



General Kuraki's favorite food is said to be beans.

The learning and playing of football are compulsory in the Argentine army.

Sir Thomas Lipton has an Italian neighborhood as well as his English baronets.

Wall papers made of imitation silk and satin are the latest fad in the "smart set."

The Japanese ammunition is made at Kure, where 150,000 men work ten hours a day.

A doctor in the West Indies says that beri-beri is caused by eating rice that has stood for a day or two after being cooked.

China's criminal code has been revised. The barbarous punishment of "licing to pieces" has been abolished, and it is believed that all torture will be abolished soon.

In the event of the birth of a Czarevitch, Drs. Ott and Hirsch were each to receive \$50,000. Had the baby been a princess, they would have received only a fourth of that amount.

A London paper remarks that at Llandudno, Wales, women riders have taken to divided skirts and riding astride, and that "the fashion was introduced to the town by fair Americans."

The sale of the Chickasaw-Choctaw coal lands is regarded as the most important pending event of the Territory. The value of the coal lands is variously estimated at \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.—Kansas City Journal.

A man employed in a Paris tea store has invented an apparatus that will fill and tie up parcels at the rate of forty a minute. He says that when the machine is in full working order it will do the work of seventy persons.

The entente cordiale between France and England has resulted in a remarkable influx of French tourists at the watering places on the south coast of England. All try to learn as much English as they can during their stay.

The gambling propensities of the Russians are indicated by the fact that more than \$1,500,000 is spent in Russia for playing cards. The Tsaritsa Marit charitable institutions have a monopoly of the manufacture and they make a large profit, as the production costs only about \$250,000.

About 90 per cent of the railway material imported into Korea in 1902 was of British origin. It consisted of rails and accessories for the Seoul-Fusan Railway. On August 18 a cargo of 10,454 steel rails and 3,653 bundles of fish plates, manufactured by a Sheffield firm, arrived at Chemulpo. A large quantity of similar supplies was also landed at Fusan, and it may be calculated that more than \$1,000,000 worth of British railway material found its way to Korea during 1903.—London Engineer.

The prison court was never so beautiful as now, and as the old-time inmate looks with mingled wonder and pleasure upon the gorgeous bloom of the flowers, the shade trees and the perfectly kept lawns, he finds difficulty in calling to mind the filthy and barren prison yard, with its unsightly, vile-smelling, vermin-ridden messroom of seven years ago. Few cities can boast handsomer parks than ours, and Warden Johnson is entitled to the credit and willing appreciation of every prisoner for the charming view which greets our eyes, from whatever point we may be stationed at our daily task.—Star of Hope (Sing Sing).

There may now be seen in the Zoological Society's menagerie an example of Speke's antelope (Tragelaphus Spekei). This animal, a young male, from Northern Rhodesia, is the first of its species which has reached the collections. It is one of the large "harnessed" antelopes found in the neighborhood of the great lakes; its hoofs are greatly lengthened, so that it is able to walk on swampy ground, or even floating herbage, with perfect ease. The fur of the adult antelope is of a grayish brown color, but the young animal is faintly marked with stripes and spots. The comparatively smooth horns, which are only present in the male, are long and slender; they are placed behind the eyes and form an elegant spiral.—Pall Mall Gazette.

#### CARE OF CUT FLOWERS.

**How to Keep Freshness of the Various Kinds.**

"They are just as fresh as they can be. I cut them only five minutes before I started," says the owner of a suburban garden to her city friend, as she presents a bunch of limp and deflected flowers at the end of a short railway journey.

For the sake of the thirsty blossoms, as well as of the disappointed city woman, the generous suburbanite should be told that the surest way to rob flowers of their freshness is to "cut them just five minutes before starting," says the Portland Oregon-

ness and violets, which need it less than some others—should be given the chance to drink their fill before setting out on a journey. If they are to be carried away by a morning train, roses or violets should be cut early to stand in water an hour or two before the start. Most other flowers will be all the better for being cut the evening before and left all night with their stalks in water—in some shady place in the open air, where the morning sun will reach them.

When long branches of flowering shrubs are cut, whether to be packed for transportation or for home adornment, it is well to assist the stem in absorbing water by increasing its absorbent surface, which may be done by cutting the stem with a slanting cut, by slitting it an inch or two up from the base, or by stripping off bit of the bark for a short distance from the end. Some flower stalks absorb a small quantity of water through their bark and should be plunged deeply in the water, almost up to the flowers.

The poppy and some few other flowers whose juice is of the same gummy character are found very difficult to keep when once severed from the plant, the usual experience being that they droop within an hour. This is due to the fact that their sticky juice exuding from the cut surface, hardens at once on exposure to the air and closes all the minute pipes through which the stem drinks up the water. Disappointments may be saved and the lovely bouquets of poppies kept in good condition for twenty-four hours or more by observing proper precaution in cutting and arranging.

In the first place, do not keep them long out of water after cutting. This is true to a greater or less extent of almost all flowers. It is better to make several trips to the garden, cutting a few flowers each time, than to cut a large quantity at once and to some lie upon the table waiting during the whole time consumed in arranging.

Have the vase filled with water standing ready for your poppies when they are brought from the garden. Take them singly and cut a bit from the end of each stalk, removing the surface that has become coated with the gummy sap that clogs the pores, then instantly plunge the stem in water, before the juice exuding has had a moment to stiffen on exposure to the air. Cut the stem with a slanting cut at right angles, slit it up an inch, but in either case be swift with your knife.

If the suburban gardener will study the tastes and habits of her flower when severed from the root as she studies the cultivation of the parent plant, she will have more satisfaction in the product of her garden and will bring more lasting pleasure to the sharers of her floral bounty. Her flowers, with stalks well filled by a deep draught before the journey, will be as well prepared for the railway trip as the camel who stores his extra stomach with water before setting out on his journey across the desert.

#### Why They Win Battles.

Henry Vignaud, the popular secretary of the United States Embassy at Paris, tells of an amusing incident in connection with the negotiations between the French Foreign Office and the Japanese Embassy looking to reciprocal trade concessions. It was decided to open to free trade some three ports in France and a like number in Japan. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the republic chose Yokohama, Kobe and Hang-yang. When an oral communication of the choice of the French was made to the Japanese ambassador he said nothing, but merely smiled. During his next call at the foreign office the Oriental advised the French that His Majesty's government had selected for Japan the three French ports of Havre, Marseilles and Southampton. At this the French Foreign Office officials went into fits of laughter at the absurd blunder, and pointed out that Southampton was a port in England.

"We were quite aware of the fact," responded the urbane Jap, "and Hang-yang is in Korea."—Woman's Home Companion.

#### Japanese Firemen.

With all his enterprise, the Japanese dislikes to hurry. Firemen going to a fire make the occasion a ceremonial affair. With their beautiful uniforms the companies march and counter-march and dance in leisurely state, no matter how serious the fire may be, some men carrying poles and ladders but more bearing banners, as if flame could be extinguished by a display of magnificence.

#### Most Active Volcano.

Mount Sangay is the most active volcano in the world. It is situated in Ecuador, is 17,123 feet in height, and has been in constant activity since 1728. The sounds of its eruptions are sometimes heard in Quito, 150 miles distant, and 267 reports were counted in one hour.

An Irish philosopher says a great man is one who doesn't have to do things he is compelled to do.

### NEBRASKA NOTES

The residence of George Halmas, northeast of Plattsmouth, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,500 with no insurance.

The Stockmen's Mercantile company of Lakeside has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000. The incorporators are C. H. Tully, I. T. Skites and J. S. Adams.

Frank Hitchcock has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for burglary. Hitchcock entered the room of Tony Palmer and stole a quantity of clothing.

A requisition has been issued for the return of Albert Troyer, now in jail at Antrim, Mich. He formerly dived at Havelock and is charged with seduction.

D. J. Kimmerly was badly injured in a runaway accident at Beatrice by being thrown from his wagon and will be confined to his home for some time because of his injuries.

New corn has made its appearance on the market. William Spellman, a grain buyer of Beatrice, purchased 1,000 bushels. The corn is of excellent quality and will grade No. 2.

Jacob Hoop died at Humboldt last week. He was 79 years of age and had lived in that neighborhood for the last thirty-four years. His wife has been dead a number of years. He leaves several grown children.

John Abts was seriously injured at Columbus. He caught his foot in one of the cogwheels of the Union Pacific water softener machinery. Several bones were crushed. It is not thought that amputation will be necessary.

Albert Abramson a bachelor 50 years of age living near Shelton, was robbed of \$152.00 in money and securities. A trunk in which he kept his valuables was taken to a cornfield and broken open.

The Asbland Light & Power company has been incorporated with a capital stock of 15,000. The incorporators are C. H. Brown, R. K. Brown, J. C. Ralstock and F. E. White.

A fire at Geneva which broke out in the Hensel & Benson restaurant destroyed that building and also the brick building owned by the Oad Fellows and Geneva State bank. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

General M. Tuhey, a Lincoln clerk, asks for a divorce from his wife on the ground that her social ambitions are beyond the limit of his income. He claims that his wife admitted that "she married the wrong man."

W. C. Catherwood, an old man who lives alone at Blair, was found helpless in his home by neighbors. It is supposed that he suffered a paralytic stroke. His condition is very serious and it is thought he will die.

Charley Smolinski caught a mammoth turtle in McPherson's lake, near Columbus. It weighs about thirty pounds. He killed the animal and carried it home. On the back of the turtle was the inscription: "W. F. M., 1871"

The local telephone company of Humboldt has completed the work of putting in a large cable to assist in caring for the largely increased business during the last few months. The bringing to the city of the rural exchanges adds greatly to the work of the local central and the managers are having a hard time to keep up with the demand for increased service.

Underwood Bros, who recently established a cigar factory in Beatrice employing none but union cigar makers, have notified their employees that in the future they will run an open shop. Following this announcement all the men employed in the factory, numbering seven, quit work but one Underwood Bros, own a cigar factory at Dixon Ill., and it is understood that they propose to adopt the same method at that place.

The birthday celebration and dinner given by the Women's Relief corps of Beatrice was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind held by the corps for a long time. Many members of the Grand Army post and relief corps of Wymore being in attendance. Dinner was served in post hall and the afternoon was spent in recalling memories of the past and renewing old acquaintances. The occasion was given in honor of the veterans whose birthdays come during the last six months of the year and about twenty-five were honored and were in attendance at the meeting.

### CRISIS AT AN END

**GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA DECIDE TO ARBITRATE.**

### WAR DOGS CALLED AWAY

**PRECIOUS NEAR A FIGHT, BUT ALL AGAIN SERENE.**

Agreement Entered Into and Promptly Ratified—Battle Fleet in Meantime Will Be Tied Up at Vigo, Spain.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The North sea incident will be settled by an international commission. This is absolutely assured. The British proposal submitted to Russia was to refer the question to a commission under articles nine and fourteen of The Hague convention and a certain number of officers of the Russian squadron competent to give testimony were to be left behind. Russia's proposition submitted to Great Britain through Ambassador Benckendorff declares that the emperor being desirous of shedding the fullest light on the North sea incident proposes that the whole question be submitted to scrupulous investigation by an international tribunal.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff after his audience with the emperor at Tsarskoe Selo, officially informed Ambassador Hardinge of the character of the Russian proposal, on direct reply being given to Great Britain's proposition.

It is simply a question now of which government will have the honor of offering a solution, the principle of which both have decided upon, the outcome of this appearing unimportant. The British proposal also provided for the representation of other powers besides Russia and Great Britain on the commission.

LONDON.—The Associated press is authorized to state that a satisfactory settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute has been reached. Several details and formalities remain to be arranged, but the proposal to refer the matter to a court of inquiry has been accepted.

LONDON.—Orders have been issued and acknowledged by Vice Admiral Rojensky that the Russian squadron remain at Vigo until the conclusion of the present Russian-British negotiations. This eliminates what was regarded here as one of the most dangerous features of the situation, namely the possibility of a premature clash between the British and Russian squadrons.

The cabinet considered the Russian proposition to submit the question of individual responsibility to a commission. The details of the constitution of this commission have not yet been quite determined upon but Russia has expressed her willingness to detach the commander of the second Pacific squadron and such other individual officers as may be found to have been directly concerned in the firing for the examination by the commission.

#### Pig Lead as Contraband

WASHINGTON.—The United States supreme court has been asked to decide whether pig lead is contraband of war, and the question was argued before that tribunal. The controversy arose in 1894 during the war between Japan and China and the parties to it are the Northern Pacific Railroad company and the American Trading company. The case grows out of a delay of about six weeks caused by revenue officers who refused to issue clearance papers to a vessel, with the lead on board, on the grounds that it was contraband. Delay ensued and when the lead reached its destination the war had closed. Consequently Japan, to whom the lead was consigned refused to receive the consignment at more than \$1,000 instead of \$33,000, the price first agreed on. The company asks an award of damages equal to the difference.

#### Rich Banker Suicide

DELAVER, Wis.—James F. Latimer, vice president of the Latimer bank, shot and killed himself in his back. He was seventy-one years old and was considered to be worth about \$200,000.

### SOME NOTICES DEPUTIES

**PREMIER SEES NEED OF A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.**

Debate on Proposal to Proscribe Certain Deputies Enlivened by Moving Insubstantials and Silliallaha.

MADRID.—Tumultuous scenes occurred in the chamber of deputies. When the discussion was resumed Saturday the disorders consequent in opposition's obstructive tactics compelled a suspension of the sitting and the appointment of a secret commission to give judgment on insults exchanged during the debate.

The sitting was subsequently resumed. The opposition repeatedly demanded roll calls on votes and the proceedings were heated and disorderly. The president, being threatened with personal violence, had to be protected by the clerks and attendants. The crucifix behind the president's chair was overturned by blows of sticks, all the writing material on adjacent desks was flung at the vice-president. Premier Maura was present on the ministerial bench from 7 o'clock in the evening declaring he would not leave till the sitting adjourned, which did not occur till late in the evening.

It is reported that Premier Maura will suspend the sittings and ask the chamber for a vote of confidence.

#### Advance Soon Due.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The arrival of Lieutenant General Linevitch at Mukden to assume command of the Siberian corps is the most interesting item of recent war news. The announcement of his appointment, which was telegraphed by a correspondent of the Associated Press, confirms the general expectation that Lieutenant General Linevitch will be summoned by General Kuropatkin to assume an important part in the conduct of the campaign. General Linevitch is sixty-six years old, but is as active as a young man and immensely popular among the Siberian troops, whom he commanded during the boxer war. He acted as commander-in-chief of the Russian forces prior to General Kuropatkin's appointment and arrival in Manchuria.

The first Russian army, which comprises six Siberian and three European corps, it appears, is likely to be split up into sections, one of which will be entrusted to the command of General Linevitch and the other most likely will form the nucleus of a third army under General Baron Kaulbars, at present commander-in-chief in the Odessa district. The appointment of the latter is regarded as certain. General Kaulbars achieved a prominence as Russian representative in Bulgaria during the firing of Prince Alexander. He has the reputation of being an energetic and headstrong commander.

#### Three Killed in Wreck.

KANSAS CITY.—Three persons were killed and twelve injured in a rear end collision between section No. 1 of train No. 3, Missouri Pacific world's fair special, at Tipton, Mo.

Train No. 3 on account of the heavy world's fair travel was made up in two sections, the first leaving St. Louis for Kansas City at 10:10 in the evening. The second section left a few minutes later and when it reached Tipton, section 1 was taking on passengers. According to Engineer Ramsey of section No. 2, a headlight in the yards blinded him and he was unable to see section No. 1. He also says that his orders were "clear ahead."

The second section was running about 30 miles an hour when the collision occurred. The end sleeper of section No. 1 was entirely demolished and the second sleeper was overturned.

#### General Attack on Port Arthur

CHEFOO.—The third general attack on Port Arthur began October 24, according to unapproachable authority. On October 26 Japanese shells set fire to the only smokeless powder magazine in Port Arthur. Portions of the town caught fire, the conflagration continuing the whole day. October 26 the Japanese captured the Russian trenches on the slope of Kibing mountain, also fortified position protecting the fortress. The Japanese consider the progress of the siege to be highly satisfactory.