

News in Brief

Stock losses in Keith county, Neb., during the recent cold snap were very small. Ranchmen say this is the hardest winter ever experienced in the locality.

According to the correspondent at Shainghai of the Daily Telegraph, General Kuropatkin apparently is changing his base from Mukden to Fushun.

A conductor on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, testifying before the senate in the impeachment proceedings, says Judge Swayne traveled on a pass.

Minister Thompson has cabled the state department from Petropolis, Brazil, that the decree establishing martial law has been extended for thirty days.

Francis Kossuth, son of the famous revolutionist, and head of powerful Hungarian independence party, discusses the political situation with Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

Senator Bacon introduced resolutions asking for an inquiry into the nation's rights in San Domingo, and the relations between the senate and president are forced nearer to the breaking point.

Governor La Follette, ordered Sheriff Simpson to stop the fight between Thomas Mowatt and Edward Hanlon at Oshkosh, and the contest was prevented. A large audience had gathered to see the fight.

On the petition of creditors, a receiver was appointed by the federal court for the A. Haas & Sons Pants company of St. Louis. The liabilities of the firm are placed at \$95,000, and the assets at \$60,000.

The president has approved the sentence of dismissal from the service of Captain David B. Mulliken, Twenty-seventh infantry, who was recently tried at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for duplication of pay accounts.

Representatives Hearst and Sullivan of Massachusetts, both democrats, bare their political hatred in the house in such a manner that the other members protest, and the speaker cuts short the debate.

The navy department has decided to forego the usual winter maneuvers of the combined fleets in the Caribbean this year in order to allow the ships' companies to perfect themselves in the use of the signal code.

Amedee Joullin, a prominent artist of San Francisco, has been made an officer of public instruction in the French republic and honored with a decoration from J. Chaumie, minister of instructions and fine arts.

The house committee on claims authorized a favorable report on a bill to pay William Radcliffe, a British subject, \$25,000 in settlement for his fish hatchery in Delta county, Colorado, which was destroyed by a mob.

The man who annoyed Miss Helen Gould with proposals of marriage was arrested in New York City. He is believed to be a maniac, and had papers claiming \$5,000,000 for discovering a mountain.

United States Senator Mitchell, Congressmen John N. Williamson and Binger Hermann and others again are indicted by the federal grand jury in Portland, Oregon, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of land.

The London Daily Mail publishes a story to the effect that a Russian non-commissioned officer has confessed that he was bribed to put a loaded shell in a saluting gun on the occasion of the blessing of the waters of the Neva.

President Roosevelt, in an address at a Lincoln banquet in New York, declares the "square deal" to be the key to the solution of the race problem, and says all good citizens should work together for the moral and industrial uplifting of the negro.

Colonel William S. Patton, Major Carl Devol and George P. White, all of the quartermaster's department, have been ordered to meet at San Francisco to investigate and report upon an alleged shortage of funds, for which Captain Lafitte is accountable.

The house committee on military affairs has ordered a favorable report on Representative Kinkaid's bill granting Charles H. Cornell the right to erect a dam across the Niobrara river on the Fort Niobrara military reservation.

Representative Townsend, author of the Townsend rate bill, after a conference with the president, expressed the belief that a fair prospect existed to get the bill reported from the senate committee on interstate commerce.

The senate has passed the joint resolution of Senator Gamble providing for the donation of condemned cannon to the University of South Dakota to be placed on the campus of the university to commemorate the valor of those who fell in the service of their country during the Spanish-American war.

An order was issued by the United States court of appeals at St. Louis commanding Ira C. Young, convicted of using the mails with intent to defraud, to surrender to the United States marshal by February 18, to begin his term of eighteen months in the Missouri penitentiary.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN

HOW THEY MAINTAIN THE CHARM OF THEIR SEX.

The Importance that Attaches to the Care of the Blood if One Wants Bright Eyes and a Clear Complexion.

Every sensible woman naturally wishes to appear attractive. She knows the value of bright eyes, delicate complexion and lively spirits. She knows also that good health is at the basis of her charms, and that good blood is the source of good health.

Miss Mamie Conway has a complexion which is the admiration of all who know her. Asked if she could make any suggestions that would be helpful to others less fortunate, she said:

"My complexion would not have pleased you, if you had seen it two years ago. It was then about as bad as it could be, and it gave me a great deal of dissatisfaction. If you want a good complexion you must take care of your health, especially of the condition of your blood. My health was at that time completely broken down. I was nervous, had frequent headaches, a torpid liver and a great deal of pain in that region. I suffered also from indigestion. It was clear that my blood was in bad condition, for pimples broke out all over my face."

"It is hard to realize that, for there isn't the slightest trace of such blemishes now."

"It was unfortunately quite otherwise then, and a long time passed before I found anything that gave me any relief. I became very weak and listless. The doctor's medicine did me no good, and I took a number of highly recommended tonics with no better result. As soon, however, as I began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People my complexion cleared up, and after I had taken two boxes there was not a sign of a pimple left on my face. My cheeks became rosy, I gained flesh and have had perfect health ever since."

Rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes are merely signs of healthy blood. They have come not only in the case of Miss Conway, whose home is at 1241 East Eighth street, Canton, Ohio, but to thousands of women for whom Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have made new blood. There is no surer way for you to obtain them, than to buy a box of these pills from any druggist and try them for yourself. They correct irregularities and banish weakness.

Children Sadden With Liquor.

The cantonal school board of Ticino, in Switzerland, complains in a circular to parents that owing to children being allowed at home to partake too freely of the strong native liquor, boys and girls often go to school in a hopelessly intoxicated condition.

First Use of Piano.

There are 10,700 pieces of wood, cloth and felt, and 1,185 feet of wire in a concert grand piano. The earliest recorded public performance on the piano forte took place at Covent Garden, England, on May 16th, 1767.

Made Ill by Unfiltered Water.

After a club dinner at a hotel in Stockholm, says the Frandfurter Zeitung, several hundred persons fell ill of typhoid, due to unfiltered river water being used for washing the vegetables.

Canada an Anglers' Paradise.

Canada is the paradise of the angler. Within easy range of Quebec are hundreds of lakes, sometimes mile in extent, which swarm with fish, and nearly all of which are free to all comers.

Great Britains Herring Fisheries. The quantity of herrings landed on the coasts of the United Kingdom is equal to that of all other fish.

THE NEIGHBORS ALL USE THEM NOW.

Quick Cure of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills. How They Saved the Shop of a Kansas Blacksmith—Cure was Permanent too.

Goodland, Kan., Feb. 20th.—(Special)—So quick and complete was the cure of N. E. Albertson, a local blacksmith, that it almost seems like a miracle. He had Rheumatism so bad he feared he would have to give up his shop. One box of Dodd's Kidney Pills drove away all the pains and they have never returned. Speaking of his cure Mr. Albertson says:

"I had Rheumatism in my shoulders and arms for years. Part of the time it was so bad I could not sleep at night. My arm hurt so that it seemed I would have to give up my blacksmith shop. I went to the drug store and bought one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and took them. I have not had the Rheumatism since. A great many of the neighbors are using Dodd's Kidney Pills since they saw how they cured me."

Largest Deposits of Nickel.

The largest deposits of nickel are on the island of New Caledonia, a French possession in the South Pacific.

SALT RHEUM ON HANDS.

Suffered Agony and Had to Wear Bandages All the Time—Another Cure by Cuticura.

Another cure by Cuticura is told of by Mrs. Caroline Cable, of Waupaca, Wis., in the following grateful letter: "My husband suffered agony salt rheum on his hands, and I had to keep them bandaged all the time. We tried everything we could get, but nothing helped him until he used Cuticura. One set of Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills cured him entirely, and his hands have been as smooth as possible ever since. I do hope this letter will be the means of helping some other sufferer."

Braggards are always laggards.

CALLS A COUNCIL

CZAR'S ADVISERS WILL CONSIDER THE SITUATION.

UNREST IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Oppression Like the Shadow of Doom Hanging Over the Capital—Everyone Seems to Shrink From What May Next Happen.

ST. PETERSBURG—An extraordinary sitting of the council of the empire has been summoned to consider the situation resulting from the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius.

The emperor of Russia, by a ukase issued Saturday, restored to favor in the imperial family the Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, who some years ago was degraded of rank and honors because, in opposition to the will of the emperor and the wishes of the imperial family, he contracted a morganatic marriage with Madame Olga Pistolkoos. In accordance with the decree Grand Duke Paul is reinstated with his title and military standing, and as general aide-de-camp to his majesty, will attend the funeral of Grand Duke Sergius, his brother.

The body of the Grand Duke Sergius lies in the Choudoff monastery at Moscow, where an honor guard keeps vigil and priests intone prayers for the repose of his soul.

That unrest is yet prevalent within the empire is evidenced by the fact that a district official at Idgry was assassinated by Armenians for political reasons yesterday and that at Vagarshapad the mayor was shot and killed, while at Kichinef an attack was made by an unknown man on the prefect of police of that city.

Oppression like the shadow of doom seems to be hanging over the Russian capital. Bells are tolling and the people in the streets are awestruck at yesterday's bloody crime. Everyone seems to shrink before the contemplation of what may happen next. The tragedy struck deep in the heart of the perplexed and tried emperor, and many who were unsparing in their criticism yesterday have only expressions of sympathy for his unhappy lot. The bitter cup which during the last year has been pressed again and again to his lips is once more filled to the brim, and in almost pathetic words this morning he implores his subjects to pray for the repose of the soul of his murdered uncle. Death is in the air and no one knows where the next blow may fall, although precautions have been doubled in every direction for the preservation of the lives of the members of the imperial family and the ministers, and secret police are seeking out and arresting those known to be associated with the fighting organizations. The authorities realize their impotency to ward off the swift acts of terrorism, murder in the streets being possible at any instant. The only safety seems to lie in seeking safety behind palace walls, and all the imperial family have been warned not to venture out.

SAYS STOESEL IS A COWARD

Naval Lieutenant Denounces the General.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Aboard the steamer Tartar, which arrived here were Lieutenants Below and Bondy, officers of the Russian cruiser Sevastopol, captured at the fall of Port Arthur. They were released by the Japanese after giving their parole. The captain of the Sevastopol, and a number of other prisoners recently released, are expected to reach San Francisco shortly.

METCALF ASKS FOR FUNDS.

Needs Money to Prosecute Standard Oil Inquiry.

WASHINGTON—Funds with which to prosecute the inquiry into the methods of the Standard Oil company in Kansas were asked of the house by Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor. In his communication the secretary says that this inquiry cannot be completed before July 1. His suggestion is that the unexpended balance of an item of \$46,000 and another of \$15,000 carried in the current legislative, executive and judicial appropriation act, be made available for this as well as all other work of the investigation which his department is prosecuting.

EMPEROR IS PROSTRATED

And All Festivities in Prince Leopold's Honor Canceled.

ST. PETERSBURG—The news of the assassination of the grand duke reached Tsarskoe Selo while the imperial family was entertaining Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia. It created the greatest consternation. The emperor is reported to have been completely prostrated. All festivities in honor of the Prussian guest were at once abandoned.

JAPS DEPLORE THE CRIME.

But Express Sympathy for the People of Russia.

TOKIO—Commenting on the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow, the Jiji Shimpō expresses its sympathy at his cruel death, but declares the act is attributable to the high-handed manner of the Russian government in repressing the recent labor demonstrations. The paper says that oppressive measures against expression of national wishes invite such outrages from the oppressed.

The war in the far east resulted from the aggressive action of the Russian government, with which the Russian people have little sympathy," the Jiji Shimpō adds. "In one sense Japan is waging a war against the Russian nation arising from oppression by the autocracy, but Japan is fighting the government, and not the people of Russia."

The paper predicts a better understanding with increased sympathy between the two peoples after the war has ended and, after again lamenting the crime which resulted in the death of Grand Duke Sergius, expresses the hope that it will be fruitful of good results.

Other newspapers comment in a similar strain on the assassination of the grand duke.

SHORTAGE IN CASH ACCOUNT

Army Officer to Be Investigated at His Own Request.

SAN FRANCISCO—Orders have been issued from the war department appointing a board to investigate and report on an alleged shortage of the accounts of Capt. Jacques de L'Affitte, quartermaster of the transport Logan, now in this port. This board, it is stated by Captain L'Affitte's friends, is appointed at his own request, as he is held responsible for the funds, and he asserts that there is a shortage in funds which were beyond his control. It is necessary that the quartermaster of each transport take \$5,000 or \$6,000 in his safe on each trip, as all payments of employees must be made in specie. On the return trip from Manila Captain L'Affitte was ill and confined to his bed most of the way across. While he was ill the money was in the charge of subordinates, and the investigation demanded is to fix the responsibility, if possible, for the alleged shortage.

SIGN PARCELS POST TREATY

Agreement Entered Into With Great Britain.

WASHINGTON—A parcels post treaty between this government and Great Britain has been signed by President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and Postmaster General Wynne. It has already been signed by the British officials and will take effect. The final conclusion of the British treaty is a source of considerable gratification to officials here and a substantial increase in the volume of postal business is expected to follow. The movement for a parcels post arrangement between the two countries began many years ago. The treaty follows the general provisions of existing parcels post treaties with other governments. A parcels post treaty with France is expected to be concluded shortly.

POUNDING RUSSIAN CENTER

Japanese Continue Active Against the Enemy.

MUKDEN—The Japanese fired Tuesday and Wednesday on Poutloff hill with eight-inch guns, carrying 250-pound projectiles, indicating that they are siege guns used at Port Arthur and the first to be mounted in position before the Russian lines below Mukden.

A new situation, therefore, confronts the Russian center and the general situation appears to have been rendered more uncertain and complicated by the battle of Sandepas and the arrival of open weather, indicating an early spring.

At some parts of the lines there is unusual familiarity. Russian and Japanese officers in parties entertain each other. At Sanchinpu the Japanese cheer the Russian band.

LOOKS LIKE EXTRA SESSION

There Must Be Legislation on the Rate Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the authors of the Esch-Townsend freight rate bill, had a talk with the president regarding the prospects for the enactment of the measure into law.

Mr. Townsend, who has canvassed the situation pretty thoroughly, expressed the opinion that there was a chance for the passage of the bill by the senate at the present session.

After his talk with the president Mr. Townsend said that in the event no legislation on the rate question was enacted at this session, an extraordinary session of congress would be called by President Roosevelt for next autumn, perhaps in October.

Great Fire in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS—For four hours Sunday night the wholesale district, bounded by Georgia and Meridian streets and Jackson Place and the Union depot sheds, was menaced by a fire which started in the wholesale warehouses of the Rahmley & McCrea Millinery company. At 9:30 o'clock three general alarms brought into action every department in the city and suburbs. When the fire was brought under control the loss was estimated to be not less than \$1,500,000. One fireman was hurt by falling walls.

HEAD BLOWN OFF

UNCLE OF CZAR ASSASSINATED WHILE DRIVING.

BOMB BENEATH THE CARRIAGE

Vehicle is Blown to Pieces by Force of the Explosion—The Assassin, a member of the Noted "Fighting Group," Under Arrest.

MOSCOW—Within the walls of the far-famed Kremlin palace and almost underneath the historic tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the Red square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas and the chief of the reactionaries, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock.

The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high-power explosive which wrought Minister von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body to ghastly fragments which strewed the snow for yards around.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the socialist revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius.

The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of numerous warnings and elaborate preparations were taken to insure his safety, but all the resources of the gendarmerie, secret police and soldiers proved unavailing against an attempt almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister of the Interior von Plehve last July. It was the irony of fate that Sergius, after taking refuge in his country villa during the strike troubles of a month ago and later seeking even more secure shelter in the palace within the Kremlin walls, should be killed while proceeding to the governor general's palace beyond the walls, and which he had abandoned to enable the police to better protect him.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who was daily engaged in preparing comforts for the sick and wounded in Manchuria, was about to drive to the palace to join her husband. When she heard of what had befallen the grand duke she was driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy, and knelt, hatless and coatless, on the bloodstained snow and murmured prayers for the welfare of her slain consort.

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal treasury and courts of justice, in one angle of which is the Nicholas, or little palace, where the grand duke dwelt. On the snow lay fragments of the body of Grand Duke Sergius, mingled with the wreck of the carriage. The grand duke's head had been torn from his body and reduced to a shapeless pulp and the trunk and limbs were frightfully mangled. A finger bearing a rich seal ring was found lying several yards away. The crimson tint and smell of blood were everywhere. Only a few fragments of cloth indicated that the body had been clothed. The coachman lay moaning with pain beside a deep hole in the pavement. The horses, dragging the front wheels of the carriage, had dashed off, maddened with pain, to sink dying before they reached the gate.

LONG MARKED FOR DEATH

And Grand Duke Had Lateley Acted Like a Hunted Man.

PARIS—The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian emperor, and formerly governor-general of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last.

The governor-generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year and the grand duke, according to dispatches from Moscow January 4, kept closely to the well guarded Nickouski palace, on the outskirts of Moscow, retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district.

Later in January, however, it was announced that the grand duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin. He has been classed as the most reactionary member of the imperial family, as the head of which he has been stigmatized by the liberals as Russia's evil genius.

Grand Duke Sergius was born in 1857, and was married in 1884 to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt. They have no children.

Prof. Goodspeed Dead.

CHICAGO—Dr. George Stephen Goodspeed, professor of history at the University of Chicago, died of pneumonia. He graduated from Brown university in 1880, and took his doctor's degree at Yale.

President Wants Big Navy.

WASHINGTON—Several members of both the senate and house of representatives Friday discussed with the president the pending naval appropriation bill. The president told all his callers that he hoped congress would provide in the bill for three battleships instead of two as the measure now stands, saying he thought it unfortunate not to carry out the program for the building up of a new navy and that retrenchments might be better made on other departments than on the naval.

TORTURING PAIN.

Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, but Doan's Cured Him.

A. C. Sprague, stock dealer, of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys. I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived."

The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car. My condition was critical when I sent for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me. Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."

A TRIAL FREE.—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cts.

A man likes to feel that his ways are free from selfish motives.

Millions in Oats. Salzer's New National Oats yielded in Mich., 240 bu., in Mo., 235 bu., in N. D., 310 bu., and in 30 other states from 150 to 300 bu. per acre. Now this Oat if generally grown in 1905, will add millions of bushels to the yield and millions of dollars to the farmer's purse!



Homebuilder Yellow Dent Corn grows like a weed and yields from 157 to 260 bushels and more per acre! It's the biggest yielder on earth! Salzer's Speltz, Beardless Barley, Macaroni Wheat, Pea Oat, Billion Dollar Grass and Earliest Cane are money makers for you, Mr. Farmer.

JUST SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c in stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples. [W. N. U.]

Use of Asbestos Increasing. The use of asbestos by electricians is daily increasing, for it meets the most exacting requirements for purposes of insulation. Its latest application is to the "electrotherm," the new device which is already taking the place of hot-water bottles in hospitals and sick rooms.

Fancy Prices for Relics.

For a love letter written by Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, \$50 was paid not long ago. Yet a brass collar which was worn by Boatswain, the dog to whose memory Lord Byron erected a monument at Newstead abbey, fetched 21 guineas, while the collar of Thunderer, another of Lord Byron's dogs, realized 4 guineas only.

Boysish Indiscretion.

A Pittsburg boy who left home to pose as a man was discovered wearing trousers much too large for him. This was easy for the police. If he had been a real man he would have worn trousers entirely too tight for him, such as so many fashion plates boast on buyers.—Buffalo Express.

Lives of Different Meaning.

It is noble to be alive to the littleness of earth, but it is nobler to become impressed with its greatness; to be animal life it is only a picture ground; to ordinary men it is the commonplace world; but to him who lives above it it becomes a shining moon.

Trade Guilds in Canton.

Canton boasts of over seventy trades guilds. The guilds have fine halls and spacious courtyards, where their members meet daily and discuss the affairs of their respective trades and other matters.

READS THE BOOK.

"The Road to Wellville" Pointed the Way.

Down at Hot Springs, Ark., the visitors have all sorts of complaints, but it is a subject of remark that the great majority of them have some trouble with stomach and bowels. This may be partly attributed to the heavy medicines.

Naturally, under the conditions, the question of food is very prominent. A young man states that he had suffered for nine years from stomach and bowel trouble, had two operations which did not cure, and was at last threatened with appendicitis.

He went to Hot Springs for rheumatism and his stomach trouble got worse. One day at breakfast the waiter, knowing his condition, suggested he try Grape-Nuts and cream, which he did, and found the food agreed with him perfectly.

After the second day he began to sleep peacefully at night, different than he had for years. The perfect digestion of the food quieted his nervous system and made sleep possible.

He says: "The next morning I was astonished to find my condition of constipation had disappeared. I could not believe it true after suffering for so many years; then I took more interest in the food, read the little book 'The Road to Wellville,' and started following the simple directions.

"I have met with such results that in the last five weeks I have gained eight pounds in spite of hot baths which take away the flesh from anyone."

"A friend of mine has been entirely cured of a bad case of indigestion and stomach trouble by using Grape-Nuts Food and cream alone for breakfast.

"There is one thing in particular—I have noticed a great change in my mental condition. Formerly I could hardly remember anything, and now the mind seems unusually acute and retentive. I can memorize practically anything I desire." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.