

Hearst in Favor of the Canal.

Congressman Hearst when asked: "What about Panama and Mr. Roosevelt's recognition of the new republic?" "For twenty years, in the San Francisco Examiner and my other newspapers as I got them, I have been advocating an isthmian canal. It makes it difficult for me to take a harsh view of any effort to supply the great national necessity.

"I have always been in favor of the Nicaragua route. I still think it best for the people of this country and the most feasible. It should have been built under the Spooner act. Nevertheless, if the party in power has positively determined to build no canal but the Panama canal, then it would not become the Democratic party to block what may be for the present, the only obtainable solution of the canal problem."

In commemoration of the Indian Princess, Pocahontas, who died at Gravesend, England, when about to sail home to Virginia with her husband in 1616, St. George's church in Wapping is to have a pulpit made of wood brought from Virginia. Pocahontas is buried in the chancel of St. George's church.

If Al. Adams was not a millionaire, he would be working for the state of New York as a convict, but says an exchange: "Al. Adams, the policy king of New York, has been in Sing Sing for eight months, but is conducting his immense real estate business from that home of vocal culture without interruption. Adams is said to be worth \$6,000,000 and the lowest estimate placed on his fortune is \$4,000,000. He was convicted after one of the most bitter legal struggles in the history of the state and finally landed in the state penitentiary for three years. The charge against him was that he was conducting policy games throughout New York and the evidence was overwhelming. Adams, it seems, is permitted by the prison authorities to superintend his big real estate operations and his work takes up about all his time. He is confined in the hospital ward as a patient, but, although he cannot break stone or make overalls, he finds that his health permits him to do a pretty good day's work in attending to his private affairs."

The Trusts Alarmed. Owing to the fact that the Hearst boom has been so rapid, that his nomination by the trusts is already almost, if not quite a foregone conclusion, the trust financiers are rushing pell mell to get into the Roosevelt band wagon. The enemies of the masses, the trust financiers, the Beasts of Wall Street, are so certain that their occupation would be gone should Hearst be elected president, and while they would prefer some one fully in accord with them in their work of systematically robbing the people, they recognize the fact, made evident during his term of office, that Roosevelt, though he has often threatened to down the trusts, has not seriously incommoded them, and therefore as a matter of course they prefer him to Hearst, knowing that the latter, if elected, will spare no effort to rid this nation of the trust parasites, and to do the greatest good to the greatest number.

"W. R. Hearst," says a Washington dispatch of the 22d inst to the Cedar Rapids Republican, "has proved the last straw on the back of the New York financial interests and the gentlemen of Wall street are now fleeing to the white house for refuge. This sounds strange, but it is true. The trust financiers are coming in a number have called recently, while others have written and still others sent to say that they are cordially in favor of the nomination and election of Roosevelt.

Among the president's recent callers have been Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central, John P. Green, vice president of the Pennsylvania, and Colonel John A. McClellan of the New York Life Insurance company. It is even said by an excellent authority that J. J. Hill of the Northern Securities company has "come down," meaning that he is looking toward peace. Wall street's surrender is the direct result of the failure of their well-laid campaign to pack the republican caucus against Roosevelt, and the nomination followed by the phenomenal growth of the Hearst presidential boom."

Hearst is the people's friend and it is well for them that they are rallying with such unanimity to his support. On Tuesday, February 16, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Eugene Foot, and Miss Anna May. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren F. Grapes, of A. W. Caul, officiating. A small company of the immediate relatives and friends were present. A bounteous repast was served after the ceremony.

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Death of Sadie Stewart.

Last Thursday the community was shocked to learn that J. H. Stewart had received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his daughter, Sadie, who with Mrs. Stewart had been spending the winter with relatives in California. With deep anxiety later news was awaited and it was with hearts inexpressibly saddened that by Friday's telegram it was learned that this bright beautiful girl friend had passed away. Early in the week she was taken ill and it was found necessary to operate upon her for appendicitis, from the shock of which she never recovered, rapidly losing strength until she finally expired.

She was a sweet modest maiden. All the nineteen years of her life she had been doing for others, all of whom she knew her looking back now with tear dimmed eyes upon many acts of kindly sacrificing courtesy devoted to others, by this young friend whom we have lost. She was an only child and the father's heart is well nigh broken that she should be taken away from him in the very midst of her bright young girlhood. To him the sympathy of a genuine, heartfelt sorrow is extended.

The body will be brought here for interment, probably arriving Saturday. Among those who settled in this county at an early date was Mark Hamblin. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on the 24th day of February, 1825 and on August 5th, 1849, was united in marriage with Miss Temperance Denmore and the following year he and his bride located in Marquette county, Wisconsin, but remained there only a few months, and in April 1851 they came to this county which has ever since been their home.

Mr. Hamblin was a mason by trade, and for a number of years after coming here followed that occupation, then engaged in farming in Milo township until a few years ago, when he became a resident of this city.

He was a quiet, unostentatious man, honest and upright in all his dealings, a kind and affectionate husband and father and an excellent citizen. Last Thursday afternoon he was lying on a couch reading, and, taking off his spectacles and holding them in one hand and the newspaper in the other, he remarked to his wife that he had been reading about Senator Hanna's death, and said "I wonder if I will not be the next one to follow Hanna." As he finished the sentence the paper and spectacles dropped from his hands, and the spirit of Mark Hamblin had returned to the God who gave it. His death is attributed to heart disease, and was wholly unexpected, for though he had been confined to his house and his illness was not considered at all serious.

He is survived by his wife and their four children: Edward M., and Charles G., of this county; Solon R., and Mrs. Elvira C. Atkins, of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, all of whom were present at the funeral. The funeral services were held at the family residence in this city last Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. O. Pratt, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating.

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Russia's Reply to Uncle Sam. Washington, Feb. 23.—Secretary Hay Friday received by cable from Ambassador McCormick the reply of the Russian government to the proposition relating to Chinese neutrality. It is considered by the department to be responsive to our note, and its substance has been communicated to the governments of Japan and China.

Japan Gets More Crepters. Yokohama, Feb. 17.—The cruiser Nisasa arrived safely at Yokosuka at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and the cruiser Kasuga at 11 o'clock. These two vessels recently purchased from the Argentine republic, will increase materially the preponderance of the Japanese naval strength.

Russian Casualties at Chemulpo. Berlin, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, from Chemulpo, reports that seventeen officers and 430 men of the Russian warships Varig and Korietz were either killed or drowned when those vessels were destroyed.

FIRING HEARD AT SEA

Indications That the Jap Fleet is Hovering in the Vicinity of Port Arthur.

FAR EAST NEWS RATHER DULL

Kuropatkin Made Chief Commander of the Russian Army—Tokio Again Denies Injury to Japanese Warships.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—In the preliminary fighting along the Yalu river, 2,500 Russians have been killed. The engagements have been between the Russian and Japanese outposts, near Wiju. No reports of the Japanese losses are obtainable. The Russian advance guard has been driven back.

Port Arthur, Feb. 22.—Sounds of desultory firing at sea are heard almost nightly, and yesterday morning firing was again heard. This is doubtless due to the attempted approach of Japanese torpedo boats, but nothing serious has developed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—General Kuropatkin has been relieved of his functions as minister of war, and has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the Far East.

PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

Flames Break Out at Early Hour in the Morning in the Alhambra at Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 22.—Fire partially destroyed the building occupied by the Alhambra theater, hotel and apartments. The structure was three stories high and fronted on Archer avenue and State and Nineteenth streets. Several persons were killed, and a number of narrow escapes.

After the fire was extinguished the remains of three persons, two men and a woman, who had been suffocated by the flames, were found. There were many narrow escapes. Fully fifty of the guests, most of them women, were carried down ladders by firemen. The three bodies were found in a room on the top floor of the building, and were identified as William Fisher and Frank Beckman, both of whom had recently arrived here from Cincinnati. The body of the woman was identified as that of Mrs. Anna Wells.

NO REDUCTION OF WAGES

In John Mitchell's Advice to the Coal Miners—Old Says to Fair Enough, He Says. Chicago, Feb. 22.—President John Mitchell, of the U. M. W., speaking before the Illinois miners here advised the miners not to accept any reduction of wages. The present condition of the market is such that the miners to expect a renewal of the old conditions. Mitchell said, "and I for one will not consent to any change to the disadvantage of the workers."

"We must admit that wages are of right governed to a certain degree by the condition of the market, but there is nothing in the present state of affairs which would justify any attempt to lower the scale." In a general discussion of the labor problem Mitchell urged the workers to rid their minds of the idea that the interests of the operators were inimical to those of the wage earners, and give a veiled intimation that he may soon resign his position as president.

ALEXIEFF MAKES A REPORT

Gives the Casualties in the Fight of Feb. 9—Damaged Ships Repairing. St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff is given out regarding details of the fight of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur. It says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, which accounts for their not following up the attack. He details the conferring of six crosses of the order of St. George on members of the crew of the warships, and reports casualties in the following: Of the squadron—Five officers wounded, fourteen men killed and sixty-nine men wounded. Of the fortress and garrison—One man killed, one severely wounded, and others slightly wounded. He says the Russian forces are eager to meet the "insolent foe breast-to-breast."

Alexieff says in his report that "The battleships Zarevitch, Captain Greigovitch, and Retzivan, Captain Sensovitch, and the cruiser Pallada, Captain Kosovitch, which lay at anchor, having been damaged in the torpedo attack of the night before, likewise participated in the fight. Alexieff says that his squadron consisted of five battleships, five first and second-class cruisers and fifteen torpedo boats, and that the Japanese had sixteen warships.

Port Arthur, Feb. 19.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of Feb. 9 are rapidly proceeding. The Zarevitch, Retzivan and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of cranes. The mishap was not so great as at first believed.

EUROPE IS ON THE QUI VIVE

All the Powers Getting Ready for Fighting—Russia's Threat. London, Feb. 19.—Little Far Eastern news appears in the press this morning, and of that which is printed that which attracts most attention is the significant frank Russian proclamation asking the people to be patient until the army is ready to strike blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia. In this proclamation it is charged that Japan made a treacherous attack at Port Arthur, and the Russian nation desires prompt vengeance, which, the proclamation declares, Russia will execute when she gets ready "one hundred fold."

The papers this morning comment upon the activity which is seen at Woolwich and elsewhere in refitting the navy in preparation for any emergency. It is admitted that the manufacturers of fixed ammunition have been working night shifts since Christmas, and that all the surplus obsolete war material on vessels at home and abroad is being replaced as rapidly as possible. Especial interest attaches to the equipment of sixty battleships with the new 12-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,500,000. Similar reports of military activity are received from other countries. For instance, even Spain is preparing for possibilities.

CABLES ARE STILL SILENT

Reports of Fighting and Fighting Expected—Other Notes of the War. London, Feb. 22.—The cables are

JIMINEZ IS DEFEATED

Fight at San Domingo in Which Morales's Forces Are Completely Victorious.

NEWARK BOMBARDS THE REBELS

At Which the Natives Protest and Are Very Indignant.

Porto Rico Makes a Move That Is Surprising—Demands from Uncle Sam Either Statehood or Independence.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The state department has received a cablegram from Minister Powell, dated at San Domingo, Feb. 16, saying: "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The siege has been raised and the insurgents are in retreat."

Insurgents Fire on a Steamer. Washington, Feb. 22.—A cable from San Domingo, dated Feb. 11, says: "The Clyde line steamer New York arrived here this morning, conveyed by the United States cruiser Newark, and Minister Powell instructed the captain of the vessel to discharge his cargo at the wharf. An agreement had been made by Minister Powell and Commander Miller with the insurgents and the government that neither party should fire while the New York was at the wharf discharging. The government kept this agreement, but the insurgents fired on the steamer and on a launch from the cruiser Columbia which was in the harbor. Several rifle shots damaged the New York's woodwork, endangering the lives of passengers and crew."

Newark Then Gets Busy. The commander of the United States warship, the USS Columbia, which was in the harbor near San Domingo, near this city, the place captured by the insurgents, and to land 300 marines with the object of punishing the insurgents for insulting the United States flag and damaging an American steamer. At 2:30 p. m. the Newark approached and opened fire, discharging ten shells. The insurgents fired upon the marines while they were landing, wounding some of them. The marines returned the fire and the insurgents ran away.

Marines Seize the Woods. "The marines landed were divided into two columns, and searched the houses, woods and bushes. They then followed the insurgents, who fired while the marines were reloading. The result of the bombardment is not known."

San Domingans Protest. A cable from San Domingo, dated Feb. 12, says: "Marines from the United States cruiser Columbia remained in the harbor near San Domingo (City) until late this afternoon, when they withdrew. During the occupation the insurgents withdrew to a great distance without further resistance. The shells from the cruiser Newark caused some damage to the city and the surrounding country. A protest signed by the citizens has been distributed to the public against the action of the United States government in sending the Newark to this city, as an insolent outrage against the liberty of the republic and a disgrace to the national dignity."

WEARY OF UNCLE SAM'S "YOKI"

Porto Ricans Demand Statehood or Independence, Night After Night. San Juan, P. R., Feb. 22.—Porto Rico, weary of the yoke of Uncle Sam, has taken a bold step for statehood or independence and decided on a demand to the United States which will take the form of an ultimatum. In the federal assembly, after a debate that was exciting at all times and revolutionary in its nature, the federal assembly adopted a resolution of defiance to the United States government as it at present controls Porto Rican affairs.

Some of the speeches urged an emphatic demand for independence, and the case of Cuba was cited in comparison to show what advantages were to be gained by cutting aloof from the Washington government. Some of the more conservative members, however, pointed out the improbability of the United States consenting to loss of the island, and it was urged that the original demand be modified so as to ask for statehood, with independence as an alternative.

As finally adopted the demand declares the interests of the people demand a revolution from the existing United States administration and insists on immediate statehood, or if that is not granted, independence. The declaration was adopted amid loud hurrahs by a vote of 60 to 15.

Washington, Feb. 22.—There may be a sensation in congress when the action of the Porto Rican assembly becomes known at the Capitol. There is not even a shred of sentiment in congress looking toward granting statehood to Porto Rico or Hawaii. If there were the latter group of islands would have passed into the Union long before Porto Rico.

Under the Spanish regime Porto Rico enjoyed representation in the Spanish cortes at Madrid to the number of six members, whose powers were equal in all matters to those represented Spanish constituencies, and many Porto Ricans cannot understand why they have not similar representation in the United States congress.

Japanese Soldiers May Traverse Korea. Seoul, Feb. 17.—The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country. It is reported that Japanese warships have trapped three Russian ships at Youghampo.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HANNA

Home City of Dead Statesman Restores on His Last Hours—Body Deposited in Crypt. Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—The nation's attention was attracted to the funeral of Senator Hanna, which was held in St. Paul's Episcopal church, commencing at 1 p. m. Shortly after the noon hour the casket was taken from the Chamber of Commerce auditorium and the funeral procession took up its slow march to the church.

The service was most solemn and impressive and outbursts of sobs could be heard at frequent intervals from all parts of the church. The body, accompanied only by the family, departed for the cemetery at 4:30 p. m. The service was held at Lakewood cemetery, where a final farewell of

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How Work Kills Music. Did you ever hear of a telegrapher who could play the piano? If so, how many? Not how many pianos, of course, but how many telegraphers. Telegraph operators find that after they have worked a day for several years their fingers and their fingers lose that flexibility that is essential to musicianship work on the piano. As many of the men are fond of music and have pianos of their own they find it hard to be cut off from the enjoyment of the music they could make for themselves if it were not for the strained conditions of the muscles.

There are few other lines of work that incapacitate a man for picking out the sharps and flats, but the telegrapher who has worked a day for several years finds that he has lost the ability to play. When they sit down before one, their first move is the old impulse that operating the key gives them. They want to use that finger that they use in sending messages, and they find it difficult even after they struggle for a long time to make themselves players of more than ordinary attainments.—Chicago Tribune.

Poor Auntie! Infant Terrible—And did they go in to the ark two by two? Mamma—Yes, dear. Infant Terrible—Well, who went with auntie? Success rules are like snails—they must be driven into something or they will soon rust.—Baltimore Herald.

Some people want you to give them everything for nothing, including your life, your liberty (your labor) and your pursuit of happiness.—Schoolmaster.