

The air cocktail is cheap. The headacheless feature also commends it.

What fun Japan is storing up for herself in "investigating" her heroes after the war is over!

Residents of Port Arthur can practice economy in one direction. They do not need to buy alarm clocks.

Among those who think a Derby isn't all they claim it to be is the lady whose beautiful train was stepped on.

There is a great deal of pretense in the culture of some people. They carry an imitation gold case in a chamois bag.

They are passing around the doctor of letters degree more freely than usual this season. It makes a very pretty boutonniere.

It's a queer thing that champion Jeffries, after surviving all the perils of championship prize fights, should be disabled at baseball.

"Does your lawn mower need sharpening?" asks an advertiser, in big, large type. Of course it does. All lawn mowers always do.

Mr. Carnegie declares that he has prospered because of his ability to employ men cleverer than himself. Such modesty seems too good to be true.

Miss Carl's portrait of Tsi An makes the dowager empress look quite young and handsome. This shows how kind-hearted a girl the young American artist is.

The pounding of the hammer and the scrape of the trowel and the clink of the riveter are the chief sounds that now greet the ears of visitors to Baltimore.

The Sultan of Turkey has received another protest from the powers in regard to the Armenian atrocities. Like the other 41,444 protests, it has been placed on file.

If the ministers of Cincinnati stick to their intention of telling the truth about the deceased in all cases, a good many of their fellow-citizens will be afraid to die.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee cabled from San Domingo to the navy department as follows: "Revolution now ended." He carelessly neglected, however, to mention which one.

One of the amiable professors of Chicago university announces that hell is not a fact, merely a condition. But when the condition is sizzling, what's the odds about the fact?

The newspaper correspondents in the field with the Japanese army have submitted a round-robin protest to the staff, and in all probability the staff knows precisely what to do with it.

Two New York amusement managers have just signed a contract with Edouard de Roszke for a tour of sixty concerts in this country next season, just as if they had never heard of Patti.

According to the pure food authorities, much of the raspberry jam of commerce is composed of syrup of apple cores, aniline dye and haysseed. It is almost as base a deceiver as maple syrup.

The directors of the Yale library announce that they have a fragment of a lost tragedy by Aeschylus or Sophocles in a package of papyrus fragments lately found in Egypt. More trouble for the students.

An esteemed contemporary raises the question of how to distinguish between poison ivy and Virginia creeper. One sure way is to rub the face and hands thoroughly with the suspect and note results.

Perhaps the scientific assertion that a man's beard is the home and haunt of countless harmful microbes there is some comfort for the youth who is trying desperately to raise a small mustache and can't.

According to a London newspaper "nothing remains for Kuropatkin but to stake his all upon one last wild fling of the iron dice." Previous to writing this the author must have taken one last wild fling at a dope bottle.

When the liberty bell was in Minneapolis the public schools were dismissed and the Rapid Transit company gave each of the 35,000 children a free ride to view the bell and return. That was better than any lesson in history that the children may have missed.

We read with delight that Alfred Austin anonymously sent a one-act play to a London theater-manager a while ago which the manager thought was capital and which he has accepted. It's such a pleasure to learn that Alfred can write something.

"Hereafter," says a contemporary, "the average man will examine the life rafts and life preservers before he trusts himself on an excursion steamer." Probably not. The careful man may do so, but the average man will continue to take things for granted.

AS TO MEDIATION

JAPAN NOT IN POSITION TO LISTEN TO IT JUST NOW.

WANTS TO WIN HER VICTORY

She Must First Secure Strategic Point, But Even Then Former Terms Would Not Be Acceptable—England Ready to Mediate.

LONDON.—The news from Washington that steps were believed to have been taken looking to the mediation between Russia and Japan creates great surprise here. The British government not only has taken no part in such measures, but apparently is ignorant that they are in progress. Official opinion here from Premier Balfour down is that the time is not yet ripe for any offer of mediation, but to quote a person in Mr. Balfour's confidence:

"Great Britain has kept the door open for any such contingency. It is not likely that this government would be acceptable in the role of arbitrator, but it would at the right time use all of its influence to urge the belligerents to accept the offer from a suitable mediator. There seems to be no reason for thinking that the government would not fill that role suitably, but Russian opinion is always a rather unknown factor."

From the highest official sources here and from the Japanese legation comes the positive statement that a thing whatever has resulted from the interviews between King Edward and Emperor William at Kiel in any way connected with the Russo-Japanese war. There seems to be no doubt that responsible ministers seriously warned King Edward that he must not initiate any step in that direction with his imperial nephew.

The Japanese legation, it appears, made discreet inquiries as to whether or not this advice was carried out, and it was stated there tonight that there was every reason to believe the war was not discussed at Kiel, except in the most informal and conversational way.

It was also pointed out at the Japanese legation, which was entirely ignorant of any news concerning movement toward mediation, that the present moment would be the most inopportune, so far as the Japanese are concerned, for any such step. Japan, it was maintained at the legation, must first secure some such strategic point as Liao Yang before she is in a position to maintain such advantages as she has already won in Manchuria. Without a commanding strategic base, Japanese officials here believe their forces would be unable either to rest on the present laurels or to push forward.

Whether this is accomplished by a decisive battle or by the retirement of the Russians, the Japanese here say mediation cannot be dreamed of until that phase of the struggle is settled one way or the other. Subsequent to the Japanese achieving or falling in this objective, it was thought that mediation might be possible, but Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, reiterates that the terms Japan was willing to accept prior to the hostilities cannot possibly be considered now.

JAPS TELL OF VICTORY.

Details of Fight at Fen Shui Pass Sent Out from Tokio.

TOKIO.—Detailed reports of the capture of Fen Shui pass on June 27 show that the Russians were driven from an exceedingly strong position dominating the Shi Muehen road. In this engagement the Russian losses were again heavier than those of the Japanese. The Japanese outmaneuvered the Russians by working around the enemy's right flank and attacking him in the rear.

The Japanese advanced in three columns. One was assigned to deliver a frontal attack and the others to strike the enemy on the flanks. The column which advanced upon the Russian right flank fought a separate action. It encountered three battalions of infantry, six guns and two machine guns on Sunday morning. This engagement lasted until sunset of Sunday. At this hour the Japanese bivouacked and renewed the assault at midnight, when they succeeded in defeating the Russians.

Kiel Meeting Little Discussed.

BERLIN.—Few of the newspapers here have discussed the political importance of the meeting at Kiel between King Edward and Emperor William, and those who have discussed it confined themselves to general terms. When they particularized at all it was in connection with the relations between Great Britain and Germany, the editors looking upon the meeting as a evidence that these relations were "normally cordial." No mention has been made of the Russo-Japanese war in this connection.

Minister to Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON.—Thomas C. Dawson, the newly appointed minister to Santo Domingo, cabled the state department on Wednesday notice of his arrival at Puerto Plata. Instead of proceeding directly to the capital of Santo Domingo, to present himself to President Morales in his capacity of minister to succeed Mr. Powell, the new minister will be taken aboard the Newark, or if that vessel is occupied, then on the Bancroft or Scorpion, and will visit the principal ports of Santo Domingo.

TRAINS WILL SUE FOR LAND.

Heirs of George Francis Contemplate Action to Recover Vast Property.

OMAHA.—A suit to obtain possession of 500 acres of valuable city property in Omaha, covered by streets, homes and buildings of various kinds, is to be started in the federal court by heirs of the late George Francis Train. The property involved is estimated to be worth from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000, and is bounded, roughly, by the Union Pacific tracks, Twentieth street, Vinton street and the Missouri river. It is an immense section of the most thickly populated of the south side.

RUSSIANS NOW WANTING COREA.

No News Taken to Indicate That Battle is Imminent.

ST. PETERSBURG.—No further word has come from General Kuropatkin later than June 27 and not a single newspaper dispatch has been received from the front during the last twenty hours. This silence in the theater of war is regarded as a sign of the coming storm.

The Bourse Gazette this morning says:

"We are on the eve of a battle which may settle the fate of Manchuria and Corea. Both must become Russian—the former because Russian blood was shed there, the latter because it is essential to the safety of our commercial interests between Vladivostok and Port Arthur."

JAPS CARING FOR RUSSIANS.

Wounded Are Treated by the Mikado's Nurses.

LONDON.—The correspondent of the Standard at Matsuyama, Japan, cabling under date of June 30, says:

"Today I visited the Russian prisoners here. Five hundred and eight of them were admitted to the army hospital, practically all of whom suffered from wounds inflicted by small arms. Two hundred and nine have been discharged as completely cured. At present there are twelve officers, thirty-seven non-commissioned officers and 245 privates under treatment here, and all of them are likely to recover, with the exception of one who has been paralyzed.

"There are five temporary hospitals in Matsuyama, in which Japanese ladies, women missionaries and members of the Red Cross assist in the nursing."

FOR LIFE IN THE PEN.

Supreme Court Passes on the Case of Mrs. Lillie.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie must serve a life sentence in the penitentiary. So decrees the Nebraska supreme court in an opinion handed down on Thursday.

The decision was a surprise to a number of the jurists who have defended the David City woman, charged with the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie. They expected that a new trial would be granted, and the decision, coming as it does at the last summer session of the judges, caused deep gloom among the prisoner's friends.

An attempt will be made to get a re-hearing, but in the meantime the prisoner will be brought to the penitentiary to begin the sentence.

Money for the Militia.

WASHINGTON.—Acting Secretary Oliver of the war department has made the usual annual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriation providing arms and equipments for the organized militia for the United States. Of the money apportioned Arkansas will receive \$17,952; California, \$19,947; Colorado, \$9,973; Idaho, \$5,984; Illinois, \$53,858; Iowa, \$25,932; Kansas, \$19,947; Missouri, \$35,995; Montana, \$5,984; Nebraska, \$15,958; Nevada, \$5,984; North Dakota, \$7,979; Oregon, \$7,979; South Dakota, \$7,979; Texas, \$35,905; Utah, \$5,984; Washington, \$9,973; Wyoming, \$5,984; Arizona, \$5,767; New Mexico, \$5,234; Oklahoma, \$13,104; Hawaii, \$7,500.

Convicts California Lyncher.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—James Cowan, a Mojave miner, charged with the murder of James Cummings, a negro, who was lynched at Mojave on March 19, was, on Thursday, convicted of manslaughter. The jury recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court. One juror stood out all night for murder in the first degree, with the death penalty. The other members of the mob who went to the jail with the intention of tarring and feathering the negro may now be prosecuted.

Claim Capture of Three Forts.

TOKIO.—It is unofficially reported that the Chik Wan Shan, Chitan Shan and So Cho Shan forts, southeast of that part of the Port Arthur defenses, were captured on Sunday after an all-day fight, beginning with an artillery duel. So Cho Shan, it is added, was first captured and the other forts fell soon afterward. The Russians retreated west, leaving forty dead, and the number of wounded has not been ascertained. The Japanese force consisted of all branches of the service. The Japanese lost three officers.

RUSH TO GET LAND

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN FILE ON TRACTS.

ORDER PREVAILS EVERYWHERE

Crowds at the Land Office Stand in Line All Night in Order to Be on Hand in the Morning—Miss Pitts Gets First Chance.

SIDNEY, Neb.—The streets packed with people from everywhere, anywhere and all other directions characterized the opening here of the land to settlement under the new Kinkaid homestead bill. The gradual gathering of people for several days past preparatory to the opening steadily grew until with last evening's gorgeous setting of the Western Nebraska sun there had assembled in Sidney an approximation of 1,000 land locators. As denser fell the shades of the Sidney night, so also closer grew the ranks and lines of the Cheyenne homeseekers.

Beds were an utter impossibility, and the future settlers coalesced into long and serrated columns, which occupied city streets and sidewalks, these columns reaching from suburbs to the night-closed doors of the centrally located land office in the Oberfelder block. The night hours passed rapidly with the jollity of agreeable discourse and comradeship and the jubilation of the next day's assurance of the ownership of wide and rich acres.

The dawn broadened to the daylight and the daylight burst into the sunlight with the rising of the sun the long line of waiting homeseekers steadied themselves anew, and with the opening of the land office doors at 9 o'clock were apparently as fresh as if they had counted no long and weary periods of the waiting night.

During the lagging hours of the dark watches Miss Nettie Pitts had been a bright particular star, shedding a cheerful and constant radiance from one end of the waiting line to the other, and when at last the doors of the land office were open, she and her venerable father were, by a unanimous and hearty vote, given, irrespective of any rotation in the line of land locators, the first two land filings in Cheyenne county under the new Kinkaid homestead law, Miss Pitts quickly filing on a superb 480-acre homestead and her father at once following her with a 480-acre location. These two locations started the rush, and from thence to 4 p. m. the filings fell thick and fast, running at times as high as one per minute, with 400 locations registered for the day and a cash land office aggregate of \$5,000.

The locations of today will aggregate 200,000 acres, while tomorrow will see the filing on of at least 150,000 acres additional. The third day will be handsomely represented, and it is expected that these three days of initial location under the Kinkaid homestead act will bring a total settlement approximating 500,000 acres in the Sidney land district.

The Sidney land office officials express the confident opinion that the work of locations of the first three days will be continued on a sufficient scale to practically exhaust the entire 850,000 acres available under the Kinkaid land act in this district within the next three months.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION TICKET.

An Eastern Candidate Named for Standard Bearer.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The prohibition party, in national convention here, nominated Silas C. Swallow of Pennsylvania for president and George W. Carroll of Texas for vice president.

The platform presented by the resolutions committee denounces the legalized sale of liquor, and expresses the view that it is ruinous to individual and national interests. It denounces the two leading parties for lack of statesmanship on the part of their leaders, for their lack of interest in the liquor question, and promises not only that the traffic shall not exist in any form, but that the party will enact laws to abolish the manufacture and sale of liquor.

It also asserts that the issues of the two leading parties are a subterfuge for the spoils of office, and that the prohibition party is really the only party which can run the government along correct lines and for the best interests of the public.

Bryan May Not Bolt Parker.

PITTSBURG.—"William J. Bryan will not bolt his party ticket if Judge Parker is nominated for president. Of this I am confident," declared ex-Senator J. K. Jones national democratic chairman, while in this city en route to the St. Louis convention. "As to what Mr. Bryan might do if Mr. Cleveland is nominated, I could not say, but I regard the nomination of Cleveland as little short of an impossible contingency. Outside of Judge Parker, Mr. Hearst will have the greatest number of instructed delegates."

Missouri Wants Cockrell.

JOPLIN, Mo.—Missouri democrats will meet in convention here Wednesday to elect thirty-six delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. They will likely be instructed unanimously to work for the nomination of Senator Francis M. Cockrell for president. United States Senator William J. Stone, Gov. A. M. Dockery and Congressman Champ Clark and D. A. De Armond are in the lead for delegate-at-large, although there is a movement to make ex-Senator George G. Vest one of the big four.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

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A traveling man, giving his name as F. W. Mueller, was stopping at an Auburn hotel, in Falls City, the other day and gave the landlord a check for \$30 on a bank outside of Auburn. After cashing it the hotel man found it worthless, the man being unknown to the bank. He was arrested and taken to Auburn.

Supt. and Mrs. Johnson of the Institution for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice returned home from Portland, Me., where they had been attending the national conference of correction and charities for the past week. They say that the meeting was largely attended, delegates being present from all parts of the United States.

At a meeting of the public library of Grand Island it was ordered that the library be closed for three days and that all the books be fumigated. Complaint has reached the library board, directed at it, that it has permitted books to go and come from a home in which there was scarlet fever, and it is stated that such an incident did occur, though there are comparatively few cases of scarlet fever.

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SWAMPY LAND TO BE DRAINED.

Five Thousand Acres in Sarpy County to Be Fitted for Farming.

PAPILLION.—H. D. Patterson, county surveyor, has completed a report on the proposed Forest City drainage ditch and submitted it to the commissioners. This ditch will run through the west portion of the county, and will drain in the neighborhood of 5,000 acres of swampy land, rendering it in a condition to be farmed. Two ditches are required, the main ditch alone draining 5,102 acres of land. It will be 29,765 feet in length, 5 feet deep and 6 feet wide at the bottom. The cost of constructing such a ditch will be \$9,648.81. Altogether 49,362 cubic yards of earth will have to be excavated in its building. A spur ditch will also be constructed from the main one, its length to be 2,600 feet; depth, 4 feet; width at the bottom, 6 feet. A removal of 3,444 cubic yards of dirt will be required. This smaller ditch will drain 336 acres of soggy land and will cost \$673.42. Total length of the two ditches will be 32,365 feet, affording the best of drainage for 5,439 acres of land. Total cost, \$10,322.73.

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