presided over by President Francis M. Lyman of the Council of Twelve, who announced the purpose of the gathering; that the action with reference to stake division had long been contemplated; that it had the full sanction of the Presidency of the Church. At present the Salt Lake Stake was too large and the labor required too excessive. He then stated the dividing lines as given above, but added THAT THE TEMPLE BLOCK WAS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN EITHER OF THE NEW STAKES. THAT AND ALL OF ITS BUILDINGS, AS TO REMAIN UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CHURCH. These edifices would, however, be at the service of the new stakes for holding stake conferences and other necessary meetings.

Sunday services will continue in the Tabernacle as heretofore. President Lyman likewise stated that as speedily as provision could be made, after the changes in view had been accomplished, gatherings of the Saints would be held in the various new stakes.

The meeting was a unanimous one and it was the general belief that great good will ensue from the action taken.

Long, Bloody War, Says Visitor From Japan

German Business Man Direct From the Scene of the Trouble in the Orient Gives The Deseret News a Most Interesting Interview on the Situation—Conflict Will be a Sanguinary One.

L. Debrunner, a representative of one of the largest German importing houses in China, is in Salt Lake today on business. He is recently from Shanghai and Japan, having been in Yokohama as late as Jan. 24, at which time the subjects of the mikado fully expected to go to war with Russia and were hastening preparations for a long and bloody conflict.

"I left Shanghai, which is my headquarters," said Mr. Debrunner, who is at the Kenyon, "and went to Yokohama. The people were greatly excited, as the Japanese government had given Russia until the 25th to reply to its note and some time had elapsed without any indication that a reply was forthcoming. Japan had been played with like a schoolboy. In fact, by the empire of the czar and the wrath of the little brown men was unbounded. As the 25th approached preparations for war were being pushed with excited vigor. Excited groups of men and women gathered in the streets of Yokohama and discussed the situation. It seemed to the independent observer as though they felt the bear had insulted them and that they were anxious to avenge the slight. I saw hundreds of volunteers crowding the military offices. On the 23rd many merchants who are known to me personally came to the front and offered their services, leaving their business in the hands of employees. The general impression prevailed that war was inevitable. At dawn on the 24th, when notice was posted that no reply had as yet been received—and only 24 hours remained—the excitement was intense. It was made plain to me in those few days that no people in the world possess greater patriotic ardor than the Japanese.

naval affairs committee, the grantlet thrown down by Senator Gorman in his announced policy of internal improvements in place of naval construction, is taken up with vigor. The report says: "The committee recommended the construction of more than the usual number of cruisers in view of the fact that last year we provided for five large battleships. This will give a better proportion to our navy."

"If we judge public sentiment, it is in favor of the continuance of the policy of building up our navy. If we stopped now we would be left behind the leading countries of the world. The American people will not indorse the policy of sacrificing the American navy for internal improvements nor is there any such necessity."

Foremost and above all must stand considerations of national defense, maintaining of our foreign policy and protection of American citizens everywhere. The American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interests on the other."

No Jury in Dewey Case.

Norton, Kan., Feb. 11.—The progress made today in the selection of the jury to try Chauncey Dewey and his two cowboys for the Burdick Berry murder was slow, but at noon it was believed that the taking of testimony would begin some time tomorrow.

Great Floods in Pennsylvania.

York, Pa., Feb. 11.—The backwater from the great flood ever known at Yorkhaven. The water has extinguished the fires in the Yorkhaven paper mills, and work has been suspended there. The 36-foot race-way of the Yorkhaven power plant is entirely under water today. The water is falling slowly.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—The water in the Susquehanna river is receding slowly, and the ice is passing on the towboats for the Burdick Berry murder. The great gorge above Houdy is still intact and will not go out until there is another thaw.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—The flood is gradually receding, but the damage is still great. The lockers are covered with ice and water. The dams at Blueberry, "Tenawards" at South are still and show signs of breaking. The dams below the dams are apprehensive. If they break great destruction will follow.

"Well, unfortunately, I had to sail for this country before the 25th and could not see what I expected would be the actual beginning of hostilities. I was surprised to learn, upon reaching Yokohama, that war had not been declared on Jan. 25. It was the same old situation. Russia had managed to delay a little longer in order to improve her fighting facilities."

Mr. Debrunner shares the opinion expressed by Col. Holmes yesterday, that the "Chinese Eastern railway cuts a tremendous figure in the situation. That is bound to be the case," he declared, "as it is the only means Russia has, you might say, of getting supplies to her forces in Manchuria. And Russians, let it be remembered, must be fed. The Japanese can do without rice and tea, of which they have millions of tons stored away while the fighters from the north simply must get the heavy foods they are accustomed to."

In my opinion Japan's first and mightiest effort will be to overthrow this line, and Russia will centralize tremendous forces for its protection. I am convinced that one side or the other will obtain the support of Boxers and "loose" troops to aid in these purposes. If Japan gets in first and makes allies of these independents, Russia's situation is hopeless, so far as the railroad—her salvation—is concerned."

"How can either side enlist the efforts of the Boxers and other Chinese?" was asked Mr. Debrunner. "Money will employ them," he was the interesting reply, "but money may not want to fight out a quarrel and go into somebody else's flower garden to do it. The third party is likely to have something to say. In other words, Japan, to convince the Chinese natives of Manchuria and Mongolia that Russia

FOUR BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK.

Also Three Cruisers According to A Reuter's Telegram from Tokio.

ALL BELONGED TO RUSSIA.

Japanese Said to Have Got Between Them and Entrance to Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Tokio, dated 7:10 p. m. yesterday, says an unofficial report was current there that the Russian fleet was destroyed, four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged, in an engagement yesterday off Port Arthur. The Japanese getting between the Russians and the entrance of the harbor before the fight commenced.

A dispatch to the St. James Gazette from Tokio under today's date says: "There are great rejoicings here at the successes of the Japanese navy. The public buildings, residences and business houses are decorated with flags. Bunting is to be seen everywhere. Tokio wears the aspect of a city of conquerors."

A number of Russian blue-jackets who swam ashore after the Japanese attack on the Varig and the Korietz have been made prisoners.

Reports from Chemulpo say that with the Varig and Korietz missed

is trying to take that country—which is undoubtedly the case—the Boxers, blood-thirsty always, and the laymen, revengeful ever, will fight with Japan like so many demons. This, to me, is one of the most important and interesting phases of the whole situation."

"Should this take place, would not China become a party to the war?"

"As a government, no; that is, not necessarily. The residents of some sections of China do about as their humor prompts them, with very little regard for the government. I do not anticipate that the government itself will get into the row—at least, not for some time to come. There was a feeling of great unrest in Shanghai when I left, but the opinion I have just expressed might be called a general one in that section."

If China does get into the fight, Mr. Debrunner remarked, there is another railroad that will become of important factor—the Chinese Imperial. This is an English railway and the principal line between Pekin and New-chwang. It was destroyed by the Boxers during the uprising but has been rebuilt. Should China become an ally of Japan, Russia would endeavor to seize this road in order to take Pekin, for the distance is too great to march troops. And this action would be a severe and perhaps unsafe twist of the British lion's tail. The road is managed by Britishers.

"As a result of the Boxers' rebellion," concluded Mr. Debrunner, "and no man can predict over what part of the earth's surface it may not spread. It will be a long, costly, bloody and inhuman conflict."

Mr. Debrunner expects a cruise tomorrow, when he will hurry east. He comes to America about once a year and is in Shanghai the greater part of the time, although he makes frequent trips to Japan. On this trip Mr. Debrunner hopes to visit his old home in Germany. He finds his representative is perhaps the best, except in the port, and exporter in the city of Shanghai.

the white flag at the last moment."

The report that Russia is attempting to arrange with Turkey to permit the Black sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles is revived, and it is added, that Russia is trying to secure Great Britain's consent. There is no confirmation of the report in authoritative quarters.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

Suez, Egypt, Feb. 11.—The Russian volunteer fleet, consisting of a cruiser and a torpedo boat, have arrived here.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Journal Debats in a special dispatch from St. Petersburg announces that a non-commissioned officer of the Russian navy, who was yesterday and again yesterday, and says that the Japanese fleet withdrew after having suffered losses. Today, it is added, all is quiet off Port Arthur.

WARSHIPS ON THE WAY.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The Lokal Anzeiger says notification has been received of the proposed passage of the Russian Baltic fleet, consisting of 15 warships, through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal on its way to the far east.

FROM MINISTER ALLEN.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Two cablegrams were received at the state department from Minister Allen at Seoul, dated Feb. 10, both referring to the naval engagements off Chemulpo on the 8th and 9th. The minister in his first dispatch reports the arrival of 21 Japanese naval vessels at Chemulpo the afternoon of the 9th. Two Russian naval vessels, the Varig and Korietz, were in Chemulpo harbor and attempted to prevent the landing of Japanese forces but with no success. The foreign naval vessels, the minister says, were generally leaving the harbor. There was a report that the Japanese naval vessels had captured transports off Nakpo on the 9th.

The second dispatch says: "A running naval engagement took place at Chemulpo harbor about noon. The Varig and the Korietz again attempted to escape but failed. The Japanese naval vessels, however, undoubtedly, that they would attack the place at 4 o'clock p. m. At the latter hour the Japanese fleet was seen. The Japanese naval vessels attacked the Varig from the outside harbor until she sank. Twenty-five hundred Japanese troops are in Seoul."

RAPID GROWTH OF THE "GEM STATE".

Prest. Bassett of the Fremont Stake Tells How Snake River Valley Is Booming.

THE PLACE FOR YOUNG MEN.

Talks of Sugar City and the Erection of A New Plant—New Railroad Wanted in Marysville.

Thomas E. Bassett, president of the Fremont stake of Zion, is in town today, having come down from Rexburg this morning. In a talk with a "News" man shortly after his arrival, President Bassett reported all well in that section, stating that the settlements generally were forging ahead by leaps and bounds, due to the progressive spirit of the people. "What we want there," he continued, "is more people. We have room for thousands and we have the best country on earth to put them in. Young people desirous of making a home can find no better or more productive spot anywhere, and to all such we bid hearty welcome. Those who can find nothing to do in the cities, can find plenty to do in the Snake river valley and can get an excellent start with little or no money."

President Bassett states that preparations are being made for the erection of the new sugar factory, three and a half miles north of Rexburg. The steel and rock are now on the ground and as soon as the weather breaks and spring is here, work will be begun and prosecuted with vigor. He says they have a great country for raising beets, made so by sub-irrigation, which keeps the ground in good condition the year round. Lots in Sugar City, the site of the new factory, are selling daily and new buildings are going up with a view to meeting all demands when work begins.

"What we need badly, however," said President Bassett, "is a branch line into the Marysville country. This would afford us a means of transporting our grain to a convenient market and give the farmer better figures for his product than he gets now. Last year there was produced in this section alone, over 350,000 bushels of grain, so it can readily be seen what a branch line would mean to that neighborhood. We have an abundance of good land and our farms, in consequence, are among the best in the whole country."

President Bassett reports the Hicks academy at Rexburg in good condition. The academy is under the direction of Prof. Christensen, who is surrounded with an excellent corps of good teachers. In addition to regular college work, the school gives courses in manual training and domestic science and has an attendance of about 200. These courses are at the University of Washington, D. C., where it attracts great attention. I can get it any time I want it as I have a receipt for its deposit. I have several values about it. I have by John Q. Cannon, formerly of the Salt Lake Deseret News. I have no history concerning it, later than 1890, but books at the National museum contain accounts and pictures of these ancient anvils, and state that they were made in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries."

A "MORMON" ANVIL.

A Missourian Writes to the World's Fair Management About One.

A. H. Thatcher, of Rich Hill, Mo., has written the world's fair authorities as follows: "I have an ancient 'Mormon' relic which I think is worth exhibiting at the world's fair. It is an anvil in the shape of the letter 'T'. It has the date '1469' deeply imbedded in it, making its age now 485 years. I have known this anvil since the 'Mormon' left Nauvoo, Ill., in 1846. I have exhibited it at many fairs and taken premiums with it as the oldest curiosity. This relic is now in the National Museum at Washington, D. C., where it attracts great attention. I can get it any time I want it as I have a receipt for its deposit. I have several values about it. I have by John Q. Cannon, formerly of the Salt Lake Deseret News. I have no history concerning it, later than 1890, but books at the National museum contain accounts and pictures of these ancient anvils, and state that they were made in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries."

STORM HEADED THIS WAY.

Low Barometric Pressure Over the Whole of the Great West.

Rain or snow is promised any hour by the weather office, as low barometric conditions are obtaining all over the far west. There has been a very heavy rain throughout western Oregon, and Spokane has had a heavy fall of snow. The mercury minimum was only 22 degrees this morning, and by this noon, it was much warmer.

GOT DOSE AT LAST.

Ogden Man Has Merry Time Before Smallpox Seized Him For Certain.

Wesley Lovelace of Ogden is having rather a hard time pecking out of the quarantine hospital, in fact, he has been unsuccessful in that respect, and is now an inmate of that institution for the second time in the past six weeks. On Jan. 9 Lovelace applied for admission to the Holy Cross hospital for treatment, but it was thought that he had smallpox, so in May 1891, he was removed to the quarantine hospital. He remained there until Jan. 31, when he was discharged as cured.

It is believed yesterday that he did not have smallpox at all, but he certainly has that disease now, and was again sent to the quarantine hospital. Lovelace, it is said, as while he was confined at the institution, he contracted a genuine case of smallpox, which he got out on him yesterday. Mr. Lovelace, no doubt, hopes that he will be cured any other day, but he has not been out of the hospital since that time. It is the second time in the past year that a person in this nature has been made, and the hospital has been very busy. It is believed that he will not have had it at all, but it is not known for the purpose in his diagnosis of their disease.

RUSSIA FILLED WITH RUMORS.

Government Greatly Displeased at Report of a Victory Thus Raising False Hopes.

IMMENSE JAPANESE LOSSES.

Reported That Armored Cruiser Left Vladivostok and Destroyed Twenty Transports.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON GREAT BRITAIN.

Novoe Vremya Says Assault on Port Arthur Was Made From Wei Hai Wei.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—Rigid censorship still prevents the newspapers, this afternoon, from receiving news from either Russian or foreign sources. No news has been received since Vice-roy Alexieff's dispatch, and the public consequently is still completely in the dark. All manner of rumors are afloat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, forbidding the retail sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette. The government expresses great displeasure at the publication of the report of a Russian victory and the raising of false hopes among the population.

Nevertheless, the rumors circulated verbally are greedily swallowed. According to one report here the Russian armored cruiser *Gromobol* recently sailed out of Vladivostok, destroyed twenty Japanese transports off southern Korea and was herself sunk by the Japanese cruisers.

Another story claimed that four of the Vladivostok warships under Admiral Stakelberg had sunk four Japanese transports.

The most circumstantial story current in St. Petersburg is a report of the sinking of the Russian cruiser *Varig* off Chemulpo. We have still another is to the effect that the recent Japanese attack on Port Arthur was a feint to protect the passage of transports bound to Shan Hai Kwan to hard Japanese troops there and effect a conjunction with the forces of Yuan Shi Kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, and attack the Russians in the rear.

These are but samples of the reports current in the Russian capital. All the Russian navigation companies having assets in far eastern waters are anxious about their fate. The volunteer fleet is particularly concerned regarding the *Ektarinofsky*, which left Vladivostok Feb. 4, and the *Yura*, which left Shanghai, tea-laden for Singapore, Feb. 1. No news of either vessel has reached here.

All the naval officers in St. Petersburg this morning attended a service at the church of St. Nicholas.

The tone of the press comment today is less bitter against Japan, which is perhaps significant. The report circulated here that the United States has offered her good offices is commented upon only by the *Novosti*, which emphasizes the previous statement that intervention is impossible and says it doubts whether the offer of good services in the strictest sense would have any result. The paper adds that it considers it strange that the United States has made a distinction between China and Korea, which, it points out, is also an independent country.

Repeating the charge that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was made from Wei Hai Wei on the north coast of the Shan Tung peninsula, the *Novoe Vremya* today bitterly assails Great Britain.

"In allowing Japan to use the harbor as a base of operation," says the *Novoe Vremya*, "Great Britain violated the fundamental principles of neutrality. Wei Hai Wei must be regarded henceforth as part of Japanese territory, and Great Britain has forfeited the right to participate in any deliberations over the eventual fate of the harbor."

The *Novoe Vremya* further holds that the case is analogous to that of the Alabama and says that Russia is entitled to demand compensation from Great Britain for the losses she has sustained.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—The members of the Japanese world's fair commission now in St. Louis have sent a cablegram to the mikado, congratulating him on the victories won by his ships from Russia.

"We will have victory after victory," said one of the commissioners, as he laughed and bowed thanks for congratulations. "In two weeks you will hear that our soldiers have crossed the Yalu and cut Russia line of communications. Then what will the Russians do? With their supplies gone, I guess they will have to surrender."

City of Columbus Launched.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 11.—The steamer City of Columbus was launched today at Beach's shipyard. Two previous attempts had been made to launch the vessel, but both times the steamship stuck on the ways.

SENATOR HANNA REPORTED WEAKER.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The following bulletin was issued today by Senator Hanna's physicians: "Senator Hanna is weaker. His condition is such that he is unable to leave his room. His temperature at 10 o'clock noon, was 101.2; pulse, 100; respiration, 24. There are no complications."

"HIXEY" "ORRIS" "CARPENTER"