

# RUSSIA ALARMED

## Condition of the Czar Admitted to Be Grave.

### FEAR HE MAY NOT RECOVER.

Livadia Bulletin not Considered Truthful.—Brain Affected along with Typhoid Fever.—Many Departments at a Standstill.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: From three sources of information, directly connected with many ministers of state, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press ascertained that imperial officials are becoming extremely pessimistic regarding the condition of the czar, and assert that the Livadia bulletins conceal the gravity of his illness. In spite of the ease with which an alarmist rumor can be circulated in the Russian capital, many good judges believe that the chances of the czar's recovery are diminishing.

One report says that the emperor, in addition to typhoid fever, with pectoral complications, has brain fever, the result of the blow he received from a fanatic policeman during his tour in Japan, and it is even asserted in some quarters that trepanning has become necessary.

Although the imperial ministers have assumed wider powers in administration since his majesty's illness began, the whole machine of government is affected by his disability, and many departments are almost at a standstill. Russian laws and customs impose an immense burden of detail work, particularly in the matter of signatures, upon the czar, for example, numerous special pensions, whose payment on each occasion requires the emperor's name.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The following dispatch, dated St. Petersburg, November 25, 3:49 a. m., has been received here:

"It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the condition of Emperor Nicholas is critical. Well informed people here declare that the disease has made far greater progress than the czar's physicians have publicly admitted. A fatal issue is now gravely feared.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—While the latest bulletin regarding the czar's condition is much less favorable than its predecessors, there is nothing as yet to confirm alarming rumors. Queen Victoria daily receives a telegram from the czar, and it is understood that no exceptional anxiety is yet displayed.

According to the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Press an examination of the water taken from a well used for drinking purposes proved the presence of typhoid germs. A dispatch to the News, dated Thursday, says:

"Reports for the last two days indicate a serious decline in the strength of the czar."

## NEEDS MORE COURTS.

### Disputed Land Titles at Cape Nome, Alaska, Cause Disorder.

The annual report of Governor John G. Grady of Alaska to the secretary of the interior, urges congressional legislation on the extension of the general land laws to Alaska, giving the natives the same legal status as the whites and the representation of Alaska by a delegate in congress.

The report says that at Cape Nome "everything and everybody is pell mell; there are several claimants for each town lot, beach claim and creek claim; fully 25,000 people waiting for the action of the courts thereon."

Despite recent legislation of congress creating additional courts and a new code of laws, the whole southern coast is without protection. Within the area from Unalaska to Yakutat the population is very considerable and property interests will amount to millions of dollars. Another court is urged to be established either at Valdez or Kodiak. The Indian natives of Alaska are chafing under their present status and aspire to citizenship. The governor says that there should be equal rights and opportunities for all in the territory.

## HAS A REFERENDUM DOLLAR

### Man at Victor, Colorado, to Issue Ten Thousand.

Joseph Leshner, who recently made and issued 100 silver souvenirs, which he called "referendum dollars," says he has assurance from the United States district attorney that his coinage scheme is not illegal, and he has ordered a new die, from which 10,000 souvenirs will be struck off immediately. The silver will cost him \$3,500 and the making \$1,500. He will sell the coins for \$12,500 and redeem them on demand for the same amount. The new coins will bear the name of A. B. Bumstead, a Victor groceryman, who agrees to redeem them in merchandise or money.

### Boy Kills a Playmate.

Earl Brackett, fourteen years of age, of Lincoln, Ill., shot and killed eleven-year-old Leon Mathien. Brackett pointed a revolver at the little girl and pulled the trigger, under the impression that the weapon was not loaded. Both belong to prominent families.

Stephen Crone, a well-to-do farmer, living near Dysart, Ia., committed suicide by hanging. Domestic troubles and insanity are attributed as the cause.

## INDIANS LIKELY TO STARVE

### Band in California Make No Provision for Winter.

Several hundred Indians in the neighborhood of San Diego, Cal., are threatened with starvation. They have made no provision for the winter and are now suffering for want of food.

Mrs. Mary Watkins, the teacher of Mesa Grande reservation, where there are 306 people, of whom twenty-seven are so old that they are helpless, writes of having visited seven of the reservations and found the Indians in a dreadful condition of want in all of them. Children and women are almost naked and there is not enough food in many of the lodges to keep the inhabitants thereof alive through the winter.

The Manzanilla berries were a failure and the acorns dropped from the oak trees in June because of the lack of moisture.

## BIG BLAZE AT BEATRICE.

### Fire Causes a Loss of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars.

Beatrice was visited Sunday by the most disastrous fire in its history, the property loss approximating \$85,000.

About 11:30 policeman Walt Moore and M. E. Shultz were standing in front of the latter's store at Fifth and Court sts., when their attention was suddenly called to the breaking out of the plate glass windows in the eastern half of the Begole & Van Arsdale dry goods store. The windows went out with a crash, accompanied by an explosion which fairly shook the ground. A second later the other windows blew out and instantly the whole interior of the whole store room, 60x140 feet in size was a mass of flames. The building and contents is an entire loss. The firm had a \$10,000 stock and about \$20,000 insurance.

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery and no member of the firm can advance any theory for it. They say their janitory was through the building at 9 o'clock and saw no evidence of fire then. Outsiders have plenty of theories, all guess work, as no circumstance can be recalled by anyone supporting a theory.

Other losers by the fire were R. J. Hoagland, Dr. Fall, Dr. Allen, J. H. Woods, Anderson Grocery Co. and Nebraska Telephone Co.

## POWERS ARE AGAIN APART

### Degree of Punishment of Boxers Causes Division.

"A serious divergence has arisen in Pekin," says the Tien Tain correspondent of the Daily Mail. "Japan, the United States, Russia and France favor demanding a milder punishment than the execution of Prince Tuan and the others, while Great Britain, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy deem anything less than the death penalty useless."

"An important decision has been arrived at, however, that this divergence is not to interfere with the general peace negotiations."

"Another remarkable feature of the situation is the sudden volte face of the Russians, who decline either to withdraw troops from the province of Chi Li or to hand over the railway as promised."

## MANCHESTER A BANKRUPT

### Newly Wedded Duke Confesses Debts in London Court.

The Duke of Manchester who has sailed for the United States appeared before the registrar in bankruptcy at London. The receiver told the court that the case must be adjourned as the accounts were not yet filed, although fully prepared.

The liabilities disclosed, he added, amounted to 37,700 pounds; assets, 7,545 pounds. The receiver asked for time to examine the accounts and interrogate the debtor.

Counsel for the trustees said the committee of inspection had agreed to an adjournment. The Duke of Manchester he asserted, was prepared to enter the box if desired, but counsel explained, his client was going abroad and anticipated returning to England February 2, 1901.

The examination was adjourned to that date.

### Narrowly Escapes Asphyxiation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Losey of Madison, Neb., had a close call from asphyxiation Nov. 24 from gas from a hard coal stove. Mrs. Losey got up at 6 o'clock to get breakfast, but felt very ill as soon as she arose and in a minute or two fell in a faint. Mr. Losey arose quickly and went to her assistance and when she began to gasp for breath called to his son-in-law to go for the doctor, going to another room to make himself heard. As he turned to go back he sank to the floor in a stupor. When the doctor arrived both Mr. and Mrs. Losey were conscious and fresh air soon revived them.

### Farmer Fatally Injured.

Otto Jaenike, a young farmer living about three miles northeast of Rising City, died from internal hemorrhage caused by his horse, on which he was riding a race in a spirit of fun with his hired hand, falling down, rolling upon and crushing him.

### Declared Guilty of Forgery.

A Plattsmouth, Neb., dispatch of November 25 says: The jury in the forgery case of this state of Nebraska against Harry Hickson was out only a few minutes, returning a verdict as charged. Hickson procured a horse and buggy from one of the local liverymen by forging the name of another party to a note requesting the owner to let the rig out. The defense conducted its case principally upon the theory that the prisoner was intoxicated and not responsible for his acts at the time the crime was committed.

# DEAD ON PRAIRIE

## Aged Ranchman Believed to Have Been Murdered.

### THE HIRED MAN IS NOW MISSING

#### Only Clue Afforded as to the Possible Slayer—Body Taken to Anselmo Where Inquest is Held—Other News.

A Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 26 dispatch says: The lifeless body of W. H. Fullhart was found Saturday on his ranch, eighteen miles northwest of Anselmo. He had been murdered. The sheriff, county attorney and Drs. Talbot and Day went to the premises of the dead ranchman last night to ascertain the cause of death. The remains were brought to Anselmo, where a jury was impaneled and an inquest held. The man's skull was crushed apparently by some blunt instrument. The body was a mile from the house and near it a sled on which were two rolls of fence wire, with which he had been building a fence.

No horse was attached to the sled, but the harness was found in the barn on which was blood on the tugs, throat latch and snaps of the lines. Fullhart was an old soldier living alone and was supposed to have quite a sum of money. He had about forty head of cattle and fifteen head of horses. He has a sister living in Indiana, in whose name he did his business. He lived alone, except when he kept a hired man, and was very eccentric.

There is no clue to the murderer except that the man who worked for him last is gone. At this writing it is not learned what the finding of the jury are. On a slate on the door was written last Thursday:

"Half mile east of house building fence; come out."

From that it is inferred that was the date of his death.

### Majority Favors Revision.

A Pittsburg, Pa., dispatch says: W. R. Crabbe, the member of the revision committee of the Presbyterian general assembly, said that all the Presbyteries have voted on the question of revision of the creed, resulting in the revisionists getting about 75 per cent of the vote cast. Of the 1,007,089 members of the church, 898,225 voted. The Presbyteries voting in favor of revision number 126, those against a change 46. A two-thirds vote is required to make a change. The committee will meet in Washington, December 4, to take action.

### Dies on the Sidewalk.

A young man by the name of Judd McCoy died on the sidewalk at Memphis, Neb. He was a well known character in that vicinity, his father living a few miles north of Ashland, where he has been a prosperous farmer for many years. The son Judd has been wild and dissipated for a number of years, and was found lying on the sidewalk, apparently intoxicated. Some one threw a blanket over him to sleep it off. The next person that looked at him found that he had died without recovering consciousness.

### Will Make Good His Word.

Mayor Van Wyck received a letter from Bishop Potter saying that the statement made by Rev. Messrs. Paddock and George regarding insulting language used to them by certain police officers in New York would be sworn to and forwarded to the mayor. These statements were requested by the police board several days ago, presumably for use in connection with the trials of Inspector Cross and Captain Herlihy.

### Kills a Physician.

At Marysville, Ia., on November 26, Dr. H. A. Hamilton, a prominent physician of that place, was shot dead. Alfred Allen, who had accused the doctor of causing the separation of Allen and his wife, is under arrest on the charge of firing the fatal shot. No one saw the shot fired and the physician died without making a statement. Allen is said to have brooded over his domestic troubles until his condition bordered on insanity.

### Cogger May Be Recalled.

A Washington dispatch to the World says: Minister Conger probably will return to the United States. His relations with the administration have not been harmonious since the relief of Pekin. Mr. Conger advocates measures which the president regards as too radical and has not taken kindly to the fact that his views have not been indorsed at Washington.

### Smallpox Scare at Gothenburg.

The smallpox scare has at last reached Gothenburg, Neb., and while there are no cases nearer than North Platte precautionary measures are being adopted to prevent its breaking out there. Tickets will not be sold from North Platte to that place and the school board have requested all school children to be vaccinated.

### Heavy Transfer of Land.

C. W. Wiggins and Foster & Foncehe of Ames, have just completed a deal by which they become owners of some 2,340 acres of grazing land about ten miles south of Gothenburg, Neb. This is to be used for a sheep and cattle ranch and will be one of the largest in that part of the state.

### Special Vote of Virginia.

The official vote of the state of Virginia in the last election was: Bryan, 146,179; McKinley, 117,151; Woolley, 2,167.

## DIPLOMATS AGREE

### Approval of Governments to Be Followed by Securing Settlements.

The diplomatic body held a final meeting at Pekin, Nov. 24, and agreed upon the terms of the preliminary treaty. Nothing new remains except to secure the approval of the respective governments before definite negotiations with the Chinese peace commissioners are begun.

The precise terms of the settlement have not yet been made public here, but it is believed, outside the diplomatic corps, that the main points are in a substantial agreement with those contained in the French note to the powers, namely, punishment for the guilty, indemnity to the governments and individuals, retention of strong legation guards and the occupation of certain places between Pekin and Taku.

A party of American cavalry went to disperse a band of bandits in a village seven miles from Pekin. The village was found strongly fortified, but the Americans attacked and captured it, killing seven Chinese.

A secret edict from Sian Fu to the provincial viceroys and governors orders them to cease the manufacture of modern arms and to revert to the old style of weapons, because modern arms "have proved utterly useless against the foreigners."

### Appeal for Arbitration.

The Denver theatre employes' trouble of over two years' standing will be appealed to the state board of arbitration for settlement. Manager Peter McCourt refuses to discuss the differences with an arbitration committee appointed at a mass meeting of union labor. Manager McCourt at present employs non-union stage hands and musicians.

### Hunter Accidentally Shot.

Captain Fred J. Mack, company M, Nebraska national guards, was accidentally shot by a comrade while out hunting near Albion, Neb. Part of the shot took effect in his nose, neck and hand. His injuries are not serious, but it was a very narrow escape.

### Needs Weeks to Settle.

The issue between the state department and Turkey over the withholding of an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton to be consul at Harport, has passed into the controversial stage and the indications are that it will be weeks before the matter can be settled.

### Refined Sugar Advanced.

The National Sugar Refining company have advanced their list for refined sugar five points.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A jury has been secured in the Jessie Morrison trial at Eldorado, Kan.

It is reported from London that Lord Roberts has asked for 20,000 more soldiers.

Mr. Kruger's reception by the French people is regarded by England with sullen indifference.

At Saint Ste Marie a boiler explosion resulted in the death of three men and the wounding of several others.

Geneva, Nebraska, is to have an auditorium, unless the plans of its up-to-date business men go awry.

Continued rains in Ohio are causing rivers to overflow. No lives have been lost, but much property damage is reported.

The strict enforcement of the Iowa mule tax will be demanded after December 1 at Sioux City, and the saloon men are mad.

The porte at Constantinople remains firm in its refusal to grant an exequatur to Dr. Norton to establish a consulate at Harport.

The denizens of Lincoln Normal a village southeast of Lincoln, are petitioning the postmaster general for a free rural mail delivery.

At Akron, Ohio, Edward Epply was found guilty of the unlawful possession of dynamite, and of engaging in the riot in August last.

The steamer Campania has reached New York after a stormy passage. She experienced gales and squalls almost all the way across.

A Manila dispatch says the fortress of the Filipino insurgent Chief Geronimo at Pinauran has been taken and destroyed. The chief and most of his men escaped.

In a quarrel over a woman Frank H. Hamilton, a newspaper reporter of Minneapolis, stabbed Leonard Day to death at the West hotel. Both were prominent society people.

Joseph Leshner's plan to coin "referendum dollars" is to be abandoned, it being asserted that their coinage would be contrary to law. The silver pieces which he had already coined are sought for at a premium.

Claudia Stahlen and her 18-months-old baby of Omaha, was found starving on the streets of New York and in a half-dazed condition. She was in search of her husband who had deserted her. The woman and child were sent to the Bellevue hospital.

A new difficulty has arisen between Germany and Turkey. The Ottoman government objects to Germany using the Farsan island, in the Red sea, as a coaling station, and wishes to establish there a depot accessible to all the powers. Germany insists she will not vacate the island.

J. E. Gibson, a Logansport, Ind., building contractor as been taken into custody at Jackson, Miss., on an affidavit sworn out by Governor Longino to the effect that Gibson had attempted by bribery to secure the governor's influence to get the contract for the new 1,000,000 state house.

# GAIN IS NOT GREAT

## Nebraska Makes Bad Showing in Population.

### SHOWS WE HAVE TRIFLE OVER A MILLION

#### The County of Lancaster Falls a Little Short of the Coveted Seventy Thousand—Senator Davis of Minn. Sota Dead—Other News.

The population of Nebraska, as officially announced by the census bureau is 1,068,539, against 1,058,910 in 1890. This is an increase since 1890 of 9,629, or .90 per cent. The population in 1880 was 482,402, showing an increase of 606,008, or 134.0 per cent from 1880 to 1890. The population by counties is as follows:

Adams	18,840	Jefferson	15,196
Antelope	11,344	Johnson	11,197
Banner	1,114	Kearney	9,866
Blaine	603	Keith	1,951
Boone	11,689	Keya Paha	3,076
Box Butte	5,573	Kimball	758
Boyd	7,342	Knox	14,343
Brown	3,470	Lancaster	64,835
Buffalo	20,254	Lincoln	11,416
Burt	13,040	Logan	960
Butler	15,703	Loop	1,305
Cass	37,330	McPherson	517
Cedar	12,467	Madison	16,976
Chase	2,559	Merrick	9,295
Cherry	6,541	Nance	8,232
Cheyenne	5,570	Nemaha	14,952
Clay	15,535	Nuckolls	12,414
Colfax	11,211	Otoe	22,288
Cuming	14,584	Pawnee	11,770
Custer	19,758	Perkins	1,702
Dakota	6,286	Phelps	10,772
Dawes	6,215	Pierce	8,445
Dawson	12,314	Platte	17,747
Deuel	2,630	Polk	10,342
Dixon	10,535	Red Willow	9,604
Dodge	22,298	Richardson	19,614
Douglas	140,590	Rock	2,809
Dundy	3,434	Saline	18,252
Fillmore	15,087	Sarpy	9,080
Franklin	9,455	Saunder	22,085
Frontier	8,781	Scotts Bluff	2,552
Furnas	12,373	Seward	15,690
Gage	30,051	Sheridan	6,033
Garfield	2,127	Sherman	6,550
Gosper	5,301	Sioux	2,955
Grant	763	Stanton	6,959
Greeley	5,691	Thayer	14,325
Hall	17,206	Thomas	678
Hamilton	13,330	Thurston	8,756
Harlan	7,370	Valley	7,339
Hayes	2,708	Washington	13,086
Hitchcock	4,409	Wayne	9,862
Holt	12,224	Webster	11,619
Hooker	442	Wheeler	1,392
Howard	10,344	York	18,205

## CUSHMAN K. DAVIS DEAD.

### Honored Member From Minnesota Passes Away After Intense Suffering.

United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the senate died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 27, at 9 o'clock after an illness of two months. He has suffered greatly during his sickness, and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death, and so far as could be known, suffering no pain.

Cushman Kellogg Davis was born in Henderson, Jefferson county, New York, June 16, 1838.

In 1860 Mr. Davis began the practice of law and also took an active part in the campaign resulting in the election of Lincoln. Two years later, war having come, he closed his law office to enlist in the volunteer army.

After the war he moved to Minnesota, entering into the practice of law at St. Paul.

In 1868 he was elected to the state legislature and two years later was appointed United States district attorney, serving five years in that position.

In 1873, by a majority of one vote, he was nominated by the republicans for governor and elected by a majority of 5,496.

During 1886 many of the state newspapers advocated his election as United States senator, and when the legislature of 1887 met Senator McMillan withdrew as a candidate for re-election, and Mr. Davis received every vote.

During the past four years Senator Davis' position as chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate and later as one of the Paris peace commissioners have kept him prominently before the public of all nations. He was re-elected without opposition in 1890 for his third term.

Senator Davis has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Laura Bowman, and after she had secured a divorce from him, he married, in 1880, Miss Anna Malcolm Agnew.

### Kearsarge Sails Away.

The battleship Kearsarge, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, sailed from New York for Hampton Roads, where rendezvous is being made of the torpedo fleet and several ships of the squadron for a cruise. The Kearsarge has taken the place of the cruiser New York as flagship during the overhauling of the latter at the Brooklyn navy yard. It is said that the Kearsarge is the first battleship to be made a flagship.

## ENGINEMEN KILLED.

### A Passenger Train on the 'Frisco Wrecked Near Weaubleau, Mo.

The northbound passenger on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad was wrecked just north of Weaubleau, Mo. The engine left the track and was demolished. The tender and baggage car were damaged. The engineer, Cox, and fireman, Lyons were killed. The engineer could not be found until after daylight. No passengers were injured.

## VOTE ON CONGRESSMEN.

### Figures of the Official Canvass of the Six Nebraska Districts.

Following is the official vote for congressmen in the six Nebraska districts:

First District—  
E. J. Burkett, rep. .... 19,449  
George W. Berge, fus. .... 16,548  
Burkett's plurality ..... 2,901

Second District—  
David H. Mercer, rep. .... 16,277  
Edgar Howard, fus. .... 14,807  
Mercer's plurality ..... 1,470

Third District—  
John R. Hay, rep. .... 22,250  
John S. Robinson, fus. .... 22,425  
Robinson's majority ..... 173

Fourth District—  
John D. Pope, rep. .... 20,435  
W. L. Stark, fus. .... 21,033  
Stark's majority ..... 597

Fifth District—  
A. C. Shellenbarger, fus. .... 17,195  
Webster S. Morlan, rep. .... 16,841  
Shellenbarger's majority ..... 344

Sixth District—  
William Neville, fus. .... 17,430  
Moses P. Kincaid, rep. .... 17,280  
Neville's majority ..... 150

## BUY THOUSANDS OF HORSES

### John S. Bratton Hears That Kitchener's Police Armies to Ride American Stock

Horses to the number of 50,000 are to be purchased in this country in the next six months by agents of the British government for the use Lord Kitchener's forces in policing the Transvaal and Orange Free State. This news has been announced by John S. Bratton of St. Louis, who has supplied directly and indirectly, to the British army in the last two years, many horses suitable for cavalry use. He has received a telegram from one of his managers stating that the British military purchasing agent will be at his stock yards this week to select saddle horses for immediate shipment from New Orleans to Durban. Mr. Bratton's brother is a member of Parliament from the Liberal constituency of Magheragh, County Tyrone, Ireland.

## DEATH IN MYSTERIOUS WAY

### M. J. Morse of Fremont Killed Near Ft. Wayne, Ind.

A Fort Wayne, Ind., dispatch says: M. J. Morse, a wealthy man of Fremont, Neb., died at St. Joseph hospital from injuries received in a mysterious manner. He was a passenger on the Pennsylvania limited east bound, and just as the train was entering the city he was missed. When the depot was reached the conductor noticed that he was gone and had left his overcoat and valise in the seat. A few minutes later track walkers reported the discovery of his body lying beside the track near Swinney park, at the western edge of the city. The skull was fractured and one arm was cut off, but there was still evidence of life. How the accident occurred is not known, as no one remembers seeing him leave the car.

## SAW GOLD IN THE MILLRACE.

### A Man dead Who Was Present at the California Discovery in 1848.

Henry W. Bigler, who made the first record of the great California gold discovery in 1848, is dead at St. George, Utah. He was about 75 years old. Bigler was a member of the Mormon battalion working at Sutter's millrace when the discovery was made. He made the following entry in his diary, January 24, 1848:

"This day some kind of metal was found in the millrace that looks like gold."

Six days later he wrote in his diary that the metal, when tested, proved to be gold.

## FIREMEN BURIED IN RUINS

### A Fire Caused a Hotel to Collapse—No Lives Were Lost.

Fire in the Merchant's hotel at McPherson, Kan., caused the three-story building to collapse. Six firemen who were at work on the third floor of the building were buried in the ruins. All of them were rescued, and only one of them sustained dangerous injuries. In removing the furniture two men fell from a second story porch roof and were seriously hurt. The collapse of the building came unexpectedly, as the fire had been practically extinguished.

## SIBERIA'S RAILROAD SLOW.

### More Than Five Days for 2,000 Miles by Express Trains.

The winter schedule of the Siberian railway has just been published at St. Petersburg. The first 2,000 miles east of Irkutsk will be traversed by express trains at the rate of nineteen miles an hour, not counting stoppages, which are endlessly long even in European Russia, and will require five and a half