

Secretary Hay is a grandfather and it's a boy. Bring on the little breeches.

Evidently the great need of the day is some man that can stand before Prof. Jim Jeffries.

When a Japanese wrestler loses the championship he can always qualify as a fat man at a dime museum.

The sultan of Turkey, like one or two illustrious Americans, hates to give up money and never takes a vacation.

Why cannot Uruguay and Paraguay unite, thus consolidating the revolution business and saving costs of production?

More than \$2,000,000 in Uncle Sam's gold is to sail on a transport for Manila. What a chance for a good enterprising pirate!

A Louisville judge has decided that a man may beat his wife. He doesn't say, however, whether with a club or at bridge or poker.

Another elopement in high society is proof that Love is still laughing at everybody and everything that seeks to thwart his plans.

Canada is moving for the protection of its musk oxen. North Africa should fall in line and prevent the further destruction of its civet cats.

Get out of the way, you ordinary Carnegie heroes. You never played third and, after breaking your leg, put out a runner and won the game!

As to the story that Patti will tour this country in an automobile, it should be said that the lady is much too humane to seek revenge in that way.

Really, it isn't necessary for you to save your hands. A well known bandmaster estimates that there are at least 20,000 of them in the United States.

If the Standard Oil monopoly is negotiating for the purchase of a bank in London, as the Times says, why does it not offer to buy the Bank of England?

Munroe's share of the gate receipts at that prize fight amounted to over \$6,000. This may account partially for the vigor with which Prof. Jeffries thumped him.

A woman has just died in Indiana who knew Aaron Burr when she was a child, which is another reminder what a youngster the United States is in the family of nations.

A dispatch from Newport mentions that one of the prominent society leaders there expects to sue for divorce in the fall. The number of invitations she intends to issue is not given.

When one of the visiting milliners speaks of a "stunning creation" she alludes to the effect of the hat on the public—not to the effect of the bill on the husband, as might be inferred.

It is interesting to observe that the people who are willing to inform you that they don't consider this country fit to live in are not rushing to take advantage of the reduced rates to Europe.

The secret service men who drowned a goose believing they were soaking danger out of a bomb must have felt a brotherly sympathy when they discovered the identity of the object of their effort.

Here's hoping that the clergyman who both in 1895 and in 1904 has captured the biggest cod caught in those years off Provincetown, is equally successful in his working season as a fisher of men.

The young woman who objects to paying 67 cents for the privilege of saying two swear words hardly has the masculine appreciation of expletive. And 67 cents looks like a bargain price at that.

From London now comes the news of the successful initial trip of a flying machine, the invention of Sir Hiram Maxim. Flying machines are so numerous now in various parts of the world that it is not easy to keep track of them. And still we cannot fly.

A business man, who is on the verge of nervous prostration, has been ordered by his physician to go into the country for a month and do absolutely nothing with his mind. As a part of the regime the doctor has prescribed the reading of a dozen popular novels.

Just as we expected! The report that a Norwegian whaler had found north of Spitzbergen a bottle containing a letter from Prof. Andree, dated in 1898, proves to be a hoax. Now aren't you glad that you didn't get excited?

The beginning of active work on the Panama canal is signaled by large requisitions for dynamite and powder from the isthmus. How much better is it to have these explosives used in this great work of peace than in the atrocities of war.

THE FLEET SAILS

GOES ON ITS LONG VOYAGE TO THE FAR EAST.

THE SHIPS IN THE SQUADRON

Four Cruisers and Several Torpedo Boats and Destroyers—To Be Joined Later at Liban by Twelve Transports.

CRONSTADT—The Baltic fleet sailed Sunday for the far east. The vessels of the fleet are the battleships Souvaroff, Vice Admiral Rojensky's flagship; the Navarin, Sissol, Valky, Borodino, Alexander III, Orel Oleg and the Ostfalia, Rear Admiral Voelkersam's flagship; the cruisers Admiral Naikhimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, Aurora and the Almaz, Rear Admiral Enquist's flagship, and several torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers.

The fleet will merely touch at Liban, where it will be joined by twelve transports, colliers and supply ships, already waiting there, and will then proceed direct to the orient. The scene on the departure of the fleet was an imposing one. At dawn the first anchor was hoisted on the swift cruiser Aurora, which, accompanied by two torpedo boats, slipped out of the harbor. The town was awakened by the booming of the guns of the forts as the Aurora sped towards Liban in advance of the main squadron.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the time set for the departure of the remainder of the fleet, the imperial yacht, with the emperor, Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral and other naval officers on board, put out from Peterhof, on the other side of the bay, with an escort of three torpedo boats. Admirals Rojensky, Voelkersam and Enquist went on board the imperial yacht and personally said farewell to the emperor.

Then, with the destroyers ahead and abeam, the Souvaroff led the squadron down the Finnish gulf. The water front and the piers and forts were crowded with spectators. The ensigns on the forts and yachts were dipped and the guns of each chain of forts across the bay joined in an admiral's salute, while from the signal masts above the forts fluttered a string of colored flags reading: "Good luck to the Baltic fleet on its long voyage."

IN SPITE OF THE FLAMES.

Japs Get Vast Stores and Ammunition at Liao Yang.

TOKIO—The general staff has not yet made public the details of the battle of Liao Yang. The people are still celebrating the victory, but there is considerable speculation over the official silence respecting General Kuroki's movements since Sunday.

It is reported that the Japanese, notwithstanding the ravages of fire, captured vast accumulations of Russian stores and ammunition at Liao Yang.

The report that Lieutenant Terauchi, son of Lieutenant General Terauchi, minister of war, was killed in the fighting before Liao Yang is denied.

TWO ARMIES ARE AFTER HIM.

Kuroki and Oku Are in Pursuit of Kuropatkin.

ST. PETERSBURG—A dispatch from General Kuropatkin, timed 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, was received later in the day.

He reported that General Kuroki's army was about twenty-seven miles eastward of the railroad and that General Oku's army was twenty miles west of the railroad.

The general staff expects that a big battle will be fought.

At 6:28 p. m. General Kuropatkin reported that he did not lose a gun during the retreat.

The best information of the war office indicates that General Kuropatkin lost about 17,000 men during the ten days' battle at Liao Yang.

Teamsters Return to Work.

CHICAGO—All probability of complications at the stock yards was removed when the packing house teamsters voted to return to work on Monday morning. The offer of the packers to take back now as many teamsters as are needed an d to hire the others as necessity demands was made known through a committee that had visited the packers, and the proposition was accepted without opposition. The packers were at once notified that the men would report for work at 9 o'clock.

Attendance at the World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS—The attendance at the World's Fair for the week ending September 10 was 875,947. Total since the opening of the exposition, 9,994,510.

Tragedy in New York Hotel.

NEW YORK—Warren J. Ferguson, 33 years old, a theatrical advance agent, is dying in a New York hospital from a bullet wound received during a quarrel in the Metropolitan hotel, in Broadway, and a young woman, who gave her name as Mrs. Gertrude Roberts, though acknowledging it to be fictitious, admits that she did the shooting. She alleges that Ferguson attempted to assault her, that she pointed the revolver at him to frighten him and that during a scuffle the revolver was discharged.

AGAIN HEAD OF IRISH LEAGUE.



JOHN F. FINERTY

The United Irish League of America at its session in New York conferred an honor on John F. Finerty of Chicago by re-electing him to the office of president. Patrick Egan, who was elected first vice-president, resides in New York. He was formerly minister to Chili. Both Mr. Finerty and Mr. Egan are among the league's most earnest workers.

FINDS A VOLUNTEER FLEET.

Orders of Russian Government Communicated.

ZANZIBAR, Island of Zanzibar—The British cruiser Forte early this morning found the British volunteer fleet steamers, St. Petersburg and Smolensk, within the three-mile limit and communicated to them the orders of the Russian government to desist from interference with neutral shipping. The commanders of the Russian vessels said they would forthwith proceed to Europe.

A report was brought in yesterday by the German steamer Kripinpritz that the St. Petersburg and Smolensk were coaling in territorial waters. The Forte immediately proceeded to search for them, and eventually found the Russian vessels. They were not coaling, but after the orders of the Russian government had been delivered to them the Sholensk and St. Petersburg joined a German collier and proceeded to Dar-Es-Salaam, on the African coast, twenty-five miles south of Zanzibar.

AMERICAN COLONY IS SAFE.

Consul Reports Many Victims of the Massacre.

WASHINGTON—The American consul at Harput has reported to the state department that he has visited Bitlis and is now in Moush.

The consul states that the district of Sassun is tranquil and pacified and the strategic points are garrisoned by infantry detachments and permanent barracks erected. The survivors of the massacre are in a destitute condition, but are attempting to rebuild their ruined villages with a little government aid. The consular corps at Bitlis estimates the number massacred and dead from exposure and hunger, etc., as 3,500. The American colony at Bitlis appears to be in no present or prospective danger.

Sues Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON—Major Peter R. Egan, surgeon in the United States army, brought suit against W. H. Taft, secretary of war, to compel him to remove from the record of court-martial proceedings, adjudging him (Major Egan) not guilty on charges of neglect of duty, the indorsement on the court's finding of Colonel Sanno, the reviewing officer, then commanding the department of Colorado, which indorsement the complainant says is in effect punishment for alleged offenses of which he was found not guilty at Fort Douglas, Utah, in December, 1901.

Emperor Issues Some Orders.

LONDON—The Daily Mail's Sinitman correspondent cabling under date of September 11, says: "General Kuropatkin has returned to Mukden after inspecting the fortifications at Tiepans, work on which was not well advanced, but which is being hurried along. At the same time costly efforts to delay the Japanese advance are being made. I learn from Russian sources that this is the outcome of the emperor's orders and that the emperor even peremptorily commanded Kuropatkin to retake Liao Yang."

Conditions in the Balkans.

ST. PETERSBURG—Prince George of Greece, high commissioner of the protective powers in the island of Crete, will arrive here Monday. It is understood he will report to the emperor on the conditions prevailing in the Balkans.

Offers Prize for Automobile Boat.

PARIS—The Auto announces that C. L. Charley, the automobilist, has offered a prize of \$10,000 for the first automobile boat which successfully accomplishes a voyage from New York to Havre.

Serious Anti-Semitic Riots.

ST. PETERSBURG—Anti-Semitic rioting took place at Rovno, in the government of Volhynia, September 4, during which, it is said, many persons were injured and shops pillaged. A similar outbreak occurred at Smela in the government of Kiev, where the troops were called. Ninety-eight houses and 145 shops were pillaged and several persons seriously and many slightly wounded by the troops. Many of the rioters were arrested. The affair lasted for two days, September 4 and 5.

SAFE AT MUKDEN

RUSSIAN ARMY DODGES THE JAPANESE.

RETREAT WITHOUT FIGHTING

Terrible Experience While on the Forced March Floundering Through the Mud Along the Mandarin Road—Hospitals Taxed by the Wounded.

ST. PETERSBURG—It seems to be definitely established that Field Marshal Oyama's tired troops abandoned on Wednesday the attempt to head off General Kuropatkin, whose army has arrived safely at Mukden after frightful experiences in floundering through mud and mire over the Mandarin road.

Some descriptions of the scenes along the line of retreat are almost incredible. They tell how the men lay down in the mud and slept in a dreaching rain.

It is evident that the last determined effort of the Japanese to bring Kuropatkin to bay was made on Tuesday, but the Russian commander-in-chief faced about and two corps with artillery beat off the Japanese, while the remainder of the troops continued the march to Mukden. After that the Japanese could only hang on to the flanks and try to shell the retreating columns from the hills.

The outposts are still in contact, but they are not even exchanging shots. A late Associated Press dispatch from Mukden describes the horrible plight of the tentless and shelterless soldiers.

The detailed statement of the Russian losses, which it is promised will be issued on Saturday, is awaited with intense interest. The general expectation is that the losses will approximate 20,000, as against 30,000 for the Japanese.

The work of burying the dead was left for the Japanese, who were forced to attempt the task as a matter of self preservation, but it was an impossible undertaking. The awful rains have handicapped the work of cremation, on which the Japanese relied, and only shallow trench burials were possible in most cases. Not only is such burial one of great difficulty, but it is almost valueless from a sanitary point of view, the storms undermining soon after it is accomplished.

The care of the wounded has taxed the hospitals to the utmost. One correspondent says that 12,000 wounded have passed through the Mukden hospitals up to Sunday and only the most severe cases could be attended by the nurses and surgeons. Many therefore had to be left to the rough, but well-meaning care of their comrades.

Now that the battle of Liao Yang is history officers of the general staff are more disposed to discuss some of the phases of the fight, but they still lack specific information, making it impossible to speak on many points.

General Kuropatkin's army at Liao Yang consisted of twenty battalions of infantry, 147 squadrons of cavalry and 700 guns, approximately 108,000 bayonets, 15,000 sabers and 10,000 gunners. Portions of two European corps and one Siberian corps had been left at Mukden and a number of these were brought into the fight.

The size of the Japanese army has not been definitely established, but its actual fighting force is supposed to have had a superiority in numbers of from 50,000 to 60,000 men and a considerable superiority in artillery.

One of the chief advantages possessed by Field Marshal Oyama, according to Russian experts, consisted in the greater elasticity in movements.

JAPANESE INSPECT THE NOVIK

Find Russian Vessel Sunk Within Six Hundred Yards of the Shore.

TOKIO—The officers commanding the Japanese expedition sent in to examine the wreck of the Russian cruiser Novik report that it is beached 900 yards southwest of Korsakovsk Lighthouse. It has a 30-degree list to starboard, and with the exception of a small portion of its bow it is entirely submerged. Even on its upper deck the water is knee deep in the most shallow places. Its conning tower and upper works were heavily damaged by the Japanese shell fire. It is impossible to ascertain definitely the extent of the damage under the water, but evidently it is considerable.

Russian land forces fired on the Japanese expedition while the examination was being made, but the expedition retired without sustaining any casualties.

Big Fire at Juarez, Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex.—The city of Juarez, Mex., across the river from El Paso, is threatened with destruction by fire. Already one block of the best business houses has burned and all efforts of the fire department have thus far been futile. The loss is heavy.

Confesses His Complicity.

TOPEKA, Kan.—B. F. Siagel, alias Robert Romaine, a deported Colorado miner under arrest here for burglary, has confessed to the county attorney to complicity in the Independence depot and the Vindicator mine explosions in the Cripple Creek district last June by which fifteen non-union miners were killed outright and others injured. Romaine says he helped to place the dynamite and wires running beneath the depot and by which the charge was set off with such disastrous results.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA.

Fire destroyed the roller flouring mills at Brainerd.

A harvest festival is to be held at Shelton September 20, 21 and 22.

Improvements amounting to several thousands of dollars have been made by the Union Pacific about the local depot and yards in Sutherland during the past week or two.

Henry Toler, a merchant of Anoka, was burned to death trying to save his wife after kerosene exploded, covering her in flames. She may die. The building is partially burned.

At a special election in Osceola the bonding of the town for a system of water works to cost \$25,000 was voted upon. The result was a majority in favor of the bonds of over four to one.

The Kearney Construction company, of which T. E. Parmele of Plattsmouth is president and W. J. Stadelman of Kearney is vice president, has been granted a franchise for an independent telephone system at Minden. A first class exchange will be installed in the near future.

The articles of incorporation filed by the Bank of Benson have been approved by the state banking board. The capital stock is \$50,000, divided into shares valued at \$100 each, and the incorporators are James A. Howard, B. H. Post, C. A. Tracy, Peter Gravatt, F. D. Pamur, H. O. Wulf and B. F. Thomas.

The members of the National Guard who are alleged to have insulted women in David City during the recent encampment there are to be punished if proven guilty, and the investigation that has been started by Adjutant General Culver will be pushed with vigor until the name of every guilty man is known.

The state board of public lands and buildings and the state board of irrigation held their regular meetings last week. The former board passed on a number of claims, including the one for the construction of the hospital at Milford, and the latter board merely approved the work done by Secretary Dobson during the last six months.

Rev. James Mark Darby, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Wahoo, among the announcements Sunday morning, made one of unusual interest to his congregation, that of a donation of a fine new piano by a friend of the church, Albert C. Killian. The congregation showed its high appreciation of the costly gift by a rising vote of thanks.

A young German, apparently about 21 years of age, who has been confined in the county jail at Wahoo for some time, was adjudged insane by the examining board and taken to the asylum at Lincoln. The young man was first discovered at Ashland running about in a half nude condition, and when parties tried to approach him he jumped into a creek.

A little waif was left just outside the door of the residence of Richard Sampson, a prominent farmer residing about a mile north of Seward. Cries from the child were heard in the house and Mr. Sampson went out and found it lying in a basket. The baby was a male child and well dressed and a card pinned upon its clothing told of the date of its birth.

A horse and buggy belonging to Henry Nast, a farmer living four miles south of Scribner, were stolen. Next morning the buggy was found beside the road on Somers avenue just outside Fremont, and later the horse was taken up near Leavitt. It is supposed that the thief stole the rig to come to Fremont with and turned the horse loose just before reaching the city.

Deputy Game Warden Smith went out into Hooker county and arrested James Cleary and A. O. Crawford, charging them with killing seven prairie chickens. The men were taken before a justice and fined \$35 and costs each, which they paid.

The house of Dr. T. C. Sexton at Fremont was visited by burglars. A marauder secured entrance to it by placing a chair under an unfastened window and climbing in. He went through everything in two rooms, secured some small articles and \$15 in money, and then climbed out, taking Dr. Sexton's clothing with him. From the pockets he took a fine gold watch, but he left the garments on the lawn.

Governor Mickey and party will leave for Seattle to witness the launching of the battleship Nebraska, about October 3. It has not yet been decided over what road the party will go, but it has been decided that no free transportation will be secured. The trip cannot consume more than ten days, as October 18 has been set apart as Nebraska day at the St. Louis exposition, and the governor and staff will leave for that place October 16.

Old settlers of Otoe county last week held their thirty-sixth annual picnic.

Judge Paul of St. Paul was in Grand Island the other day and stated that he would have a bill introduced in the next legislature providing for the requirement of bonds from court reporters. It is found that the recent departure of Reporter Kendall of that district necessitates the retrial of two cases in Hall county, one in Greeley, one in Loup, two in Boone and one in Grant because the records were never completed.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER.

Expenditures of the Month in Excess of Receipts of Office.

LINCOLN—Expenditures have exceeded receipts in the state treasurer's department, both during the quarter ending August 31 and the month of August, according to the quarterly and monthly reports of Treasurer Mortensen. The total receipts for the quarter were \$815,286.87 and the expenditures \$1,065,864.01, an excess of \$250,577.14. The receipts for the month of August were \$168,382.72, and the expenditures \$209,782.85, or an excess of \$41,420.13. Cash on hand in all funds amounts to \$3,638.26, and cash on deposit to \$331,778.20, or a total cash fund of \$335,416.46. The cash on hand in the permanent school fund is \$69,319.85, against \$296,236.36 on June 1.

The decrease is owing to the investment of the funds in state and county securities, of which the state board of educational lands and funds has purchased heavily during the quarter. No securities are being purchased at present, the treasurer confining himself to the purchase of state warrants as an investment. Collections have been slack during July and August, but are expected to revive during September and October, because of personal taxes becoming delinquent on November 1. Following are the balances for the quarter and month, with the statement of bank balances at the close of business August 31:

Table with columns: Balances, June 1, 04, Aug. 31, 04. Rows include General, Permanent school, Temp. university, Perm. university, Ag. col. endow., Temp. university, Hospital, insane, State library, University cash, Normal library, Normal endow., Normal interest, Inheritance tax, Pen. sp. labor, Pen. land, Ag. and mech. arts, U. S. exp. station, and Totals.

NURSE CAUGHT UNDER TRAIN.

Alice Maline of Cozad Loses Both Legs Below the Knees.

LEXINGTON—Miss Alice Maline, a professional nurse, whose home is twelve miles northwest of Cozad, and who has been nursing two typhoid fever patients in this city, concluded she would go home for a short rest. Train No. 5, which stops at Cozad, is due here at 12:15 o'clock a. m. When Miss Maline arrived at the depot yards a freight train was on the side track between her and the depot. Train No. 3, which does not stop at Cozad, was at the depot. Mistaking this for her train, Miss Maline crawled under the freight train. Just as she did so the train pulled up to open the crossing. She was caught under the wheels and terribly mangled, requiring the amputation of both limbs below the knees. The local surgeons here deemed it best to have her removed to a hospital in Omaha. Very little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Drops Dead at Telephone.

BEATRICE—John P. Anderson, for the past eighteen years a groceryman of this city, dropped dead in his store. He had stepped back to the rear of the room to use the telephone, when he suddenly dropped to the floor and expired. One of the clerks heard the body fall and rushed to Anderson's assistance, but life was extinct. The receiver of the telephone was swinging below the transmitter when the clerk reached his side, showing that he had been talking to some one when stricken down.

Arranging for the Launching.

At their request Governor Mickey has sent to Moran rosters, builders of the battleship Nebraska, the names of the state officers, congressmen, judges and others who will be invited to attend the launching of the ship, October 7. Governor Mickey will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Nain Mickey, who will christen the ship. Mrs. Mickey will be unable to attend. The arrangements for the trip will be made by Adjutant General Culver, but so far nothing definite has been decided upon, and it is not known whether a special train will be secured. General Culver is in Omaha, and upon his return it is expected he will soon complete the details of the arrangements.

Pulled Crepe from Door.

GRAND ISLAND—Dodd Gilmore, a stranger, was arrested for drunkenness and fined ten dollars and costs. Gilmore in passing the law office of Hon. W. H. Thompson pulled the crepe, hung there during the death and burial of Mr. Thompson's daughter, from the door.

Collections Are Slow.

LINCOLN—There probably will be no call for the retirement of state warrants issue by the state treasurer this month, unless receipts pick up. Collections are very slow at present and there is on hand in the general fund available for retirement of warrants only about \$15,000. Warrants usually are retired in blocks of \$50,000, and at the most not more than \$76,000 can be retired this month. The cash on hand in the permanent school fund also is low, owing to the slow investment.