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Are you following on the map the Japanese maneuvers? It beats chess.

None of the millionaires who want to die poor has developed a hobby for living that way.

The czar is reported to be holding his own. But the nurse does not permit him to do it long.

O. J. de Jong van Beek en Donk is not a trunk falling down stairs, but the governor of Curacao.

Anything Miss Lillian Russell says about marriage and divorce will be regarded as expert evidence.

Whatever else he may do, Mr. Kipling will certainly never make a hit as a writer of campaign songs.

It must be inconvenient to have so many jewels that you can forget what became of $200,000 worth of them.

The stork will now have time to devote a little attention to the queen of Italy and young Queen Wilhelmina.

Tobacco is now said to make the hair come out. In the form of cigarettes it is liable to do almost any old thing.

In Paris the women have taken to Panama hats. "Straws" evidently continue to show which way the wind blows.

Mike Obuchowski has been put in jail at Pittsburg for highway robbery. He probably used his name to disable his victims.

A Chicago man named Love has been ordered to pay his wife $50,000 alimony. But perhaps he loves money less than liberty.

A Washington man advertises what he calls "bottled sunshine," but bottled moonshine will continue to hold its own in Kentucky.

The Governor of Louisiana has eighty colonels on his staff. The consumption of mint over there must be something tremendous.

A fellow in Massachusetts has been discovered who wears a tin shirt. Must be next to impossible for a girl to touch that man's heart.

Count Kwamura is known in history as the "father of the Japanese navy." It might be said, also, that Commodore Perry was its grandfather.

A Minnesota man has invented an automobile that is propelled by the wind. Eye-witnesses report that it goes—when the wind is right.

It has been definitely decided that no one can collect the insurance on a man who has been hanged. It all depends on your standing in society.

One of the most noted horse fanciers in the country has just been captured at Manchester, N. H. He is said to have stolen over 100 of them.

"Always wash your hands after handling money," counsels a health authority. Ah, yes—and if the stain still seems to linger, hand some of it back.

The Philadelphia police recently "pinched" ninety-four citizens in a poolroom raid. Have to pinch a true Philadelphia to satisfy him he is really awake.

The Japanese private soldier receives 70 cents a month. A poor mathematician can figure the value of a good quality of patriotism to a country on this basis.

The meaning of the term Lhassa, the chief city of Thibet, is "God's ground." This, however, does not deter the British from the effort to make it theirs.

The Dowager Empress of China is reducing her household expenses Many a professional man in this country would be glad to have her tell him how she is doing it.

Somebody has discovered that the Flemish word for automobile is paardeloozoonderspoormegpetroolrijtuig.

By any other name it would smell just as strongly of gasoline.

Don't be alarmed. The man who accosts you without introduction or apparent excuse and begins talking wildly is not an escaped lunatic. He is canvassing for a straw vote.

When his wife has gone to a summer resort, the husband, left alone in the midst of his housekeeping incapacity, ceases to indulge in that cynical inquiry of "Why did I ever marry?"

Are we to understand from Henry Labouchere's new idea that titles should be conferred only on those who are worthy of them by reason of their big bank accounts that "Labby" is at last willing to accept a title for himself?

President Eliot's suggestion that education should not cease with youth but should be prolonged into adult life, is worthy of general attention Doubtless President Eliot himself, although he knows so much, still learns something every day.

A floating paragraph asserts that a sign of politeness in Thibet on meeting a person is to hold up the clenched hand and stick out the tongue. That may be etiquette in Thibet, but any such demonstration in this town would precipitate something very like a riot.

A Connecticut man jilted a lady at the altar the other day. She seemed to be much put out, but may comfort herself with the thought that he has saved her the trouble and expense of getting a divorce later.

It is possible that the 200 bottles of lager beer, a barrel about half filled with whisky, an ice chest containing over 100 small bottles of whisky, a number of demijohns of wine and some quart bottles of whisky, found in possession of a "Wild West" show, went a long way toward proving that it was fully as wild as advertised.

United States customs officers have ruled that chickens are not household effects. It is evident that these particular officers never spent a night as the guest of a Tennessee mountaineer.

BUT THREE FORTS

THAT IS ALL THE RUSSIANS SECURELY HOLD.

THERE ARE OTHERS OCCUPIED

But Owing to Heavy Artillery Fire of the Japanese They are Uncertain—Boys are Fighting in Russian Ranks.

CHE FOO—Golden hill, White Marble and Liaoti mountain, according to Chinese advices, dated the night of August 22, are now the only main forts securely held by the Russians at Port Arthur. Others are occupied by them, but they are subjected to an artillery fire which renders their tenure uncertain. Fort number five, which has frequently been reported taken by the Japanese and retaken by the Russians, is again declared to be in the hands of the Japanese.

A rumor having some points indicating authenticity says that the new European section of Port Arthur is in flames. Owing to the mud and brick construction of the buildings, however, it is probable that the fire is not general.

It is said that the Japanese are using guns taken from the harbor defenses of Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama. These guns, numbering 300, are of heavy calibre.

A junk which left Port Arthur August 22 reports that the Russian wounded at that date numbered 5,000 and that the Japanese occupied the heights near Chaochanko. It is further reported that boys are fighting in the Russian ranks now.

Major L. L. Seaman, U. S. A., went from here yesterday to the summit of a mountain on one of the Miao Tau islands, twenty miles from Golden Hill, near Port Arthur. With a powerful telescope Major Seaman could see a great deal of the coast of the Liao Tung peninsula. He heard six heavy shots and much small artillery firing, indicating that fighting had subsided to a certain degree.

The Jap lines now practically encircle the main Russian army under Kuropatkin, centering on Liaoyang. A portion of Kuroki's army has gained a point northeast of Mukden and is advancing on that base. Gunboats drawing troop-laden barges are proceeding up the Liao River from new Chwang. Ammunition and food are being transported via this stream.

AT PORT ARTHUR

Desperate Fighting Is On From Day to Day.

ST. PETERSBURG—A dispatch from Che Foo, dated August 22, says that according to Chinese reports the Japanese Sunday bombarded Port Arthur from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pouring in a very hot fire, but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries.

The following is supplied by a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press:

"With each additional report from Port Arthur wonder increases both at the persistence of the Japanese attack and the heroic stubbornness of the defenders of the fortress. The Japanese are literally throwing away thousands of lives in the hope of shaking the courage of the Russian troops.

"Major General Fock says he is confident the fortress cannot be taken, but that if it is taken the whole Japanese army will have to immolate itself on the slopes of the fortifications.

"There were five desperate assaults on Green hills July 26, the Japanese apparently having inexhaustible reinforcements.

"In the final assault, however, the Japanese broke badly, throwing away their guns, cartridge belts and even their boots to facilitate their flight, and leaving 7,000 dead or wounded.

"Our surgeons worked heroically, impartially aiding Japanese and Russians. The Japanese were so touched that they tearfully thanked the Russian surgeons.

"The assault on Green hills was repeated on July 27, and there were frequent hand to hand encounters, the Russians leaving the trenches to follow their enemies.

"The assaults of July 28 and 29 on the Wolf hills were not followed up, the Japanese being too severely shaken. We evacuated the Wolf hills chiefly for strategic reasons, as the hills made the line of defenses too long to effectually withstand the furious attacks of the Japanese.

"The assault of July 30 was made in the dark of night in the hope of surprising the Russians. Sixty thousand men were hurled against our 43,000, but we drove them back again and again at the point of the bayonet. It was another Shipka pass.

"The Japanese poured in fresh battalions and the slopes, covered with dead and dying, literally ran with blood.

"Our Thirteenth regiment was forced from its position, but the Fourteenth regiment came up and with the bayonet again dislodged the victors.

"The Japanese losses since the siege began have been 28,000 men. The explosion of one mine wiped out 500. This was an awful sight. A volcano of stones dismembered the bodies of the soldiers, while the sky was lit up with a purple glare and the mud walls of the Chinese village were thrown down by the shock. After this fight General Stoessel collected 20,000 Japanese rifles."

JEFFRIES WINS IN SECOND

Butte Miner Unable to Show That He Is in Championship Class.

SAN FRANCISCO—Like the veriest amateur in the prize ring, Jack Munroe of Butte, Mont., went down and out before Champion James J. Jeffries Friday night in the second round. The man from the mining district made such an extremely sorry showing that the great throng in Mechanics' Pavilion roundly hooted him as he protested to Referee Graney against the decision that had been given in favor of Jeffries.

The two giants had not been in the ring two minutes when it was forseen that the aspirations of Munroe had been quickly disposed of. The miner was scared and awkward and Jeffries in the first round had him twice on the canvas taking the count.

Jeffries directed his bombardment against the stomach of his opponent and each shot was followed by a blow on the jaw that sent Munroe to his knees.

Forty-five seconds after the gong sounded for the second round Munroe was lying on the floor, a bloody, bruised mass of humanity, with Jeffries standing over him ready, if necessary, to put the quietus on the championship ambitions of his adversary. The miner was too dazed to rise to his feet and the timekeepers counted him out.

May Have Found Murderer.

DENVER—Chief of Police Delaney of this city has communicated with the wardens of the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., to ascertain if a prisoner confined there under the name of John Mahran is really Wellington C. Llewellyn, a former member of the Thirty-fourth United States infantry who shot and killed Policeman Thomas C. Clifford and N. E. Griffiths in this city August 13, 1899. The description of Mahran tallies with Llewellyn, who was six feet in height at the time of the murders.

In the Hands of Brigands.

DENVER—A Republican special from Roswell, N. M., says John Elland, vice president of the Bank of Portales, Portales, N. M., and a wealthy sheep man, has fallen into the hands of brigands in old Mexico, where he went on business. Mrs. Elland has received a letter from him postmarked Oputo, State of Sonora, Mexico, saying that he has been captured by brigands and they demand a heavy ransom and that unless arrangements are made to pay the ransom he will be tortured and killed.

WASHINGTON—Luxury will be sacrificed for formidability in the new armored cruisers authorized by the last congress and the plans now in preparation in the bureau of construction and repair show important changes in the interior arrangements of these vessels. The water tight sub-division will be made complete and there will be no piercing of bulkheads by ventilating pipes or other openings. This change is in the effort further to protect the vessels from the damaging effects of torpedo attacks.

THE EASTERN WAR

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR SEEMS NOW IMMINENT.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

Japs Are Now Within Main Defenses and Their Guns Command Town—Capture All Outlying Fortifications.

LONDON—The Chronicle's correspondent with General Kuroki, cabling under date of August 24, via Fusan, August 25, says: "The fall of Port Arthur is imminent. The Japanese are now within the main defenses and their guns command the town. Desperate fighting occurs night and day and the losses on both sides are enormous.

"The Russians are making curious counter attacks, but the Japanese are clinging to the positions they have won at so great a cost."

LONDON—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent, in a dispatch dated Saturday last, says: "Following is the position of Port Arthur: The Japanese have captured all the outlying fortifications, but the Russians still hold the citadel on Anteshan, Golden Hill forts and the forts on Tiger's Tail and Liaoti mountains. The Japanese are in possession of the parade ground and barracks under the Anteshan fort on the outskirts.

"The fall of Port Arthur is believed to be imminent. It is believed that the garrison will make a desperate sortie before the end comes."

LIAO YANG—The Russians retired from Anshanshan yesterday after a fight which began on the morning of August 26, and continued in a desultory manner all day and night.

Arrangements for a battle had been completed by night time, when the order to retire was given on account of the situation to the east.

The order was received with disappointment by the troops. The retirement was made in an orderly manner.

The plain between Anshanshan and Hai Cheng was covered with Japanese troops, who burned the bridge and shelled the railway station after the Russian retirement. The Russian losses amount to 300.

The Japanese are advancing with great rapidity.

The position at Kaofengshik at 2 o'clock this morning was unchanged.

CHRISTENS HEIR OF RUSSIA.

Elaborate Ceremonies Mark Services at Church of Peterhof Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG—A wave of rejoicing and festivity swept over Russia with the rising of the sun on the christening day of the heir to the Russian throne, culminating when the te deum, softly chanted in the beautiful little church of Peterhof palace, announced the ceremony was accomplished and the news was heralded to the world without by the crash of canon and the chiming of innumerable church bells. Notwithstanding the momentous events pasing at the front, the whole population turned gladly for the time being from the more serious considerations to participate in the day of glittering ceremonial and pageantry at Peterhof, where the tiny successor of the great white czar received at the hands of the church the name of Alexis Nicholaevitch, from which he is destined to pass in course of time to the dignity and responsibility of autocrat of all the Russias.

THE MOON BECOMES SPOTTED.

Observations of Prof. Pickering of Lowe Observatory.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—A telegram has been received here from Prof. W. H. Pickering, who is at the Lowe observatory, California, tending to confirm an observation of a spot on the moon, made by him last month. He saw a hazy patch in the large lunar crater, Plato, which had not been detected before. It was again seen on August 2 and 3. It had then grown dark, measured about two inches in diameter and resembled a small crater. The object is said to coincide in position with a previously recorded cratorlet, but is apparently larger. Renewed scrutiny in the last few days reveals the continued existence of the feature, which now measures three miles across. Two other tiny craterlets and a dark spot on the floor of Plato, not previously reported, also are announced by Prof. Pickering.

Money to Aid Irish Cause.

NEW YORK—John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, and those who came to America with him, Captain A. J. C. Donelan, Patrick O'Brien, Connor O'Kelly and Mrs. Redmond, were tendered a reception Sunday night in Carnegie hall by the New York Municipal Council of the United Irish League of America. Mr. Redmond, Captain Donelan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. O'Kelly and W. Bourke Cockran spoke. Ten thousand dollars was either subscribed or paid in cash toward the Irish fund.

Cable to Alaska Completed.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Amid the cheering of 300 men and women, the shrieking of whistles and the playing of the national anthem, the final splicing of the Sitka-Alaska government cable was made Sunday in the harbor ten miles out of Seattle. Ten minutes later Mayor Dullinger of Seattle cut the rope holding the joined ends of the wires aboard the United States ship Burnside, and with a splash the completed wire connecting the United States and Alaska fell to the bottom of Puget Sound.

Women Spill Much Liquor.

CUBA, KAN.—Four joints or illicit saloons were wrecked by women here and much liquor destroyed. Mrs. E. O. Fites and Mrs. William McDonald, wives of prominent business men, armed with hatchets, first entered without warning the place run by Ben Hull. Without ceremony they began to smash everything in sight and soon they had demolished bar and fixtures and broken every bottle and opened every keg to be found. Later they were reinforced and other joints were raided.

Protests Against Russian Action.

DURBAN, Natal.—The captain of the British steamer Comedian has lodged a protest against the action of the Russian auxiliary cruiser Smolensk in stopping the steamer and examining its papers on Sunday last on the southeast coast of Cape Colony.

Indorse St. Louis Platform.

SANTA CRUSE, Cal.—A platform indorsing the action of the St. Louis convention was adopted by the democratic state convention here and presidential electors were named.

Repairs Ordered Stopped.

WASHINGTON—Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai cables the State department that the Chinese toatal of Shanghai, through the British consul, has ordered that the repairs to the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi be stopped.

Cost of Colorado Uprisings.

DENVER—A special committee of the grand jury reported to District Judge Carpenter criticising certain expenses of the military during the campaign in Cripple Creek and Telluride as "extravagant." With regard to the experience of troops on the streets of Denver on election day, comment as to "whether a soldier should perform partisan services under the guise of citizenship and render a bill to the state therefor" is withheld. The report shows indebtedness for insurrections of $921,239.

Leander Dies of Injuries.

PARIS—George Leander, the American bicyclist, died here from injuries sustained in a terrible fall at the Parc Au Princes on Sunday as the result of running into a motorcycle which was pacing a race in which an attempt was being made to break the record for one hour. There were three cyclists in the race. At the time of the accident Leander was traveling at a pace of fifty-seven miles an hour and was more than a lap ahead when he was thrown over the handlebars of his machine.

Democratic Speakers for Maine.

NEW YORK—Former Senator Frank J. Cannon of Utah and Frank Clark, democratic nominee for congress in Florida, will speak for the democratic ticket in Maine during the campaign.

Czar is a Happy Father.

ST. PETERSBURG—Emperor Nicholas' manifesto on the birth of an heir to the throne, the text of which will be published tomorrow, abolishes corporal punishment among the rural classes.

THE CROP REPORT.

Abundant Rains Have Fallen in Corn Belt.

WASHINGTON—The weekly crop report issued by the weather bureau is as follows:

The drouth prevailing in portions of the central valleys in the previous week has been relieved by abundant rains, but drouth continues in central and western Tennessee and is beginning to be felt in the middle gulf states and over a considerable part of Texas. The central and northern Rocky mountain districts and the north Pacific coast region are also suffering from drouth, the prevalence of forest fires being reported from Idaho and Montana. The latter part of the week was too cool in the lake region and unseasonably low temperatures occurred in the northern Rocky mountain districts and upper Mississippi valley on the 21st and 22d, but elsewhere east of the Rocky mountain district the temperature has been favorable.

The principal states have experienced a week of good conditions, abundant rains having fallen throughout the corn belt, except in portions of Ohio and Nebraska. Corn has made satisfactory progress in most of the Missouri valley and is generally improved in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys, although a considerable part of the crop in the Ohio valley has been injured beyond recovery. In the middle Atlantic states and lower Missouri valley early corn is now partly matured.

Spring wheat harvest is generally finished, except in North Dakota and northern Minnesota, where rust is continuing to cause great injury. Rains in North Dakota in the latter part of the week interrupted harvesting. Harvesting is also nearly finished on the north Pacific coast.

Reports indicate a general scarcity of apples in the greater part of the middle Atlantic states and central valleys, but in New England, New York and the lake region the outlook is more favorable, a good crop being promised in the two last mentioned sections.

The reports respecting potatoes indicate a good crop is generally promised in the more prominent potato producing states. Drouth has impaired the outlook in portions of the Ohio valley, however, and rot and blight are increasing in Pennsylvania.

Throughout the central valleys and middle Atlantic states the soil is in fine condition for fall plowing, which work is in general progress and well advanced in some places.

JAPS GETTING VERY CLOSE.

Chinese Say Assailants Have Reached the Home of General Stoessel.

CHE FOO—Acording to Chinese advies brought here from Port Arthur by a junk the Japanese were hotly pressing the Russian center along the railway and the Russian right in the vicinity of Golden Hill. The Chinese declare that the Japanese occupied Taipingtse and penetrated along the railway to General Stoessel's residence on August 21.

As this report would indicate that Port Arthur had all but fallen the Japanese expert attached to the local consulate received the information with great reserve. The information is accepted, however, as a confirmation of previous reports that the Russians have been driven from Itshan and that the Japanese are very close to the southern forts and the eastern defenses.

The local Japanese, under the leadership of their consul, are subscribing money and preparing to celebrate the expected fall of the fortress.

LETTER NEARLY FINISHED

President Roosevelt Putting on Finishing Touches.

OYSTER BAY L. I.—During the next three or four days President Roosevelt will put the finishing touches on his letter of acceptance. It probably will be placed in the hands of a printer on September 10. The letter will contain approximately 12,000 words. The date of its publication has not been determined definitely, but very likely it will be on Monday, September 12.

The president has not received the representations said to have been forwarded to him by the attorneys for the western federation of miners urging action by the national government in the matter of deportation of citizens from the disturbed district in Colorado. The department of commerce and labor, through Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, and his agent, has made an exhaustive inquiry into the Colorado labor situation and is keeping in constant touch with it The president is thus enabled to have practically first hand information on the subject. As the matter stands now it is understood to be entirely improbable that any action will be taken by the national government.

Officeholders.

WASHINGTON—In view of the approaching election, the civil service commission has addressed a letter to the heads of all government departments and bureaus, calling their attention to violations of the civil service law which have occurred in the last political campaigns and inclosing a circular containing a warning against the demanding or paying of political assessments and partisan activity of officeholders. Prosecution and punishment will follow violations of the law.

German Crop Conditions.

BERLIN—The imperial crop report up to August 15, the scale being one for perfect and five for poorest, shows the grades of winter wheat to be 2.6, against 2.7 in 1903; summer wheat, 2.9, against 2.6; winter rye, 2.5, against 2.4; summer rye, 2.8, against 2.5; barley, 2.8, against 2.5; oats, 3.1, against 2.5; potatoes, 3.4, against 2.5; clover, 4.0, against 2.6; lucerne, 3.6, against 2.7, and meadows, 3.9, against 2.4. The unusual drought and heat from July 15 to August 15 hindered the plant growth greatly.

Peabody Offers to Send Militia.

DENVER, Colo.—Governor Peabody Saturday sent a letter to Sheriff Bell of Teller county in regard to the mob which last Saturday deported fifteen men and destroyed the store of the Interstate Mercantile company at Cripple Creek. The governor says that he is informed that a similar mob contemplates a still futher outrage and offers to send thee military again to assist the sheriff in maintaining order. This is the first recognition by the governor of the outbreak of last Saturday night.

STRIKE TO GO ON

THE CONFERENCE TO SETTLE MATTERS AVAILS NOTHING.

NO CONCESSIONS FORTHCOMING

Strikers Have Not Changed Their Position and the Packers Prepared to Offer Only Such Terms as They Have Offered Before.

CHICAGO—Conferences of the committee appointed earlier in the week to attempt a settlement of the stock yards strike, with the parties to the dispute, resulted in nothing. There is no present prospect that they will result in anything in the future and the chances of an agreement between the packers and strikers appear very meager.

The strike leaders appeared before the committee and stated their side of the case. They did not suggest to the aldermanic committee that it make any overtures to the packers, but simply gave their view of the situation.

Representatives of the packers then appeared before the committee. After a session that lasted three hours Mayor Harrison said:

"The packers have said just what they have said before; that they are running their plants and have nothing to arbitrate, and that there is no reason why they should confer with the men.

"We heard a review of the entire strike trouble and the packers say that in every city except Chicago and Omaha the strike is over and they assert that with 70 per cent as many men as they employed in Chicago before the strike they are now turning out 82 per cent of the normal output."

Labor leaders tonight announced that in all probability the butchers' strike would be settled peaceably before next Wednesday. They declined to explain the cause of their belief, but were positive in their statements that the strike would not be called off.

President Donnelly of the butchers has called all the members of the butchers' executive board to meet in Chicago next Wednesday.

Union leaders and packers conferred with the committee appointed by the city council to seek terms of settlement of the stock yards strike. Separate sessions were arranged President Donnelly of the butcher workmen, Matthew Carr of the allied trades conference board and Organizer John J. Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor were selected to represent the unions. President Donnelly was hopeful.

"It is a game of checkers," said Mayor Harrison at the end of an hour's conference with President Donnelly's committee.

"The strikers have not changed their position," said the mayor, "and the meeting resulted only in the aldermen being given a full explanation of what that position is. President Donnelly told of the history of the original strike, the agreement to resume work and the strikers' side of the renewal of the strike."

WANTS AMERICA TO LEAD WAY

London Newspaper Thinks United States Should Act at Shanghai.

LONDON—The afternoon papers here take it for granted that if intervention is necessary at Shanghai the powers will act together in upholding the neutrality of China equally against both belligerents.

The Westminster Gazette says: "If the American government will lead the way in this matter it will be doing a service to all the governments, for it is high time that the neutral powers come to an understanding about the meaning and limits of China's neutrality so as to be able to act together and arrive at a solution of the complicated situation."

The Pall Mall Gazette considers that the powers should follow at Shanghai the correct precedent be set by Germany at Kiao Chou and insist on the obedience of the Russians to the order to leave or disarm without delay, and thus settle the whole question of neutral Chinese ports for the remainder of the war.

MICKEY WILL GO TO SEATTLE.

Nebraska Executive Will See New Battleship Christened.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Governor Mickey and twenty-five invited guests will go to Seattle to witness the christening and launching of the battleship Nebraska. A Nebraska girl, probably Miss Maria Mickey, will toss the bottle of champagne against the hull of the vessel. However, the governor may object to any member of his family handling intoxicating liquor, and in that event the honor will fall to some one else. The governor has notified the shipbuilding authorities that he will be present.

Those who will accompany him will be state officials and politicians.

Japanese Minister Visits Adee.

WASHINGTON—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, called upon Acting Secretary of State Adee to talk of the settlement of the questions connected with the presence of the two Russian warships in the harbor of Shanghai. The minister expressed gratification at the outcome of the negotiations in the agreement to disarm the vessels and lay them up during the war, but regarded it as essential that the completeness of disarmament of the ships be established to Japan's satisfaction.

Squadron Not After Smolensk.

CAPETOWN—There is no foundation for the report circulated in the United States that the American South Atlantic squadron, Rear Admiral Chadwick commanding, now in these waters, had been ordered to leave here and watch the Russian volunteer fleet vessel Smolensk, which, it was added, was believed to be waiting for an American ship. The British warships Crescent, Odin, Pearl and Forte, Rear Admiral Durnford commanding, are at the Seychelles islands.

Chinese Are Sore at Japan.

TIEN TSIN—The reported violation by Japan of the neutrality of China in the capture of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni at Che Foo has resulted in alienating to a great extent the sympathy of Chinese officials for Japan.

Payne Conferring About West.

CHICAGO — Postmaster General Payne is in Chicago in conference with the members of the republican national committee concerning the political situation in the west.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

MUST BE GOOD PAPER

The Public Intends to Be Protected by the State Printing Board.

LINCOLN—Hereafter all paper published by the state printing board will have to come up to specifications or it will be rejected. Secretary Frazier of the board has just received from the manufacturers a paper scale, a Mullin tester and a caliper, by the aid of which any paper can be accurately tested. The Mullin tester is an involved contrivance operated by compressed air for the purpose of determining the breaking strength of paper, while with the calipers the gauge of the paper is easily determined and the weight completes the test.

It is the purpose of the printing board to make it impossible for bidders to offer inferior substitutes instead of the papers called for in the contracts let. The practice has prevailed to a considerable extent and often to the loss of the state. The eventual result of the adoption of the testing apparatus will be to do away with the purchase of paper according to the name in the water mark, and the selection of standard grades according to the grade, weight per ream and the breaking strength. That will greatly simplify the business of purchasing paper for the use of the many departments of the state government.

When all paper is bought according to the quality and weight the competition in furnishing such supplies to the state will be open to the world. Under the present system, where the state officers make requisition for different brands, the Nebraska dealers who have the sale of such brands enjoy a practical monopoly of the bidding for the supply of that department

PLUCKY GIRL SAVES LIFE

Does Not Lose Presence of Mind When Gasoline Explodes.

LINCOLN—Cool and alert, Miss Lena Miller saved her life and the farm of her father near Denton. A gasoline can exploded, her clothing caught fire and the flames spread throughout the house. Beating out the flames on her clothing she smothered the fire with blankets and saved the building.

She was painfully burned, but her face will not be disfigured. She is the 19-year-old daughter of County Assessor Miller

The cries of Miss Miller alarmed her brother He hastened upstairs and found her battling with the flames. Seizing a pail of water he came to her assistance, but found that the moisture had caused the fire to spread, so he seized blankets and assisted her.

To Improve Platte River.

FREMONT—A plan to improve the Platte river by turning the current which now washes against the earth bank west of this city over into the channel running south of the islands is being considered and will likely be brought before the county board.

Bind Over Alleged Horse Thief.

COLUMBUS—W. F. Carter, who is charged with stealing a horse and buggy from George Winslow, a liveryman here, had his preliminary examination before Judge O'Brien and was bound over to the district court.

Killed by Kick of a Horse.

LEIGH—Miss Maud Fry, the 17-year-old daughter of Jonas Fry, a prominent and well-to-do farmer living eleven miles southeast of this city, was kicked by a horse and was almost instantly killed.

WOMAN BLOWS HER HEAD OFF

Mrs. Cole of Hardy Suicides by the Shotgun.

HARDY—Mrs. Wallie Cole, who had been in poor health for some time, committed suicide at the family home, three and a half miles northwest of this place. She loaded and cocked both barrels of a shotgun, put the muzzle under her chin and discharged one barrel. The right side of her face and the top of her head were blown off. It is thought she was deranged. The corpse was discovered lying on the kitchen floor by two little girls, who notified the men in the field. Mrs. Cole was the mother of a daughter 3 years old and of a baby 2 months old.

Accident at the Races.

BEATRICE—Isaac Haddan, an old resident of Southern Gage county, was run over by a horse and probably fatally injured at Barneston. A horse race was in progress, when one of the animals jumped the track and landed among the spectators.

Look for Big Attendance.

State Superintendent Fowler has received a letter from Principal Crabtree of the Peru normal, stating that there are prospects of an increased attendance as compared with last year. He states that he is receiving more inquiries from high school graduates and experienced teachers than usual. Some of the teachers are already coming in. The work on the new chapel building is making good progress, according to Mr. Crabtree. The walls are up to the first or chapel floor, while the iron work is in place.

Laborer Found Dead.

PLATTSMOUTH—Tim Mahoney, a hard working but somewhat itinerant laboring man, was found dead in his bed in one of the cheap rooming houses here. Heart trouble is the assigned cause.

Retired Banker Dead.

WILSONVILLE—C. H. Pierce, an old citizen and a retired banker, died at Boulder, Colo. With him was his wife, they having left here for Colorado on a pleasure trip three weeks ago.

Child Drowns in a Well.

GREELEY—While playing in the yard Frank Foster, 2 years of age, son of John Foster, fell into the well and was drowned. A loose board in the well curb had not been properly replaced and the little boy dropped through into the water which is twelve feet deep.

Adams Elevator Burns.

BEATRICE—The Samuel Q. Adams elevator at Odell was totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about $3,500.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The Burt county reunion has been called off.

The elevator of the Albion Milling company was destroyed by fire.

Fremont's new cannery is now in operation with one hundred men employed.

Arrangements are about completed for the holding of a harvest jubilee and agricultural exhibit in Holdrege from September 5 to 10.

Reuben Nance and Henry Frerichs, two farmers, fought on the streets at Beatrice and the latter was badly cut about the face and head.

William Gumm of Julian went to sleep in the depot at Nebraska City and when he awoke found that five dollars had been taken from his pocket.

The grain stacks on the farm of John Hickey, west of West Point, caught fire from causes unknown and caused a loss of $300, partly covered by insurance.

August Bauman, an aged farmer living three miles northeast of Snyder, was gored to death by a vicious bull. His dead body was found by a member of his family who went in search of him.

Burglars entered the Nebraska State bank at Milford and blew the outer door off the safe, but got no money. They were evidently frightened away, because the inner doors were not disturbed.

Word reached Leigh of the killing of Miss Maude Fry, a young woman living with her parents twelve miles southeast of town. She was kicked by a horse, the blow striking her in the region of the heart.

Katherine Gamble of Kewanee, Ill., who is visiting with the family of Superintendent E. L. Rouse, in Plattsmouth, had the misfortune to slip and fall, sustaining a painful fracture of her left arm.

Claude Morton, youngest son of H. H. Morton, lately deceased, was struck and instantly killed by lightning at the Spade ranch, near Chadron. He leaves a mother and brother Harry, who live in Chadron.

The preliminary hearing of Dr. D. L. Meehan was concluded last week in Seward. The charge was statutory assault on the person of Bessie Corcoran, an inmate of his home. The accused was bound over to the November term of district court in the sum of $2,000.

Herman Nolte, a farmer living near Roseland, was brought before County Judge Dungan in Hastings on the charge of assault and battery. The charges were filed by his wife for alleged cruelty, and beating their 15-year-old daughter. He was given three months in the county jail.

Thomas Andrews and son, owners of a large herd of high grade thoroughbred shorthorn cattle of their own breeding on their ranch three miles southeast of Cambridge, left with sixteen head of their prize winners to be on exhibition in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. After attending the Iowa state fair at Des Moines they will return to Lincoln to the Nebraska state fair and from there their fine stock will go to the world's fair at St. Louis.

A council of ministers and delegates from the several Baptist churches of Custer county, after a long hearing, has decided to recommend that the ministerial ordinance of Rev. S. P. Morris of this city be revoked and that he be excluded from the Baptist church. This is the outcome of a sensational case resulting in the divorce suit of Rev. Mr. Morris from his wife and the alleged alienation of the wifely affections of Mrs. Day, one of his parishioners.

The corner stone of the new Methodist church at McCook was laid on the 25th.

Frank Rhoades, who was shot while picking corn for Carl Engberg west of Fremont, died from his wound. Arthur Canaga, aged 17, employed by Vasholitz, the butcher, voluntarily went to the county jail and cleared the mystery of the shooting of Rhoades. He said he and another lad were en route to the slaughter house with a 44-caliber rifle to be used in slaughtering. He fired at a sign on a telegraph pole, using it as a target. He believes that it was this shot that killed Rhoades.

Last week Frank Iams, the well-known horseman and importer, arrived in St. Paul with his fifteenth annual importation of stallions direct from France. The shipment contains about eighty head of fine Belgians and Percherons, 2 and 3 years old, and ranging in weight from 1,800 to 2,400 pounds. At the disembarkation in New York the horses were placed on a special express train, chartered by Mr. Iams from the Wells-Fargo Express company at a cost of $2,500, and brought through in quick time.

Miss Katie Bluechel, a popular young woman of West Point, has become mentally unbalanced and was taken before the insanity commissioners for examination. She was adjudged insane and taken to the hospital at Lincoln.

Land Commissioner Follmer and Deputy Commissioner Eaton have recommended that the public lands not entered under the Kinkaid act be leased at not less than 3 cents an acre and as much more as the land will bring on the open market by competitive bidding.

While shooting pigeons near Kent & Burk's feed yards at Genoa Samuel Giles was accidentally shot in the head by Nick Carstenson. The victim is not expected to live.

As a finish to a card game in Tecumseh George Chastine made a murderous assault upon James Halepeake, a young harness maker, and in a plunge for his heart with a large pocket knife he penetrated the case of Halepeake's watch, which was in a shirt pocket. Chastine succeeded in inflicting two or three slight flesh wounds.

For the alleged stealing of a team of horses and a fine vehicle just ten years ago from the barn of Anton Bauman of Fremont, father of Sheriff Bauman, Ed Hayes was arrested last week and locked in the Dodge county jail.

Ex-Judge Stull of Nemaha county, attorney of the B. & M. railroad, has filed a protest against the county commissioners paying any part of the expense in contesting the legality of the 5 per cent increase in the assessment rolls ordered by the state board of equalization.