

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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Charles Meyer, a clerk formerly employed by Fleischmann & Co., arrested on the charge of writing threatening letters to Mayor Fleischmann of Cincinnati, O., was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, for insanity.

A six-story building on East Ninety-ninth street, New York, occupied in part by the Union Athletic Club and in part by various manufacturing concerns, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$50,000. L. Kahner & Co.'s cigar factory adjoining was damaged \$25,000.

Lorenzo Crosby, the Mormon elder from Eager, Ariz., who shot himself in a sleeping car on the Chicago and Alton passenger train from St. Louis, died at the City Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Crosby had been doing missionary work for the Mormon church in Georgia and Virginia.

Governor Bailey of Kansas is reported to have agreed to pardon William Rudolph, who is serving a sentence in the Kansas penitentiary, in order that he may be taken to St. Louis to stand trial for the robbery of the Bank of Union and the murder of Detective Schumacher.

Former members of the Salvation Army and American Volunteers have incorporated in Nebraska a new order under the name of Volunteer Warriors to work along the lines of the older organizations. Owens B. Vall, as general in chief, says they left the parent organization because money they collected was not spent for the purpose for which it was donated.

At the New York eye and ear infirmary, New York, Miss Viola Alton, on whom an operation for ear affection was performed, is progressing satisfactorily.

President Roosevelt was the recipient of the last letter written by Senator Hanna. It was written on the Tuesday prior to his death and was purely a personal note acknowledging the president's thoughtfulness and consideration in expressing his personal interest in the senator's sickness. The letter is to be photographed for preservation.

Fire at St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, destroyed the three-story building of the Union Manufacturing Company and caused a money loss of about \$75,000.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts presented to the president Gen. W. W. Blackmar and Ell W. Hall, past department commanders of the Massachusetts G. A. R., and Lieut. Gov. Curtis Guild of Massachusetts, who laid before the president engrossed Resolutions of the G. A. R. of that state inviting him to attend the national encampment to be held in Boston next August.

The annual convention of the Illinois Press association closed with a banquet at Galesburg. The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Rapp, Fairfield; first vice president, J. H. Castle, Sandwich; second vice president, J. W. Becker, Jerseyville; treasurer, Vic Haven, Greenfield; chairman executive committee, A. R. Van Skiver, Streator; chairman auditing committee, Terry Simmons, Marseilles.

Joe Buffalo, nephew of the famous Buffalo, formerly chief of the Lake Superior Chippewas, died at Odanah, Wis. For years he had acted as chief of the tribe. Buffalo, who was the last member of the family, was instrumental in having the treaty of peace signed between the Chippewas and Sioux at Ashland five years ago.

The state department has received and has accepted the resignation of W. E. Buchanan, the American minister to Panama. No successor has been appointed.

Commander William Elbridge, U. S. N., governor of the island of Guam, has arrived at Honolulu on a naval supply ship. He is returning to his home in the United States on account of illness caused by the tropical climate. His condition is so serious that he may be obliged to delay the continuance of his trip to San Francisco.

Several thousand persons witnessed the commencement exercises at the Carlisle Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., when diplomas were presented to the largest class in the history of the institution, the graduates numbering forty-three. Gen. O. O. Howard, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Gen. J. P. S. Gobin and Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces were among the guests.

The clothing stock of Keller, Broyles & Co. at Muncie, Ind., was damaged \$20,000 by fire. The damage to the Johnson block is estimated at \$5,000.

A jury at Bluffton, Ind., has declared that J. W. Terrell, convicted of murder, has become insane since his first trial, and he will probably be sent to an asylum.

Governor Hogg of Texas has come out flat-footed as Bryan for president.

Seven Dewey cowboys, in attendance as witnesses on the Dewey trial at Norton, Kan., have been arrested on warrants charging them with murder. They were with Dewey at the time the cowboys were killed. Each was released on bonds of \$1,000.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORTS

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, CATTLE, and SHEEP AND LAMBS, listing prices for various grades and locations like Chicago, St. Louis, and New York.

The Labor Political League of Kansas City, composed of delegates from labor unions, has decided to call a convention to meet March 8 to nominate a straight labor union ticket for city officials.

The Ogilvie Mining Company has awarded a contract for building a 500,000 bushel elevator at Fort William, Manitoba, to the MacDonald Engineering Company of Chicago.

John Bechtel, the Pittsburg soap agent, who was murdered by two Italians, is reported to be recovering.

The dedicatory sermon of the new Palmer Hall of Science of Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colo., was delivered in the college chapel by Rev. Dr. Edward Caldwell Moore of Harvard University. The auditorium was packed and more than 500 people were turned away.

Spontaneous combustion is held responsible for a fire which destroyed Chemical Hall at the Ohio State University at Columbus. Loss, \$135,000 with no insurance.

Two hostesses will preside at the Missouri state building during the World's Fair, the state commission having been unable to select one from the numerous candidates.

The case against Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone at Jefferson City on the charge of riding on railroad passes has been dismissed, and Mr. Stone is left in full possession of his office.

Frank G. Senter, a railroad conductor, aged 62 years, killed his wife, aged 40 years, and committed suicide at the woman's home in Denver, Col. The couple, who had four children, had been separated for a year and the wife recently sued for a divorce.

Senter called on her to plead for a reconciliation and when she refused it she shot her.

Col. Theodore Bruback, one of the wealthiest and best known mining men of Utah, was accidentally killed at Park City while making an inspection of the Daly-West mine, of which he was an officer. While ascending a ladder, Mr. Bruback lost his hold and fell a distance of fifteen feet, striking on his head and breaking his neck.

A verdict of not guilty has been returned at Jefferson City, Mo., in the case of Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone, charged with neglecting his official duty.

Brooklyn is said to be flooded with counterfeit bills of the "Buffalo" \$10 bill, which defy detection even with a glass and in which the government paper is imitated to perfection.

The jury in the case of James Reed, charged with the murder of Glenna Hynes at Omaha, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and recommended that Reed be imprisoned for life.

The work of clearing the streets in the burned district of Baltimore has been completed and the rest of the week the gang of street cleaners will follow up the work of throwing walls and buildings. City Engineer Fendall stated permits would be issued to rebuild in sections of the burned district where no changes in the building lines are to be made.

D. E. Thompson, United States minister to Brazil, has simplified Nebraska politics by announcing that he would not again be a candidate for United States senator. He believes he can perform better service as minister to Brazil. He was a candidate for senator during the struggle which resulted in a compromise on Charles H. Dietrich.

John Michael, aged 70, a prominent resident of Porter, Ind., committed suicide by hanging himself, because he lost a \$5 bill on the street. He leaves a family.

Sheriff Benner of Great Falls, Mont., arrived at Grand Forks, N. D., and identified George Hlobika as the man wanted at Sand Coulee, Mont., on a charge of murder. The sheriff will take his prisoner to Great Falls, Hlobika agreeing to waive requisition papers.

A loss of \$100,000 was caused by the burning of a building at South Boston, Mass., occupied by the National Magazine, Carter, Rice & Co., wholesale paper dealers; the Chapple Press, Tinkham Press and the Potter & Watson Shoe Counter Company.

Joseph B. Canfield, superintendent of the H. C. Canfield Rubber Company at Bridgeport, Conn., and a maid servant were found dead at the Canfield residence. It was first thought they had been poisoned, but an autopsy showed death was due to asphyxiation.

STRUGGLE WILL BE LONG

Military Experts Consider War Only in Its Initial Stages--Will Take Weeks for Rival Armies to Gather Together

London, Feb. 22.—The war between Japan and Russia is scarcely in its initial stages. Military operations on a large scale cannot be expected for several weeks. The lurid stories of battles "in progress" on the Yalu river, the reported attempts to land Japanese armies on the Liaoting peninsula, and the "furious combats" on sea are only preliminary features of a war that has yet actually to begin. Russia is preparing for a long struggle, and preparing with characteristic deliberation. She has already designated 600,000 troops for service in the far East. It will require weeks to transport the 200,000 or 300,000 men who are going from European Russia. The difficulties in transportation are enormous. Each railway car carries forty men. There are twenty cars to a train and twelve days are required to transport one train from Moscow to Manchuria. This makes no allowance for the time necessary for the troops to march across or around Lake Baikal.

On this basis, to transport 200,000 troops from Moscow to the far East, Russia must employ 240 trains for at least two weeks, running the trains an hour apart. But trains cannot run eastward con-

at Port Arthur; two Russian ships torpedoed, one, the Bayaran, destroyed. Feb. 16—Japanese repulsed in attempting to land force at Tallenwan bay.

Russia Seeks Release of Her Big Black Sea Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—There is one feature of moment, and an extremely serious one, taken with regard to the prospect of international complications. There is the best authority for the statement that, in spite of the ridicule cast upon the idea from various sources, once again the port has lent a willing ear to the diplomatic suggestions of Russia that the Black sea fleet should one day be found unexpectedly in the Mediterranean, Turkey being assured that this once accomplished not one of the powers would have a word to say in objection, and if they did Russia would be answerable.

One difficulty, however, lies in the way of an arrangement by which on a given night the Dardanelles should with true Oriental carelessness be left unguarded, and their usual surveillance neglected, the splendid mine system by which any ship of foreign

guards being driven back with losses which are estimated at 2,500 lives. Whether this means those who fell on the Yalu or whether it includes the entire Russian losses since the commencement of the war is not exactly clear.

One thing is true. For days past there have been ugly rumors of Russian mishaps on land.

There is high military authority for the statement that the commissariat has partially broken down. At this juncture this is a serious matter. Many of the most necessary adjuncts of service have been overlooked, for instance, the portable kitchens, for which a well known German firm here received a rush order at its own price for 1,500.

Transcaucasian troops are being mobilized and ordered to occupy the frontiers of Turkestan and Persia, this being a strong reminder to England that Russia is ready for war on these two frontiers.

European Powers Plan to Keep Peace in Balkans.

London, Feb. 22.—It is announced from Paris that Great Britain and France are taking concerted action to regulate the Balkan situation and

In this map are accurately shown the clever military and sea tactics of the Mikado's forces. They are at-



Russia's fleets are practically useless, according to the reports from the far east, being either disabled, bottled up or ice-bound. Japan is practically supreme on the sea and will now make great land invasions.

tempting to cut off Port Arthur from Russian support, now being mobilized at Mukden, so that the czar's stronghold will fall of its own weight. They are pouring troops into Korea so that the hermit kingdom will be practically under their way in a short time. Many thousands of Japanese soldiers are already on the move.

At every place which could aid the Mikado's plans to destroy forever Russia's influence in the far east land forces have been landed by the Japanese and are ready to battle.

Abdul Hamid, seeing the big service in his power to concede, exacts in return terms which, much as Russia would like to get the splendid Black sea squadron out, are almost more than this country can digest—namely: That Turkey be given a free hand in settling the Balkan difficulties in the war which the coming months are deemed sure to bring.

Such egress from the Black sea would relieve the big armored ships Kriaz Potemkine and Tavritchesky, 12,500 tons; Ekaterina and Sisma, 11,000 tons; Sloope, 10,000; Tria Sviatitella, 13,310 tons; Georgi Poblednossel, 12,000. The Drenadzat Apostoloff and Rosfslav, about 9,000 tons each; ten torpedo catchers, and about twenty-five torpedo boats, a force which would turn the vital question of the command of the sea in the far East in favor of Russia.

Kouropatkin Now the Head of Russia's Eastern Forces. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—The appointment of Gen. Kouropatkin, who was yesterday relieved of his functions as minister of war, to the chief command of the Russian army in the far east, was gazetted this morning.

With the possible exception of Gen. Dragomiroff, formerly governor general of Kieff, and later member of the council of state, Gen. Kouropatkin is the most popular man in the Russian army. As a bluff old soldier, who has fought his way up from the bottom to be minister of war, he is the ideal of the enlisted men. Not one in the czar's army has seen more fighting, and no one can tell a story better. There is never a dull moment in his company, for he intermingles the humorous incidents of his campaign with tales of the self-sacrifice of the men whom he led with Skobelev over the parched wastes of Geok-Tepe or over the icy slopes of Plova.

The appointment of Gen. Kouropatkin to direct command in the field has been received with enthusiasm, and his leadership inspires complete confidence that there will be no mistake, and that Russian arms will be carried to success on land.

Gen. Kouropatkin will be accompanied to the front by the Grand Duke Boris, Alexis, Nicholas and Michael Nikolaitovich.

Russian Force Said to Have Been Driven Back. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—There is authority which prohibits doubt of the veracity of the report that outpost engagements have taken place on the Yalu resulting in the Russian advance

passage can be blown into the air forgotten, and the night guards behind the overwhelming batteries gone into official somnolence.

are seeking to restrain Turkey and the war party in Bulgaria. Reliable reports from the Bulgarian frontier are to the effect that action by the Macedonians will be in full swing as soon as the weather permits, but it is thought the sultan during the last few days received a hint from the German, Austrian and other ambassadors to be a little cautious, as the discomfiture of Russia is not yet certain. Dispatches from Salonica describe the Turks, especially the military element, as being so absorbed in the Russian-Japanese war that the Albanian rising has been disregarded.

Viceroy Alexieff's Change of Base Considered Good Move.

London, Feb. 22.—No strategic importance is attached to Viceroy Alexieff's journey to Harbin, which is the most natural place for the headquarters of the viceroy at a time when his main efforts are directed to organizing the military resources with which the railway from Russia supplies him. It need not imply the retirement of the army.

The announcement that Gen. Kodama has been replaced in the Japanese cabinet by Mr. Koshikawa is regarded as meaning that Gen. Kodama is about to take command of the Japanese land forces. Kodama, who is Japan's leading general, did splendid work during the Sino-Japanese war.

Little Loss to Japanese in Recent Naval Battles.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—The reports from various quarters saying that Vice Admiral Togo's fleet was partly crippled in the operations at Port Arthur, are unfounded.

It has been unnecessary to send a single large ship to Sasebo for repairs. Two torpedo destroyers have been damaged, but not in fighting. The Okubo in attempting to coal from a collier during a storm collided with the Oboro, disabling its machinery. Both were sent to Sasebo to be repaired and they will be ready for service soon.

The Kiss of Reverence.

A Berlin paper tells an amusing story of a meeting between Eleonora Duse and the veteran German painter, Adolf Menzel. When La Duse visited Menzel's studio the great little man received her with the somewhat brusque cordiality characteristic of him. When she left she showed her veneration for Menzel's unique genius by lifting the master's hand to her lips and reverently kissing it. Menzel's expression of utter amazement was very droll. When the actress had swept out of the room the old painter turned to a friend and said: "I say, Meyerheim, I suppose I ought to have done that!"—London Mirror.

Statistics tell us that more than thirty thousand British men and women go out hunting every Monday morning.—Ladies' Field.

IN A PRAIRIE LAND.

[Editorial Correspondence.]

Moose Jaw, Assinibola.

Farmers' Review, Chicago, July 22, 1903.

Most of the prairies in the United States have ceased to exist. Man has broken them up with orchards, forests and farm buildings. But in Western Canada the prairies still stretch grandly from horizon to horizon as yet unmarred by the hand of man, save where the iron road has been laid. To a city man there is something deliciously restful about the vast grassy solitudes.

Numerous clumps of trees mark the course of the Assiniboine river, which keeps in sight of the railroad for some distance.

"Grass is one of the notable things about all the landscape of Western Canada. It is a remarkable fact that the entire length of the Canadian Pacific railway from its eastern terminus to the Rocky Mountains is over plains where grass grows. The sage brush appears at some points, but never to the exclusion of grass. There is thus not a mile of this country that cannot be used for some agricultural purpose—either for tilling or ranching.

"Moose Jaw is a town of over 2,000 inhabitants, and one of the most important places in Assinibola, being the center of a very good farming country and a great grain and stock shipping point.

"Near Moose Jaw agriculture and ranching go hand in hand; for near the town was seen a herd of beef cattle several hundred in number. On another side was seen a good sized herd of dairy cows, the property of the citizens in the town.

"In riding over the prairies we saw many good fields of alfalfa. The great need of the country is timber, which grows readily where planted, as was demonstrated by the shelter belts on some of the farms, and the trees on the residence lots in the town.

"Stories were told the writer of men who last year cleared from their wheat crop more than the land on which it was grown originally cost them. This is easy to believe, in view of the large crop and high price for wheat last year."—Henry F. Thurston.

By sending your address to any agent of the Canadian Government you will have mailed to you a copy of an atlas, railway rates, etc., giving fullest information regarding Western Canada.

Cheap Excursions to the South.

On February 16, March 1 and 15, the Kansas City Southern railway will offer to the public the extremely low rate of \$10.00 for the round trip to all points on the Port Arthur Route, including Beaumont, Port Arthur, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Texarkana, Fort Smith, Mena, De Queen and all intermediate points. The return limit on these tickets will be twenty-one days from date of sale, with stopover privileges at all points south of Kansas City on the going trip. Any information desired by the public relative to these cheap excursions will be cheerfully furnished upon application to S. G. Warner, G. P. and T. A., Kansas City, Mo.

He Was All Scotch.

Though he sat for an English constituency and lived and made his money in an English town, there never was a man more thoroughly or, indeed, defiantly Scotch than William Allan, the recently deceased member of the British parliament. His works were called the Scotia works; his house was called Scotland house, and wherever he went he was surrounded by and, as it were, exhaled a Scotch atmosphere. The accent was broad Scotch, the language was broad Scotch, the physique was Scotch, the habits and ideas and character of the man were all Scotch.

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer the John A. Seizer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to grow: 1,000 fine, solid Cabbages, 2,000 delicious Carrots, 2,000 blanching, nutty Celery, 2,000 rich, buttery Lettuce, 1,000 splendid Onions, 1,000 rare, luscious Radishes, 1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers. This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and ALL FOR BUT 16c POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 25c in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauliflower. (W. N. U.)

Suburban Dwellings.

The suburban dwelling-house standing apart with large yard and garden is a modern innovation in many parts of Germany. A half dozen years ago Mannheim had scarcely a single one. To-day it has dozens of them, costing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each.

In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous and often cold and damp. If you have sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A Great Man's Education.

Sir William Allen, M. P., who died recently, said: "The world has been my chief educator and men my books."

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of DeLancey Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch. The Chicago man who wrote a love letter to one woman every day for three years must have a wonderful imagination.