

READY FOR RUSSIA

One Hundred Thousand Men to Be Enlisted at Once

RUSSIA PLAYS A BOLD HAND

She Wants to Give China a Free Hand in Korea in Return for Similar Privileges in Manchuria

The London Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says that according to a dispatch from Peking, the Chinese government contemplates the raising of an army of one hundred thousand men to protect the province of Chi-Li in the event of hostilities. The Peking dispatch further states that Hoo-Wei-Teh, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, has telegraphed to Peking that Russia is disposed to pursue a peaceful policy.

The Daily Mail prints a dispatch from Hakodate, which says that the Russian minister to Japan, Baron de Rosen, demanded the instant release of the Japanese steamer Progress, seized by the Japanese Steamship company for \$75,000 damages against the Progress for sinking the Japanese steamer Takai Maru in collision. The Russian court exonerated the Progress. The Russians claim that the Japanese courts have no jurisdiction in the case, as the collision occurred on the high seas and threaten to enter action against the Japanese Steamship company and to seize the company's mail steamer at Vladivostok.

James W. Davidson, United States consul at Tamsui, Formosa, is at St. Petersburg on his way home after four months of extensive travel in Manchuria, where he visited cities and towns remote from the railway. Mr. Davidson declined to express an opinion with regard to the Russo-Japanese dispute, except to repeat the belief generally entertained in the far east that Russia would give Japan a free hand in Korea in return for similar privileges in Manchuria. With regard to the Russian occupation of Manchuria, Mr. Davidson said:

"From personal observation I found every place of importance on and off the railroad held by Russian troops, the number of which in Manchuria and at Vladivostok is estimated at 200,000."

Admiral Alexeff, Russian viceroy in the far east, denied to Mr. Davidson the reports that he intended to foster Port Arthur at the expense of Dainy, saying:

"All we want of Port Arthur is a cheap market for soldiers and sailors. I have great hopes for Dainy as a commercial and shipping center."

THE FARMERS ORGANIZE

Representative Farmers From Eight Western States Meet in Chicago

Eight western states were represented at the meeting of farmers in Chicago to discuss further the necessity of the formation of an organization which will give them the control of their products. The gathering representing all the big organizations of farmers appointed a sub-committee to formulate plans for the amalgamation of interests and the launching of the Farmers' union. The committee reported progress at the gathering and that they had received unexpected encouragement from all sections of the country. They impressed upon the representatives of the different organizations present the necessity for increasing the interest of the farmers in the plan to govern the disposition of their products, a plan that looks to the raising of prices and the practical control of the market. Nebraska was represented by L. B. Day.

Fraudulent Naturalizers Convicted

Thomas E. Barrett, former marshal of the St. Louis circuit court of appeals, was sentenced by Judge Adams, in the United States court to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000. Recently Barrett, with John P. Nolan, chairman of the democratic central committee, and Policeman John Garrett, was convicted of having aided and abetted others in having fraudulent naturalization papers in their possession. The others mentioned have already been sentenced. Pending his appeal, Barrett was released in bonds of \$20,000.

That \$5,000 Ear a Good One

The western mine owner who procured, through the medium of \$5,000, a new ear which was grafted on his head after being cut by degrees from another man's head, has returned to New York from the private hospital in Philadelphia, where the operation was conducted by a New York surgeon. Circulation has been established in the foreign flesh, and apparently the operation was a successful one. There is some swelling about the places where the stitches were taken, and a few small gatherings of pus, but the surgeon says this is no menace to the ear and will soon disappear under treatment. The man who sold his ear has returned to his home near Pittsburg, where he has a wife and child.

Two Innocent Men Acquitted

The case in the district court at Valentine, against George Brewer and Arthur Russell, charged with horse stealing, came on for hearing last week. The men were acquitted.

New U. S. Two-Cent Stamp

The day of the familiar two-cent stamp has almost come to a close. The remark has been made that the cause of its downfall is that it represents the father of our country as one who possessed the flushed nose of an habitual imbibler. The posture of Washington in the new stamp is the same as in the old. The placing of the numeral, however, is different, and the picture is placed on a shield with the stars and stripes as a border, the whole stamp being more deeply colored than the older one.

HEED THE MACEDONIAN CRY

Russia, Austria and Other Powers Taking Steps to Prevent Outrages.

Negotiations begun by the powers may result in an international administration for Macedonia along the lines observed in the present government of the island of Crete, says a London dispatch.

The Association press learns that in order to prevent another Macedonian uprising in the spring, attended by unspeakable horrors, and the danger of a war between Turkey and Bulgaria as a consequence, Russia and Austria have proposed to the other powers that immediate steps be taken to put into operation a plan which in its general outline resembles that now enforced in Crete. This proposal is the result of the acceptance in principle by the sultan three days ago of the Russian-Austrian note concerning reforms in Macedonia, which was submitted to the porte after the recent conference between Szar Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph.

This proposal of the European powers dissipates the apprehension which has prevailed in diplomatic circles on the continent that Russia and Austria were arranging a settlement of the Macedonian question in a way to insure their own interests.

According to the information obtained by the Association press the powers will, this time, unite in the appointment of a Christian governor of Macedonia. While it is intended that the Christians shall be protected, there is also a determination that equal protection shall be accorded the Mussulmans.

A SECRET SERVICE CATCH

Gang of Dangerous Counterfeiters Captured Near Boston

What is considered by the United States government secret service officials to be one of the most important raids that has ever taken place in the vicinity of Boston, was successfully carried out in the neighboring town of Revere, when three men, all said to be well known counterfeiters, were arrested and an extensive plant and an enormous supply of paper for printing notes was confiscated.

The government officers stated that there was enough paper in the house where the raid took place, to print more than a million dollars' worth of notes, while the plates and handpresses were of the finest workmanship. The men arrested are John Davis, Ojseph Boumenbilt and Mases Novak, alias Frankel, and it is understood that the government made seven simultaneous arrests in or about New York.

Davis is 33 years old and is believed to be the head of the gang, and, according to the secret service officials, is well known, not only in this country, but also in Europe.

Wealthy Frenchman Vents His Spleen

The Eclair, of Paris, publishes a violent letter written by Bonaparte Wyse, the French engineer to whom Colombia granted the original concession for the construction of a Panama canal. M. Wyse, taking in his text Foreign Minister Delcasse's declarations in the chamber of deputies concerning the recognition of the republic of Panama by France, makes personal attacks on M. Delcasse, M. Pelletan, minister of marine, and M. Philippe Banau Varilla, minister of the republic of Panama to the United States. M. Wyse concludes his letter by urging Europe and the Latin American countries to "undertake a crusade against the imminent danger indicated by the brutal aggression of the Yankees at Panama and to attack the wolves, whether they come from the Rockies or elsewhere, as the only way to avert the danger which threatens us."

First Shipment of American Tin Ore

What is said to be the first shipment of tin ore ever made from this country to Europe, is now at Gaffney, S. C., awaiting shipment to Liverpool via New York. The tin deposits in the Cherokee county. In three months the owner has mined twenty tons of the ore, which is said to be worth \$300 per ton.

U. S. Wants Another Open Door

United States Minister Alier, at Seoul, Korea, had a long interview with the emperor of Korea, on the subject of the request of the United States for the opening to the commerce of the world of the Korean port of Wiju on the Yalu river. No definite decision was arrived at. The government has been placed in a dilemma by the demand of the United States.

Champion Oarsman Dies

Joshua Ward, the old time champion oarsman, died at his home in Cornwall-on-Hudson of pneumonia. He held the championship, defeating all comers, from 1859 to 1864, when he was defeated by James Hamill on the Schuykill. Ward was a brother of Ellis Ward, the coach of the Princeton university crew.

Packing House Gets Meat Contract

Proposals for supplying fresh beef for Fort Riley during the first six months of 1904 were opened at the quartermaster's office at Fort Riley. The bids ranged from \$7.98 a hundred pounds to \$6.37 a hundred pounds. Schwarzschild and Sulzberger, Kansas City packers, were the lowest bidders for the contract and probably it will be awarded to them after the bids reach the department at Washington.

Mrs. Samuel Clemens Very Ill

Since Mrs. Samuel Clemens, wife of "Mark Twain," arrived in Florence, Italy, in November, she has been so indisposed that no one outside her family has been allowed to see her.

\$100,000 Appropriation for Omaha

Senator Millard has introduced a bill in the senate authorizing the use of the Omaha military reservation for officers' quarters and appropriating the sum of \$100,000 for repairs and new buildings on the grounds.

FIGHT OWN BATTLE

The President Refuses to Interfere or Intercede for Miners

WORK OUT OWN SALVATION

Senators Teller and Patterson Hold Interview With President Roosevelt in Behalf of Striking Coal Miners

President Roosevelt again declined to interfere in the strike conditions in the Telluride district of Colorado. He will not go so far, at this time, as to order an investigation into the conditions. An appeal from the western federation of miners, signed by Charles H. Moyer, president of the organization, has been presented to the president by Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado, urging him to exercise federal authority in bringing about an adjustment of the situation which has arisen between the miners and the authorities of the state of Colorado.

At the conclusion of the conference with the president, the Colorado senators sent the following telegram to President Moyer:

"The president states to us that under present conditions he has neither the power nor the right to take such action as you request."

This telegram summarized the result of the interview of Senators Teller and Patterson with the president, and it is said the form of the telegram was agreed to by the president. As stated previously in dispatches to the Associated press, the president maintains that neither the rights nor the authority of the United States government has been invaded in the Colorado situation, and that, therefore, he would not be justified at this time in interfering in the matter in any way.

200,000,000 BUSHELS

This Enormous Amount of Corn Was Raised in Nebraska Last Year

Potatoes are the only thing that Nebraska has not raised in the greatest abundance this year. In some localities, even these toothsome vegetables are among the best ever produced, in spite of the shortage elsewhere. This is the state of affairs as reported by the bulletin just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Seven bushels to the acre in Stanton county, is somewhat offset by 300 bushels in Keya Paha and Box Butte. Alfalfa has been largely increased as to acreage, forty thousand additional acres having been planted with this forage plant this year.

The figures showing the yield of corn would indicate that a "bumper" crop was harvested this fall, 200 million bushels being the report given by the United States Department of Agriculture.

A summary of the different crops harvested in Nebraska follows:

Crop	Acreage	Bushels
Winter wheat	1,343,776	32,346,627
Spring wheat	439,612	7,785,798
Corn	5,946,049	207,638,616
Oats	1,958,721	6,217,284
Rye	343,067	5,625,382
Barley	113,717	3,148,180
Average, Tons		
Broom corn	2,047	715
Millet	125,750	334,750
Sorghum	128,588	457,437
Alfalfa	238,491	840,966
Timothy	243,401	466,520
Wild hay	1,842,216 1/2	2,728,906
Clover	54,635	95,812

Unionists Wear Their Buttons

Although the order prohibiting buttons other than company badges or insignia to be worn on the uniforms is made effective according to the new rule book of the Chicago City Railway company, no man was disciplined when he appeared wearing the union button in open violation of the edict. At every barn especially selected committees of union men scrutinized every employe who appeared to see if the union button was prominent and standing ready to take action in case any member of the union was discharged for disobeying the rule.

The company barn bosses and division superintendents, who were also at the barns, appeared indifferent to the order and made no mention of the rule or the open violation which it received.

Estimate of 1904 Government Expenses

The book of estimates for appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, prepared by the secretary of the treasury, was sent to congress. The total is \$624,281,146.07 as compared with \$589,789,112.30 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. The estimates are divided among the various departments as follows:

Legislative establishment	\$51,251,500
Executive	\$30,189,950.98
Judicial	\$901,420
Foreign ministers	\$2,236,300.60
Military	\$77,794,813.05
Naval	\$90,964,750.39
Indian affairs	\$7,502,252.54
Pensions	\$138,162,600
Public works	\$67,317,307.68
Postal services	\$8,613,709.28
Miscellaneous	\$53,997,012.01
Permanent annual appropriations	\$141,471,820

Wants Bigger Appropriation

Representative Kinkaid has introduced two bills in the house providing for increasing the amounts asked for new government buildings at Kearney and North Platte. The bills introduced provide for an appropriation of \$125,000 for the Kearney building and \$110,000 for a building at North Platte. The amount previously requested for each building was \$75,000.

Decrease of 10,000 in Iowa's Child Crop

The report of State Superintendent Barrett shows a decrease of 10,000 in the number of school children in Iowa since the 1902 enrollment. The record shows the 1903 enrollment to be 550,292 as against 560,173 for 1902. The high mark was reached in 1900, when 566,000 pupils were enrolled in Iowa schools. State Superintendent Barrett explains this decrease by holding that large families are unpopular among the educated classes. The decrease is also attributed to immigration of families to cheap lands in Canada.

WILL MEET IN LINCOLN

List of State Associations to be Held at University Farm Next Month

The following organizations will hold their meeting at the university farm during the week of January 18, 1904:

- The state board of agriculture.
- State swine breeders' association.
- Nebraska improved live stock breeders' association.
- Nebraska dairymen's association.
- Nebraska veterinary medical association.
- Duroc-Jersey breeders' association.
- Association of agricultural students.
- Nebraska state horticultural society.
- State farmers' institute.
- Nebraska shorthorn breeders' association.
- Nebraska corn improvers' association.
- Nebraska state poultry association.
- Nebraska bee keepers' association.
- Nebraska irrigation association.
- Nebraska stock-growers' association.
- Nebraska park and forestry association.

The farmers' co-operative grain and live stock association.

The practice of holding meetings of all the state agricultural associations during the same week has been pronounced a success.

The following are the speakers from abroad, who will address the various associations:

- Dean W. A. Henry of the Wisconsin experiment station.
- Prof. John Hamilton, farmers' institute specialist, U. S. department of agriculture.
- Prof. E. H. Webster, Manhattan, Kansas.
- Prof. J. H. Skinner of the Indiana experiment station.
- Mr. Joseph E. Wing of Ohio.
- Prof. C. G. Hopkins of the Illinois experiment station.
- Dr. H. P. Miller of Sanbury, Ohio.
- Dr. J. H. McNeal of the Iowa experiment station.
- Mr. C. A. Shamel, Chicago, Ill.

Japan and Russia Getting Together

Russia's reply to Japan's proposals is almost completed, but will not be ready for transmission to Tokio for a week or more. A strong hope is expressed in St. Petersburg official circles that the answer will prove acceptable to Japan in the main, if not in all the details. Russia will make concessions, which it is said will not be of a radical character. It is reiterated that the present state of negotiations is confined to a determination of the general questions relating to the rights of the respective powers in Korea. The czar and the foreign office have freely consulted Viceroy Alexieff in the preparation of the reply. While it is not admitted that the meeting of the Japanese parliament has hastened the matter, there has been unusual activity at the foreign office for several days.

Scheme to Invest Government Surplus

Representative Prince of Illinois, a member of the banking and currency committee, introduced a bill providing that \$100,000,000 of the public moneys now deposited with national bank depositors shall be invested by the secretary of the treasury at the rate of five million dollars a month in state, county and municipal bonds, which pay interest at not less than 2 per cent. The bonds which may be acquired are the same as those designated in the Aldrich bill of the last congress. A provision is included in the bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to sell these bonds, but not more than \$10,000,000 may be sold in any month.

The Bible Is Not Barred in Kentucky

Judge J. P. Harbeson, of the circuit court of Brooksville, Ky., has rendered a decision in the case where the Rev. Thomas Hackett, a Catholic priest, brought an injunction suit against the school of trustees at Brooksville, asking that they and the teachers in the public schools be restrained from reading the Bible and offering prayer in the schools on the grounds that it was a violation of the constitution. Judge Harbeson dismissed the petition at the cost of the plaintiff and in unqualified terms says that the Bible is the foundation of all Christian governments and he does not see where it is sectarian to read it in schools. An appeal was asked for and granted.

Homestead Laws for the Philippines

The president has submitted to congress with his approval rules and regulations for the lease, sale or other disposition of the public lands, other than timber or mineral lands, in the Philippine islands, made by the government of the islands. The provide for homesteading, selling and leasing of portions of the public domain; prescribe terms and conditions to enable persons to perfect their titles; provide for the issuance of patents without compensation to certain native settlers upon the public lands; provide for the establishment of townsites and sale of lots therein, and for a hearing and decision by the Philippines court of land registration of all applicants for the completion and confirmation of all imperfect and incomplete Spanish concessions and grants in said islands.

Philo Bennett's Will Now in Safety Vault

Having serious doubts as to the safety vault of the probate court, New Haven, Conn., as a protection against fire, ex-Judge Henry Stoddard, counsel for Mrs. Philo S. Bennett, appeared in the probate court and asked that the sealed letter which is the subject of controversy in connection with the will of Mr. Bennett be placed in a safe deposit vault. Judge Cleveland acquiesced in the suggestion.

Big Birth Record in Germany

The growth of the population of Germany in 1902, regarding which statistics have just been tabulated, was the greatest ever known, amounting to 992,312, or 15.61 per 1,000, compared with 15.09 in 1901 and 14.63, the average for the last ten years. The number of births during the decade increased only slightly, remaining just above 2,000,000 yearly. The gain, therefore, is due exclusively to the diminished death rate, which was 20.56 in 1902, compared with 22.68 for the previous decade.

Cotton Mills Coming to This Country

One of the largest firms of cotton spinners at Bradford, England, announces that they are preparing to erect mills in the United States to which they will transfer hundreds of looms with their complement of combing, drawing and spinning machinery, the dismantling of which has already commenced.

"The chronic kicker never realizes that there are people worse off than he is."

NEWS OF CONGRESS

Meeting of the Upper and Lower House.

A WEEK AT WASHINGTON

Large Attendance of Members—Many Bills in Sight—Will Try to Make Session a Short One.

SENATE—MONDAY.

The senate today closed the extraordinary session and entered on the duties of the regular session.

The unusual features were the closing of the called session by the announcement from the chair and the offering of two prayers in the senate within a half hour of each other. The business transacted consisted of the reading of the president's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill. Mr. Cullom, who has charge of the Cuban bill, made a speech, advocating its passage in the interest of American trade.

The first regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress began at noon today, but the senate met half an hour previous to that time in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session.

The major portion of the half hour sitting of the extra session was devoted to executive business, but before the doors were closed the senate passed a bill amending the law relative to congressional franks.

The motion for an executive session was made by Mr. Allison, who stated that there was some business necessary to be transacted behind closed doors before the termination of the called session. The motion prevailed and at 11:40 the executive session began.

After the doors were opened Senator Platt (Conn.) presided over the senate during the favorable consideration of a resolution of thanks to Senator Frye "for the courteous manner in which he has presided over the senate."

The resolution was offered by Mr. Gorman.

Mr. Keane made a favorable report from the committee on contingent expenses on the resolution of Mr. Penrose requesting the transmission to the senate by the postmaster general of all the papers relating to the postoffice investigation.

Mr. Gorman objected to the present consideration of the resolution, and it went to the calendar.

A favorable report was made by Mr. Burton from the committee on forest reserves, and the protection of game, or a bill creating "the national Appalachian forest reserve."

Mr. Frye then took the chair at 12 o'clock and announced that the hour provided for by law for the first meeting of the fifty-eighth session of congress having arrived, "I declare the extraordinary session adjourned without delay."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. J. Prettyman. The roll was called and sixty-seven senators having responded Mr. Frye announced that a quorum was present.

Resolutions were offered and agreed to as follows:

By Mr. Platt (Conn.), fixing the daily meeting hour at 12 o'clock; Mr. Power, for a committee to inform the house that a quorum of the senate was present; by Mr. Hale that a committee of two senators be appointed to join a like committee from the house to notify the president that a quorum of the senate had assembled.

Upon the reconvening of the senate Mr. Hale reported for the committee that the president had been advised and would shortly communicate a message. Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president, then presented the message, which was read at once.

The senate took up the resolution calling on the postmaster general to send to the senate committee on post-offices and postroads, the papers bearing on the recent investigation into irregularities in the postoffice department.

The senate confirmed the following nominations: Charles P. McClellan, New York, general appraiser of merchandise; John P. Dickinson, Colorado, receiver of public moneys at Hugo, Colo.

HOUSE—MONDAY.

The house convened today in regular session and listened to the reading of the president's annual message to congress.

The house having organized four weeks ago, the ceremony of opening today comprised merely a quorum and the customary notifications to the president and to the senate.

A considerable amount of routine matters necessary to facilitate the work of committees was transacted prior to the reception of the message. The house adjourned at 3:30 out of respect to Henry Burk (Pa.), a member who died Saturday.

Speaker Cannon brought down the gavel at noon today convening the house for the first day of the regular session of the fifty-eighth congress.

The roll was called by the states to develop that a quorum was present. Mr. Pinckney (Tex.) was sworn in.

The speaker announced the presence of a quorum, 303 members having responded to the roll call. The speaker appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Hephurn (Ia.), Hemenway (Ind.), and Williams (Mass.) to join a committee from the senate to wait upon the president and notify him that a quorum of the two houses was present.

Wisconsin and Nebraska Will Debate

The executive committee of the university of Wisconsin has decided favorably on a debate between the universities of Wisconsin and Nebraska. The decision is the result of a letter from the Nebraska authorities asking for the privilege of meeting the Badger debaters.

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ent and ready to receive any communication from him.

A resolution was adopted providing that the clerk notify the senate of the presence of a quorum in the house.

The list of contests having been announced to the house by the clerk, were read, and are as follows:

California, Fourth district; Illinois, Sixth district; Massachusetts, Ninth district; Missouri, Eleventh and Twelfth districts; North Carolina, Tenth district; Pennsylvania, Tenth district; Oklahoma, delegate-at-large; South Carolina, First and Seventh districts; Tennessee, Eighth district; Colorado, First district.

At 1:40 Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president, bearing the president's message to congress, was announced. The message was read to the house.

The reading of the president's message was concluded amid applause on the republican side. The message was referred to the committee of the whole house on state functions, and ordered printed.

Another message from the president transmitting rules and regulations prescribed in connection with the public lands in the Philippines was received by the house.

The speaker appointed a committee to attend the funeral of the late Henry Burk of Pennsylvania, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Mrs. Preston, who lives near Neosho Rapids, had an unpleasant adventure in the Neosho river. While she was driving across the river the horses got off the direct track into deep water. The water ran through the buggy bed and before Mrs. Preston could prevent it the water floated a box on which her two small children were sitting into the river. The children clung to the box as it was carried down the stream. Mrs. Preston stopped the team and jumped into the river after the box bearing the children and managed to get the children back in the buggy safely. The water was deep and very cold and the experience was not one such as most women would desire, but Mrs. Preston did not flinch at a time when most women would have lost their heads.

Wheat thieves are working industriously near Kansas City. M. F. Probst operates a line of elevators on the Kansas Southwestern railroad, and lately several of his storage bins have been broken into. The thieves have made away with wheat by the wagon load.

GLADSTONE'S POWER OF WILL

Enabled Great Statesman to Conquer Physical Weakness.

Gladstone fables are rather numerous. A good many of them are demolished in Mr. Morley's Life. The world used to hear that he never lost his power of sleeping after the most exciting nights in Parliament. But in his diary for 1852 he writes: "Nervous excitement kept me wakeful after speaking, the first time for many years." Twenty years later he had several spells of sleeplessness. He characteristically explains that it was not the lack of sleep that troubled him but the consequent state of his brain next morning. At other times he was afflicted with neuralgic attacks. His eyes (magnificently to look at) were never very strong. The Life, moreover, supplies abundant proof of his possession of a vital force not to be measured by any physical standard. He could conquer weakness by indomitable will, and indulge in feats of endurance which would have been dangerous but for his splendid powers of recuperation. When greatly troubled he seems to have found the relief he required in talking it all over with Catherine, his devoted wife.

New Mountaineering Records.

Mountaineering records have recently been broken in two respects in the Hunza Nagar peaks of the Himalayas on the northwest frontier of India; For four years past Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman have been carrying on climbing operations in those parts with the aid of Swiss guides and Aug 12 last Dr. Workman and two guides climbed an unnamed peak near the Chogo Loongma glacier to a height of 23,394 feet. They did not quite reach the top, but this is higher than the previous world's record, which is the summit of Aconcagua in the Andes, 23,082 feet. Mount Everest, however, the highest peak in the world, still remains unconquered. On the same day Mrs. Bullock Workman reached a height of 22,568 feet, which breaks the previous record for women—held by herself—by 1,568 feet. Mrs. Workman is mid-looking and middle-aged, with gray hair and a by no means athletic figure.

The Old Farm.

The old farmhouse, I see it again; In its low dark eaves the twittering wren is nested as long ago; And I breathe once more the south wind's balm, And sit and watch, in the twilight's calm, The bats fly to and fro.

The white cows lie at the pasture bars, And the dairy cool with its tins and jars, Is stored with curds and cream; There's somebody putting the things to rights.

And through the window I see the light From the tallow candle gleam.

The garden is rich with its old-time bloom, And I catch, in fancy, the faint perfume Of blossoms dank with dew. And over it all is the starlit dome, And round about it the peace of the home.

How it all comes back to view!

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