

# THE BATTLE CRUISE

See how broad trust expects to see a most sweeping change in the public dust.

In the latest gowns the figure may be indicated, but not defined. It must be unusually high.

A New York broker caught a thief and then let him go. There is honor among them, then, after all.

In case the Japs succeed in effecting a landing at Pison Bay it will have to be admitted that they are birds.

Japanese Hobsons may be popular heroes now, but wait till they get ashore and get the girls in town.

If the oyster cocktail is deadly what hope will be left for those people who simply must have cocktails of some kind?

A speared exchange proclaims that "Tinseltown's Fish is Bottled Up." Must mean the black sea fish.

Up to date, the one absolutely sure prediction that can be made is that when the war is over both powers will be broke.

Anyhow, I give the esteemed dust a chance to brush off the dirt, retrace his neckwear and assume a defiant attitude.

The market reports say whisky distillers' finished goods are steady. Usually the finished whisky price is quite the reverse.

It is somewhat surprising that Cyrus Townsend Brady has not yet produced a story with the Russo-Jap war as a background.

It is unfortunate that the missionaries have been forced to flee from Swamphol, which is a good sign as they were needed there.

The supreme court's decision that the new passenger travel as a war risk will not cause a bar movement in the railroad pass market.

"You're truly John L. Sullivan" is starring in a fifteen minute monologue. John's power of administering punishment is said to be unimpaired.

The Boston Globe thinks more rhymes for "girl" are needed. Well, for one there is "girl" and another she does not fail to set 'em in whirl.

The unrepentant Turk was badly jarred by the first news that Japanese repulse, but is again getting ready to sock it to Macedonia next spring.

The suit of a Baltimore husband who divorces his wife and she remains at the lodge until she is worn seems to show that the wife has turned.

The sublime porte is 'almost white' to let the Russian fleet go through the Dardanelles. That's the usual attitude of the porte toward almost anything.

"Serrants and Employers—Bill in Albany to Protect Both—Women Father It," says a headline in the New York Tribune. An aggravated case of the new woman?

A story first heard at a mother's knee is seldom forgotten, and the same may be said of other things received at a mother's knee which will readily recur to the reader.

Some men would have billions of working capital if they could only induce a bank to accept as collateral security the things which they say they are going to receive.

"Is a Man Ever Too Polite to His Wife?" was the question recently asked by the Middlesex Worcester Pomona transients. How could a question with only one answer be discussed?

From an esteemed Kansas City correspondent we learn that the prairie fire, which called a prairie fire, smokes excellent food. The problem of exterminating the prairie dog may be generally solved.

Four generals were lost by the insurgents down in San Domingo the other day. That, however, did not deprive the Mexicans of the general, as they would have been crippled if they had lost a private or two.

Among the advantages of women as lawyers, according to Prof. Krehwen, is that they will make law cheaper. Mrs. W. expect barely to get a word of breach of promise cases and suits marked down to correspond?

A Boston man who has been stealing for years and juggling the books was discovered in his wrongdoing purely by accident. One of the waiters of the age is the case with which books can be made by an expert to cover up shortages.

According to a court decision the man who wants to take out an insurance policy must forswear steppe music. Usually, however, it is not until afterward that the man who goes in for steppe charging really cares anything about insurance.

The New York courts have decided that a man who smoked three hundred cigars a day cannot be held guilty of murder on the plea of insanity. The courts may be wrong, but a man who smokes three hundred cigars a day ought to go to the electric chair on general principles.

The federal court has decided that South Carolina cannot recover certain sums paid as special liquor taxes. It is safe to predict that the decision will not stop the conversation between

# Portrait News From Parts of Michigan

### Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

#### A Hard Winter.

Contrary to the general impression, this winter has been a hard one for the logging operators in the West. It has been far too much snow, while the extreme cold weather likewise has greatly interfered with the work. Time and again the ice roads have been snowed in, delaying hauling and necessitating extra expense in responding time. On numerous occasions the temperature has been so severe that men did not leave the camps, and those that did accomplished but little. The conditions generally have been discouraging and such as to materially retard the work. It is expected that the drive will be late this spring, the rivers and creeks being usually badly frozen. The winter has also meant a shortage of water, which may result in much of the timber cut being hung up.

#### Work of Fire Bug.

Holy Rosary seminary, a school for young girls in Essexville, a frame building of three stories, was fired, supposedly by a fire bug, about midnight Saturday. Thirteen sisters of the Dominican order and 43 pupils were saved from the flames. The alarm brought hundreds of volunteers to the scene, but their fighting apparatus was being used up. The fire was extinguished by about 10 o'clock. The building was a fine structure, and the loss of the building was a great one. The fire was caused by a fire bug, which was found in the building.

#### State Camp.

No decision in regard to the location of the state camp of the National Guard will be reached for several months. Gen. C. G. Brantley, who returned from Lansing, where he was in conference with Quartermaster General R. H. Steers. There are several sites in view, and these will be visited by Gen. Brantley and Mr. Kidd shortly before the opening of the military year, which will be held in Lansing March 15.

#### State News Notes.

At Grand Rapids old school children have typoid. Memorials has a music teacher only having had for her assistant, Miss Marielette claims it will have 25,000 population in 10 years.

Memorials, a large manufacturing concern, has received a letter from Judge J. H. Steers has donated a site for a hospital at the Soo. Samuel Near, of Bay City, came near losing the mastery of the Soo. In a salmon row at the Soo one of the pugilists had his ear bitten off.

St. Johns steps out of the village and some citizens are angry. Osceola has an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Alpena voted to bond for \$150,000 for water works and other improvements. A hundred students of the Lansing high school will give a concert Wednesday.

Farmers near Bagley Junction are locking up stock because of wild beasts. Mrs. Wm. Jewell, of Assyria, is ill from burning wood covered with poison.

Grain raising promises to be a bumper crop. George Hudson, of Davison, ran to catch an electric car in Flint and met with a fall.

Joseph W. Wiley, of Union township, found a dropped deer's site among the bushes.

Debtors of Knappa Bridge, resolved that scolding wife was worse than poor cooking. Some felled girdled the trees in the orchard of a Port Huron farmer, causing a \$2000 loss.

James Low, a cripple of Delta township, pleaded guilty to selling liquor to minors.

Four Grand Rapids girls, daughters of prominent families, have gone to Utah to join Mormons.

Chickadee country said to offer an unlimited opportunity for raising beef, poultry and stock.

Grand Rapids' health officer asks employers to keep typists water to protect employees from typhoid.

The farmers of Grand River Valley have organized a prosecuting committee to prosecute persons destroying shade trees.

A 17-year-old girl from Avoea fell in bed company in Port Huron, was arrested for intoxication and fined \$25.

The severe winter has greatly delayed the spring distribution of fish by the Michigan fish commission.

A new post office has been established at Loxley, Roscommon county, by Frank H. Kirkland as postmaster.

In comparison with the same period last season there is more ice in all the lakes and the fields are more extensive.

The Haak Lumber Co.'s big mill at Hankwood was burned Saturday. Loss \$200,000 and stock \$150,000. Insurance, \$200,000.

Orlando White, of Fairfield, suffered serious injury recently by his wrist being crushed in a saw. He may save his hand.

Mrs. Martha A. Orr, died at Nelson City, March 20. She was 78 years old. Her husband died 28 years ago.

Joseph Swartz, Bay City, invented a method of cutting iron from various uses from cutting iron to pulling horse teeth.

The state report says that in answer to the question, "Has winter during February suffered injury from frost?" the answer is "Yes," and "no" in the central counties eight out of ten.

# THE RUSSIAN P.R.

### COMMANDERS OF RIVAL FLEETS.

The Battle Cruise Grand Army had decided to erect a memorial building. The building will be located in the city and used as a museum for war relics.

Elmo Phelps, of Drayton Plains, had a number of teeth knocked out and a leg cut while on duty as a pilot at Ft. Meade. He killed himself with a parabolic acid.

Scottish boat troubles are blamed for the suicide of Edward Cowper, a well-to-do farmer, living south of Harrogate. He killed himself with parabolic acid.

Frank Coe, the Gogebic county prisoner who escaped from the penitentiary, was captured at Shingleton and returned to prison.

Several positions along the Kalamazoo river are flooded, the occupants of several houses have been compelled to move out and travel by rowboat is common on some creeks.

Contracts have been made with farmers in the vicinity of Lansing to move out and travel by rowboat is common on some creeks.

Loss of \$8,000 resulted from fire at Holt, which destroyed the home of C. J. Sheehy, and of M. E. Park, and the residence of O. E. Drivon. The cause of the fire is not known.

Niles has offered free rent and a \$2,500 warehouse as an inducement to a National Women Wool Co., of Chicago, employing 500 women.

Twenty acres of land, in the business district of Muskegon, was sold by Wm. Fay, who has his claim on an old state land grant made in 1871, to another. The tract is worth \$1,000,000.

Judge Steers has ordered a grand jury to investigate the charges which have been made by the Michigan State Police. The grand jury will be organized in the next few days.

Admiral Uruke, according to the best obtainable information, in command of the Russian squadron which was captured by the Japanese, is not yet in the hands of the Japanese. It is not yet known whether he is still alive.

It is strongly believed in Tokio that the Russian fleet abandoned Port Arthur after the fourth attack was made upon the city by the Japanese. The Russians, with 35,000 men, are entrenched strongly at Liaoyang and Hai Chang, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagements already have been fought, the Russians retiring with losses.

It seems logical enough that the Russians should attempt a dash for Vladivostok, where it is possible to dock larger ships. A Japanese squadron and some sea force operations while possessing adequate land defenses. The hopelessness of continuing at Port Arthur is manifest, while a dash for Vladivostok might succeed, contrary to the opinion previously expressed.

View-Admiral Togo is unwilling to run the risk of dividing his battleship force and attacking the Russian fleet. He is strongly of the opinion that a dash for Vladivostok is not a wise move.

Runners of a Battle. Japanese warships bombarded the forts at Taku-Wan (Port Dally) on the night of March 3 and then attacked the forts at Dally. The Japanese dispatch, adding, "It is believed here that there has already been a decisive victory in the vicinity of Vladivostok and tidings of it are anxiously awaited. The Japanese fleet is strongly of the opinion that a dash for Vladivostok is not a wise move.

The Japanese torpedo flotilla opened the action by boldly steaming in under the guns of the Russian fleet. The flotilla was met by a number of mechanical mines in the mouth of the harbor. Following that the Japanese torpedo flotilla was counter-attacked by the Russian torpedo boats, which the Japanese appear to have scored a clear victory.

Nothing Doing. There is no truth in the rumor that the Russians have abandoned Port Arthur. Admiral Abaz, secretary of the commission on far eastern affairs, authorized the Associated Press to deny the story. He says the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged, and that no change of luck has occurred there in the last 24 hours.

Two Boats Sunk at Port Arthur. The Russian torpedo boat flotilla at Port Arthur at broad daylight Friday morning and attacked the Japanese torpedo boats. One Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and one Russian torpedo boat was destroyed. The Japanese torpedo boats were not known.

German Power. That Reed county could not have been elected to the United States senate without having first been chosen by the voters of Reed county, and that after he was so chosen he could not have been defeated, was asserted by the Hon. J. C. Nease, United States attorney from 1880 to 1886, and later a judge of the district court of the 1st judicial district of Reed county.

Eighteen warrants have been served on aldermen and other city officials of Reed county, for alleged bribery.

After 30 years of intermittent work the great tunnel has been completed. The tunnel is 3,000 feet long and is now open to the public.

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