

The Czar Is Modest.
Practically the czar has the power to convert to his own uses any portion of the state revenues that suits his fancy. But Russia has not in vain been called an "autocracy tempered by assassination." If the "little father" assumed too much, his assistants in the governing business might get jealous and batter his brains out, as they did with Paul, or poison or stab him to death, as they did with the various Peters, Alexanders, Annas and Catherines. Assuming that the Petersburg Statesman's Year Book can be relied upon, Nicholas takes 4 1/2 cents annually from each of his subjects—but though he has nearly 107,000,000 of them, the official excuse-maker figures his income from the empire at \$5,000,000 per annum only, while other sources state it to be twice as much. It should be added, though, that the state places 1,000,000 square miles of cultivated land at Nicholas' disposal, besides gold and silver mines yielding a fortune every day in the year.

It doesn't do a man any good to be close-mouthed when he is in the dentist's chair.

Concentrated Pain—Rheumatism.
Concentrated Medicine—Hamilton's Wizard Oil.

The pickpocket keeps in close touch with the public.

\$20 A WEEK AND EXPENSES
to men with rig to introduce our Poultry goods. Send stp. Javelle Mfg Co., Dept. D, Parsons, Kan.

It is hard to find a truth without an error in its shadow.

Mrs. Whalow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See ad. bottle.

A Puzzled Passenger.

At the table on an incoming liner on a recent trip, one of the first-cabin passengers found in an oyster one of the tiny seed pearls which look almost exactly like bird shot. Apparently the formation of pearls was a mystery to him, for he examined the thing curiously, picked it up gingerly, and laid it on the tablecloth for further investigation. Now, it is a habit of cooks at sea to carry fish hooks in their pockets, and on this trip, by a curious coincidence, part of a small hook got caught in a piece of beefsteak that was served to this particular passenger. As soon as his knife encountered the hard object, he started, picked it out carefully and laid it beside his other find on the cloth. Then he beckoned to the waiter and confidentially whispered in his ear: "I don't want to be impertinent," he said, "but would you mind telling me where you shoot your oysters and why you catch your steaks with a hook and line?"—New York Post.

Reciprocity Insisted On.
Rev. Alfred Waller, a clergyman whose church is located in Southend, a few miles down the river from London, is an enthusiastic temperance worker. He offered a local saloon-keeper \$10 for the privilege of hanging up behind the bar a temperance placard. The saloon keeper is a bit of a wag and he replied: "Certainly, parson, let me hang up on the pulpit an advertisement of my bottled ale."

A \$40,000,000 Station for Chicago.
All the railroads, with four exceptions, centering in that city have accepted the proposed terms of a movement to build a \$40,000,000 union railroad station. It is to combine both passenger and freight facilities, and will be equipped to make it the finest structure of its kind in the world. There has always been a great desire among railroad men to Chicago to bring the Eastern and Western roads together in the same structure, and this union station will accomplish the object.

Second Kings, Fourth Chapter, Tenth Verse.

If you read this verse you will find the basis for the little story printed in The Four-Track News for May, which is entitled "The Prophet's Chamber."

The Four-Track News will be sent free to any address in the United States for one year for 50 cents; single copies, 5 cents. Address Geo. H. Daniels, Publisher, Grand Central Station, New York.

The need of an excuse is the step-mother of invention.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Nine times out of ten when a man does get justice he doesn't like it.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle (except green and purple). Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

Charity sometimes begins at home, but frequently nowhere.

IRONING A SHIRT WAIST.

Not infrequently a young woman finds it necessary to launder a shirt waist at home for some emergency when the laundryman or the home servant cannot do it. Hence these directions for ironing the waist: To iron summer shirt waists so that they will look like new it is needful to have them starched evenly with Defiance starch, then made perfectly smooth and rolled tight in a damp cloth, to be laid away two or three hours. When ironing have a bowl of water and a clean piece of muslin beside the ironing board. Have your iron hot, but not sufficiently so to scorch, and absolutely clean. Begin by ironing the back, then the front, sides and the sleeves, followed by the neckband and the cuffs. When wrinkles appear apply the damp cloth and remove them. Always iron from the top of the waist to the bottom. If there are plaits in the front iron them downward, after first raising each one with a blunt knife, and with the edge of the iron follow every line of stitching to give it distinctness. After the shirt waist is ironed it should be well aired by the fire or in the sun before it is folded and put away, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

HOW CHEAP BAKING POWDER IS MADE.

The Health Department of New York has seized a quantity of so-called cheap baking powder, which it found in that city. Attention was attracted to it by the low price at which it was being sold in the department stores. Samples were taken and the chemist of the Health Department reported the stuff to be "an alum powder," which analysis showed to be composed chiefly of alum and pulverized rock.

The powder was declared to be dangerous to health, and several thousand pounds were carted to the off dock and destroyed. It is unsafe to experiment with these so-called "cheap" articles of food. They are sure to be made from alum, rock, or other injurious matter. In baking powders, the high class, cream of tartar brands are the most economical, because they go farther in use and are healthful beyond question.

False Alarm.
While up to their ears in mud at Carlsbad one morning last summer, some Americans were startled by a loud scream, roared the New York Sun. "Good American lungs, those," they remarked to each other. A second later came the cry, "Snakes!" Such a commotion as there was! The air reverberated with nearly every language you ever heard of—some that you hadn't. Suddenly the hubbub ceased. It was learned that an American woman bather had seen what she supposed was a snake wriggling in the mud around her, only to discover that it was her own switch.

Good Prices for Some Pictures.
Eighty pictures from the Matthiessen collection were sold in New York at auction last week for \$112,505, and several prices were noteworthy; the highest sum, \$13,000, was for "Arabs Crossing a Stream," by A. Schreyer; "The Awakening of Love," by Diaz, brought \$10,600; Rosa Bonheur's "A Normandy Horse," \$7,200; "A Gypsy Mother," by L. Knaus, \$7,200; "Officer Ordering an Advance," by Detaille, \$7,100; "Castle and Forest, Lombardy," by Corot, \$6,200, and paintings by Renoir, Vibert, de Neuville, Henner, Dupre, Troyon, Gerome, Mauve, Muller and Lessi received fair prices. A portrait of the pope, by Lenbach, went for only \$600.

A Soldier's Narrow Escape.
Watts Flats, N. Y., May 5th.—George Manhart of this place, a hale and hearty old soldier of 80 years of age, tells a thrilling story of a narrow escape from death.

"Four years ago," he says, "the doctors who were attending me during a serious illness called my wife aside and told her that I could not live two weeks as I had Bright's Disease, which meant certain death.

"As a last resort we thought we would try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and accordingly sent to Mr. Clark's drug store and got a box.

"This remedy worked wonders in my case. I noticed the improvement at once and discharged the doctor.

"I kept on improving until every symptom of illness had gone and I was strong and well.

"I feel like a boy and to-day I am chopping wood as well as eighty as at twenty. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it."

Made a Professor at 84.
At the age of 84 the German novelist, Max Ring, has been honored with the title of professor. It had been his ambition as a young man to become a professor, but the death of his father and the lack of means prevented him from taking a university course.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?
Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Lelloy, N. Y.

It's folly to preach future punishment to the man whose mother-in-law boards with him.

If you wish beautiful, clear, white clothes use Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

We often hear of the sweet simplicity of childhood, yet every mother considers her baby cunning.

The world needs kindness of heart more than keenness of head.

A Boarding-House 2,798 Years Old.

This little story will prove intensely interesting to every farmer, and particularly to every farmer's wife, in New York and New England.

The Four-Track News will be mailed free to any address in the United States on receipt of 5 cents in stamps, or it will be mailed for a year for 50 cents, by Geo. H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent, Grand Central Station, New York.

It is said that the ladies of Egypt stained their cheeks with alcohol 1,000 years ago. It is now used as a nose tint by some men in this country.

Try One Package.
If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does, you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction and will not stick to the iron.

Anything that is mighty enough to prevail is mighty enough to set itself up as the truth anyway.

MORE FLEXIBLE AND LASTING.
won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

The man who is long on wheat may be short on dough.

The man who makes the best of everything should have no trouble in disposing of his wares.

When one borrows trouble the interest is usually pretty heavy.

AFFAIRS IN CUBA

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE.

DONNER GOES ON THE STAND

He Denies Holdings in the Island by the American Sugar Refining Company—Says the Trusts Make No Advances to Cuban Planters.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Arthur Donner, treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, testified before the senate committee on Cuban relations concerning American holdings of Cuban sugar.

He said that Mr. Havemeyer's statement yesterday to the effect that his company had purchased 93,000 tons of sugar since the first of January last was correct. No more Cuban sugar could have been bought, as none could have been purchased without his knowledge as the treasurer of the company. He promised Senator Platt to send to the committee a memorandum showing the purchases made and giving dates. All the sugar which had been purchased had, he said, been paid for.

Senator Platt called attention to the discrepancy between Mr. Havemeyer's statement as to purchases amounting to 93,000 tons and the returns made by the War department, placing the American company's option at 3,285 tons up to March 25, but Mr. Donner was not able to explain it.

Responding to questions by Senator Teller, Mr. Donner confirmed Mr. Havemeyer's statement, that of the trust's purchases of Cuban sugar 45,000 tons still remain in Cuba. He also said that his company dealt entirely with brokers, principally with Zaldo & Co., Francke & Co. and Czarnokow & Co. of Havana and New York, and did not know the names of the producers. The American company had made no advances to the Cuban planters and had not advanced any money to the Cuban banks for the planters.

While he did not know, he said, he presumed there were other purchasers of Cuban sugar besides his own company in the field. Asked as to realty holdings in Cuba, he said that the trust had none there. He knew nothing of the private holdings of stockholders of the trust.

"You have taken some interest in securing a reduction of sugar duties by congress, have you not?" asked Mr. Teller.

"I have not," was the reply.

Senator Platt asked: "So far as you know, has the American Sugar Refining company taken any interest whatever in forwarding or opposing the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar?"

"No, sir; I don't think so."

Senator Teller—You spoke of it as a corporation?

"Yes."

"Do you know whether the stockholders have taken any interest as such in the reduction?"

"I do not; I know nothing about it."

Henry C. Mott, purchaser of raw sugar for the trust, was the next witness. He said he had acted in that capacity for the last five years and that he buys all the raw sugar for the company except the Louisiana sugars. He confirmed previous statements that the trust had bought 93,000 tons of Cuban sugar since January 1. He said that in the course of the year the American company purchases 50 per cent of the Cuban sugar product and that he supposed the other 50 per cent is secured by other sugar refiners in the United States.

ST. LOUIS FAIR POSTPONED.

Secretary Hay Sends Letter to Senate Stating Necessity for Delay.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary Hay today sent to the senate a letter stating the necessity for postponing the Louisiana Purchase exposition from 1903 to 1904.

Enclosed with it was a letter from Chairman Carter of the government commission and a telegram from President Francis of the exposition company, showing the necessity for the postponement.

Senator Cockrell had the letter read in the senate and then offered an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, now pending in the senate, providing for the postponement of the exposition in accordance with the request.

Ten Million Dollar Road.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Great Central Railroad company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. The incorporators are J. Thornburn Ross, John K. Kolock and John E. Atchison, all of Portland, but it is understood that eastern capital is back of the movement. The articles of incorporation state that the proposed railroad will run through Idaho, Utah and Oregon to the Pacific coast.

ORDERS TO MERRITT STREET.

United States Not Committed by Action of Troops to Any Policy.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Major General MacArthur yesterday continued his testimony before the senate committee on the Philippines. Answering a question by Senator Cuiabertson, the general stated that Aguinaldo and the Filipino people were justified in concluding that the actions of the United States army are sympathetic.

The Filipinos, he said, were in a resentful and vindictive opposition to Spain and any active force on their part against Spain naturally helped the United States, and vice versa, but, he said, there was a distinct purpose through the intercourse between the Americans and the Filipinos to repudiate the idea of direct co-operation which in any way committed the United States to a policy.

General Merritt, he said, was under the strictest orders not to commit the government, but Aguinaldo was anxious to make an artificial record which would oblige General Merritt to do something he did not want to do. "The Filipino," said General MacArthur, "has quite a comprehensive knowledge of Latin diplomacy."

Aguinaldo was landed at Manila aboard an American warship because he was a useful individual, who could be employed in a manner that would contribute to American success.

TORNADO AT BAYARD, IOWA.

Depot and Several Dwellings Demolished and Other Damage Done.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 2.—A tornado struck Bayard, Ia., at 7:30 last night. Two elevators, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot and a number of dwelling houses were destroyed. The agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is missing and is supposed to have been killed or injured. Telegraphic communications with Bayard were paralyzed by the storm. Details of the disaster are difficult to obtain.

At Vanwert a funnel-shaped cloud dropped down on the town. The high wind blew down houses and barns and uprooted large trees. Several people were reported injured, but none killed.

At Weldon a farmhouse was blown down and three children were injured. The tornado was seen from the town of Leroy, but that town was not in its path. All these towns, except Bayard, are in Decatur county.

MOODY TAKES THE OATH.

Former Congressman Now the Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Wm. Henry Moody, the new secretary of the navy, took the oath of office at the navy department yesterday morning. The oath was administered by E. P. Hanna, solicitor of the department.

Those present besides the retiring secretary, Mr. Long, were Assistant Secretary Darling, former Assistant Secretary Hackett and Representatives Roberts, McCall, Lawrence and Green of Massachusetts.

The entire personnel of the department was then presented to Mr. Moody, the clerks at the same time bidding Mr. Long farewell.

Army of Consuls for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The house committee on foreign affairs today offered a favorable report on the bill of Representative Hitt of Illinois, establishing a United States diplomatic and consular service in Cuba, with a United States minister at \$10,000; secretary at \$2,000; second secretary, \$1,500; consul general at Havana, \$5,000; consuls at Cienfuegos and Santiago, \$3,000 each. The bill differs from the plan proposed in the senate, which allows the minister a salary of \$12,000 and adds a consulate at Matanzas.

May Soon Get Together.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the conciliatory committee of the national civic federation said tonight that he had not yet received the report of the meeting of the representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers, which has just been held in New York. Pending its receipt the senator is unable to say when a meeting of the conciliation committee will be held.

Extension of the Katy.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 2.—Contractors of Chicago and Terre Haute signed a contract to construct 265 miles of railroad in Oklahoma, an extension of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Budget in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.—The debate on the budget in the provincial legislature was continued until 10 o'clock Wednesday, the members of the opposition talking against time to prevent the house from going into committee of supply. They were successful in defeating the object of the government, which was to rush through the debate. The debate had not been completed when the house adjourned for executive work.

MORTON AT REST

THOUSANDS FOLLOW REMAINS TO THE GRAVE.

COMING FROM ALL SECTIONS

A Day of Mourning at Nebraska City—Business Suspended—Children's Touching Tribute to the Distinguished Dead.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 1.—Yesterday was a day of sorrow and mourning among the people of this city as the remains of the late J. Sterling Morton, the founder of many industries of this city and the father of Arbor day, arrived here, and the people testified their respect for the memory of one whom they held dear and had learned to dearly love in the forty-eight years that he had made this his home.

Everywhere the buildings were draped in mourning, and the people's faces told the story of the loss of a true and noble friend.

The remains arrived on a special train at 7:40, one hour ahead of scheduled time, over the Burlington road, consisting of a number of coaches and the funeral car, in which the remains lay in a casket covered with floral offerings from friends and relatives.

There was a monster crowd of people, representing every vocation in life, to pay tribute to the memory and assist in the removal of the remains from the train to the public library building, where they lay in state for over three hours. They were viewed by thousands.

The school children came in line, under the directions of their teachers, and passed to review the remains of the father of Arbor day and the advocate of timbering the treeless prairies.

There was a military escort from Company C, N. N. G. This, with the Commercial club, city council, fire department and factory employes, all formed in line and escorted the remains.

After lying in state at the library building, which was a present to the city from Mr. Morton's oldest son, Joy Morton, the remains were escorted to Arbor Lodge, the family home, and there they lay in state for three hours until the hour of the funeral. In each place the floral offerings, which were profuse, were banked about the casket, and so great was the supply of flowers that many of them were banked up in the ends of the room, making a very imposing sight.

The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Eason and Knickerbocker of the Episcopal church, and were mainly ritualistic. The remains lay in the room where those of his beloved wife, who died twenty-one years ago, and where also lay those of his favorite son Carl, a year ago last January, when they were brought here from Waukegan, Ill., he having died very suddenly from pneumonia.

Special trains bearing friends from Omaha and Lincoln arrived at noon, and these people joined with the throng here in the cortege that escorted the remains to their last resting place at the cemetery, where they were laid by the side of those of his wife and son.

At noon all of the banks, business houses and industries closed, and the schools were closed early in the day.

LIVES LOST IN PANIC.

Eight Factory Girls Killed in Stampede Caused by Their Own Fright.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—An unfortunate accident to a deaf and dumb boy, Isador Bacuss, was today directly responsible for the death of eight girls and three others and the serious injury of more than two score of girls employed in the cigar factory of Harburger, Homan & Co., a branch of the American Tobacco company, located at Tenth street and Washington avenue.

The building in which the disaster occurred is a five-story brick structure, and reaches an entire block. Twelve hundred persons were at work at the time of the accident, 90 per cent of whom were girls whose ages range from 12 years upward.

Wilhelmina Doing Well.

THE HAGUE, May 1.—Queen Wilhelmina passed a quiet night and the feverish periods were more frequent. The bulletins issued by her majesty's physicians will hereafter be limited to one daily.

Thinning Out Supply Bills.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The house has passed the agricultural appropriation bill and began consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, the last but two of the regular supply measures. By the terms of a special rule adopted before the district bill was taken up it will be in order to attach a rider to it to make operative the existing personal tax law of the district, which has been a dead letter for twenty years.

OMNIBUS BILL IS PASSED.

Appropriates Over \$17,000,000 for Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Under a special order, which allowed three hours' debate, but which cut off all opportunity of amendment, the house passed an omnibus public building bill which will distribute \$17,465,450 among 174 cities. As the bill delivers into the treasury \$1,585,000, the total amount carried by the bill is reduced to that extent.

The bill provides for seventy-seven new buildings and sites, six buildings on donated sites and fifty-eight increases in appropriations for buildings already authorized.

It also provides for the purchase of sixteen sites. The majority for the bill was so overwhelming that only nine members backed a demand for the yeas and noes on the passage of the bill. There was some criticism of the method by which it was proposed to pass the bill without opportunity for amendment, which Mr. Mercer, chairman of the committee, answered by stating that if the bill had been subject to amendment the appropriations carried by it would have been increased to \$67,000,000.

MAKES PLACE FOR EVANS.

Vacant Place May Be Offered to Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—There is a probability that Commissioner of Pensions Evans will be offered the position of consul general to London to succeed William McKinley Osborne, whose death has been announced.

White House officials are reticent in regard to the matter as is also Mr. Evans, but there is reason to believe that the president would very much like to have him accept it, and the chances are decidedly in favor of its being offered him.

Mr. Osborne's death was not a surprise to his friends. He had been confined to his home since November last, suffering from Bright's disease and dropsy, which, latterly, affected his heart. He was conscious until near the end. The deceased never had been absolutely well since he arrived in England.

TREATY NOT YET RATIFIED.

Sale of Danish West Indies May Be Left to Inhabitants.

COPENHAGEN, April 30.—The bill providing for the sale of the Danish West India Islands to the United States, amended by the Landsting, came up for discussion in the Folkething today, with the result that the party in the majority submitted a proposal as follows:

The Rigsdag (Diet, composed of both houses) approves the cession, on condition that the inhabitants of the islands declare in favor thereof by a plebiscite, similar to the one taken in 1867.

The Folkething, by a vote of 98 to 7, adopted the majority proposal submitted today.

Millions in Gold Dust.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30.—According to the Nome Nugget of February 11, which has arrived from the north, coming by registered mail via Dawson, a very important discovery has been made there. A New York syndicate, at the head of which is a well known mining man of the Pacific coast, has been for eighteen months quietly prospecting the Tundra between Nome and Penny rivers. The result of the work accomplished, the paper declares, is startling. It shows that millions of gold dust are deposited in the vast Tundra plains which skirt the Bering sea coast.

List Reaches Forty-four.

CAIRO, April 30.—The body of another of the Burke boys was taken out of the river just above Cairo, and the body of a colored roustabout was recovered just below the city. The body of William R. Bolinger of Cincinnati, steward of the Pittsburg, was recovered near the wreck. Forty-four bodies have so far been recovered and it is believed others are yet to be found.

Dentist Convicted of Assault.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 30.—Doctor Mark Vance, a dentist of this city, was found guilty of the charge of assaulting a little girl who came to his office to have some dental work done.

Wilhelmina Improving.

THE HAGUE, April 30.—Queen Wilhelmina passed a quiet night and all her symptoms indicate improvement.

Smelter Closes at Helena.

HELENA, Mont., April 30.—The works of the American Smelting and Reduction company were closed today because of a strike order issued late last night by Mill and Smelters' union No. 146, which affiliates with the Western Federation of Miners. The strike was called because the company will not recognize the union. There is no question of wages, hours of labor or other grievance involved in the difficulty.