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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.—Senate: After notification of Senator Hanna's death, the Senate took action on the funeral arrangements and adjourned until Monday.

FOREIGN.—Six hundred Russian troops were frozen to death crossing Lake Balkal.

DOMESTIC.—Arrangements were made for the state funeral of Senator Hanna in the Senate Chamber in Washington to-day.

CITY.—Stocks dull at small final change. Extensive preparations were made for the Rip Van Winkle hearing before the Mayor to-day.

CITY STREET IMPROVEMENTS. The bulletin of the Municipal Art Society, just made public, relating to the city's thoroughfares embodies the results of patient and intelligent work on the part of the committee appointed to consider that important subject.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Fair, continued cold. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 12 degrees; lowest, 1.

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curb to receive and discharge merchandise. A city without alleys must necessarily suffer in that way, but the evil has grown to outrageous proportions in New-York.

We have attempted nothing more than to convey an idea of the scheme of street changes which the Municipal Art Society submits to public consideration in the report of its committee.

NEUTRALITY IN THE WAR.

Lines of neutrality in the war are now pretty completely drawn. The actual belligerents are Japan and Russia. But Korea has practically been forced into the attitude of a belligerent.

But all the rest of the world is neutral, and gives promise of remaining truly neutral. There is little now heard of the danger that Great Britain and France will be dragged into the conflict.

It seems probable that some precedents, or at least some interesting practice, in international law will result from this war concerning the scope of the term "contraband of war."

HONOR IN POLITICS.

In inviting the House of Representatives to declare his own election invalid and to seat his counted out opponent the Hon. John F. Shafroth, of Colorado, exhibited a virtue not overcommon in our politics.

Mr. Shafroth's manly surrender of a seat to which he felt he had not been elected emphasizes still more forcibly the changed temper in which the House now approaches the settlement of election disputes.

Excluding two election districts in Denver, the Republican candidate had a plurality in the Congress district of 1,837. But those two Denver districts were made to roll up a fictitious plurality for Mr. Shafroth of 4,620.

title and emoluments until the House itself decided to unseat him. In the last Congress a Missouri Democrat, James J. Butler, whose election was tainted with the grossest frauds, fought to the last to hold his seat against a decision of the Elections Committee.

LET THE BRONX SPEAK OUT.

The Mayor's hearing on the Rip Van Winkle railroad permit takes place at the City Hall this afternoon. A strong demonstration from the business interests of The Bronx should be made, in order to show the Mayor the demand for his veto on the permit granted by the Board of Aldermen.

The projectors of the Port Chester road, whose application for the very privilege now granted to the resurrected Westchester company has been held up for eight months, expect to have trains running in a year and a half after all the permits have been granted.

The Mayor, whose independence has been manifested on several occasions, we feel sure, needs only to be convinced of these considerations to interpose his veto.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN VIRGINIA.

Governor Montague's purpose in securing the passage by the Virginia Legislature of a law permitting the victim of a negro's assault to give his testimony by deposition, and not go into court and be subjected to cross-examination, is clear and praiseworthy.

That in all capital or criminal prosecutions a man hath a right to demand the cause and nature of his accusation, to be confronted with the accusers and witnesses, to call for evidence in his favor, and to a speedy trial by an impartial jury of his vicinage, without whose unanimous consent he cannot be found guilty; nor can he be compelled to give evidence against himself; that no man be deprived of his liberty except by the law of the land or the judgment of his peers.

The dispatches do not give the details of the new law, under which a negro was yesterday tried at Roanoke and sentenced to death. It is to be presumed that the deposition, though taken out of court and only read to the jury, is taken in the presence of the prisoner and subject to reasonable cross-examination by his counsel to bring out any evidence which may exist in his favor.

IRVING ON CHICAGO.

Unless the reports sent from Chicago are wholly distorted, Sir Henry Irving in a speech on the stage in that city did not exhibit his usual moderation and self-restraint. He is reported as denouncing "jacks in office" who took action after the Iroquois Theatre fire which was intended to prevent the possibility of any similar calamity in the great city of the West.

DEATH ON LAKE BAIKAL.

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Anyhow, the Russian torpedoes at Port Arthur exploded. In that they differ from the kind we got accustomed to during the war with Spain.

The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country. This announcement from Tokio discloses a sense of humor not often perceptible in the writers of our war news bulletins.

Accidents from collisions with floating ice have been unfortunately numerous this month. But then the winter has been unusually severe.

Japan says that its shells are not charged with suffocating melinite, but with gunpowder. It is to the credit of the army and navy departments at Tokio that they are not using the worst of poisonous chemicals in this war.

A new regular service of passenger steamships is to be established between Scandinavian ports and New-York and Boston. This will be heartily welcomed by intelligent supporters of American prosperity.

There's a Tammany "tie-up" in the Board of Aldermen, and a tepee also. How can the metropolis get relief?

"Dollar wheat" on Monday sent the Chicago grain pit into a wild whirl of turmoil. Meanwhile the overcautious speculators for "20-cent" cotton were rueful Don Quixotes in the exchanges of New-Orleans and of New-York, as the quotations for the great white staple were rapidly falling off.

The biggest of bears has gained renown for his hard, heavy, long and deadly hug on land, but he is not amphibious, and has never achieved lofty fame as a water fowl.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"The British Medical Journal" tells a curious story of the expense of the French Academy of Medicine, which has recently moved to new quarters. On the place being cleaned, the room in which the Council used to hold its meetings was found to be a kind of museum, containing specimens of Paris dirt, collected in the course of many years.

OUR GOOD OLD WINTER TIME.

Last night the wind was south, or nearly so. A warm, moist wind that sought the sullen front, and forced that dreaded harbinger of snow, the sky was wan, and drooped above the height; The height sloughed down in mist upon the hill; A hurried, uncanny blotch upon the sight.

A sudden shifting to the frozen zone of Of fickle winds which only last night sought To keep our streets clear of winter from his own.

The Mexican Railroad has erected a monument, with suitable inscription, marking the point where the globe is crossed by the Tropic of Cancer. The monument is of wood, twelve feet high and twenty-four feet long. On the top there are two arms pointing out the two zones. It is situated on desert ground a few miles south of Cotacore.

Bella—How can I tell? We haven't one mutual acquaintance.—(Illustrated Bits.)

Dr. Edward Martin, who cares for the public health in Philadelphia, owns a beautiful little country home, situated in a grove on the banks of a lovely creek near Wallingford, Penn. One day he was entertaining a party of gay little girls from Philadelphia, for Dr. Martin plays the host most delightfully to children, of whom he is very fond.

"That's a pretty noisy passenger you've got in there," remarked the man who was smoking on the front platform. "Is he crazy, or only drunk?" "Neither one," said the motorman. "He's just got a fat wheel in his head."—(Chicago Tribune.)

A London paper, speaking of the "American Inventor," relates that an enterprising Yankee came over to England and decided to open a shop in Birmingham. He obtained premises next door to a man who also kept a shop of the same description, but was not very pushing in his business methods.

Two of Them.—Towne—I met that fellow De Bates to-day. Brown—Yes, so he just told me. Towne—Told about that man who won't listen to reason? Brown—Don't! That's what he's just been talking about.—(Philadelphia Press.)

Many good anecdotes are told of the late Bishop Dudley of Kentucky. He could administer a rebuke as delicately as a rebuke on the banks of a sea. He said that the point was plain. One of the wealthiest members of his church, as well as one of the closest, told him he was going abroad. "I have never been on the ocean," he said to the bishop, "and I would like to know of something that will keep me from getting seasick." "You must swallow a nickel," responded the bishop, "you'll never give that up."

"Miss Chatterton? I think I'll send her word that 'Yes, but the stin, small voice reproach you'?" "He said, 'I'd rather listen to the still, small voice than to Miss Chatterton.'"—Puck.

A Philadelphian who had been dining at the Peninsula Club, of Louisville, tried some of the private stock of bourbon belonging to the club. Every Louisville man is ready to swear it is the best whiskey in the world. "How is this whiskey tested?" asked the Philadelphian. "Quite a simple process, said," was the Kentuckian's reply. "We inject a drop of it into a rabbit, and if the rabbit doesn't lick a bulldog on sight, then the whiskey is no good, sah."

"I asked your father." "What did he say?" "He said 'I'd keep year.'" "And then?" "Why—er—I leapt. I had to."—(Columbia Jester.)

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Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt stated to-day that in deference to the judgment of his advisers he would not go to Cleveland to attend the funeral of Senator Hanna.

The President received few callers to-day, and the White House was almost as quiet as in the days immediately following the death of President McKinley.

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NOTES OF SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON.

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William Barrett Ridgely gave a Shrove Tuesday dance to-night for his debutant daughter, Miss Corinne Ridgely, which closed the dancing season for the majority of the young people of fashionable society.

Assistant Secretary Oliver of the War Department, who recently returned to his duties after a severe attack of grip, had a relapse and is now confined to his room.

NEW-YORK SOCIETY.

Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, was signaled by a number of weddings, as many people entertain a prejudice against marriages in Lent.

Miss Hall's wedding took place at the East Seventy-sixth-st. house of her uncle, E. Livingston Ludlow, who gave her away. She had no attendants.

Miss Barron's marriage to John F. Archbold took place at St. Barnabas Church, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, and a number of relatives and friends went from town in special cars attached to the Grand Central Station to attend the ceremony.

Many dinners were given last night, among them one by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Addis Emmet in celebration of their golden wedding, at their house in Madison-ave.; by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, at her house in East Seventy-eighth-st.; by Mrs. Ogden

the frontier station of Manchuria a day later, when from this point eastward to Vladivostok or southward to Port Arthur, one or two trains are crowded with military troops.

The two Japanese cruisers from Italy have returned up safe and sound and ready for service in Japanese waters, as we assumed in this issue in Japanese waters, as we assumed in this issue in Japanese waters, as we assumed in this issue in Japanese waters.

NOTES ON THE WAR.

That is a startling report which Russians make concerning Japanese troops near Hain-Ming-Ting. That place is in the western part of the southern province of Manchuria, fifty miles west of Moukden, and on the line of railroad which runs from Tientsin through Shan-Hai-Kwan northward to reach the Manchurian railroad north of Moukden.

An equally startling and ominous is the report from New-Chwang that the Russian Viceroy, Admiral Alexeff, with his whole headquarters staff, has gone to Harbin. That means, apparently, the abandonment of Port Arthur, and not only of that place but also of Moukden and Kirin and the southern half of Manchuria.

These things suggest the possibility that the Japanese have planned a masterful piece of strategy by luring the Russian forces to the Korean frontier, along the Yalu, while they themselves have sent a powerful army by sea to the northern end of the Gulf of Leao-Tong and have invaded Manchuria there, with the purpose of cutting off the Russians from supplies or reinforcements, and thus forcing their surrender.

Whether or not the Japanese succeed in cutting the railroad, beyond Harbin or elsewhere, that road must be considered as a slender support for a great Russian army. It was hastily built, and is notoriously subject to accidents and blockades.

Mills, for the Austrian Ambassador and Mrs. von Henselmüller, at her house in East Sixty-ninth-st., and by James Henry Smith, at his house in West Fifty-second-st.

There was also a meeting last night of the Co-operating Entertainment Club, in the Astor Gallery at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor give a dinner to-night at their house in Fifth-ave., to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones leave town to-day for their place in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly have invitations out for a dinner to-morrow night at their house in Fifth-ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhineland return to town next Monday for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. C. Adair and Miss Post have arrived at Palm Beach, where they will remain for two weeks before returning to New-York via Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. John Duncan Emmet, who interrupted their wedding trip and returned to town to attend the celebration of the golden wedding of Dr. Emmet's parents, leave here to-morrow for Palm Beach.

HONOR FOR DR. MAGNIN.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Dr. A. J. Magnin, the American physician who has charge of the American Hospital here, has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

DANIEL F. APPLETON'S WILL FILED.

The will of Daniel F. Appleton, the senior member of Robbins & Appleton, controlling owners of the American Waltham Watch Company, was filed in the Surrogate's office for probate yesterday.

GRADUATES' CLUB INCORPORATED.

A certificate of incorporation of the Graduates' Club of New-York City was filed at Albany yesterday, the objects as stated in the certificate being to promote intimate relations between the universities and colleges of the United States and their graduates and to assist and maintain in the city a club-house for the use of such graduates.

BEQUESTS FOR BAPTIST SOCIETIES.

Willimantic, Conn., Feb. 15.—Among the bequests in the will of Levi Hall, of Spring Hill, offered for probate to-day, are those of \$100,000 each to the Baptist State Convention, the American Home Missionary Society and the Connecticut Baptist Educational Society, each of which bodies was to pay the testator's widow \$600 annually as an income.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS FOR ARMENIANS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The Armenian refugees who have reached this city since the massacres of 1894-95 stand in need of a little library to which they may resort for books to read and which will help them to forget their sorrows and their past. The Rev. H. B. Garabedian, have imported books from Constantinople, Tiflis, Yerevan, etc., in their language, but trust that you will send me to the fullest possible extent if you have any you would find convenient to spare for such a good purpose.

VIRGINIA CHILTON TAYLOR.

No. 61 West Ninety-sixth-st., New-York, Feb. 15.