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RIO IS AFFLICTED.

An Enemy More Dreaded than the Rebel Fleet Has Attacked It.

Terrible Yellow Fever Rages—Great Mortality Will Certainly Be Inevitable.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 29.—Very little has been heard from Rio de Janeiro. It is announced that the unfortunate city, which has for months been suffering from the ravages of war, is now a victim of the ravages of the worst and most dreaded of diseases—yellow fever—and five deaths from the disease are already reported. The news that yellow fever has added its burden and horrors to the sufferings already endured by the people of Rio has caused wide spread attention here, and much sympathy is expressed for the plague and war stricken inhabitants. It is added, however, that the government is taking every precaution possible under the circumstances to prevent a spread of the disease, but the work of the officials at Rio de Janeiro is greatly hampered by the condition to which the city has been reduced by the horrors of war.

VIRULENT AND DEADLY.

It is added that yellow fever which has broken out in Rio is not the mild form of that disease, but is the worst form of black vomit.

Well to See Oakes.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 29. The committee of the Northern Pacific employees called on Receiver Oakes shortly after 12 o'clock, to see if some arrangement could not be reached regarding the proposed cut in wages, instead of applying to the courts in the matter.

It was finally decided that the men should present a written statement. This will be presented tomorrow.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Writs were served today upon Chief Arthur and other national officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers from the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Wisconsin, enjoining them and the order from interfering with the operation of the Northern Pacific. Chief Arthur declared that this action was a surprise to him, as the brotherhood had taken no action in the troubles on the road, and he supposed it to be merely precautionary.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—The Northern Pacific last night secured in the United States district court an injunction against the employes, similar to that obtained in Milwaukee.

A Fatal Land Slide.

GERRISON, Dec. 29.—While coasting on the hills one mile east of here four little girls, Misses Aggie and Elsie Spurrier and Misses Florence and Marian Johnson, met with a very serious accident. They started down a long hill, when part way down they struck a snow drift which turned their toboggan down a very steep grade, which ended in a deep gulch. Miss Aggie Spurrier, seeing the danger, managed to get off, and tried to hold the toboggan, but they were moving at a terrific speed, and it was impossible to stop it. As they neared the edge of the gulch she was compelled to let go to save herself.

The toboggan, with the other three girls, cleared a space of forty feet, striking the opposite wall of solid rock, injuring Miss Elsie Spurrier so badly that she only lived two hours. Miss Florence Johnson had her right arm broken and was badly bruised about the body. Miss Marian Johnson was injured internally and bruited about the body. They were attended by Dr. Owens of Deer Lodge, who fortunately was waiting for a train at the station.

Widows' Home Robbed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—It is given out on good authority that the grand jury has indicted six prominent citizens as principals and accessories in looting the treasury of the Widows' Home to the amount of over $63,000. Vacant lots were purchased in obscure subdivisions for nominal amounts. Fictitious values were put on the same by frequent transfers to each others and to their wives. At every transfer the consideration was put higher. When the limit of inflation was reached a mortgage was executed for many times the real value. Some lots are on almost perpendicular hill sides, and were recommended as good mortgage security by the attorney of the Widows' Home.

Mrs. Lease Bounced.

TOPEKA, Dec. 29.—The removal of Mrs. Lease by Gov. Lewelling from membership of the state board of charities today caused great excitement in populist circles. It was the outcome of a long-standing feud among members of the board, and according to the statement of the governor, was done in the interest of harmony. It came to the governor's ears today that Mrs. Lease was preparing for another attack on his administration through the newspapers. She has declared herself as loaded with letters and documents that would turn the governor down, and proposed to go for him on account of many misdemeanors. The governor accepted the challenge, and invites the worst Mrs. Lease can do.

She takes her removal philosophically and says: "You can congratulate Gov. Lewelling upon downing the best friend and most sympathetic and cordial worker the people's party has in the state of Kansas."

To Await Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is doubtful whether the monitor Miantonomah will go beyond Norfolk for the present. It was thought advisable to get the men away from shore and the ship ready for sea. It will probably practice maneuvering in Hampton roads and await further orders.

Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The annual report of Jeremiah O'Rourke, supervising architect of the treasury shows that the expenditures for public buildinns for the year were $4,126,159. The balance of the appropriation available now is, $9,232,982.

Held for the Grand Jury.

HELENA, Dec. 29.—M. J. Forman was held for the United States grand jury this afternoon by Commissioner Sproule on a charge of withholding a pension certificate from Alice E. Lees.

RAISING WILLOW FOR THE MARKET.

A Crop Which Needs Harvesting but Once Every Four Years.

In a beautiful sweep of lowland north of Melvale station on the Northern Central railroad and about nine miles from Baltimore there is a peculiar farm. It is peculiar in that it renders to its owner and tiller but one crop in four years, and that a crop of willow shoots. The farmer, Antone Spath, came from Frankfort, Germany, many years ago, and after erecting himself a comfortable stone house, which still stands in the midst of a picturesque clump of willows, at the end of the little valley, set about planting his first crop of willow shoots. Every year since he has gone on planting row after row until the valley has become covered with them. Spath had learned the art of weaving willow ware in his boyhood days by the shores of the Main river, and as fast as his little plantation grew he gathered the shoots, stripped them of their green covering, and after drying them wove baskets of every conceivable form and size.

"It seems rather peculiar work in this country," said the willow farmer, speaking of his business, "but in all parts of Europe, especially in the German provinces, it is a very common thing to find willow plantations and willow weavers, for there willow is used in many forms and for a greater number of purposes than I find it used in this country. In Germany and France willow is employed in making at least 20 different kinds of bird cages, while in America metal is used—brass or iron wire—and different woods. Among the best families in European countries cradles, woven by German workers, may be found constructed entirely of willow. Then there are a hundred and one shapes of marketing baskets, baskets used by milliners and laundresses, baskets and panniers to be carried upon the backs of man and beasts for holding fish and fowl. In preparing the willow for the weaver we plant the slips in long rows parallel with a running stream of water and cut them when they have attained four years of growth. The cutting time is early in the spring before the sap is done running, and after tying them in bundles they are placed in ponds of water to keep them in a green state until ready for stripping. Stripping the willow is accomplished by drawing the switches through and between two heavy iron stanchions, whose edges peel the light green bark from the white heart, and then, after drying or curing them upon long racks, we have got the willow in a form for the weaver. It was many years after I planted this farm with willows before any one thought of imitating my example, but now there are several other plantations located upon the Washington and Annapolis roads, and though you may find quite as busy scenes there you will scarcely find a more picturesque place than this anywhere, and that was one of the reasons that led me to settle here."—Baltimore American.

No Reminder.

Auntie—Does this cake make you think of grandma?

Katie—Mercy, no.

Auntie—Why not?

Katie—She always gave me two pieces.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

TURF TOPICS.

Horses in warm countries never have distemper.

A trotting association has been formed at Geneva, O.

C. J. Hamlin thinks Arion can beat Directum in a race.

The hard roadways in cities soon knock a trotting roadster's feet to pieces.

Trotting horse drivers in New England are endeavoring to form an association.

Ed Geers says Robert J is the fastest horse in the world at either way of going.

American trotters or their descendants win nine out of ten races on European tracks.

Electricity, 2:17¾, by Electioneer, has been sold to Colonel John E. Thayer of Boston.

Good saddlers and fast roadsters are in great demand in New York city and are hard to get.

The European 2-year-old trotting record is 3:02, by Adria, by Eagle Bird, imported to Austria.

The big trotting tracks all made money this year. The financial depression had little effect on racing.

The Louisville Jockey club goes out of existence next June, and a new association will control Churchill Downs.

The 6-year-old stallion High Commissioner has been presented by Colonel North to the sons of the late E. A. Buck.

The Russians always buckle their harness girths and straps on the off side, just the opposite to our American horsemen.

A smooth going pacer can stand the wear and tear of city pavements longer than a trotter and is therefore the better horse in a city.

Prince Menchikoff, owner of the American trotters, Mattie H. 2:11¼; Tillie Brown, Birdie B, Louise and others, died recently at Baden-Baden.—Horseman.

Business Ability.

"Has Bykins paid you the $5 he owes you?"

"Yes."

"I'm glad to hear it."

"I was glad for an hour or two. Do you know that man is a born financier?"

"What makes you think so?"

"He paid me $5 in the morning, and established confidence to such a degree that he borrowed $10 that afternoon."—Washington Star.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Plain ladies' cloth of exquisite texture is reckoned among the fabrics suitable for the most stylish and elegant visiting and dinner gowns of the season.

Yellow brocade will be a very popular ballroom fabric this winter. It is an eminently rich looking material in any of the various shades in which brocade is produced.

Black continues to be held in great favor both here and abroad. A somewhat eccentric taste for black cloth and black crepon dresses is manifested by a certain man milliner over the sea.

Shot moire is as beautiful as it is novel. Shot satins are exhibited with small flowers scattered over the surface, the flowers in natural colors, the changeable grounds faintly reflecting their tones.

Beautifully finished woven corsets made of finest spun wool are among the models set forth for cold weather wear. They are light, durable and elastic, and are formed of natural undyed wool, matching the familiar undergarments of the same soft gray tint.—New York Post.

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