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IMPENDING CRISIS IN RUSSIA.

That the counsellors of Emperor Nicholas would advise a continuance of the war was universally expected. All recent reports from the Russian capital have stated that it was the determination of the czar to go on with hostilities and such being the case he would not be likely to ask counsel of men not in accord with him.

LAND FRAUDS IN UTAH.

Special agents of the federal government are reported to be investigating alleged land frauds in Utah and it is said that the disclosures so far show that hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable coal lands have been acquired by corporations in devious ways and by questionable methods.

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That paper states that it was during the administration of Blinger Hermann, now under indictment in connection with the Oregon land frauds, as commissioner of the land office, that the bulk of coal land filings in Utah were made. Efforts were made at different times during his regime to start prosecutions and contests, but each move of this sort on the part of subordinate officials was squelched when it reached headquarters.

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Castro, president of Venezuela, appears to have an insatiable appetite for trouble. Being virtually a dictator there is no check upon him and he seems to be utterly indifferent to international obligations or to that principle of equity between nations which all civilized countries observe.

JUSTIFICATION.

Justification and it will probably be found that this is true of his latest course. What the French government will decide to do in the matter remains to be seen, but it will probably demand an indemnity for the Cable company and if the Venezuelan government should refuse to pay an indemnity France may take measures to compel payment.

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By the will of the late William F. Milton of New York he has bequeathed all of his estate, valued at over \$1,000,000 to Harvard university on the death of his wife.

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Daniel Murray, long an assistant in the library of congress, is preparing a historical review of the exploits of negroes and persons of mixed blood in literature and other fields.

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Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, who was an acting assistant surgeon in the war with Spain and has been commissioned superior of nurses in the Russo-Japanese war, is home on a visit.

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ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC: Russia has embellished its name in history. It has lost more men in three weeks than any nation ever lost before in that time.

CHICAGO CHRONICLE: There is nothing wholemore for a man or a nation at times as a good setback and a fresh start.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS: Speaking of the dual nature of men and nations, but it is quite possible that while Russia is talking war she is unconsciously thinking peace good and plenty?

CHICAGO RECORD-HERALD: General Kouroupatkin requested permission to relinquish his command, saying he is in need of mental and physical rest.

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A MATTER OF HEALTH.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE.

his war experiences and so many of the statements he made had to be taken with a grain of salt that after a while I got tired of "Chicago Tribune."

CHICAGO BOY-KIN I have a week's vacation. His Employer—Why, you've only been here two days.

OFFICE BOY—Yes; but after I give you ten dollars, maybe I kin stand it longer—Fack.

"Now," began the moralizer, "take the life of your neighbor, for instance. He—"

"I'd do it in a minute," interrupted the democrat, "if the law would tolerate it. He's learning to play the cornet."—Detroit Tribune.

A FATHER'S CONGRESS. Washington Star. We've had a fathers' congress down to Pollock on the Crick.

He says, says he, "A mother who is home, an' home to stay."

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