

## RUSSIA WILL FIGHT

Tells Other Nations to Attend to Their Own Affairs

### WAR TO THE BITTER END

England and Denmark Signally Fall in Their Friendly Overtures to End Russia and Japan War

The Associated press is enabled to announce authoritatively that the talk of mediation in the Russo-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desire of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but that steps initiated have utterly failed. The emperor of Russia, with the full concurrence of the imperial family and his advisers, has firmly decided not only to reject all proposals looking to intervention, but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the empire until victory crowns the Russian arms, and then, when the time comes for peace, to make terms directly with the enemy. The interference of outside powers will not be tolerated. There is to be no repetition of the Berlin congress. Furthermore, the Associated press is authorized to state that Russia will in no wise consider herself bound by the propositions made to Japan prior to the war.

The hostilities have wiped out the engagements Russia offered to make with Japan regarding Korea and Manchuria. Russia will consider herself free to impose such terms as she desires.

### MISSISSIPPI ON A BOOM

Making Preparations to Prevent Overflow at East St. Louis

The Mississippi river rose rapidly at St. Louis and preparations to resist a possible flood were hastily made. The government weather bureau issued a flood warning, advising that precautions be taken to guard against a probable stage of thirty-five feet. The danger line is thirty feet and the river registers over twenty-eight feet. The high water mark in the great flood of last year was thirty-eight feet.

In East St. Louis, Ill., which suffered so severely from the flood last year, Mayor Silas Cook secured a large force of men and the building of dikes was at once begun. As fast as dikes are built forces of men will be stationed to protect them and keep them in order. So far no damage has been done by the rising flood. During the past forty-eight hours fourteen inches of rain has fallen at Jefferson City, Mo., the greatest amount in that space of time recorded in many years. All the bottom lands are flooded, doing much damage to wheat and other growing crops. The Missouri river has risen six feet.

### A NERVY JUDGE

Says City of York Must Pay Police Court Costs When They Lose Cases

Police Judge R. L. Snodgrass, has delivered an ultimatum to the effect that unless the costs of the cases in which the city of York, Neb., loses, are hereafter forthcoming, the city will have to hunt up a new magistrate. Mr. Snodgrass refuses to pretend to administer justice where the prejudice is wholly against the defendant. He claims that a person's liberty should not be set against dollars and cents. He intends to present a bill to the city council for services in a case where the city lost, and in case he is turned down, to resign. The judge claims he is sick of trying to fairly discriminate between the guilt or innocence of persons accused of crime, when, if the prisoner is discharged, the costs are not paid.

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### Chicago's Pneumonia Record

The number of deaths from pneumonia during the present month has broken all April records for Chicago, according to the report of the health department. In the first twenty-three days 402 deaths were reported—a daily average of 22.1.

### Youngest War Veteran Dies

John Botts, a former citizen of Chillicothe, Mo., who was distinguished as having been the youngest federal soldier in the civil war, is dead at Los Angeles, Cal. Twenty years ago a Toledo paper offered a gold medal for the youngest federal soldier in the civil war and it was awarded to Botts. He enlisted in the Fortieth Missouri regiment at the age of 13 years, and being large for his age, was allowed to enroll as a soldier.

## CELEBRATE NEBRASKA DAY

Governor Mickey Issues a Proclamation Calling for Observance of the Day

Governor Mickey has issued a proclamation setting aside Tuesday, May 31, as a holiday in commemoration of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, which occurred May 30, 1854. As the actual anniversary of the event comes on the same date as Memorial day, the governor has deemed it best to postpone the celebration of the semi-centennial until the day following. Following is the proclamation:

"On the 30th day of May, 1854, President Pierce affixed his signature to one of the most important enactments which has passed congress during the existence of these United States. The incidents leading up to the introduction and final passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill were history-making in their character, and have indelibly stamped their impress upon our national life. The succeeding events were even more decisive and tragic in their results, ultimately plunging the north and south into fratricidal war and testing in the balance of sanguinary conflict the mooted question of the times affecting human liberty. Such stirring scenes as these marked the enactment of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, by the terms of which the future state of Nebraska, then in territorial form, first emerged from the wilderness lying west of the Missouri and assumed its initial civic responsibilities. Owing to the intensity of the times the eyes of the nation were fixed upon Nebraska then, and because of our spectacular growth and development the attention thus attracted has never been withdrawn. Much was expected of Nebraska, but not more than she has been able to deliver. Her early settlements of God-fearing, liberty-loving school-fostering citizens exerted a wholesome influence upon the trend of national events from the very first and laid the foundations for the magnificent statehood which is our heritage today.

"In the hurry and bustle of life it is profitable at times to briefly pause for retrospective view. In harmony with this idea many of our citizens have thought it wise to properly celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska bill and the plan meets with my hearty approval. As the date occurs on the 30th of May, a day consecrated to the memory of our soldier dead, a delay of one day is fitting and proper.

"Therefore, I, John H. Mickey, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby appoint and set apart Tuesday, May 31, 1904, as a day commemorative of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, an event of the utmost importance to this people. I suggest that on the Friday preceding the schools of the state take cognizance of the matter and by appropriate exercises of the half century, the history attending the birth of the territory, and seek to inculcate such lessons of patriotism as best the occasion. It also seems proper that on the Sabbath preceding the anniversary the pastors of the state should make reference to the event from the sacred desk and give to their congregations some thoughts on the growth and development of our commonwealth and the blessings of Providence that have been vouchsafed to us. I recommend that the people generally recognize the anniversary and assist in its observance in any manner that seems most convenient.

"The people of Omaha are preparing for a very elaborate celebration, due notice of which will appear in the public press, and it is probable that many from outlying towns and communities will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the pretentious ceremonies there to be held."

### BOLD HOLDUP KILLED

Held Up Members of Social Club Who Killed Him Later

A masked man armed with two revolvers entered the rooms of the Del Monte social club at Dan Jose, Cal., and after lining up against the wall six men who were in the rooms, took a diamond ring value at \$300 from one of the men, grabbed \$250 or \$400 from the table, backed out of the room. After a pursuit by citizens, lasting over an hour, during which thirty shots were exchanged, the robber was finally killed. Upon investigation the dead man was found to be Bert Thorndyke, a prominent young man.

"Is Jenette's hat becoming to her?"  
"Yes—and no."  
"What do you mean by that?"  
"It is about twice as becoming to her as her friends think it—and not half as becoming as she imagines it to be."

### Rain All Over Nebraska

Drenching rain thoroughly soaked the agricultural regions of Nebraska, the precipitation being 2.84 inches. According to reports received by Mr. Loveland at the state university, the entire state was well watered except the northwest corner. The mercury hovered in the neighborhood of 30 degrees most of the time. High wind was also an unpleasant element in the storm.

## KANSAS TORNADO

Six Homes Demolished by Wind at McPherson

### TEXAS ALSO GETS TWISTER

Centralia, Mo., Does Not Escape Injury—Heavy Rains Throughout Western Nebraska—Other News

A severe tornado struck McPherson, Kan., demolishing six residences and causing damage to other property. Three persons were injured, one seriously. Much damage was done in the country north of McPherson.

Beyond McPherson the tornado followed the ground, taking the path of an old water course. The tornado passed four miles east of Salina, wrecking telephone and telegraph poles and farm property.

A special to the Fort Worth Record from Mount Vernon says:

The worst tornado ever known in that section struck Mount Vernon from the southwest. Eleven houses were blown down, the residence of J. H. Majors, vice president of the First National bank, being completely demolished. Mrs. Majors was seriously injured and Mr. Majors and Mrs. C. H. Harp and son and daughter were injured. The home of W. W. Arnold was shattered and strewn for hundreds of yards and Mr. Arnold, his wife and a young lady visiting them were painfully injured. H. A. Smith had two houses wrecked.

Trees, fences and telephone wires were blown down and other damage done. The path of the storm was very narrow and it passed over a thinly populated part of the town, or the damage would have been much greater.

A tornado struck near Centralia, Mo. Several residences and other property was damaged, but no one was hurt, as far as reported.

Heavy rains have visited the entire state of Nebraska and western Iowa. A heavy windstorm struck west of McCook, doing considerable damage, and taking down several miles of the Western Union Telegraph company's poles and wires.

### ORD CREAMERY BURNED

The Loss Foots Up to \$5,000 With Insurance Amounting to \$4,000

The creamery at Ord, Neb., owned by the Ravenna Creamery company, burned to the ground, an entire loss. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is conjectured that a defective flue was the cause. The manager of the plant was away and the employees were all at dinner. The fire company responded promptly to the alarm, but it took all of the hose to reach from the burning building to the nearest hydrant, and as a result the firemen could play but one stream of water on the flames. By heroic efforts the ice plant was saved, but all of the machinery, save perhaps the boiler, several new cream separators in stock, and about a thousand dollars' worth of butter, was lost. It is estimated that the total loss will foot up to about \$5,000, with about \$4,000 insurance.

### Three Months of Accidents

The interstate commerce commission has just issued accident bulletin No. 10, giving an account of the railroad accidents in the United States during the months of October, November and December, 1903. It shows that there were 147 passengers and 299 employees killed and 1,148 passengers and 2,350 employees injured during that quarter as a result of collisions and derailments of trains and engines. Other accidents to passengers and employees, not the result of train accidents, bring the total number of casualties up to 14,485, being 175 passengers and 99 employees killed, and 1,337 passengers and 11,382 employees injured—a decrease of 702 as compared with the preceding quarter. The total number of collisions and derailments was 3,011 (1,822 collisions and 1,179 derailments), of which 287 collisions and 119 derailments affected passenger trains.

### Hard on Celluloid Collars

The Tri-State Laundrymen's association, which has been in convention at Kansas City, has finished its work. The convention was executive throughout, but it was said by one of the delegates that resolutions were adopted against the use of celluloid collars, smoke consumers and the burning of anthracite coal. Some of the delegates are understood to have opposed the sewing on of buttons unless it could be proved that they were riveted to the shirt. An important issue discussed, it is said, was "What becomes of the clothes that do not come back?"

### Belgium Will Exhibit

M. Jules Carlier, commissioner general to the world's fair from Belgium, accompanied by his wife, has arrived in St. Louis, to remain during the exposition. M. Carlier states that King Leopold of Belgium had not abandoned his intention of visiting St. Louis and attending the exposition. Political conditions are the only obstacle at the present time to prevent him from coming, and he hopes to surmount them.

## THE NEW YORK PLATFORM

Wm. J. Bryan Criticizes It Before a Big Chicago Audience

William J. Bryan addressed a large audience in the armory of the Second Illinois infantry at Chicago. The place was packed to its utmost capacity, and a large number of police were unable to get through the doors.

The meeting was entirely an affair of Mr. Bryan's, he having rented the armory and paid all of the expenses of the meeting. He was particular to have it understood that his address was not in favor of or against any particular aspirant for the democratic nomination for the presidency. His subject was "The New York Platform," and he repeated several times during the course of his address that he was discussing measures only, and not men.

In order that his address might not have the appearance of being delivered under any particular political influence, or in the interest of any special faction, Mr. Bryan was his own presiding officer, and introduced himself to his hearers.

He characterized the platform adopted at the recent state convention in New York as "ambiguous, uncertain, evasive, and dishonest," declaring that "it would disgrace the democrats of the nation to adopt such a platform, and it ought to defeat as an aspirant for a democratic nomination any man who would be willing to have it go forth as a declaration of his views on public questions."

### KING EDWARD WILL MEDIATE

Russia is Anxious for Him to Intervene for Peace

The Russian capital is agog with reports of possible mediation between Russia and Japan through King Edward as a result of his majesty's visit to Copenhagen. Everywhere, however, the Russians seem to be of one mind, that no proffer of mediation can be entertained while the empire is smarting under the sting of defeat. For some time, however, evidence has continued to accumulate that King Edward was seeking to bring about more friendly relations with Russia and that efforts in that direction were being sympathetically received, except by the extreme radicals. Especially has this been true since the consummation of the Anglo-French entente. Charles Hardinge, the new British ambassador to Russia, was the bearer of a personal letter from King Edward to the emperor and Sir Charles S. Scott, the retiring ambassador, leaves St. Petersburg soon taking a letter to King Edward, besides a personal message of the most cordial character which the emperor asked him to convey to King Edward when Sir Charles took luncheon with his majesty at the winter palace yesterday.

## THE NATIONAL GAMES

Standing of the Clubs for Week Ending April 23

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Played	Won	Lost
New York	7	6	1
St. Louis	7	4	3
Cincinnati	9	5	4
Brooklyn	8	4	4
Boston	7	3	4
Chicago	7	3	4
Pittsburg	9	4	5
Philadelphia	7	2	5

  

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	Played	Won	Lost
Boston	8	7	1
Philadelphia	7	4	3
Cleveland	7	4	3
Detroit	7	3	4
New York	8	4	4
St. Louis	6	3	3
Washington	7	0	7

**Senate Winding Up Business**  
The general deficiency appropriation bill was passed by the senate, leaving but one of the appropriation bills unacted upon by that body. A large number of amendments were adopted, among them one by Mr. Cullom limiting the Chinese exclusion legislation to a reaffirmation of the exclusion law of 1902 and other existing exclusion laws. An amendment which was accepted was that excluding Chinese and other aliens coming in as a result of agreements between other countries and steamship companies, having especial reference to a contract between the Cunard line and the government of Hungary, to supply 30,000 immigrants per year to the steamship company. About 200 private pension bills were passed.

### Biggest Well in Kansas

The largest oil well ever reported in Kansas was brought in on the Gerken lease, just east of Humboldt. It is estimated at 3,000 barrels a day. This well is owned by the St. Joseph Oil and Gas company. Their manager, Mr. Clarke, a new man at the oil business, is well pleased at its success.

### Educating the Policemen

Five hundred policemen, one-fifth of the entire number in Chicago, will present themselves at the Dearborn Medical college to receive instructions in applied anatomy and surgery, as well as criminal law. After a five days' course of study of two hours each, the students will be succeeded by other police in batches of 500. The instruction will be given in lectures by the college faculty, the attending staff, of the Samaritan hospital and assistant states attorneys.

## TO IMPROVE STOCK

An Association Has Been Formed by Kansas Breeders

### ADVANCE CATTLE BREEDING

Will Stimulate Pure Stock Breeding to End that Live Stock Owners Will Reap Merited Reward

The Glasco Improved Stock Show and Sale association has been organized at Glasco, Kan., and officers elected as follows: President, J. M. Copeland; secretary, G. H. Bernard; treasurer, G. W. Hussey. The vice presidents are: L. H. Cool, J. M. Copeland, W. W. Palmer, George Nowels, W. A. Davidson, George Chapman, E. E. Butler, J. H. Martin and C. C. King.

They are all prominent thoroughbred stockmen, in cattle as well as horses and hogs. Other owners of herds in and about Glasco are: W. E. Orebaugh, Frank Wilson, George Coldwell, John Chase, J. A. Nicol, and others, who handle from 50 to 100 head.

The object for which the association was organized is to unite all owners and fanciers of pure bred stock into one society for the promotion of the interests of good stock, to stimulate pure stock breeding and to create a greater interest so that more people in the community may become fanciers of pure bred stock to the end that the live stock interests of the vicinity may be advanced.

The country around Glasco is filling up rapidly with thoroughbred stock, having more than doubled in the past few years, and more farmers are engaging in the industry, as they see the success of those who have been engaged in it for the last few years.

### Farmers Against Joints

For the past month or more farmers in the vicinity of Wellington, Kan., have been securing signatures to a petition asking the business men of the city to unite in an effort to close the licensed "joints" and gambling houses of the town. Their ultimatum was delivered through the local papers in the form of a series of resolutions, declaring that if these places were not closed by May 1 they would cease doing any trading in the town. The resolutions are said to have received over 800 signatures, principally of heads of families. Nothing is likely to be done about the matter until the farmers demonstrate they are in earnest.

### Start in Business

About a dozen of Washburn's medical students left Topeka, Kan., for Cheyenne, Wyo., where they expect to begin "practice"—selling views. Their success will be of interest to many of the Washburn boys who contemplate the same work for this summer's vacation. During the spring vacation, just passed, several of the college boys sold views in the neighboring towns and all report good returns for their labor. This is one of the many ways which enable the boys to go to college.

### Nebraska Postal Affairs

The postoffice department has ordered the establishment of the following new rural free delivery routes for Nebraska, beginning service May 16:  
Columbus, Platte county, route No. 4; length of route, 26½ miles; number of houses on route, 100.  
Platte Center, Platte county, route No. 1; length of route, 27½ miles; number of houses on route, 100.

The following appointments have been made in the rural free delivery service for Nebraska:  
McCool Junction, route No. 1—Edwin Wilcox, carrier; Frank B. Hays, substitute.

Arborville, route No. 1—Amos W. Shafer, carrier; Hiram Mellott, substitute.

Valparaiso, route No. 4—Stephen M. Newby, carrier; David O. White, substitute.

### Dakota Divorces Not Recognized

Justice Weaver of the supreme court in a decision at Des Moines does not recognize divorces granted in South Dakota to Iowans who go to the northern prairie land for legal separation. In the case of Beman versus Beeman it is held that the husband must pay to his wife one-third of his fortune since the decree of divorce was granted. Mrs. Beeman will receive about \$2,000.

The case is of unusual interest for the reason that such a decision invalidates many divorces granted Iowans. Under it, residence in either of the Dakotas for the statutory period is not satisfactory evidence of a bona fide change of residence.

### Has 78,000 Population

There are 78,000 persons living in Kansas City, Kan., at the present time, according to the canvass completed by the Hoye Directory company. This is an increase of 3,000 compared with the canvass results last year. The growth would be considered remarkable in any city. It is truly wonderful for Kansas City, Kan., considering the fact that last summer's flood made thousands of persons temporarily homeless.

## HEARST CRITICIZES KNOX

Compares Him to an Old Hen Regarding Trust Prosecution

"The attorney general has been brooding over the evidence like an old hen on a doorknob for eighteen months. He has not acted in any way and won't let anybody take it away from him."

Representative William Randolph Hearst made this statement before the house committee on judiciary in arguing for a favorable report on his resolution calling on the attorney general for the evidence against the anthracite coal carrying railroads which includes the report of the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York.

Mr. Hearst occupied the attention of the committee for an hour in the first argument he has made in his capacity of a member of the house. He reviewed in detail the proceedings instituted by himself against the railroads and demanded that action should be taken either by the attorney general or that the house should appoint a committee of seven of its members to compile anew the evidence in the possession of the attorney general with a view to securing action against these roads under the Sherman anti-trust act.

### CANAL IS OURS

Transfer of Panama Canal to the United States Has Been Made

The Associated press is authorized to announce that the contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, delivered and complete.

The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States.

The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the signatures of President Bo and Director Richman of the Panama Canal company, who signed for the company as its responsible officials.

The transfer is complete and without reservation and the United States secures a perfect title.

This result has been accomplished quietly and most unexpectedly. At the meeting of the stockholders of the Panama Canal company in Paris President Bo announced that the sale had been completed, and instead of asking for authority to execute a future contract, it remained to ratify the sale.

When W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, the United States assistant attorneys general, who are in Paris to assist in the transfer of the property, were seen by the Associated press, they reluctantly admitted that the transfer had been consummated.

### Charles Fair Estate Settled

Judge Cook of the California Superior court bench, has ordered the final Charles M. Fair, which was appraised at \$2,940,000, to the two sisters of the deceased, Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. The sum of \$120,000 was held out for the purpose of meeting various other claims. Attorney's fees and other claims to the sum of over \$200,000 were allowed, to be paid out of the estate.

No contest in the distribution of the estate was made.

During the proceedings Charles S. Neal testified that \$120,000 had been paid to Mrs. Nelson, mother of Mrs. Fair.

### Chicago a Summer Resort

During the St. Louis exposition Chicago will be billed as a summer resort point by all the western railroads. This was decided upon at a meeting of a special committee of the Western Passenger association. The rate in effect from all points west to the Pacific coast will be one fare plus \$2 for the round trip with a minimum rate of \$20. This rate is about the same as was granted for the exposition, and will protect the Chicago gateway on all classes of business during the exposition.

### Wilmot Best Marksman

Wilmot, shooting from the thirty-yard line, won the fourth mid-winter interstate shoot at twenty-five live birds at Blue River park, near Kansas City, making a straight score. Thirty-three men entered the race and fifteen of that number finished, but as none of the other eighteen men killed his first twenty without a miss, Wilmot is conceded to be the winner. T. P. Marshall, Keithsburg, Ill., (32 yards), Ed O'Brien, Florence, Kan., (32 yards) and Russell Klein, (31 yards) each killed twenty-four birds.

### Chicago Murderers Hung

Compelled to be carried to the scaffold, Peter Niedermeyer, leader of the car barn bandits, was hanged in Chicago. Weak and pale, but with a slight suggestion of a smile, the bandit failed to carry out his oft-repeated boast that he would die before reaching the gallows. The hanging of his associates, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, quickly followed.