

A surgical operation has made a bad boy good, and the operation didn't kill him either.

Some girls always blush consciously when the fatal gift of beauty is casually mentioned.

A few more narrow escapes will place J. Pierpont Morgan in the list of dime museum eligibles.

The Chicago saloon-keeper named Wolf who lost \$6,700 from his shoe will be excused for making a howl.

The finest apartment in New York's newest palatial hotel costs \$125 a day. Now many minutes could you stay there?

Glassboro, N. J., is going to give the successful presidential candidate a silk quilt. The other man will get the quilting.

It is a poverty-stricken Newporter, indeed, who can not lose \$100,000 of jewelry before breakfast any morning in the week.

The small boy is enthusiastically in favor of nature work in the schools, with strong leanings toward the green approach.

Do not let the war in the East and the campaign drive from your mind the thought of imminent danger. This is still leap year.

New York has a new law against offering as well as taking bribes. If there were no bribe-givers there could be no bribe-takers.

Doubtless we should be more impressed with the hardships of mink war if the terrors of the football season were not already upon us.

Clara Ward is coming to America to enter vaudeville. Her friends should interfere and save her from the evil influences of the stage.

And this is the new commandment: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's jewels, nor his yacht, nor his automobile, nor anything that is his.

"The night is very still," dolefully sings a magazine poet. We would respectfully suggest the immediate purchase of a small lot of Thomas cats.

The Germans have already started to save up \$1,250,000 to buy the Kaiser a present for his silver wedding anniversary. It pays to be popular.

An Omaha doctor successfully treats lockjaw by placing his patients in a refrigerator. It is the resultant chattering, doubtless, that loosens up the jaw.

The oculists now assert their ability to cure drunkenness by relieving eye strain. We should think glasses would be about the worst thing for this malady.

The statement is reiterated that the world's entire stock of radium is only a small fraction of an ounce. Is somebody trying to bull the radium market again?

The Homestead plant has closed a contract with Japan for enough nickel steel armor plate to keep the mills making it busy for three months. Banzai!

We have J. J. Van Alen's word for it that his decision to turn Briton is inspired by dislike for the United States and not by any hostile feeling toward the British.

The new treaty between Tibet and Great Britain yields all to the latter. Tibetans convinced by pure reasoning of the justice of their adversaries' contention, of course!

The New York man who is paying \$300,000 for a separation from the woman who promised to love, honor and obey him is realizing what a dear woman she is at any price.

Japan's recent heavy orders for American armor plate for new battle-ships show that the mikado has not allowed the excitement of the war with Russia to muddle his judgment.

The Carnegie free library at Allegheny has opened a room in which men may smoke while they read. It is thought in this way a good many men can be induced to read while they smoke.

A Paris aesthete has opened a school to teach how to "sleep gracefully." A large number of insomnia sufferers will give it abundant support if it will instruct them how to sleep any old way.

The daughter of Anglicized American millions, Miss Pauline Astor, will go with a French trowel to her wedding with a British captain. Before such a diversity of international interests even felicitation must ignore national lines.

Another man has tried to swim the English channel. He did all but the last two miles. Considering how difficult these two miles have been found by all who attempted the task, it's a wonder that somebody doesn't swim these first.

POSTS CAPTURED

THREE DAYS' FIGHTING IN PORT ARTHUR VICINITY.

JAPANESE SUCCESS REPORTED

They Capture Several Important Posts—Their Losses, However, According to Russian Sources, Were Unusually Severe.

CHE FOO—As a result of the battle before Port Arthur, which began on September 19, the Japanese succeeded in capturing several important posts and Sunday the Russian tenets of the big forts guarding the north, northeast and northwest sides of the town is seriously threatened.

Chinese information places the Japanese losses under 3,000 for the three days' fighting, and this comparatively small casualty list is due to the excessive care used by the Japanese in making their preparations for the advance. Russian sources, however, claim to have information that the Japanese losses were unusually severe, amounting to fully three times the number mentioned above.

Possibly the most important capture during the three days' fighting was that of Fort Kouropatkin, which, while of minor value with regard to preventing the entrance of the Japanese into the town, had been constructed for the purpose of protecting the source of the garrison's water supply. The control of this water supply is now in the hands of the Japanese.

As was announced in these dispatches on September 20, the battle began before daybreak on September 19. At this hour the citizens of the garrison of Port Arthur, after the enjoyment of weeks of comparative security, awoke to the thunderous reports of artillery along the line extending from the west of Itz mountain to Rihulung and Kikwan mountains. This was but a preface to the assault, which was destined to result in the capture of three new and important Russian positions, together with six small annoying forts lying between Shushiyen and Rihulung mountain. During the day and night of the nineteenth and at noon of the twentieth the bombardment continued without cessation, and the many shells falling from quarters which previously had been silent made it obvious that the Japanese had at least succeeded in mounting heavy guns in new positions or in strengthening their old positions. The infantry fighting during this period was comparatively trivial.

At noon on September 20 the Japanese right and center, the former being to the west and the latter to the east of the railroad, commenced the advance. The troops made use of the trenches and infrequent natural cover that lay in their way. The small forts to the south of Shushiyen resisted this advance but briefly, their garrisons not being strong numerically. Since the beginning of the bombardment the artillery fire from Fort Kouropatkin had been growing steadily weaker and it having become apparent that the had been practically silenced the Japanese assaulted the forts.

GEORGIA MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.

People Leave Church to Participate in Lynching. ATLANTA, Ga.—A special to the Constitution from Royston, Ga., says: John Ware, a negro, was lynched in Frankling county for fatally shooting Cy Daniel, a son of George Daniel of Danielsville. Young Daniel and the negro had some words over a trivial matter. It is said the negro, becoming greatly enraged and swearing that no white man could run over him, drew a pistol and shot Daniel, the bullet inflicting a wound that will prove fatal.

The news of the shooting quickly spread and a crowd began gathering, many leaving church to join in the search for the negro. Ware was captured and while being hurried to Carnesville by the sheriff was overtaken by the mob. He was taken from the sheriff and hanged to a tree.

THERE ARE NINE DEAD.

An Electric Car Blown to Pieces by Dynamite.

MELROSE, Mass.—An outward-bound electric car containing thirty-two persons was blown to pieces in this city Wednesday night by striking a fifty-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright, three more died of their injuries within an hour, and nineteen others on the car were taken to the two hospitals suffering from severe injuries. At least a score of persons in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

So great was the force of the explosion that all but the ten feet of the rear portion of the car was blown into small pieces, while windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered.

Jealous of American Shipping.

LONDON—The London Morning Post in a strong editorial on the shipping question says that German energy is conspicuous, but that there is even greater need to keep a watchful eye on the shipping of the United States. The paper suggests with withdrawal of the privilege of recovering, a freedom to negotiate for reciprocal concessions and thinks a revival of some of the old navigation laws would be easier now than if the step becomes necessary in the face of greatly increased rivalry.

PROTECTS MONEY OF INDIANS.

Proceeds of Lands Deposited in Bank Subject to Agent's Control.

THE GREAT CANAL

CHIEF ENGINEER WALLACE TALKS OF THE PROJECT.

WASHINGTON—One of the most drastic orders ever issued by the government for the protection of the several Indian tribes against fraud and robbery was promulgated Tuesday by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan. The order in question amends the rules for the sale of inherited Indian lands, so as to require that the proceeds to be derived from their sale shall be placed with the most convenient United States depository to the credit of each heir in proper proportion, subject to the check of such heirs or their recognized guardians, for amounts not exceeding \$10 to each in any one month. Before being paid, however, it will be necessary for these checks to be approved by the agent or other officer in charge. For sums in excess of \$10 per month the money will be paid upon the approval of the agent only when specifically authorized so to do by the commissioner of Indian affairs.

Acting Secretary Ryan said that heretofore the lands have been sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds paid directly to the Indians, with the result that in many instances the Indians soon were divested of their money.

WEATHER MEN AT BANQUET.

Addresses Are Made by Prominent Members of Service.

Peoria, Ill.—The announcement was made at the weather convention of the appointment of James H. Spencer, in charge of the United States weather exhibit at St. Louis and late of the Lincoln, Neb., office, to take charge of the station now building in this city. The annual banquet was held at the National hotel Thursday night. Addresses were made by Congressman Joseph V. Graff, Prof. F. R. Stupart, head of the weather bureau at Canada; Captain George P. Blow, representing the United States navy; Prof. Cleveland Abbe of Washington, Dr. Fasig of Baltimore, Prof. A. G. McAdie of San Francisco, Mr. Curley of Chicago, representing a department of marine insurance, and others.

A telegram of congratulations was received from Secretary Wilson.

The forenoon was given up to an address and the ensuing discussion on the topic, "Instructions and Research by Weather Bureau Officials," by Prof. Abbe of Washington.

CRAZY MAN AT OYSTER BAY

Taken in Charge by Officers While Going to Sagamore Hill.

OYSTER BAY, R. I.—A man who is regarded by the secret service officers and by the authorities of Oyster Bay as a dangerous crank was apprehended here Tuesday. He is J. E. Reeves, a medium sized, roughly attired man about 40 years old. He was making his way to Sagamore Hill when he was arrested. He told Officer Tyree, who apprehended him, that he wanted to see the president on important business. Believing from the man's manner that he was insane, Officer Tyree took him before Justice Franklin for examination. To the justice Reeves said that six years ago he died in a New Jersey hospital and went to heaven in an automobile. While there he received an important message for President Roosevelt which he was directed to deliver personally. He refused to say what the nature of the message was as he declared he could communicate to nobody but the president. The man was held for examination as to his sanity.

OMAHA WANTS THE PENNANT

Pa Rourke's Rangers Are Champions of the Western League.

OMAHA—Omaha has won the pennant of the Western league. This proud achievement, accomplished by a Gate City team for the first time since 1889 was wrought by the most remarkable spell of ball playing and the finish was thrilling and spectacular. The two games which Omaha took from St. Joseph at the Vinton street grounds Sunday in the presence of 8,000 fans were fast and brilliant on the part of both teams—a splendid climax to the terrific gait at which Pa Rourke's men have been speeding during the closing heat of the season, when they have won eighteen out of nineteen games, pushing from third to first place.

It is doubtful if in the history of base ball any team ever surpassed or equaled the record made by the Omaha team during the last month and a half. From the first of the season the team has come up from last place. The marvelous ball it has been playing of late, taking first four straight and then five straight from the leaders is what gave such excitement to the fans. Up to the last day three teams, Colorado Springs, Denver and Omaha, had a chance for the pennant. It was a terrible strain, but a glorious triumph.

A. B. Smith Has a Scheme.

ST. PAUL—Assistant General Passenger Agent A. B. Smith of the Northern Pacific railway suggests that congress should convene early in 1905 on a special train with every representative of that body, for a tour of the great west, going out by southern lines, spending enough time in the west to see and understand its value, and return home over the northern lines, with a broader grasp of the needs of the entire country and a more catholic idea of what can and should be done for its development.

Respect the "Holy City."

MUKDEN—The halt in active operations around Mukden is believed to be due not only to the fatigue of the Japanese troops and the slowness in getting up necessary additional supplies, but to a distinct understanding between the Chinese and Japan that there shall be no bloodshed near the "Holy City," where the Chinese emperors are buried. It is said, however, that there will be fighting north or northeast of Mukden, possibly on a larger scale even than at Liao Yang. A clash is soon expected.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA. FARM ACREAGE IN NEBRASKA.

TIME TO COMPLETE THE WORK

Within Eight Years the Ditch Will Be Cut From Ocean to Ocean—Health of Men Engaged in the Work is Good.

CHICAGO—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, who is in direct charge of the construction of the canal to be built by the United States across the isthmus of Panama, is at home for two weeks after a busy summer in the canal zone. Mr. Wallace will enjoy a brief vacation at his home and will be in Washington on October 6, when the bids are opened for machinery and material to be used on canal construction. The bids were advertised for some time ago, and will cover the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

During his three months' stay in Panama Mr. Wallace covered the entire canal trip, ten miles wide and forty-seven long, at least twenty times and his observations were thorough. He says that at present there are about 1,500 men in the field of Panama. Of this number about 500 are in the sanitary department under Colonel Geogras, who is assisted by Major Ross, Colonel Legarde and Major Carter. There are now at work six divisions of engineer corps, each in charge of a resident engineer, who reports to Mr. Wallace as chief engineer. There are subordinates in each engineer corps, such as assistant clerks and superintendents, and the rest of the men at work in connection with the canal are laborers.

The engineering and clerical departments are almost entirely Americanized and nearly every arriving steamer brings fresh additions from the United States. Most of the common laborers, as well as a few of the skilled laborers, are English-speaking negroes from Jamaica.

Mr. Wallace declares that the bad name that Panama has had in the popular mind is mostly due to the fact that until lately the heterogeneous population has paid but little attention to the ordinary laws of health. He says that most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with canal work are sober, industrious and ambitious and that many of them are college bred men. They find health conditions in Panama excellent and sickness among them bears but a small per cent to the total number of men now on the isthmus.

The sanitary corps has paid special attention toward stamping out malaria and yellow fever. Of all the men at work on the canal this summer, only two died of yellow fever and only one of those was an employe of the government. It has been learned that one kind of mosquito, which bites only at night, carries malaria fever, while another kind, which bites only in the day time, carries yellow fever. It has also been learned that it is the female only which bites, blood that the creature sucks being not for food, but for foundation. It will take about eight years to complete the work.

TO KEEP OUT FEDERATION MEN

Colorado Mine Owners Formulate a Plan.

LEADVILLE Colo.—The Leadville District Mining association, which takes in every mine manager in the district, has decided to issue working cards for the purpose of carrying on the fight against the Western Federation of Miners.

Notices will be posted at every mine in the camp to the effect that no person will be employed who shall not have deposited with the timekeeper his card of recommendation from the miners' association. An office will be opened in the city, where the cards will be issued. Every applicant will be required to sign a statement that he is not a member of the federation or any order controlled thereby. If he is a member of the federation he will be required to renounce his allegiance to it. The mine owners here believe that the federation is seeking to secure a foothold in Leadville, a large number of Cripple Creek miners having come here since the trouble in that district.

France and the Vatican.

ROME—The vatican has sent to Paris a special courier with documents said to concern possible negotiations for a Franco-Vatican rapprochement which, although very difficult to arrange, is not considered impossible, as, according to information received by the holy see, President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse, Minister of Public Instruction Chaumie, Minister of Finance Bouvier and Minister of Public Works Marceffouls are in favor of such an understanding.

What is Shown by Returns From the County Assessors.

As shown by the returns made by the various county assessors to the State Labor Bureau, Nebraska has a considerable number of farms and many thousands of acres under cultivation. By counties the report follows showing the number of acres and the number of farms:

Table with columns: County, Farms, Acres in 1904, Farms, Acres in 1903. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding data.

Governor's Party Small.

General J. H. Culver has thus far received answers from two members of the governor's staff who desire to attend the ceremonies at the launching of the battleship Nebraska at Seattle. Col. George E. Jenkins of Fairbury and Col. C. D. Evans of Columbus, and General Culver, constitute the three who have signified their intention of going. The cost of the trip has been estimated at \$105. General Culver believes that state officers will go and he thinks at least thirty people. General Culver will send out another letter to members of the governor's staff urging them to make their intentions known.

Shooting Case Dismissed.

HUMBOLDT—The case against Mrs. Holland of Rulo precinct, charged with shooting her husband with intent to kill, was heard in district court and dismissed.

At the Old Soldiers' Home.

GRAND ISLAND—Stephen Martin of the Soldiers' Home passed away at the age of 70 years. He served in Company A, Seventh Iowa cavalry, as a saddler. He was admitted to the home from Omaha.

New Flouring Mill at Bralnard.

BRAINARD—The Norton flouring mill, which was destroyed by fire here recently, is to be rebuilt by Joseph Matousek. The site, consisting of an entire block, was purchased of W. C. Norton, and Mr. Matousek will at once begin the erection of a mill with 200 barrels of flour per day capacity.

Returns With Smith.

DAKOTA CITY—Sheriff H. C. Hansen returned from Marshall, Minn., having in charge H. C. Smith, a former resident of this place. Smith is wanted on the charge of removing mortgaged property out of the state.

Cash Receipts Are Light.

LINCOLN—No outstanding state warrants will be retired by State Treasurer Mortenson this month owing to the light receipts at the state treasury. County treasurers report collections as very slow and will make no remittances to the state treasurer until late in October. For this reason the permanent school funds, which now are below \$15,000, will not be increased sufficient to purchase any securities for investment, as most of the outstanding warrants are held by the school fund.