

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The liar that for a long time resided at Che Foo seems to have taken up his residence at Singapore. During the last few days he has cabled that the Russian fleet passed that place headed for the Yellow sea—that it consisted of 45, 52 and 30 warships; that the Russian warships were not there and had gone off to find some other strait; that the bottoms of the Russian fleet were so foul that the seaweed could be seen streaming out behind; that ten fast Japanese cruisers were always a few miles ahead of the Russian squadrons. That has been the run of the dispatches and every man had to make up his own mind as to how much truth there was in them. It seems true that the Russian warships are moving, but where they are going no one knows. The admiral evidently wanted to convey the impression that he was on his way to Vladivostok, so he sailed by Singapore in plain view that it might be cabled to all the world. Where Togo and his fleet is no one knows. Four Japanese cruisers have been seen since Togo left Japan two months ago and that is all that any one knows about the Japanese fleet.

The Chicago & Alton railroad issued an order declaring any employe would be dismissed that visited race tracks, dance halls or saloons. The employes of the road, while not denying that such a rule would be good for the road, said that it should apply to all alike and that no discriminations should be made, that the rule should apply to the officers as well as other employes. There was shortly after an order issued that officials must quit carrying liquors on their private cars or entering saloons along the line.

What little news that has come from Manchuria is to the effect that the Japanese are planning to invest Vladivostok on the land side. It has long been blockaded on the sea side. The Japs have captured over twenty steamships, heavily loaded, that have tried to enter that port. Vladivostok can never be fortified in such a manner as Port Arthur was and if the Japanese ever get an army in the rear of it, it will not take them long to capture it. If that were done, it would be a much more severe blow to Russia than the capture of Port Arthur. It would cut Russia entirely off from the Pacific, and make the millions spent in building the Siberian railroad almost entirely unproductive. The value to Japan in the capture of Port Arthur was the destruction of the Russian fleet harbored there.

They have been having some sort of a "doings" in Ireland over a cocoon that was found on the shores of the Emerald Isle before Columbus sailed for America and which has been preserved ever since. It is not recorded that Columbus ever heard of that cocoon.

Meager reports have come from India concerning an earthquake there, which, when we get the whole story may turn out to be an awful disaster. It is said that a large chimney fell down in the house in which Lady Curzon was sleeping and fell through the roof directly over her but was stopped by the floor and ceiling of the room just above her.

The president created the office of "consulting engineer and advisor to the directors in the irrigation service" and attached a salary to it of \$10,000, all of his own sweet will and by his own imperial authority. Congress has never created such an office, indeed, it refused at the last session to create it. If the president on his own initiative can create \$10,000 places in this off-hand style, over a century of American constitutional law must now be quickly rewritten.

Young Phelps Stokes, the millionaire who has been devoting his life to settlement work is very much astonished at the space that has been given in the newspapers to his proposed marriage to Miss Pastor, who once worked in a cigar factory and later was a reporter on a daily newspaper. The reason of it is that a millionaire who does not marry a chorus girl or who is engaged in any work for the benefit of mankind is one of the greatest curiosities in the whole world.

Official returns by the Russians, which seem trustworthy, now fix their total losses in killed, wounded and prisoners at Mukden at 107,000 men. The Japanese have acknowledged total losses on their side as about 57,000. These figures contrasted make it im-

possible to argue for the Russians at any conceivable point in strategy, tactics and fighting power. For, while Oyama probably had a numerical superiority, Kuropatkin was on the defensive. That the Russians fighting a defensive battle could have suffered losses about twice as large as their enemy's would have been deemed impossible before the war began.

Roosevelt, the republican candidate, carried Chicago by one hundred thousand. Five months later, Mr. Harlan, the republican candidate lost it by 25,000. Here is something to think about.

The ordinary man in this country will be inclined to smile when he hears that the Russian police got after the lawyers the other day. The lawyers undertook to hold a convention in St. Petersburg. They had just got well started in passing resolutions denouncing the bureaucracy and demanding a representative government when the police pounced upon them and ran them all out of the hall. Afterwards these same lawyers got together again and adopted still more radical resolutions, among which was one advocating the arming of the people. In the early years of this country lawyers did noble work for freedom, but of late years they have become the most dangerous element in society. They are makers and defenders of trusts, the very basis upon which rests all the evils of which the people complain. Under their shrewd management the rich commit crime and escape all punishment, while the innocent poor for want of money to pay fees are often sent to prison.

Roosevelt is out on a hunting expedition, the sickening details of which no one is forced to read unless he chooses, although there are columns of it in the dailies. We are told how he ran down a wolf with a pack of dogs and then jumped on it and captured it alive and lot more such stuff. He has been in Oklahoma, Texas, where he had a Rough Rider round up, and a hunt in a big pasture on the public domain all fenced in, and has gone on to Colorado where he is going to kill more wolves, jack rabbits and bears. Men have been sent on ahead of him to round up the game and drive it before him, just as is done when Emperor William hunts. Great is Teddy. He was going to have those fences taken down before the election. Now he goes hunting in a pasture on the public domain all of which is fenced in.

The Russian lawyers got together a second time in spite of the grand dukes and the police and were joined by all the professors. They passed the following resolutions:

"The whole of Russia awaits impatiently a complete reform in the organization of the government. We believe it to be our duty to declare that the country is on the verge of a precipice. The poverty stricken Russian people are driven by the malevolence of the government into agrarian and industrial revolt. The social and economic questions can not be solved by the bureaucracy. Political reform is imperative. Each minute of delay increases the anarchy and revolt. The government should be reformed in accordance with modern principles, representatives of the people should have the principal influence, and the bureaucracy should be relegated to a minor role.

"The reformed government should be absolutely democratic. The people's representatives should make the laws and control the administration and the budget. All class privileges, political or religious, should be obliterated. The principle of universal suffrage should be adopted which will never be accomplished through the bureaucracy. Consequently the abolition of every restriction on liberty of speech, meetings and the press should precede the convocation of the representatives of the people."

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SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

From Nye & Buchanan Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants, South Omaha, Nebraska

South Omaha, Neb. April 12. The cattle market has held up very well under liberal receipts so far this week and the prospects seem good for a further advance as soon as this run lets up. Many cattle have come on the market this week that parties did not intend to market until June, and this will lighten receipts later on. We look for the highest prices before June 1. We quote:

Choice steers, \$6.00@6.50; fair to good, \$5.00@5.90; cows and heifers, \$4.00@5.00; choice feeders, \$4.50@5.00; good feeders, \$4.00@4.40; good yearlings, \$4.00@4.50; canners, \$1.50@3.00; bulls, \$2.50@4.00; veal, \$3.50@6.50; milkers and springers, \$30@45.

The hog market has been about steady for the past week. Range, \$5.25@5.37.

Sheep and lambs fairly active and steady.

Cotton Mill Slavery

I know the sweatshops of Hester street, New York; I am familiar with the vice, depravity, and degradation of the Whitechapel district; I have vis-

ited the Ghetto of Venice; I know the lot of the coal miners of Pennsylvania, and I know somewhat of Siberian atrocities; but for misery, woe, and hopeless suffering, I have never seen anything to equal the cotton mill slavery of South Carolina—this in my own America, the land of the free and the home of the brave!

For the adult who accepts the life of the mills I have not a word to say—it is his own business. My plea is in defense of the innocent; I voice the cry of the child whose sob is drowned in the thunder of whirring wheels.—Elbert Hubbard.

Want to Fuse With Them?

No democrat wants to follow Tom Watson as a leader. Mr. Bryan knows more in a minute than Watson would know in a lifetime. Besides Mr. Bryan has all the qualities of statesmanship while Watson is a mere buffoon—a sort of a clown in politics, with neither great principles nor following. True, he quotes from Jefferson and other great democrats but he doesn't follow the teachings of those great men. So, too, did the Devil and Bob Ingersoll quote the scriptures but nobody ever accused either of them as being Christians.—Brazil Democrat.

BIG MONEY IN OIL WELLS

Many Nebraska People Receiving Handsome Returns for Money Invested in the Kansas Oil Fields.

In all lines of business those who are quick and prompt to act as a rule are the successful ones. The "early bird catches the worm" is the old-fashioned way of telling the story. The early settlers in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and other states, were bold enough to risk the hardships and dangers of pioneer life. In it all they succeeded because they took chances that their weaker brothers feared to take. In their courage was their success.

The same is true in the Kansas oil fields. Those who are investing now will win on a large scale. There are many citizens in Lincoln who have investments in the Kansas oil fields that have already paid \$20 for every dollar originally invested. We will furnish their names if you want them.

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sas oil fields and visited and inspected thoroughly the Bueno-Ventura Oil and Gas Company's property and its surroundings. He was convinced that the opportunity for producing oil upon this land was excellent and became an officer in the company. Independent readers who wish to invest may be sure that their interests will be carefully guarded and protected in every way.

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