

According to the reports of the weather bureau, last winter was the coldest one in New York City for the past forty years.

The musicians are quarreling over the question as to whether rag time shall be recognized as music at the St. Louis exposition. But that is no argument against rag time. If the musicians were not quarreling about that subject they would be quarreling about something else.

The great fight in Polk county between the republican factions headed by Hull and Prouty, which has been in progress for several months past, was pulled off Monday at the republican primaries in that county and resulted in a victory for Hull. "Fighting and quarreling," says a Des Moines dispatch to the Cedar Rapids Republican, "was in evidence everywhere at the polls. The police of the regular force so far as known acted the part of peacemakers, but the special police were loud and boisterous and frequent brawls occurred. The election was the noisiest ever held in Des Moines. This intense patriotism was augmented by the frequent appearance of liquor which was dished up to voters in large quantities."

The Liberals Will Regain Power in England.

The conservative party in Great Britain gained no glory by destroying the two little Dutch Republics of South Africa. The recent elections in England indicate the speedy downfall of the Tory government, and men conversant with public opinion in that country go so far as to predict, that the liberal majority in the next parliament will not be less than 150.

Chamberlain knew very well that he misrepresented the heart and conscience of the English people by his war for conquest against the Boers, and when he sprung his differential tariff policy, it was for the evident purpose of raising a new issue which he hoped would divert the attention of the voters from his party's war record. Chamberlain made the effort of his life in that direction and has failed. Every thing indicates that he and his cabinet associates will in the near future have an opportunity to join Oom Paul in the regions of innocuous desuetude.

Judge Seeds' False Prophecies.

Judge Seeds' false prophecies, which we publish this week, are but another evidence of the effect of environment upon mankind. Under normal conditions the Judge would not indulge in such prophecies, but surrounded as he is by the trust influences which are entrenched at the national capital, he cannot understand how any party can possess manhood enough to resist the demands of these criminal organizations. He is like the man who looks through red glass and imagines or believes that everything he sees is red. We are well aware that the Judge's golden hued Beast of Wall Street is not satisfied with his ownership of the republican party, but is reaching out and devoting all his energies in an effort to capture the democratic party. But the hosts of true democracy are lining up under the banner of a leader, who has vanquished the beast in a hundred battles and will vanquish him again and again. Congressman William R. Hearst's banner is out on the firing line and there it is going to fly until after the idea of next November, and just as long as it continues to fly, just so long will the Beast be unable, to brand the democratic party "with its private mark."

Special Meeting, L. O. T. M.

Manchester Hive, No. 27, L. O. T. M. will meet March 4th, at seven o'clock p. m., for special work. All members are requested to be present.

Iowa Election Bill Passed.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 26.—The Harper-biennial election amendment passed the house by a vote of 70 to 10. Whether it is to become a law or not will be determined at the general election next fall, the amendment having passed two general assemblies. If the constitution is amended it will extend the term of the governor and other officers one year.

Brought Death to Four Men.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 26.—A fast stock and freight train ran into the rear-end of another stock and freight train on the Chicago, Great Western railroad just out of Dyersville. Fireman E. W. Greenold, of the rear train, was killed; three stockmen were killed, and their bodies cremated, and two other stockmen were badly hurt.

Iowa Man Dies Aged 102 Years.

Sloux City, Ia., Feb. 26.—James Bare, the oldest man in western Iowa, is dead, aged 102. Bare never wore glasses and could see to thread a needle up to the time of his death.

Dogs as Collectors.

Dogs with collecting boxes attached to their collars are comparatively common in Europe. It may not, however, be generally known what large sums they earn for the charities they represent. It is stated in the Animal World that one which used to beg for a hospital in Ireland collected in five years the nearly \$15,000. He had a special banking account, which was subsidized periodically to a chartered accountant.

If we would realize the fact that life is pain, not pleasure, our quarrel with it would be gone, and we would accept thankfully a little scrap of dripping on our daily bread, but we go on expecting happiness, stand empty plate in hand, beggars to an invisible cook, and we grow old moping there, but we won't budge.—Helen Mathers.

RIFLES SPIT FIRE

Russians and Japs Get Together in a Long Range Skirmish.

BOTH CLAIM TO HAVE WON

Muscovites Reporting the Capture of Horses by Cossacks.

Heavy Land Fighting Is Expected in the Near Future—Czar Issues Rules to Govern Neutrals.

Liao-Yang, Manchuria, Feb. 26.—Foreigners living at Yinkin say that the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture Port Arthur March 1 at all costs.

Tokio, Feb. 26.—Korean soldiers on the Ham-Gyong frontier have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

London, Feb. 26.—Vladivostok has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail dispatch from Hakodate, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the east coast of Kinkwan, in the bay of Sendai, Japan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A dispatch received here from Liao-Yang, and dated Feb. 28, says that Chinese on the Yalu river report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry which had penetrated Korea for a distance of about 200 versts across the river had an encounter with a detachment of



GENERAL KODAMA.

Commander of the Japanese land forces. Japanese, and that the Japanese were ordered to retreat and fled, leaving their horses which were seized by Cossacks. General Lenevitch dispatched cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit and with an order to occupy northern Korea.

Was This the Same Fight?

Seoul, Feb. 26.—Details of a skirmish at Ping-Yang show that fifty Russian troops were captured by the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired 1,000 metres. A sharp fusillade took place and the Russians retired. All foreigners are safe. The fight took place on the morning of the 28th.

RUSSIAN RULES OF WAR

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Rules of war were published officially last night. An August decree had referred to the rules sent by the ministry of justice for the laying down of the rules which Russia intends to follow during the war with Japan. The original draft of these rules was indorsed by the czar with the words "It must be so."

The decree lays down the following points to be observed: (a) The flag covers the cargo for a belligerent, excepting contraband of war. (b) Neutral goods under the enemy's flag, except-contraband of war, are not subject to confiscation. (c) Blockades are to be obligatory and effective only if they must be sufficient force cut off, or approach to the enemy's territory.

Then, after making contraband war material of every kind, the decree adds—Every kind of fuel, such as coal, gasoline, spirits, etc. Telegraph and telephone materials. Everything intended for warfare on land or on sea; also rice, foodstuffs, horses, beasts of burden, and any other animals intended for war purposes if they are sent to the enemy's coast or order. Neutral states are forbidden by rule seven to transport the enemy's troops, to carry letters or dispatches for the enemy or to place transports or warships at the enemy's disposal.

By rule eight the imperial government reserves the right to depart from the above decisions with regard to a neutral or a hostile power which for its part does not observe them and in any given case to make its regulations suit special circumstances.

TOKIO TELLS OF THE AFFAIR

Account of the Attempt to Block Up Port Arthur Harbor.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—Vice Admiral Togo's attempt to blockade the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone-laden merchant steamers in the mouth of the harbor evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value. Five ships were prepared by Vice Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels.

The five vessels were filled with stones, so as to make the obstruction permanent, and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. It was impossible to select naval officers and sailors on account of their great rivalry to participate in the daring venture, accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns.

LOOKING FOR LAND FIGHTING

St. Petersburg Reports Russian Victories in Skirmishes with the Japs.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The official announcement by Major General Plung, chief of staff to Vice Alexander, that Russian cavalry had crossed

the Yalu river is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy land fighting, as according to seemingly trustworthy reports General Lenevitch has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cossacks, who have penetrated to a point below Anju, and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several skirmishes.

Nevertheless, if this movement in force is progressing it must not be assumed that the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in northern Korea in order to check the advance of the formidable army of Japanese landing on both shores of Korea while the concentration of Russian troops behind the Yalu is being completed. This concentration is making better progress than is generally believed abroad.

JAPANESE ARMY THE BEST.

Landing Operations Show Organization Superior to That of Other Nations.

Wei-Hai-Wel, Feb. 24.—Feb. 19 the steamer Halimun entered Chemulpo anchorage, being the first privately owned vessel to arrive since the engagement Feb. 9. The Japanese are landing an army corps of three divisions. The twelfth division is now disembarking. The present base is Chemulpo. The Russians on landing will advance to Seoul. Small detachments of troops are ready being dispatched north to establish forage depots. A general advance along the Pekin road to Ping-Yang is expected shortly.

The disembarking methods excite great admiration from the British officers, who state that they are an improvement on anything in their experience and believe they demonstrate an organization superior to that of any European power.

Korea Will Join Japan.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men, with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel, with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who trained, however, in 1898. A royal household of 1,000 men was formed and has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well-trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army.

Japanese Officers Hanged.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Japanese who were hanged by Russians in Manchuria for attempting to blow up the railroad bridge over the Sangang river were disgraced as coolies. They were arrested just as they were about to make the attempt. Inquiry revealed that three of them were Japanese officers of the general staff, and namely: Colonel Assal of the engineers and Lieutenants Zonolofschin and Kacurta of the sappers. They were at once hanged from the gibbets of the bridge.

Japs Seize Beef From America.

Nagasaki, Feb. 26.—The Japanese government has seized 47 tons of beef which was shipped from San Francisco on the steamer Corea Feb. 2 and which was consigned to the Russian government at Vladivostok. It is thought that the Japanese government will purchase the beef.

England Arms Pacific Lines.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 26.—By an order just received from the British admiralty, the Canadian Pacific steamships of the Empress line, plying between Victoria and oriental ports, have taken on their six-inch guns and are now armed cruisers.

Vicksburg Not a Laggard.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Commander Marshall, of the Vicksburg, saying that he was among the first to offer assistance to the Russian sailors aboard the Varlag and Korietz at Chemulpo.

Total Contributions for Russian Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Count Leo Tolstoy has contributed 1,000 sets of work clothes, the profit from the sale of which is to be expended for the benefit of the troops taking part in the campaign in the far east.

Japan Guarantees Korean Integrity.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Korea, whereby she guarantees the independence and integrity of Korea.

Postlet Jay Story Not Confirmed.

London, Feb. 27.—The reported landing of Japanese at Posselt, near Vladivostok, has not been confirmed. This movement, however, is considered not improbable.

Wife's Love Worth \$250,000.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Captain George Cochran Broomie, U. S. A., has brought suit in the district supreme court for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, against James F. Barbour and Annie D. Barbour of Washington, claiming \$250,000.

GREAT FIRE AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Three Department Stores Destroyed as a Loss Estimated at Three Million Dollars.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Three out of the five department stores here, one of which, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, was by far the largest establishment of this kind in the city, and the oldest. Insurance men place the loss at \$3,000,000. Of this amount \$750,000 represents the loss on buildings and the remainder the loss on stocks of goods and to occupants of offices. It is estimated that 2,500 people are thrown out of work temporarily, at least, because of the fire.

The burned district lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods company, and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment, that of the Walker Shoe company. Next west was the store of the Beadle-Sherburne company, which was destroyed. Then the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, and finally the thirteen-story Granite building, the lower part of which also was occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company and the upper part by offices. The loss on the stock of Sibley, Lindsay & Co. is \$1,250,000.

Bobbie's Metaphor.

"What do you think now, Bobbie?" remarked the mother as she boxed his ears.

"I don't think," replied the boy. "My train of thought has been delayed by a hot box."—Town Topics.

Both.

Little Willie—Pa, Pa—Well, what is the Willie? Little Willie—is writing a profession or a disease?—Illustrated Bits.

MACHEN IS CONVICTED

With the Two Groffs and Lorenz of Boudler in Postoffice Matters.

DEFENDANTS VERY HARD HIT

Machen and Samuel A. Groff Sure of Acquittal—Prosecution Surprised in Groff's Case—New Trial Asked.

Washington, Feb. 27.—"Guiltily as indicted," was the verdict announced by Carl Peterson, the foreman of the jury in the now famous postoffice conspiracy trial, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants, August W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural



A. W. MACHEN.

free delivery division; George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., and Samuel A. Diller B. Groff, of this city. The jury had been out nine hours, although the verdict was reached in eight hours and twenty-five minutes, and with five ballots.

Jury Astonishes Everybody.

While the jury was out the defendants were confined to the limits of the city hall, and each had worn an anxious look. But when they heard the verdict they were appalled, as they had thought each hour of the jury's absence brought them that much nearer acquittal. There was very general astonishment that the jury had included in the conviction Samuel A. Groff, the Washington policeman and inventor of the Groff fastener, as to whom Holmes Central, special counsel for the government, had informed the jury he did not expect a conviction, and that he personally did not believe in his guilt.

Verdict for a New Trial.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Charles A. Douglass, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment, and also for an appeal for the purpose of having the defendants admitted to bail. Bail was then fixed at \$20,000 each, the bond of Lorenz and the two Groffs being increased from \$10,000 to that same. Next to Samuel A. Groff the most surprised man was Machen, who said he was thunderstruck at the verdict.

Washington, Feb. 26.—August W. Machen, formerly special superintendent of the free delivery postal service; Dr. George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., once postmaster of that city, and Diller B. Groff, of this city, all of whom were convicted of conspiracy against the government in connection with the supply of Groff fasteners to the postoffice department, have been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Moundsville (W. Va.) penitentiary, and a fine of \$10,000 each.

UNANIMOUS FOR GEN DICK

He Gets the Unexpired and Full Terms in the Senate as Successor to Hanna.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—At a caucus of the Republican members of the legislature General Charles Dick, of Akron, was nominated by acclamation for both the unexpired and short terms for United States senator, to succeed the late Senator M. A. Hanna. General Dick's name was the only one presented.

Grasped a Live Wire.

Mishawaka, Ind., Feb. 24.—Edgar J. Carroll, a graduate of the University of Colorado and an expert representative of the Westinghouse Electric company, met instant death here by grasping a live switch while preparing to photograph the interior of the mammoth 1,000,000 power plant. Thirteen thousand volts passed through his body.

Educators Close Their Session.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—The meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Education association which has been in session this week, came to a close Thursday. The sessions were well attended and have excited much interest. The next meeting will be held at Milwaukee.

Not Hissing Any More Beef.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The sailing of the steamer China for the Orient has been postponed. On board of the steamer Kubik, from Hamburg and West Indian ports, arrived here Thursday and reported that between Santo Domingo and Sanchez, Santo Domingo, the Dominican gundia Presidente have in sight and fired a blank shot across her bows. Captain Kubik, however, refused to stop and no further interference with the Albenburg was attempted.

Paul Kruger Slowly Dying.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—A letter received in this city by General Benjamin Viljoen, formerly of the Boer army, announces that ex-President Kruger, of the Boer republic, is slowly dying as an exile at Mentone, France.

Declined to Inlet Cleveland.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 25.—By a vote of 42 to 33 the lower house of the Mississippi legislature defeated a resolution to invite former President Cleveland to address the body.

In His Interest.

Jack—You know when Mabel rejected me last week I told you my troubles, and you promised to help me. Well, she accepted me last night. Am I to thank you for interceding for me? Cousin Belle—Not exactly, dear boy. I simply intimated to Mabel that I was after you myself.

Barred.

"There's one thing the women can't get into," said the anti woman suffragist.

"What's that?" cried a chorus of feminine voices.

"The secret service!"—Detroit Free Press.

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Fire Loss in an Iowa Town.

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Governor LaFollette says: "From general appearance I should say that the north and south extensions of the building, which were built in the early 80's, are not damaged much and can be replaced easily. The wings from the main portion of the building to the extensions at the extreme ends are much damaged, but only part of one of the walls probably will have to be rebuilt. Practically nothing remains of the north portion of the building except the outer walls, the walls supporting the dome, and the tile floor in the first story."

The governor says he believes the records are safe as the vaults appear to be intact. There was little insurance on the building, as the state was changing to a system of state insurance of state property. Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, has offered the use of the Milwaukee city hall for temporary quarters of the state government, and a movement has been started for the removal of the capital to Milwaukee. The flames started from defective wiring for electric lights. Help was sent to the fire department from Milwaukee, but nothing could save the building after the flame got a start.

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