

### Classical Example of Cheek.

Surely it will remain a classical example of "cheek" that is described in the following story, told by the Country Gentleman: One of the English generals, during the Boer war, having secured a turkey, asked his friends to dinner. When the day came the bird has disappeared. It was traced to the quarters of the naval brigade, and a young midshipman owned to having "pinched" it. The infuriated general exhausted his vocabulary in abuse of this delinquent, who replied: "I'm very sorry, sir! But you wouldn't have liked it. We tried to get our teeth through it, but it was so tough we had to throw it away. If I'd known you would have taken it so much to heart I'd have got the carpenter to make you another."

### Sensible Housekeepers

will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

### A Dog's Fidelity.

Last week a gamekeeper named Henry Osmond in the employ of Lord Falmouth was fatally shot in a poaching affray at the Tregothnan Woods. The evidence shows that Osmond must have died between 6:20 and 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, January 26. His body was not discovered until 5 o'clock on the following Wednesday afternoon. All these hours, during which it rained pitilessly, a retriever puppy remained immovable by the side of the dead master and in her fierce affection would not allow the search party to touch the body. At last it was secured and fastened to a tree, but the faithful animal gnawed through the rope and returned to its guardianship of the dead.

### Salzer's Earliest Cane.

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### Some Rich Germans.

The richest citizen of Berlin has an income of \$704,000 a year. If he realizes 5 per cent on his investment—a tremendous interest in Germany—his fortune is about \$14,000,000. The next richest man has \$12,500,000. There are thirteen millionaires between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, thirty-three between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000, and 621 between half a million and \$2,500,000. The number of those whose fortunes are over \$14,000 is 53,899, and less than that sum, 378,484. All of these pay an income tax. The population of Berlin is 2,000,000. A million and a half pay no income tax.

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### His Last Request.

Representative Maddox of Georgia, who is soon to retire from congress, has received this letter from a constituent: "Dear Mister Congressman: Sum time ago I write you asking if their were anny thing the gurnment could do to make a fightin' wife be have herself. I ain't heard from you and things is no better. Will you please let me know how I can get one of them big pizen snakes from Afriky. I have always voted for you and this is my little to ask of you, specially when a man's wife is always a-peckin' on him."

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

### Nicholas Turns Composer.

According to a Belgian paper, the czar is among the composers. It is stated that a score in the winter palace several weeks from the imperial pen were performed, among them one entitled "The Song of Peace." This stands in three sections, the first of which depicts the turmoil of battle, while the second suggests the stricken field, covered with dead and wounded. The third invokes retribution upon those who are responsible for such horrors. Another work is written in honor of the saints of the Orthodox church.

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## JAPS' ATTEMPT

### ANOTHER MOVEMENT TO BOTTLE PORT ARTHUR.

### WHEN ATTEMPT WAS MADE

### Report that the Japanese Have Sunk Seven Merchant Steamers in the Harbor—Demand in Connection With Manchuria.

LONDON—The Daily Telegraph published a dispatch from its Tokio correspondent, which says: "On the night of March 22 the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor and under cover of the bombardment the steamers were run in and sunk in desired positions. Three hundred Japanese officers and bluejackets volunteered for the duty. An official report is expected this evening."

The Daily Telegraph's circumstantial report from the Tokio correspondent that Japan succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22 is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special dispatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments, but throw a few sidelights on the operations.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that Viceroy Alexieff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officers and soldiers from Manchuria on the ground that it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

The Daily Mail's correspondents

## THE BEEF TRUST.

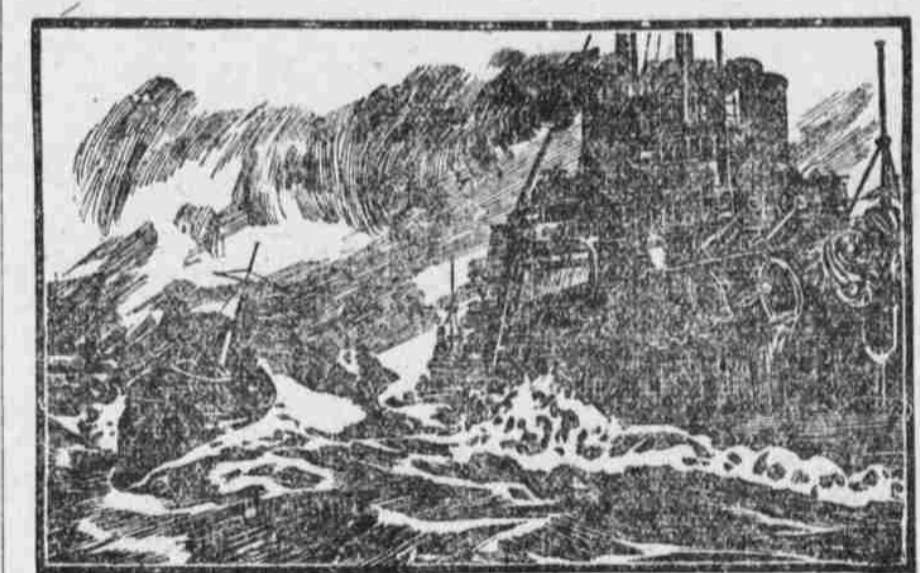
### Making Investigations into Its Operations.

WASHINGTON—The department of commerce and labor, through the bureau of corporations, is making an investigation into the operations of the beef trust. A part of the investigation is being conducted in accordance with a resolution passed by the house of representatives recently. Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the department, through its regular channels, had collected certain information concerning the beef trust. The resolution which was drafted by Representative Martin of South Dakota, requested the department officials to ascertain, if possible, the cause of the difference in price between beef on the hoof and dressed beef. It was pointed out that western stockmen believed that they were being discriminated against by the trust and that the markets of the country were being manipulated to their detriment.

Neither Secretary Cortelyou nor Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations will discuss the investigation in any way. It is made perfectly clear, however, that this investigation, as well as all others conducted by that department, will be made by the officials of the department themselves, without assistance; that the department will not stoop to detective work in the conduct of the inquiry and that the proceedings will be devoid of any spectacular features. There will be no public hearings and publicity will be avoided so far as possible.

The pending investigation is being conducted by Commissioner Garfield, under the direction of Secretary Cortelyou. Beyond that fact, practically

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nothing is obtainable. Whether the results of the investigation are to be made public at its conclusion will depend entirely on President Roosevelt.

Alaskans who have been in Washington all winter pressing the claims of that territory for remedial legislation fear now that congress will adjourn without according their claims the attention which in their opinion they warrant. They have seen the president during the winter in the interest of the legislation they are seeking and today several of them called at the White House again.

## SCORE POINT AGAINST ROADS.

### Cattle Raisers Permitted to Show Alleged Discrimination.

WASHINGTON—The interstate commerce commission on Monday announced its decision in the case of the Cattle Raisers' association of Kansas, complainant, and the Chicago Live Stock exchange, intervenor, against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and other railroads entering Chicago. The commission holds that the statute of limitations does not apply to the suit of the members of the association for damages and defines the procedure to be followed in procuring reparation through the commission.

The complainant and the intervenor are given leave to show to what territory the through rate reduction of 1896 applied, and if it appears that there was territory to which such reduction did not apply and from which no reduction has been made, defendants will be allowed to show, since conditions may have changed subsequent to the making of the original order, that the through rate from that territory is reasonable and just, notwithstanding the addition of the terminal charge of \$2 per car in Chicago.

## BANKING BILL GOES THROUGH.

### Lobby Fails to Kill Measure in Iowa House.

DES MOINES, Ia.—The house of representatives passed the banking bill, which permits the state to deposit its money at interest, by a vote of 65 to 15. There was a strong lobby of bankers working against the measure. It is believed it will go through the senate with little opposition.

The bill to raise the compensation of county supervisors was killed by the house by a decisive vote. The outlook is that none of the measures asking for an increase in the salary of county officers will go through both houses at this session.

### Kansans Ask Big Appropriation.

WASHINGTON.—A large delegation of Kansans, comprising senators, representatives and prominent citizens of the state called at the War department and were heard at length by General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, upon the pending proposition to straighten out and change the course of the Kaw river with a view to the prevention of a repetition of the flood which engulfed part of Kansas City and other Kansas towns. The delegation wants \$1,500,000 to begin work.

## NO APPETITE—EMACIATED—NERVOUS.

### Many Women During the Spring Months Suffer From Extreme Lassitude, Loss of Appetite and Nervousness—What They Need Is

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