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That the war must be ended soon to prevent a general revolt against the government cannot be doubted. Dispatches from all parts of Russia are all of this tenor.

The internal situation grows graver daily. Each loss of a life at the hands of Cossacks increases the hatred of the people toward all that the government represents. Reports of fresh disorders are coming from Russia as fast as the censor will let them out. The news of the riots has been minimized by officialdom; no one can guess their real extent.

The red flag of revolution was hoisted at the masthead of the Kniaz Potemkine, Russia's most powerful battleship in the Black Sea. The captain and most of the officers were murdered and thrown overboard in the open sea and the ship was completely in the possession of the crew and a few officers who threw in their lot with the mutineers.

The guns of the Kniaz Potemkine were trained on the city, and in the streets masses of striking workmen, who previously had fled before the volleys of troops, were inflamed by the spectacle of open revolt on board an imperial war ship and made a bold front against the military.

The next step of the mutineers, it is believed, will be the seizure of Sevastopol, where vast quantities of munitions of war of all kinds are stored.

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WARSAW EVER IN UNREST.

Poles Long for Overthrow of Hated Russian Rule.

Warsaw should be seen before the rest of Russia, not after it. It is tame to those who are coming from the East. But to the traveler from the West it contains ample evidence of a novel civilization—that is, of the Russian Empire. Warsaw lies on the border-line between the Occident and the Orient. The Poles, properly speaking, belong to the Western world. They have our calendar, our religion. Warsaw is full of old palaces and churches that are Italian in style. Its railways—small matter—are part and parcel of those of Western Europe; it is only east of the Vistula that the Russian gauge begins. But the Russian Colossus has set its heavy foot on Poland, and the lot of the Poles henceforth will be to holfi up the torch of Western civilization in an empire that is unfriendly to it.

That the Poles are aware of their mission no one who has watched them can doubt. With them, as in Ireland, religion and patriotism are synonymous. What crowded churches! We went into one of them in the afternoon, on an ordinary week day; the seats and aisles were almost full. No priest was visible, but a crowd of people pressed, expectant, patient, against the altar rails. In the body of the church a number of men, seated in pews on one side, sang, and when they had ceased, the women on the other side took up the strain. In another church the doors are left open at all times, but an iron-barred gate shuts off the interior from the porch. Yet at any hour of the day women and men may be seen kneeling there, and these by no means the poorest in the town. What doffing of hats, too, in the act of passing a church! We saw a dozen men raise their hats simultaneously.

Language is a symbol, a pledge of nationality. The Poles cling tenaciously to theirs. In the restaurants, in the shops, enter and speak Russian to them. They reply in Polish; you persist in your Russian. It becomes essential to the bargain that you should communicate in a common tongue. Then reluctantly the Russian comes, but not a word more than is necessary. For most of them know Russian. It is taught in the schools. And on every shop, wherever there is an announcement of the kind of thing on sale, or the name of the occupier, both are written side by side—the name in Russian letters as ordered by law, the Polish name in Western characters.

Nowhere is the clash of rival creeds more conspicuous than here. No doubt most of the churches are Catholic, and many of them, Gothic or Renaissance, are by no means wanting in merit. But if you will stand on the bridge across the Vistula and look upon the hills on which the city is built, dominating all there is a mass of scaffolding with three gilt crosses on the top. It is a new Russian cathedral, which is being raised by means of subscriptions from Orthodox Russia, and when it has its domes and cupolas it will be the most striking object in the town. Sometimes, however, the process is reversed, for the Orthodox are not numerous in the Polish capital. In the Praga across the river are two high Gothic towers, uplifter far above the roofs. And opposite it, fair and small, is a tiny Russian church, with its refulgent silver crosses. Is it because Warsaw is the capital of conquered Poland or because it is near to Germany that the streets are alive with soldiers? The attention is arrested incessantly by a company of big-limbed fellows, who slouch along in white blouses and black trousers, or in tunics of rough wool. The garrison consists of 80,000 men. The authorities are quick to suppress manifestations of national feeling. An Englishman told me that he had invited some ladies to his room one evening, and after supper one of them sang a Polish patriotic song. Next day he received a call from the police.

Do the Poles speak bitterly of Russia? We asked one of them in the crowded waiting room of the station if they were contented with their lot, and he replied: "Such things must not be talked of here."

Another reply of another Pole to the same question was: "My only wish is that my business may prosper."—Correspondent London Pall Mall Gazette.

FOND OF NATIONAL GAME.

Government Clerks at Washington Have Regular League.

Washington boasts of a "Departmental Baseball League" composed of teams representing the various departments. Several cabinet officials make a point of attending the games, which are played almost every afternoon on the big circle in the rear of the white house. Secretary Metcalf is the most enthusiastic rooter of the lot, though Secretary Moody is a close second. One of the most faithful attempts at the professional games of ball in Washington is the Chinese minister. Sir Chentung was a famous pitcher while a student at Amherst. He could have made big money as a professional had he cared to take up baseball instead of diplomacy.

CHICAGO LOSES GOOD CITIZEN.

Graeme Stewart, Dead, Also Prominent in National Affairs.

Graeme Stewart, one of Chicago's leading merchants and foremost citizens, died June 26, two weeks after a stroke of apoplexy.

Graeme Stewart was born on Aug. 30, 1853, three years after his father, William Stewart, an Ayrshire Scotchman, settled in Chicago.

From 1900 to 1904 Mr. Stewart was a member of the Republican national committee, succeeding Thomas N. Jamieson as the Illinois member. He served the entire four years as a member of the executive committee of the organization. In the campaign of 1900 he was the central figure in the management of the campaign in the west, the headquarters being in Chicago. His genius for business administration made him an invaluable co-worker with Senator Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Harry New, and R. C. Kerens in the financial conduct of the campaign. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Payne were the two leaders upon whose judgment President McKinley relied implicitly in matters pertaining to the administration in the middle west.

GRAEME STEWART

Equivocal Welcome.

When the young king of Spain was in London he one day saw a banner of welcome bearing these words in tolerable Spanish—up to the last word: "Que vuestro reinado, senor, sea largo y filez," which was intended to mean: "May your reign, sir, be long and happy." But that last word threw him into fits of laughter. It should have been "feliz.' As it was it meant nothing in Spanish, while in French, a language with which his majesty is familiar, it is equivalent to the American "get out."

Statesmen Live Too High.

According to Dr. T. L. Macdonald, the prosperous and strenuous mental life, combined with gorging, explains the frequency of Bright's disease in high official circles at Washington. He says that overeating is the germ of nephritis. Mental activity and physical quiescence aid in its production and carking care and worry are also causative factors. Bright's disease is prone to attack the intellectual and the anxious. Alcohol, he thinks, is not as potent a cause as is generally believed.

Perpetual Boycott on Work.

Jose Rodriguez, a Mexican resident of El Paso, Tex., is 98 years old and never did a day's work in his life. While yet a small boy Jose decided that one could get along very well without working, and he has managed to exist ever since without turning his hand to anything more arduous than chicken-fighting. For nearly three-quarters of a century he has been known far and near as a promoter of such battles, but is careful to explain that this is not work—merely recreation.

The Patriot.

A resident of Ava, N. Y., was talking about the late Hiram cronk, the last survivor of the war of 1812.

"At the age of 100," said the Ava man, "Mr. Cronk still had an alert mind. Above all things he was a patriot. He believed firmly in the supremacy of our republic.

"An English traveler, out of curiosity, came to Ava to see Mr. Cronk one day. The old patriot praised America extravagantly and condemned England as an outworn and dying nation.

"The Englishman stood this talk as long as he could. Then he said, hotly:

"'Suppose our superb fleet were to land 25,000 British marines in New York—what would you Yanks do then?'

"'Do?' said Mr. Cronk. 'Why, dern it, our police would arrest them.'"—New Orleans States.

Profits of the Packers.

There has been a great deal of disappointment because the Garfield report shows that the profits of the packing industry only amount to about two per cent of the volume of business transacted. There is no doubt, however, that the report is correct.

The census reports compiled by the government in 1900, before the agitation regarding the "beef trust" began, throw considerable light on this question. It appears from the census that the packing industry is conducted on a smaller margin of gross profit than any other industry in America. The gross margin of profit of 871 flour and grist mills in Illinois, in the census year, was nearly seven per cent on the volume of business. The gross margin of fifty-one wholesale slaughtering and meat packing establishments in Illinois was only about one-third as large, or a little more than two per cent on the volume of business.

The millers have not been accused of being in a "trust," and combinations would seem impossible in a business where there are several thousand mills in the United States competing actively for the flour trade, but it appears that the gross profits of the millers are larger than the gross profits of the packers. It may turn out that the agitation regarding the packing industry will show the same result as the devil found in shearing the pig: "All squeal and no wool." —*American Homestead.*

Ill-Natured London Journal.

"Americans," says a London journal "are coming over in greater swarms than ever and soon the streets will be full of curiously quiet-looking men in wierd coats with padded shoulders ending on the hips, long boots blobby at the tips and straw hats wit no roofs, and women with brown faces and eyes with very white whites, green veils floating in the breeze and accents that sets one's teeth on edge."

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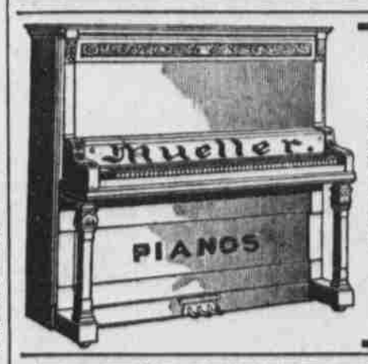

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