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BALTIMORE'S LOSS NEARLY \$200,000,000 CONFLAGRATION IS CHECKED AFTER FLAMES SWEEP SEVENTY-FIVE SQUARE BLOCKS.

MUCH DYNAMITE USED STAND IS MADE AT JONES FALLS, AND FIRE IS STAYED AT THE LITTLE STREAM.

NEARLY 2,500 BUILDINGS GONE CITY'S FINEST STRUCTURES SITUATED IN THE AREA OF 160 ACRES DEVASTATED.

Many Times Threatened. A score of times flames were found lapping lumber piles on the east bank of the Falls.

City Under Martial Law. The city was early placed under martial law, and thus all danger of looting in the doomed district was eliminated.

Debris Burning Fiercely. Baltimore, Feb. 8.—The cheering news that the conflagration had been checked spread rapidly over the city.

During the afternoon the wall of flame ate its way in a southerly and westerly direction, toward the water. Sporadic fires sprang into existence and caused the withdrawal of apparatus and men from the line of battle.

extent. Every street that led to the fire area was crowded with awe-stricken spectators. In the stricken district sheets of black smoke hung densely, split now and then by the red glare of flame.

Scene of Complete Devastation. The burned area is a scene of complete devastation. Numberless buildings that were the pride of Baltimore, costly and stately, were gutted, and only smoldering ruins remained.

From Fayette street down Holiday street as far as a German street there is no building left save the Corn and Flour exchange at the corner of German and only the walls of that structure remain.

Everywhere buildings sprang into living flames before the fire touched them, and brick and stone and mortar crumbled like chalk.

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the catastrophe the absence of disorder and confusion was remarkable. Tonight the fire district and the territory immediately surrounding it are under the strictest military control.

Major McLane tonight said that he had offers of assistance from every part of the country, but could not tell before tomorrow what relief measures would be necessary.

While there were no casualties to speak of, the great army of fire fighters performed many daring feats in their desperate attempt to stay the flames. Many times men were driven out of close and hot places just as the walls came toppling down.

JAPANESE LANDING AT KOREAN PORTS SIXTY TRANSPORTS REPORTED DEPARTING TROOPS AT VARIOUS POINTS.

EARLY CLASH INDICATED FULL DIVISION OF RUSSIANS IS SAID TO HAVE CROSSED THE YALU RIVER.

OPPOSING FLEETS IN MOTION SEVERAL STEAMERS OWNED BY SUBJECTS OF CZAR ALREADY MIKADO'S PRIZES.

Fighting Hourly Expected. Vienna, Feb. 8.—Admiral Baron Von Spain, commander-in-chief of the Austrian navy, has received a dispatch from the commander of the Austrian fleet guard at Peking to the effect that Japan has embarked her regiments of guards and two army divisions on forty steamers.

North Korea Seized by Russians. London, Tuesday, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch dated Nagasaki, Saturday, the 6th, which was delayed by censor, a correspondent of the Telegraph asserts that Russia deliberately precipitated the crisis by secretly dispatching, a few days ago, from Port Arthur, transports loaded with a full division of troops and escorted by a fleet, and landing them near the Yalu river, thus occupying northern Korea.

Russian Craft Reported Captured. Berlin, Feb. 8.—A strong fleet of Japanese warships, reported to be on its way to Chemulpo, Korea, has seized several Russian trading steamers.

Japanese Cut Cable. Paris, Feb. 8.—The French foreign office was advised this afternoon that the Japanese have cut the cable connecting Japan and Korea. The object of the operation is believed to be to prevent news of the operations of the Japanese from reaching the Russians.

marine positively denies the report that preparations are being made for sending French troops to the Far East. Mediation Impossible. Berlin, Feb. 8.—A Russian embassy statement given to the National Zeitung says that war probably cannot be avoided, and that mediation by other powers is wholly out of the question.

U. S. to Be Strictly Neutral. Washington, Feb. 8.—Regarding the attitude of the United States in the threatened war, Assistant Secretary of State Loomis reiterated to the Russian ambassador during the latter's call yesterday that the United States would observe complete neutrality.

Power to Tie China's Hands. London, Tuesday, Feb. 9.—The Paris correspondent of the Mail says that France has agreed with other powers to land troops in China directly, that hostilities begin, in order to insure the neutrality of the middle kingdom.

Issues Statement Reviewing the Steps Leading to Present Crisis. Tokyo, Tuesday, Feb. 9.—Japan issued a statement last night, setting forth its position. It says that the independence and integrity of Korea being indispensable to the welfare of Japan and to safeguarding her paramount interests northward, Japan finds it impossible to view with indifference any action endangering the position of Korea.

Russia presented counter-proposals, refusing to respect the integrity of China, that Japan declare Manchuria outside her sphere and interest, and put several restrictions upon Japan's freedom in Korea. Japan decided to absolutely reject the Russian proposal.

Port Arthur, Feb. 8.—In response to instructions from the Japanese government, many Japanese have sailed from here for Nagasaki. The Chinese in Manchuria are greatly excited, and numbers of them are preparing to leave for Chefoo.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The ministry of the Russian counter-proposal. The statement sets forth various points of the negotiations, Russia's new proposals and Japan's answers and further propositions. Then it cites Russia's delay in answering Japan's note and Japan's urgent reply. In reply, Russia suppressed clauses relating to Manchuria so as to make the proposed convention apply entirely to Korea.

