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News in Brief

Half the soldiers of the czar are illiterate.

The per capita wealth of England is $210; that of Canada $240.

Of the public school teachers in the United States 57 per cent are men.

During the last decade American exports to China have increased sixfold.

The senate has confirmed the nominations of the Isthmian canal commissioners.

Seventeen persons in 100 in the state of New York live to be over 70 years of age.

Exclusive of locomotives, we manufacture 30,000 engines of 2,000,000 horse power every year.

The Rock Island railroad has been admitted to full membership in the Western Passenger association.

The Standard Oil company has reduced the wholesale price on refined oils in Ohio one-half cent per gallon.

A sealed bottle containing four pints of liquid air was sent from Berlin to Geneva, but on arrival it was found that three and a half pints had evaported.

Senator Fairbanks was shown a published dispatch stating that he had decided to become a candidate for vice president. He decline to make any statement.

In 1900, according to the census, there were 877 gas plants in the United States, and the number was not growing. They earned an income of $75,000,000.

John P. Cooper, former cashier of the Citizens' National bank of McGregor, Tex., was convicted of embezzlement and given five years in the federal penitentiary.

An exhibition is being arranged at St. Petersburg of all the Russian art objects which it was intended to exhibit at St. Louis. The proceeds will be devoted to the Red Cross society.

The wife of a Methodist preacher, Rev. J. W. Prickett of Fenton, Mo., has fallen heir to a $500,000 estate through the death of Mrs. Charlotte V. S. Miller, a relative, in the island of Jamaica.

Dr. Eduard Zelier, emeritus professor of philosophy in the University of Berlin, has just celebrated his 90th birthday, and Emperor William presented him with a portrait and an autograph letter.

The governor of Kieff has instructed the local police not to interfere with the families or servants of Jewish surgeons who have gone to the far east, although the law forbids them to remain outside the pale.

Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, has just been in St. Louis making arrangements for housing Tammany at the democratic national convention. About 600 braves and their friends will be present.

Whether the "beef trust" is violating the injunction resting against it is to be made the subject of official investigation by the department of commerce and labor, according to a resolution ordered reported favorably.

It is believed that Charles F. Kratz, former member of the house of delegates of St. Louis, who was recently extradicted from Mexico to stand trial on the charge of bribery while a municipal official, has returned to Mexico.

The board of control of the naval institute has awarded the annual prize for the best prize essay to Lieutenant S. P. Fullenwider, United States navy. The subject was "The Fleet and Its Personnel." The prize was $200 and life membership in the institute.

It is now certain that the duty on sugar entering Mexico will be reduced from $15 per 200 kilograms to $2.40 per 100 kilograms. The government has decided to become a party to the Brussels convention, thus securing an English market for Mexican sugar.

Suits for damages aggregating $50,000 were filed at St. Joseph, Mo., by Blanche E. Martin and the administrators of the estate of Winfield S. Martin and Eliza Martin, Buchanan county residents, who were killed in the wreck of a Rock Island passenger train near Willard, Kan., the morning of January 6.

Will Schwink was almost instantly killed, and his wife Mary probably fatally shot by John White, a sheep herder at Billings, Mont. White says nothing regarding his motive for the shooting except that "those parties were after him." He came from Emmett, Mo., and was considered somewhat eccentric.

Upon recommendation of Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau at Washington, the Argentine Republic has appointed Montrose W. Hayes of the Helena, Mont., weather office chief of the weather department of that government. Mr. Hayes expects to leave soon for Buenos Ayres.

Merritt O. Chance of Ohio, who has been secretary to the secretary of war for several years, has been appointed chief of the division of supplies of the postoffice department, to succeed Michael W. Louis, who was removed as the result of the postal investigation.

Announcement of a further cut of 4 mills in lake grain rates, to take effect March 9, was sent out by the Pennsylvania railroad.

Switzerland is inaugurating a system of itinerant school teachers, who will visit and spend some time in the isolated outlying villages.

JAPS OPEN A FIRE

DIRECTED AGAINST BATTERIES AT VLADIVOSTOK.

RUSSIAN BATTERIES SILENT

Battleships Remain Out of Range of the Russian Guns and No Damage is Done on Either Side—Land Movement Near at Hand.

VLADIVOSTOK—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two suisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock Sunday afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for fifty-five minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold island, at the east entrance of Ussuri bay, and about thirty-two miles south of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri bay the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town but no damage resulted as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m. and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold island and two more near Cape Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles ($100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and twelve-inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospects of attack during the day but everything remained tranquil.

St. Petersburg.—Advices from Vladivostok say that the 2,500 Japanese troops who landed at Plaskin bay (on the east coast of Northern Korea) are advancing toward Musung (218 miles from Gensan) with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchun (on the left bank of the Tumen river, about 100 miles west of Vladivostok) and threatening the Russian flank.

In order to checkmate this move the Russian outpost, 1,500 strong, which recently crossed the Tumen, is advancing to occupy Kionwon, on the Tumen river, a walled city commanding the trails along which the Japanese must pass.

SYMPATHIZE WITH RUSSIA.

Irish Nationalists at St. Louis Pass Resolutions.

ST. LOUIS Mo.—The Irish nationalists of St. Louis at their celebration of the birth of Robert Emmet Sunday night adopted resolutions upholding Russia in her way with Japan and expressing "sympathy with Christian Russia against this pagan horde." The resolution concluded:

"That the special thanks of the exiled children of the 'scattered Gael' be extended to the Russian government for her work done in the interests of humanity by her opposition to the designs of England in Persia, Turkestan, Thibet and other Asiatic countries, thereby preventing the extension of England's tyranny over helpless people.'

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the Russian minister at Washington.

Chinese Troops in Field.

ST. PETERSBURG—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Shanghai telegraphs that it is reported at Tien Tsin that 4,000 additional Chinese soldiers have been posted in northern China and that the Chinese government has recently placed large orders for guns and ammunition.

Victims Now Number Twenty.

NEW YORK—Three more bodies were recovered Sunday from the wreck of the Darlington hotel, making the total number of fatalities twenty. They are believed to be bodies of workmen employed on the structure.

Porto Rico Adopts a Black Flag.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico—The house has unanimously passed a bill recommended in a message form Governor Hunt, the purpose of which is to prevent the desecration of the United States flag and the use of the black flag in Porto Rico.

Ready for Reciprocity.

MELBOURNE—Premier Bekin has announced in the House of Representatives that the federal government is prepared to alter the tariff in favor of Great Britain, making sacrifices, if necessary, to secure reciprocal preferences.

Some of the sheep feeders in Dodge county are shearing their sheep and sending them to market.

England Gets Tobacco Trade.

RICHMOND, Va.—A deal has been consummated whereby the British-American Tobacco company acquires the export business of Alexander Cameron & Co. and William Cameron & Bro. of Petersburg in the United States and the Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, Australia, branch houses. Concerning the terms of the dealer Alexander Cameron said that he could give not details, as his nephew, George Cameron, is now enroute to San Francisco from Australia with all particulars.

NOMINATION OF WOOD.

It Will Be Considered by the Senate This Week.

WASHINGTON—The plans of the senate managers contemplate keeping supply bills to the front to the exclusion of other business. Consideration of the naval bill will be resumed Monday and then the army appropriation bill will be taken up. It is expected that by that time the army bill shall have been disposed of and that the bill making appropriation for fortifications or that providing funds for the District of Columbia will be ready.

An effort will be made to secure consideration of the nomination of Brigadier General Leonard Wood to be a major general during the week, and if time is found for executive sessions this matter will be given precedence.

Senator Foraker will have charge of the contest in favor of confirmation, and Senators Scott and Blackburn of the opposition.

If the appropriation bills and the Wood case do not consume the entire time, Senator Lodge's Philippine billl will be further considered.

RUSSIA ACCEDES ONE REQUEST.

United States Officers May Accompany Army to Observe Operations.

WASHINGTON.—The Russian army formally has granted the request of the United States that certain officers of the American army be permitted to accompany the Russian troops and witness their operations in the war with Japan. Ambassador McCormick, in a cablegram informing Secretary Hay of this fact, states that the officers cannot join the Russian army before April 15, of the Russian calendar.

The officers who have been designated for this service are Colonel J. B. Kerr of the general staff, Captain Carl Reichman of the Seventh infantry, Captain George Gatley and Captain William Judson of the engineer corps. All of the above are in Manila except Captain Judson, who is in this city and who leaves at once for St. Petersburg.

CHINA'S EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS.

A Large and Rare Display Is to Be Made.

St. Louis, Mo.—Francis Carl, commissioner of the imperial maritime customs service of China and assistant commissioner with Wong Kai Kah in charge of the Chinese world's fair exhibit, arrived from the orient today. Mr. Carl said that China will have at the World's fair the largest, rarest and most comprehensive exhibit that has ever left the Celestial empire.

Speaking of the Russo-Japanese war, Mr. Carl said that the Chinese would undoubtedly pitch into Russia should she invade neutral territory, though such aliberty might be taken though such liberty might be taken quences

Is Enchanted by a Voice.

NEW YORK—There have been numerous cases of love at first sight, but cases of love before sight are rare. James Delaney of 307 Manhattan avenue, Jersey City, states that he fell in love with Miss Emma Laurens of Long Island City just through hearing her voice in a phonograph. He made this state at the bachelor dinner which he gave to members of his club. After hearing the voice Delaney sought an introduction to Miss Laurens, and now they are to be married.

Eight Carloads of Exhibits.

CITY OF MEXICO—The Mexican commissioners for the St. Louis exposition will leave in a special car for that city. General Director Nunez will take with him plans for the Mexican conservatory, which has not yet been built, but upon which work will begin immediately upon the arrival of the commissioners in St. Louis. The commissioners have arranged their business here with a view to passing a year in the exposition city. Eight carloads of exhibits have been forwarded.

Marcus A. Hanna Memorial.

CLEVELAND, O.—The Marcus A. Hanna Memorial association was incorporated at Columbus by several prominent citizens of Cleveland. The purpose of the association is to establish a chair of political science at Western Reserve university in memory of the late Senator Hanna.

Aged Woman Murdered.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Mrs. Annie Boone, 70 years old, was found murdered in her bed at her home here. She had been murdered by being struck over the head with a piece of gas pipe.

Michael Cudahy Goes to Hospital.

PASADENA, Cal.—Michael Cudahy, the millionaire packer of Chicago, has been removed from his winter residence here to the Pasadena hospital, suffering from an attack of mastoiditis.

Japan Has Plenty of Money.

PARIS—The Liberte quotes Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, as saying in regard to the report that the United States does not favor the floating of a Japanese loan in America: "Fortunately we have no need of a foreign loan, as our own financial resources are sufficient." The French Red Cross society has decided it has been stated, to send to Japan, besides two campaign hospitals, a large quantity of linen and clothing for the Japanese wounded.

PRESS OF RUSSIA

SATISFACTION AT TONE OF AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

REGRETS THAT THERE IS STRAIN

Deprecates Effect of Estranged Relations Between Two Nations and Insists Prudence Must Ultimately Surmount Impulse.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Russian press hails with great satisfaction the American dispatches of the last few days as indicating a change in the disposition of the Washington government toward Russia. The Bourse Gazette and the Novoe Vremya Friday morning discuss in a sober-minded fashion Russo-American relations and the danger of a permanent estrangement. The Gazette says there is something profoundly regrettable in the present relations between these two world powers.

"They transcend the bounds of common logic. The position taken by America since last June and the anti-Russian newspaper campaign in the United States are so inexplicable that they seem like a nightmare. Since the beginning of its history America has inspired the liveliest feeling of friendship and admiration among Russians, and diplomatic and political expressions of these feelings have been continuous and constant. In Russian social circles there has ever been a veritable worship of the classic land of liberty and the Americans have always heretofore made Russian friendship the corner stone of their foreign policy.

"Suddenly, as if an evil spirit had broken loose, the Americans, despite their practical turn of mind, began to do everything to stimulate Japanese aggressiveness and seem now to be anxiously awaiting Japanese victories in Asia, where important American commercial interests are centered. As a matter of fact, hostility between the United States and Russia would be as great a misfortune to civilization in the twentieth century as was the rivalry between France and Germany in the nineteenth. The duty of every right-minded man is to arrest the growth of this animosity.

"Russian diplomacy owes it to the Americans and to the whole civilized world to do its utmost. We are not called upon to re-echo hostile sounds coming from beyond the Atlantic, because unfriendly sentiments do not exist among us. The latest advices permit the belief that it will be much easier to remove this misunderstanding than the enemies of Russia may think."

The Novoe Vremya says it does not know whether the Washington cabinet influenced such incidents as the gift of $10,000 by Charles R. Crane of Chicago to the Young Czarina's fund for Russian soldiers and sailors, the pro-Russian Irish demonstration in New York and the quieter tone of the British press, but the paper believes it notes an important change in American official tactics, beginning with a disinclination to favor the Japanese cable project followed by the report of Secretary Hay's dissatisfaction with the anti-Russian press campaign, which disposition was further proved by his not insisting on dispatching United States consuls to Antung and Mukden at this time, which quite agrees with President Roosevelt's decision to allow Mr. Morgan, appointed United States consul at Port Dalny, to remain at home for the present, and not send the battleship Kentucky to the scene of the hostilities in the far east.

DIES AT AGE OF 132 YEARS.

Enlisted in the United States Navy in 1805.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Noah Raby died Tuesday in the Piscataway poor house, of which he had been an inmate for the past forty years. If he had lived until April 1 next, according to his own statement, he would have been 132 years old. He retained his memory and would recall many incidents of his long career until very recently.

He is said to have been born in Eatontown Gates county, North Carolina, on April 1, 1772. In 1805 he enlisted in the navy and served on the ship Constitution and the frigate Brandywine, on the latter of which Farragut was a lieutenant.

KRUGER IS IN GOOD HEALTH.

Alarming Rumors Set at Rest by Statement of Physicians.

MENTONE, France.—Contrary to the alarming rumors circulated in regard to the health of Mr. Kruger, former president of the Transvaal, Dr. Huysmans, his physician, says that not for some years has the health of Mr. Kruger been as good as at present.

PARIS.—The Mentone correspondent of the Associated Press says he saw Mr. Kruger taking his usual daily walk today and adds that he appeared in excellent health.

Senator Gamble Loses Brother.

YANKTON, S. D.—Hugh S. Gamble, brother of Senator Robert J. Gamble, died in this city Tuesday night of pneumonia and other complications, following a severe attack of grip. He is survived by a wife, two daughters—Jennie and Edith—and two sons—James and Hugh S., jr. The latter is at the Tome institute, Maryland, and is expected Friday, with his uncle, Senator Gamble. Hugh S. Gamble has resided here for twenty years, coming to this place from Fox Lake, Wis.

U. S. SENATOR CHARLES DICK.

He Is Formally Elected and Makes a Speech.

COLUMBUS, O.—Wednesday afternoon Lieutenant Governor Harding formally declared that General Chas. Dick had been elected to the United States senate for the short and long terms in the place of the late Senator Hanna, at the joint session of the legislature. The vote stood, Dick 174 and John H. Clarke 25. General Dick was introduced by Mr. Harding and said in brief:

"No man can fill, as Senator Hanna did, the place made vacant by his death, but each and all of us can share the task and carry forward his unfinished work. Nor shall we fully appreciate our loss, or the weight of his burden, until we endeavor to take it up where he laid it down.

"Recent elections, state and national, have registered the will of the people unmistakably. In view of this it becomes our duty to give to the administrations of Governor Herrick and President Roosevelt that earnest and loyal support which they merit and which the people meant they should have, and to uphold Senator Foraker in maintaining Ohio's splendid prestige, to which he and Senator Hanna, by their able service and commanding influence in the upper house of congress, have contributed so signally and so much."

SMITH CONFESSES POLYGAMY.

Says that He Has Five Wives and Eleven Children.

WASHINGTON—Attorneys for the protestants in the Smoot investigation said they intended to prove that the defendant is associated with a hierarchy which practices polygamy and connives at violations of the law and that his very vote as a senator of the United States is subject to the wish and command of the Mormon church.

President Joseph F. Smith confessed that he himself had continued to cohabit with his plural family since the manifesto of 1890 and that he realized fully that he was violating state laws. President Smith also testified that Reed Smoot had to get the consent of his associate apostles in the church before he could become a candidate for senator.

The confession of President Smith was the sensation of the proceedings Thursday before the senate committee on privileges and elections. Mr. Smith said that the manifesto of 1890 had left him and others with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families. For himself he had preferred to "take chances with the law" rather than to disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wives and the children they had borne him.

FAIRBANKS FOR SECOND PLACE.

Will Not Resist Movement Regarding Vice Presidency.

WASHINGTON—The Star says: "Senator Fairbanks will not resist a movement to make him the vice presidential nominee of the republican party. If the convention nominates him, he will accept. More than that, he will not attempt to discourage efforts looking to his nomination.

"It is only fair to say that no explicit declaration by Senator Fairbanks to that effect has been made. The Indiana delegation in congress was convinced today that Senator Fairbanks had yielded to the solicitation of men high in the councils outside of Indiana to take second place on the national ticket.

"Almost without exception his closest political friends have advised him, in his own interests, against accepting the vice presidency. Influential republicans in the senate, such as Spooner, Allison and Platt, have urged him to take it, on the ground that he would strengthen republican ticket, especially in financial circles, and that his first duty is to his party, rather than to his own political future."

TOY WITH PORT ARTHUR.

Japs Will Not Begin the Land Investments for a Fortnight.

WASHINGTON—The landing in force of the Japanese on the Lia Tung peninsula and the beginning of the land investment of Port Arthur will not be for a fortnight, according to advices received here from what are believed to be reliable sources. It was expected that the attack upon the fortress would take place yesterday or today, but these later advices, without explaining the delay, show that there has been a change in the original plans.

Army officers here think that the Japanese have decided that with the railroad connecting Port Arthur with the outside world cut, thus preventing supplies from reaching the place, two weeks privation will render final assault easier.

Moreover, as Port Arthur can be safely left as it is for the time being, the Japanese troops may be employed instead in Northern Korea and near the Yalue river, where they are most needed.

Senate Passes Shipping Bill.

WASHINGTON.—The senate Tuesday passed the bill requiring the use of American vessels in transporting government supplies and took up the bill prohibiting the use of other than American vessels in shipping merchandise to the Philippines and relieving the interisland trade of the Philippines from the exactions of the coastwise laws of the United States. The first-mentioned requirement of the latter bill is already in force in effect, but this measure exacts it in different form.

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A fault which humbles a man is of more use to him than good action which puffs him up with pride.

Glittering generalities are as likely to hurt the devil as tissue paper bullets.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

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