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a candidate for United States senator. What are we coming to?

Martial law has been supended in Colorado in time for the primaries of the subject in congress. The late Senthe various political parties.

With wheat worth more than \$1 a in a most thorough manner all the facts bushel, the prospect for democratic suc- and arguments favorable to the subsidy cess in the wheat belt this year is very policy of which he was an advocate and gloomy.

The Ohio idea as distinguished from the Iowa idea is to be propounded by large majority of the American people to the bar in Nebraska. With fair luck he an aboriginal Ohio man at the Ohio are opposed to the idea of subsidies club dinner on March 12.

Superintendent Pearse has not yet explained why it was necessary to increase the salary of his first lieutenant, such a commission as the Grosvenor the secretary of the board.

Iowa and Nebraska republican state conventions will meet on the same day and a hot time is looked for in Des Moines, as well as in Lincoln.

NO SHIPPING LEGISLATION. It seems to be practically settled that there will be no legislation at the present session of congress looking to the building up of our merchant marine.

According to advices which seem to be trustworthy there is no disposition among republicans in either branch of congress to push this subject at present.

company. On condition that the mem-Representative Grosvenor of Ohio has bers of the Minneapolis Commercial a bill which provides for the appointment of a commission to investigate the club take out life policies to the amount needs of the American merchant marine, with instructions to report on needed legislation at the opening of the next any life company operating in Nebraska contribute \$100,000 to finish the Audisession of congress. The measure provides for a bi-partisan commission comtorium if members of the Omaha Audiposed of five members of the senate and | torium association take out policies for

an equal number of the house, six re-\$1,000,000? Don't all speak at once. publicans and four democrats. The bill Deputy United States Attorney Rush provides that the commission shall be rushed into print the other day with authorized to travel to any part of the the declaration that all the essential

Communications relating to news and edi-orial matter should be addressed: Omaha tion, with the power to send for persons and papers. A limit of \$20,000 is set on the charges against Senator Dietrich the expenditures. As the commission have been forwarded to Washington, is not to report until next session, all but a dispatch from Washington states legislation in the way of granting ship that "the investigating committee is subsidies will naturally be postponed waiting for Summers to report." Can until that session. Even then it is very it be possible that Summers has lost the doubtful if anything will be done, so address or missent the package?

general is the popular opposition to everything in the nature of subsidies. According to the Washington corre

\$4,000,000, the directors of the St. Louis spondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, the exposition announce that suits will be proposed appointment of a joint commisstarted against the subscribers to the sion is objected to on the ground that capital stock of the concern who have it is a relegation of legislative functions to a special body of men, that the subfor a prolonged inquiry, and that the scribers to the World's fair stock may appointment of such a commission would begin to doubt whether it will ever pay out any dividend. do no good. We presented similar arguments against the commission proposi-

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Having landed its "loan" of more than

tion at the time of the introduction of the Grosvenor bill. There is no question before the American people better understood than that relating to the merwould of necessity go over the same witness against others.

ground that has been covered by all who Spain's Record in Perfl. have intelligently investigated the mat-Detroit Free Press. ter, the results of which are to be found Russia has thus far succeeded in adding in the annual reports of the commis-

to its submarine fleet with a rapidity that sioners of navigation and in the numer- bids fair to excel the former high record ous speeches that have been delivered on held by Spain. Some Good in Lobsters.

ator Hanna, in a speech on the merchant Chicago Inter Ocean. marine in the last congress, presented Now that it is positively known that radium can be extracted from the lobster, the time cannot be far distant when secrets

> may be extracted from the clam. Lumbard, Watch, Aboy! Chicago Record-Herald. A man S0 years old has just been admitted

It is an unquestionable fact that a hopes in time to be able to build up a good practice. for building up our merchant marine and

Who Shall Decidef Washington Post.

commission would be able to effect any Secretary Shaw wants the American boy change in this sentiment. Consequently to stick to the farm and Secretary Moody wants him to join the navy. In the meanbill proposes would very likely accomtime the boy remains some place between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Made of the Right Stuff. Indianapolis News.

About twelve months ago Mayor Moores was prevailed upon to purchase

TRIBUTES TO SENATOR HANNA. should happen to burn up, would Ne braska be without a constitution, and if

A novel plan for building an audi-

torium for Minneapolis has been impro-

Indianapolis News: In one sense Mr. so, would not that invalidate all the Hanna was prophet of his time, and it laws adopted ever since its adoption? explains his greatness to that time; He The idiots are not all dead yet. WHN B STICCORS.

New York Sun: We doubt if he at any time in these later years harbored any either the campaign or the duties of the office.

most useful, the most influential and the ment of arsenals and coaling stations. of \$2,000,000 the company has agreed most potent man in public life, outside of which will make the rebuilding of the to erect a big public auditorium. Will the executive scepter, and the shaft which Spanish navy a reasonable proposition. Ten lays him low pierces the common heart of the country.

has been lost to national politics. He rep. submarine, twelve torpedo boats of 150 tons esented perhaps more completely than any each, and ten small gunboats. When the other member of the senate that new and shipyards and arsenals are finished work ominating force in his party which makes olitics a business and a business of poli-

Louisville Courier-Journal: He dies recognized by men of all political parties as a testimony and the names of all wit- broad-minded, level-headed, practical Amernesses required for the investigation of lean, whose hard sense and business methods were applied as masterfully in public

affairs as in private; whose convictions, however mistaken, were honest, and whose otives were beneficent and patriotic. Philadelphia North American: As none

can hope to ill the gap opened in the ranks which would be the property of the dis-

earnestly or succeeded so grandly during ferred to. The idea proved a good oneten years of spectacular and almost inces- for the proprietor-and, of course, soon sant exertion.

did well whatever he did at all; who never | readers to be one vast mine of hidden gave his word unless he meant to keep it; treasure. Whether any money has been who was frank in the performance of the not paid their subscriptions. When this most delicate and disagreeable duties; who ject is not a new one and does not call phase of the fair really begins the sub- was true to his friends, whether they siderable proportion of the idlers in the manner were merely the pleasnt adornment there is something to be made by it. In of a force of will that overrode all obstacles.

New York Tribune: As a legislator the tracted, and serious nulsances committed. The new Chicago grand jury which is Ohio senator had not served long enough Moreover, the evil seems to be on the ininvestigating the cause of the Iroquois to show his true quality. But in party theater fire seems to have resolved to councils he ranked with the foremost, and, had he lived, he might perhaps have looked who are profiting by the common gambling discover the real culprit by the rule of forward to competing for the highest honchant marine and a commission could exclusion. The fireman in charge has ors within the gift of the party. His death throw no new light on the subject. It been exonerated and will be used as robs the world of politics of a stalwart personality, and the causes he advocated of

an effective and powerful friend. Brooklyn Eagle: Mr. Hanna was a great advertiser. He put republican speeches, statements, interviews and arguments into the Bryan papers everywhere at advertising rates, on news and editorial pages, and

thus carried the McKinley antidote wherever the Bryan bane was spread. That was ensible, simple, startling and revolutionary ampaigning. It did work which could not be perceived, could not be stopped and could not be undone. It was as permeating for strong and loyal support. The loss of as a hypodermic injection. It was as plain Cuba was the ruin of Spain. It possessed

the course pursued. We believe that the day," he continued, "no one fears us, not republican campaigns of 1896 and 1900 were the most expensive, and the most honest, that were ever waged by a political party No republic is possible without republicans, in modern American history.

and no great country without great pat-Boston Transcript: A dramatic, almost rlots. Patriotism is disappearing in Spain tragic feature of the latest stages of Mr. Hanna's illness has been that in the de- the poor went to fight in Cuba, and the lirium which has frequently occurred dur- rich did not even give what was so easy ing his extreme weakness his mind seemed to give, namely, money. Spain is destito be running upon the idea of one notable tute of credit and without a fleet. And thing left unfinished. At first the watchers yet, if a national subscription were to be at his bedside had some difficulty in under- opened to build ships, not enough money standing what his dejected utterance meant, would be collected to suffice for the con-

as the senator seemed to imagine himself struction of one single inronciad. Finally, addressing an audience. Presently came the Spaniard of today is either a bulldonment of its proposed exhibit at the St. from his lips a passage which told the fighter or desires to become one; anything, story; he was rehearsing the speech with .... which he intended to put Theodore Roose-Best European opinion seems to be that velt in nomination for the presidency at the war in the far east will hasten the the Chicago convention next July. To those solution of the different problems in the who saw Mr. Hanna's loyalty to this pur-The recent Baltimore fire has two im-Balkans, Russia asserts its ability to pose throughout the long period, when irreportant lessons for other cities. The reexert as much physical force in the Balsponsible gossip was representing his attiports indicate that the firemen in the earkans as ever, no matter how hard may tude otherwise, this came as no surprise. lier stages of the conflagration were con-The statement that a brand new variety be the fighting in Manchuria. This is not To others who had been doubting, it added tinually and seriously hindered by overof canned hash is being introduced in the believed. It is thought that Turkey will the final and conclusive touch to their rehead electric wires, of which there was a army will be viewed with considerable anxgive up all idea of carrying out the promassurance of the sincerity of his unceasing perfect network in that city. The Washiety by the friends of the regulars. There is such a difference in hashes, and if the declaration that he was himself in no sense ised reforms; that Bulgaria, whose army ington Star intimates that no steps had is now in shape for war and whose legislaa candidate. been taken to remove any of them "on ture has a strong government majority, agcount of the close relation between a will put troops over the frontier, for the POLITICAL DRIFT. political machine and the electricity prorestraining fear of Russia will have been ducing and using corporation." Whether removed. It remains to be seen what Mayor McClellan is something of a rethis be true or not. Baltimore has taken Austria, the other party to the agreement no steps towards making itself wireless former. He refuses presents. to enforce reforms in Turkey, will do. above ground. The innumerable wires in Congressman Shafroth is too honest a The belief in Constantinople is that war its streets prevented effective work on the man to be in politics. His proper sphere in the Balkans is inevitable, and that will part of the firemen in getting at the fire, the financial situation was affected, as it is journalism. mean the intervention of the other powers endangered the lives of spectators, and A syndicate of kickers in Pittsburg atsignatory to the treaty of Berlin. With particularly of firemen, who were obliged Russia out of the way and busy elsewhere, tempted to bust a few cogs in the repubto be among the live wires for some time. lican machine. By some unaccountable the more optimistic think that the Balkan as the power plants continued generating question can be settled for good and all. oversight the syndicate elected one alderelectricity after the wires had fallen. Baltimore, however, is not alone in this man. The German Reichstag has passed a re-Congressman at Large Charles F. Scott regard, although it was greatly exposed olution in favor of the payment of its membecause of its past neglect. Other citles of Kansas has announced himself as a canbers-about a pound per day of the session are in similar condition in their business didate for a seat in the United States sen--but it has done this repeatedly before districts, and should they be visited by a ate. He hopes to succeed Senator Burton, without result. A resolution of Reichstag dangerous conflagration overhead wires who has lost caste with his constituents is nothing without the sanction of the Fedwill add to the danger. Bury the conrecently. eral Council, which represents the allied ductors is one lesson of the Baltimore Revolutions may revolute, and war sovereigns of Germany and constitutes the fire. That city will have the opportunity change the world's map, but the repub-"upper chamber" of the legislature, and when rebuilding begins. lican majority in Philadelphia continues the Federal Council-I. e., the imperial gov-Another lesson of the fire is the necessity piling up majorities regardless. Last Tuesernment-has always been against the for similar conditions of fire service in day was an off day, still a majority of principle of payment of members. Rather various cities. 75,000 was recorded. than admit this principle into the constiupon neighboring cities for miles around, Charles H. Leeds, recently elected mayor tution when it was being framed Bismarck even as far distant as New York, for of Stamford, Conn., as a democrat, anthreatened to wreck it altogether, and his help. nounces that he has changed his political opposition has been continued by the imfirec faith and will hereafter affiliate with the perial government ever since. Bismarck's Boston a little later. The Philadelphia republican party. His constituents are chief argument against the payment of Press says that when the engines from that members-as exemplified by the practice naturally indignant and have asked him to city, as well as from some other places, in the Prussian chamber, of which the resign his office, but this he refuses to do, arrived the firemen were seriously handi-Wonders never cease-in Kansas. One members receive about 15 marks a daycapped because the Baltimore fire plugs were of a different measure from their was that it tended to create a class of ounty campaign committee, which assisted in routing the state machine, had mere professional politicians who "lived, not in order to make laws, but made laws a cash balance of \$15.45 when the smoke of in order to live." The Prussian constitubattle lifted, and promptly distributed the tion was framed under stress of the revosurplus pro rata among the subscribers. Is lution of '48-hence the dole given to depuit any wonder that reform commands so ties, while the imperial constitution, with little respect in the "bleeding commonits universal suffrage, was a free gift from wealth?" the foderal governments to the German people after the French war. PARAGRAPHIC STRATEGY. The Gaelic revival in Ireland was consid-Chicago Post: The emperor of Corea to ered a chimerical project when it received the world's commerce: "We're Wiju!" its impetus a dozen years or so ago, but Denver Times: Viceroy Alexieff says that the progress of the movement is astonishthe Almighty is with the Russian army. ing. The Gaelic league has an annual in Meantime the Japs are fighting like the come of \$33,000. It has induced the Irish devil. Board of Commissioners of Public Educa-New York Tribune: The Corean governtion to grant the right to have Irish chilment has granted Japan the right to tradren taught the old language in the Irish verse the country. This announcement national schools, and now Gaello may be from Tokio discloses a sense of humor not taught in every Irish public school during often perceptible in the writers of our war ordinary school hours if adequate instrucnews bulletins. ion in the subjects hitherto taught be not Philadelphia Prezs: There is no reason impaired thereby. Moreover, a Gaelle to believe that there is any truth in the school of higher education has been estabreport that American naval officers were lished in Dublin, with a board of governors aboard the Japanese ships at Port Arthur composed of distinguished men and women The Navy department does not believe the and the first course of study will be under story, and neither does anyone else. Where taken in March of this year. Whether the would those officials have come from? revival has in it the seeds of permanence Philadelphia Record: Panies and false may well be doubted, but one of the realarms are the unfailing accompaniments sults will be the unearthing of all the old of war. The mounted Japanese patrols re- Celtic lore and learning now extant to be ported to have been seen northwest of added to the world's stock. Mukden are probably as real as the Span-Don't Get Gay. ish cruisers whose gums were heard been ing nightly off the coast of Maine during Chicago Chronicle our late unpleasantness with the hidalgos. Mr. Bryan should beware of being as Louisville Courier-Journal: The Nagazaki funny as he can. His offer of a prize of \$100 for a platform which the leading democorrespondent of the London Telegraph excratic newspapers of the country will ac presses his conviction that "Port Arthur not only have their annual convention and is bound to fall by the effluxion of time, cept is humorous but not wise. There is every prospect that such a platform will even without assault." Good. Why not be written and adopted at St. Louis. Mr war to be fought out by the effluxion of Bryan will then need all his money for his gress for an adjustment of salaries, for an allowance for expenses and for the redress time for the Japs and by prayer for the bolt and for litigation with widows and orphans.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The naval reconstruction bill prepared by the Spanish government has abandoned the enormous program proposed by Silvela, and is more modest in its demands. It provides for the establishment of a central naval staff, a general department of naval construction, a general naval supply deserious ambition toward the presidency. He partment, and a general department of navised by a Minnesota life insurance felt that he was physicially unequal to vigation, fisheries and naval industries. It provides for the expenditure of the very noderate sum of 37,000,000 pesetas. Most of Philadelphia Press: He had become the this money will be spent in the establishmillions will go to Ferrol, one and a half to Cartagena, and about five to Carraca. New York World: A forceful personality It provides for the laying down of one will begin on the navy proper, for Spain has wisely decided that it is folly to have

### a navy when it possesses no dockyards capable of keeping the fleet in repair, which is the present condition. .... A question that is now under discussion in London is whether legal means exist for a summary suppression of some of

the latest developments of the advertising art by yellow or other journals. Some time ago the managers of one of these publications conceived the idea of announcing that could supplant him while he lived, so none certain sums of money had been concealed, of American public men by Mark Hanna's coverer, the clew to the hiding places beuntimoly death. Few men have striven so ing indicated in some way in the paper refound imitators. Great Britain is now sup-Washington Post: Here was a man who posed by some millions of penny-dreadful Battle of Two Cruisers Against Over-

secreted is a point that need not be de-

bated. It seems to be certain that a conloomed up among the great or drooped amid United Kingdom are looking for it, and watched the Light brigade charge to death this incident does teach the lesson that the lowly, and whose kindliness of face and do not hesitate at trespass if they think and glory under the Russian guns and the fire plugs in all cities should be made some cases rough crowds have been atcrease. Public indignation is not directed against the ignorant dupes, but the men instinct of the lower orders. Some lawyers say these speculators have put themselves within the reach of the law by inciting

> persons to commit trespass and breach of ....

An extraordinarily pessimistic speech was delivered in Spain the other day by Senor Silvela, the ex-prime minister, who has been in public life for more than thirty years and has occupied a prominent position for about fifteen. He said that his ambition was to govern Spain as a European state, as a country cultivated and free; but that he found at all times concealed enmity where he naturally looked

and practical as bookkeeping. It cost a at one time men-of-war which appeared to great deal of money, but the statement of be men-of-war, and sailors appearing to It drew a great deal of money from con- be sailors. With this double deception, tributors and the success of it vindicated people, he said, feared them a little. "To-

even Portugal; and no nation can continue to exist alone without inevitable decay.

the peace.

because the country costs money. Only

# THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



RUSSIAN BRAVERY.

# whelming Odds.

Philadelphia North American,

Standing on the heights overlooking the bloody plain at Balaklava, a French general the same pattern and measurements, but sketched the achievement in an epigram. "It is magnificent," he said, "but it is not war." Nothing could be more fitly applied gency. These are comparatively simple to the fight the other day at Chemulpo, when two Russian cruisers fought over whelming odds until they went down with colors flying. Naval annals do not record more desperate bravery. In the same sense as the Crimean episode,

was not war. Some one had blundered. Though the Russian commanders expected attack, their ships were securely anchored and their fires were low. Unpreparedness brought them face to face with a deadly

alternative-abject surrender or hopeless fight. With consummate courage they chose the latter. Against a foe more than three times as

strong they made their dash from the harbor, and for two hours sought to break the relentless cordon. But it was useless. The seven Japanese cruisers, strong, swift and confident, circled around the doomed ships like hawks around wounded birds, pouring in a merciless fire. Beaten back at last, and almost crippled, the Russian vessels retired, made hurried repairs and once

more stood forth, this time to certain destruction. What a sight that must have been, as briefly described in the cable dispatches! With the imperial colors flying and the ships' bands playing the national hymn, the two battered craft staggered out to sea and engaged the seven Japanese vessels.

At last one blew up and sank, then the other, and where there had been two great fighting machines there were left on the surface only scattered spars and struggling men. The world which looks on at the struggle

cannot grant that the Russians display great ability or foresight. But it must acknowledge freely that they can be herolc.

" 'Honest fisher folk.' Huh!" snorted the editor "you'll have to change that." "Why so?" demanded the author. "It sounds ridiculous. I never knew a man who went fishing who was quite honest."--Philadelphia Press.

Star.

have added to the destruction is not known, but it is easy to conceive of conditions under which it might have been of serious disadvantage. It is not necessary that fire apparatus all over the United States should be constructed after adaptable to the engines of other cities which may be called upon in an emer-

hose connections. To what extent this may

matters, but sometimes little simple precautions prevent great disasters.

SMILING REMARKS.

Bacon-I hear your uncle is to lecture on "Our Great Waterways." What does he know about waterways? Egbert-Why, he was in Wall street for six years:-Yonkers Statesman.

Elaine was floating down the river on the

Eache was invalid the weeping servi-"You see," explained the weeping servi-tors, "she was bound to beat the car-ahead people for once." Thus, indeed, was the public early driven to desperate measures.—New York Sun.

New Clerk-I think I understand the bus-Iness pretty well now. Employer-Yes? Keep at it four or five years. Perhaps you'll understand it then as well as you think now.-Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Chugwater-What are you coughing and sneezing about? Mrs. Chugwater (busy with the morning paper)-I am not coughing and sneezing. I am trying to read this dispatch from Port Arthur.-Chicago Tribune.

Markley-Pepprey told me today that I'd never get back that \$5 I loaned you. Graphter-He did, eh? Markley-Yes. Graphter-Well, if it wasn't so expensive I'd make him out a liar all right.-Philadel-phia Press.

phia Press.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

LESSONS OF BALTIMORE'S FIRE. Effect of Political Electric Wires on the Fire's Progress.

Russia's real intention of opening Manchuria to the trade of the world is best shown by the fact that it refuses to recognize an American consul at Dalny.

so typical of one phase of American a Baltimore paper entitled "Humor of gine house to make the site useful. the Fire."

The czar desires to remind Secretary come, but as Omaha does everything Hay that China has something to say in regard to its neutrality, but he did house costing over \$30,000 was connot think of this when he was trying to tracted for and is now nearing compleannex Manchuria.

They say that a house divided against itself cannot stand, but it is announced that the Hoagland house is to be divided in the middle and moved from Omaha to Dundee.

Cleveland assumes a paternal tone in discussing the future of the democratic party, but a majority of the members of that party rather think of him in the role of mother-in-law.

The Japanese Mrs. Morgan has in-Stinted her visit to America by criticising the dress of American women. She might admire that dress if she had footed any of the bills.

It was no doubt respect for the countries which may have specimens on eighteen fire engine horses and all the hand that the Geneva conference for the consideration of treatment to be accorded prisoners of war was indefinitely postponed.

It was hardly fair to Count Cassini lay of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in addito expect him to correctly gauge public opinion in America when the leaders of fighting, without any assurance what one of the political parties of the counever that the insurance rates will be try have been unable to do it for many reduced even one-tenth of 1 mill for the years.

In view of the fact that the tax levied After he has dodged a few more anti for the fire department will all be eaten podean mobs Alexander Dowie may up by the payroll of the present force, return to America satisfied to remain in where is all this money to come from? a country where the people had rather Would it not be well for the mayor and laugh at foolishness than resent imcouncil to slow up a little for awhile? pertinence.

horses, it is doubtless necessary to The pamphletcer who has issued a statement of the Panama matter from purchase an additional lot of hose, but all the machinery contemplated, the standpoint of Colombia wisely rewhich would almost be sufficient for a frained from signing his name. This whole fire department of a moderate present. fact may preserve some one's reputation town, need not be bought in one year, for veracity.

or iv two years, for that matter. It is Omaha coal dealers appear to be in a beautiful sight to look at in a fire dead earnest in their peremptory de department parade, but with an outlay mand that cars loaded with coal should of \$250,000 a year for hydrant rental be weighed on delivery. It is to be and fire department salaries, Omaha is hoped they will win, and then it will be not in position to indulge in such a magthe turn of the coal consumers. nificent display.

In ordering additional are lamps the council exhausted all the money at its disposal for lighting, so that unless the day. They have now discovered that electric light company generously comes the civil code of Nebraska and the genforward to donate the illuminating maeral laws may all be null and void because the original copy of the laws of a monthly journal devoted to their interterial for the carnival next fall Ak-Sar-Ben will have to give up the street 1866 cannot be found in the vanits of the ests, but already they are petitioning con- have less effusion of blood and allow the secretary of state. Suppose the original parade or meet the expenses out of its copy of the constitution of Nebraska of various grievances. own treasury.

a site in the jobbing district for a new Louis exposition, and Japan has applied for the space thus vacated. Who can help adfire engine house at a cost of \$14,000. miring the courageous, resourceful and con-The city already had one fire engine fident little chaps? house in the jobbing district which might have been readily enlarged for Basis of Patriotism.

less than \$14,000, and could have served There is nothing in current literature the purpose for years to come. The purchase of the Jackson street lot natthought as the column now running in urally compelled the erection of an en-

no commission could add anything to

it is not probable that a congressional

SLOW UP A LITTLE.

what was then said.

plish no practical result.

A \$20,000 engine house might have ratio of desertion suddenly increases it will served the purpose for many years to afford good grounds for the bellef that the hash contains something that isn't conducive to discipline. on a grand scale, a mammoth engine

Disturbing the Financial World. New York Evening Post. tion. Thus the investment, instead of There has hardly over been a time when

being \$30,000 for a lot and engine house, is today, by so many striking causes at has become an investment of over once. The war in the cast, the Baltimore \$45,000. Like the man whose wife in- fire, the extraordinary results of speculation in cotton, coffee, wheat and other agsisted that he must buy furniture and ricultural products have all to be taken carpets to match the new piano he into account. The effect upon the finances bought for his daughter, and was finally of the world from the war and the fire cancompelled to mortgage the place, tear not be estimated, but one thing is clearthese events mean the destruction of hundown the old house and build a new dreds of millions of wealth. With this cap-

one, the mayor and council now proital actually wiped out, the lending capose to invest about \$30,000 more in pacity of the international money market fire equipment just to make it match is by so much restricted. with the big engine house. With this end in view they are ne

gotiating for a mammoth fire engine It is difficult to be patient with the imcosting \$5,400, an aerial hook and ladder pertinent Frenchman who wishes to know truck costing over \$5,100, five hose if Mr. Hay's note pleading for respect for wagons for \$7,500, \$1,000 worth of handthe "administrative entity" of China includes Thibet, to which Great Britain has sewed harness, four new gongs costing sent a military expedition. Thibet is guite \$150 each, about \$4,000 worth of hose,

as much the property of China as Manchuria, but naturally it makes a difference trimmings. By the time the new apwhether China is the victim of Russian or British aggression. Russian aggression is paratus is installed in the new fire enalways selfish and ulterior, while Great gine house a new fire company with Britain would scorn to seal anybody else's twenty-five additional men will probably territory except in the interests of civilizabe called for, entailing a steady outtion-civilization, as everybody understands,

being itself. tion to the present expense for fire The Sinews of War.

> Philadelphia Record. Several years ago Russia began the accu-

Altruistic Aggression

Detroit Free Press.

mulation of a huge treasure of gold, partly jobbers or for anybody else in Omaha. o enable it to redeem its paper money. which had long been irredeemable, and partly to serve as a war chest. It was found increasingly difficult to borrow in London, and Russian fiscal operations were transferred to Berlin and Paris. Borrowing became almost impossible there, and Russia turned again to London and also to New It may be necessary to buy fresh York. In neither money market were the

regults entirely satisfactory. A good deal of gold was paid out in redeeming the paper rubles, but a large stock was retained. making the country comparatively independent of loans in an emergency like the

### Growth of a Decade. Philadelphia Ledger.

Although the rural free delivery postal service is the growth of only a decade, its development in that brief period, as the convenience and benefits of the system impress themselves upon the public, is one of the most striking incidents in the history the postal service in the United States In 1994, 1896 and 1896 congress appropriated The people about the state capital are stone annually for experiments; last year making wonderful discoveries every the sum allotted for the purpose was more than \$7,500,000, and nearly 16,600 different routes are now in operation. About 17,000 employes are engaged in the service. They

Russians?

"Your husband lost his temper in a little dispute we had," said Gazzam to Mrs. Bickers. "That doesn't matter," replied Mrs. Bick-ers: "he has plenty left."--Detroit Free Brees Press.

"Do you mean to tell me that your suc-cess is due to the gratitude that people feel toward you?" answered Senator Sorghum. "Certainly," answered Senator Sorghum. "I give them money, and their gratitude leads them to vote my way."-Washington

PIE. Why is it no one over tries To learn who 'twas invented ples? What woman, beautiful and just. First rolled, and pinched, and cut the

crust, And, to alleviate distress, Filled it with pungent happiness?

First, there is juicy apple pie-For this did Father Adam sigh. For this did Father Adam sigh. It was no apple, red and sweet, That led astray his halting feet— It must have been an apple pie That loomed before his longing eye. Such pie-such apple pie, forsooth. As folks remember from their youth-. A pio with prinked and crumpled edge. Each slice of which would make a wedge To fetch one's good intent apart From any clutch on mind or heart; That Adam was inclined to fall. And all the planets in the sky. And all the planets in the sky,

Then, there are chicken pie, and lamb

Then, there are chicken pie, and la And oyster, mutton, veal-and-ham, And current and gooseberry pie, Blackberry, prune, and cherry pie, Peach, plum and sweet potato pie-Say, ever cat tomato pie? Tomato pie, almost unknown, Yet it deserves a pastry throne, For when it glows aright we see The purple rohe of royality. And oh, the taste and tang of it When by a hungry human bit! Baltimore had to call

Such stuff as dreams: Aye, dreams like It is so in the case of every great

Such shuff as dreams: Aye, dreams these: That comets are the bits of cheese And al the planets in the sky. And little stars, are lusclous pie! Our hearts in gladness to immerse By eating through the universe! Oh, one should never criticize The sober souls who scoff at pies, Whose views of pies are dark and g For they leave so much pie for him. Chicago had to do it in 1871 and

