

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Youthful Ambition.

It is not likely that Panama's desire to own a navy will last any longer than it takes to find out that a first class battleship costs from \$4,000,000 up.

Was Some Solon Slighted?

The Iowa legislature has under consideration another anti-railway pass bill. And we may safely hazard the guess that it is as much anti-pass now as it ever will be.

Bright Prospects.

Prospects are bright for several steel battleships to be reposing in old ocean's mud before long, and we shall find out something else about their machinery that won't work when it comes to actual fighting.

To Gratify Ambition.

Chicago's fire made a great city, Baltimore's may make another; but let us hope cities will not take to burning themselves down instead of holding world's fairs in order to gratify their ambition.

Score Falls to Work.

If the scientist who disseminated the theory that money was full of microbes had any idea that it would lead people to come around and unload their paper dollars upon him he knows better by this time.

Be Happy While You Can.

The secretary of the treasury has decided the vexed question whether frogs are fish or fowl. He has decreed that imported frogs' legs are to be ranked as dressed poultry. This lifts a great and long-pressing load from the public mind.

Court of Last Resort.

The janitor of the American consulate at Cienfuegos has explained how the United States flag came to be covered with mud and the explanation has been accepted. In Cuba, as elsewhere, there is no appeal from the janitor's decision.

One Remarkable Feature.

It is remarkable when a catastrophe is first reported, what a great loss of life manages to get on the wires, which report has been born out only in three instances in recent years—the Galveston flood, the Johnstown flood and the Iroquois fire.

Basis of a Revival.

The announcement that Spain's new navy will cost \$60,000,000 permits the United States to reflect that it knows whence one-third of that sum came, in a lump of good, hard money, paid in exchange for a much bigger bunch of trouble. But perhaps there is some consolation in the further thought that if Spain should get bumptious again we may conclude to take the money back in the form of the property.

Promotion for Porto Rico.

Almost unnoticed, an advance has been made in the political status of Porto Rico. By a change of its rules the house of representatives at Washington has admitted the resident commissioner from that island to all the privileges allowed to the delegates of Oklahoma, New Mexico and the other regularly-organized territories. He is now permitted to introduce bills in that chamber and to speak in their support.

Eggs and Legislation.

If the bill introduced in the New York legislature forbidding the storage of any article of food for a longer period than 60 days, because the price of eggs is high, had appeared in any western state legislature we should have heard of "those populist-ridden communities" and a general reference to "haysceds" and "whiskers." Legislation in the east is not "freak;" it is only when it appears in Kansas, Dakota or Nebraska that it is so amusing.

Possibly a Good Thing.

The alarm of the New York Herald lest Japan, in the event of beating Russia, should conclude that the Philippines lie within her sphere of influence is not likely to set the United States to praying for the success of Russia. Before that very remote and improbable contingency arrives many people in the United States may have decided the point of recognizing that if it should come that development would aid us in getting rid of a large white elephant.

What the Japanese Yen Is.

When the public reads that 100,000,000 yen have provisionally been set apart by Japan for war purposes, it may perhaps put an exaggerated estimate on that amount. Although Japan has a gold standard, the yen is of silver currency, and fluctuates with the price of silver, so that at the moment 100,000,000 of them means scarcely more than £10,000,000. But even this is an immense amount in a country in which the wages of a skillful artisan are often not more than three yen a week.

DEATH A CONQUEROR

Senator Marcus A. Hanna Succumbed After a Brave Fight.

Typhoid Fever Slowly Sapped His Vitality and Took the Foremost Figure in the Republican Party—Sketch of His Career.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Marcus A. Hanna, United States senator from Ohio and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died at 6:40 o'clock yesterday evening at the family apartments in the Arlington hotel after an illness extending over nearly two months, filled with apparent recoveries, followed by relapses and finally drifting into typhoid fever, which in his weakened condition he was unable to withstand. Fourteen hours before the end was announced life had practically suspended, the flickering spark being kept aglow by the most powerful scientific agencies.

Mr. Hanna was born at Lisbon, Columbiana county, O., September 24, 1837. He began his first serious work in life when he was 20 years old.



SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA.

Then, in the year 1857, he went to work as a clerk in his father's store. In 1864 young Hanna married Miss C. Augusta Rhodes, daughter of Hon. Daniel D. Rhodes, of Cleveland.

The first presidential campaign in which Mr. Hanna took an active part was that of 1880, when Gen. Garfield was the republican nominee.

In 1884 Mr. Hanna was a delegate-at-large from Ohio to the national convention, which he attended in the interest of John Sherman. Mr. Sherman was not nominated. Four years later Mr. Hanna attended the republican national convention as a delegate from the Cleveland district. Again he was one of the coterie of men who directed the cause of Sherman and again he shared in Sherman's defeat.

In 1892 Mr. Hanna attended the convention at Minneapolis, not as a delegate, but as an interested onlooker. There he watched Mr. McKinley preside over the convention. There he saw the renomination of President Harrison, the rejection of Mr. Blaine, and again he saw hallooing for McKinley, against the latter's protest. Mr. Hanna recognized the sweep of the tide toward McKinley and in favor of the principle of a protective tariff. Mr. Hanna thereupon set to work to crystallize this sentiment for McKinley into practical form. This work became especially active in the spring of 1895, when Mr. Hanna began the task of securing delegates to the national convention for McKinley. These efforts culminated in success at the St. Louis convention.

After the election of 1896 Mr. Hanna considered that his activity in politics had come to an end. It is no news now to say that Mr. Hanna declined an invitation to enter the first cabinet of President McKinley.

The campaign of 1900 was managed along the same lines and with similar results. He expected the republican party to win and the party looked to him again to carry its banner to victory.

Mr. Hanna was elected United States senator from Ohio in 1898 after a most exciting contest in the Ohio legislature. Several republicans bolted, and Hanna's majority was only three on joint ballot. He was recently re-elected for a term of six years by an overwhelming majority.

Names Mentioned to Succeed Hanna.

Columbus, O., Feb. 16.—Profound sorrow is expressed by state officials and citizens of Columbus over the death of Senator Hanna. Many touching tributes were paid last night to his memory by members of the Ohio general assembly, which only one month ago re-elected him to the United States senate. The legislature will today adjourn for one week as a mark of respect. Incidentally this action will give further time for deliberation on the matter of electing a successor to Senator Hanna, which duty falls on the present general assembly and by statutory requirement must be performed within two weeks after official notification of the senator's death. Among the names mentioned in this connection have been those of Gov. Herrick, Charles P. Taft and George B. Cox, of Cincinnati; J. H. Hoyt, of Cleveland; Gen. J. Warren Kelfer, of Springfield; Gen. Asa W. Jones, of Youngstown; Congressman Dick, Grosvener, Burton, Nevin and Warneck,

PAYNE ACTS AS CHAIRMAN.

Until the Republican National Convention Assembles the Wisconsin Man Will Do Chairman Hanna's Work.

Washington, Feb. 16.—It has been practically determined that Postmaster General Payne, of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the national committee



HENRY C. PAYNE.

and close to the president, shall carry on the preliminary republican campaign work until the assembling of the republican national convention. At that time the new national committee and a new chairman will be chosen. In connection with the election of a chairman at that time, the names of Secretary Shaw, former Gov. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts and Gov. Durbin, of Indiana, have been mentioned.

SHAFROTH QUILTS HIS SEAT.

Democratic Congressman from First Colorado District Confessed That He Was Elected by Fraudulent Votes.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Shafroth, from the Denver (Col.) district, voluntarily relinquished his seat in the house at the convening of that body Monday. The contest for his seat by Robert W. Bonyng (rep.) and the examination of ballots, he said, revealed fraud in 29 precincts. If he was a judge on the bench he would have to find against himself and he invited the elections' committee to present a resolution seating Bonyng. The statement created a sensation and at its conclusion great applause was heard on both sides of the house. Chairman Olmstead, of the elections commission considering the case, paid a high tribute to Mr. Shafroth, saying although the action was a surprise, the case showed that the frauds in the election were not chargeable in any way to Mr. Shafroth.

The house unanimously agreed to a resolution declaring R. W. Bonyng entitled to the seat from the First Colorado district.

TWO DEAD FOR ONE GIRL.

At Rockville, Mo., John Cluck Killed His Rival and Then Sent a Bullet Through His Brain.

Appleton City, Mo., Feb. 16.—John Cluck shot and killed his rival, Rolla Smiley, at Rockville, ten miles from here, yesterday, and then, kissing the girl they both loved and who had witnessed the killing, he sent a bullet through his own brain and fell mortally wounded. The tragedy occurred at the house of John Maddox, where both young men had called to see Miss Maddox. Both young men were about 20 years of age.

RELIEF FROM KAW FLOODS.

Government Engineers Urge an Appropriation of \$10,500,000 for Widening Channel and Retretment Work.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A project involving an expenditure of \$10,500,000 for the protection of Kansas City from destructive floods of the Kaw river is recommended by the army engineers who recently investigated the river conditions. This project provides for the widening of the river levee and retretment work.

Mexican Dollar Advances in Value.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The war department is informed that the value of the Mexican dollar at Hong Kong is 48 1/2 cents, a jump of two points since Saturday. This places the coin on a practical parity with our own silver Philippine peso. The Mexican dollar has practically advanced from 37 cents to its present figure within a year.

Has Dockery a Love Affair?

Washington, Feb. 16.—It is understood that Gov. Dockery's mission to Washington is not altogether a matter of relaxation nor political in its nature. It is rumored that the governor's visit is connected with a sentimental affair, which will probably enthrone a new first lady in the official household at Jefferson City.

He Refused to Wed a Girl.

Lamonte, Mo., Feb. 16.—Walter O'Bannon, 28 years old, shot William Roach, 21 years old, at Walnut Branch church, six miles north of here. It is alleged that Roach was to marry O'Bannon's sister a year ago and disappeared just before the time set for the marriage without making any explanation.

LOSE THREE MORE.

Russian Torpedo Boats Fired on by Their Own People.

News from Port Arthur Indicates That the Czar's Naval Forces Are Losing Their Heads—Japan Has 300,000 Troops Mobilized.

Che Foo, Feb. 16.—A reliable authority says that three Russian torpedo boats have been sunk by guns from the forts. They were mistaken for Japanese vessels.

The Russian Vladivostock squadron is still in sight, cruising in the sea of Japan. A report to the effect that Natsuma, on the inland sea, has been bombed by the Russian squadron is untrue.

Independent naval officers say the Czarevitch, Retvizan, Pallada and Novik, damaged in the naval battle off Port Arthur cannot be repaired in time to decide the command of the sea. They also say the Russian land forces are demoralized. They are trying to watch the entire coast. The officers of the Russian gunboat Sivoutch, at Newchwang, declared they are prepared to blow up their vessel in case of danger. They are employing a search light all night over the surrounding plains.

Japan Has 300,000 Troops Ready.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—Advices from Nagasaki state that absolute reticence is maintained by the government. An intense war feeling prevails among all classes, although there is apparent absence of excitement. Among the striking features of the situation are the strict censorship which is exercised over all cablegrams and the close concealment of military and naval movements.

The mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in the field, without impairing the national defenses. The movements of the troops is shrouded in secrecy. They are being moved at night toward their bases at Sasebo, Kure Moji and Yokusuga, and the lights of ordinary trains are extinguished when in the neighborhood of troop trains. Members of the reserve force immediately step into the places of the outgoing regulars. Their organization is perfect and a full equipment is ready for each one of the reserves.

Chicagoans to Join Japan's Forces.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Sixty Chicagoans, many of them veterans of the Spanish-American war, it is said, will leave the city this week for Japan. Five former members of the Illinois national guard and regular and volunteer armies of the United States left last night for the Pacific coast ports, where they will sail for the orient.

Want to Reserve Manchuria.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The foreign office has confirmed the announcements made in these dispatches Saturday that Russia and France approve of the United States' note on the subject of Chinese neutrality, with a reserve excluding Manchuria.

ONLY HARASSING THE FLEET.

Japan Does Not Intend to Take Port Arthur Until Enough Troops Are Landed to Completely Invest the City.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Information reached here that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo Sunday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible, in the effort to thoroughly occupy the strategic points in the "hermit kingdom" while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur. By one conversant with the Japanese plans, it is stated that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well-defined plan for harassing the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied. The bottling up of the fleet there enables the landing of troops in Korea without the convoy of a large number of warships. The reports of disorder in various parts of Korea hastened the operations of the Japanese that they might obtain possession before anarchy became prevalent and foreign interests menaced in consequence.

The taking of Port Arthur will form the second number of the war programme. First, however, it is learned that the Japanese propose to cut the line of communication well up on the railroad running from Nuchwang to Port Arthur. It is expected a large Japanese force will land at Nuchwang shortly for this purpose.

Prosecuting Attorney Stone Reinstated.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Circuit Judge Hazell yesterday issued an order reinstating R. P. Stone into the office of prosecuting attorney. This was done after Judge Samuel Davis, of Marshall, had sustained motions to quash informations against Stone, charging him with accepting illegal fees and riding on railroad passes. Stone was suspended on charges based on indictments and these being disposed of his reinstatement follows.

PRESUMPTION REBUKED.

A Fleeban Pup Gets the Gold-Filled Teeth of an Aristocratic Canine in His Ear.

There was an item famine at Ship News the other day which may have accounted for the story in red ink that a dog fight on the gangplank of La Bretagne delayed the French liner's sailing for several minutes after ten o'clock, the hour set, states the New York Sun.

"What really happened," said a French Line pier official, who seemed to think that two yarns were better than one, "was a gaucherie by a proletarian yellow dog and a reprimand by an aristocratic blue ribbon bull pup with bat ears."

"The yellow dog was excited, never having been allowed on board before, and went up the first cabin gangplank by mistake, when it should have headed for the steerage."

"This annoyed the dog with the bat ears and the topaz studded collar, who was going aboard at the same time with his mistress. He put his teeth (two filled with gold) firmly but not viciously, into the ear of the yellow dog, led him down the plank and along the pier to the foot of the steerage gangplank and there let him go. Then the aristocrat hurried back to the first cabin and got aboard just a minute to ten. That dog was so swell that if he had got left he would have hired a tug and chased the liner down the bay."

"But there was no fight. The jeweled pup was too well bred for that, and the yellow dog was too much awed by the topazes to resent being corrected."

Other officials say that no dogs sailed on La Bretagne.

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To Wash China Silk Dresses.

China silk dresses may be quite successfully washed. Remove all spots with benzine. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rubbing between the hands; rinse through several waters. Use Ivory Soap and do not rub the soap on the dress. Wring as dry as possible, wrap in a sheet or clean, cotton cloth and when partially dry, iron. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

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Montague, Mass.
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Gentlemen,—I heartily wish those who are suffering from backache and disturbed action of the kidneys would try Doan's Kidney Pills. As was the case with me, they will be more than surprised with the results. I have been troubled for years with my spine. I could not lie on either side. Spinal cramps would follow, and words could not explain the agony which I would endure. While in these cramps I could not speak or move, but by making a great effort after the cramp had left me I could begin to speak and move a little, but my whole back was so sore and lame that I could not even have my back bathed for some time. My nerves were in a terrible state. I would rather sit up at night than go to bed, dreading the cramps and the terrible backaches. I consulted physicians, but got only a little relief for the time being. Seeing your advertisement, my mother urged me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box I was better, and have ever since been on the gain. I have no backache and no cramps now, and I feel like a new person. My nerves are better and I know my blood is purer. Words cannot express my thanks to you for what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. In my work as professional nurse I have a chance to recommend them; and they did me so much good that I will do so on every possible occasion.
HATTIE BRIGHAM, Nurse.

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