

# PANIC IN A CHURCH

## FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN CATHOLIC EDIFICE IN CHICAGO.

More Than 400 Persons, Mostly Ladies and Children, Were at Easter Service Saturday Night When a Boy Opened Church Door and Shouted "Fire"—Congregation Stampeded.

Chicago, April 15.—During a panic which followed a cry of fire Saturday night while 400 persons were participating in the Easter service in the St. Ludmilla Roman Catholic church, Twenty-fourth street and Albany avenue, three children and one woman were killed and a score of others injured, several seriously. The majority of the worshippers in the church at the time the false alarm of fire was given were women and children, and in a few minutes all were in a tangled mass, fighting to escape from the supposed danger. Many persons jumped through the windows, but the greater portion crowded to the center aisle. The extra weight proved too much for the floor, and some of the beams supporting it broke. The cracking of the timbers increased the fright of the now terrified women and children, and everyone in the place became panic stricken, men, women and children fighting desperately with each other in an effort to reach the outside. The women and children suffered most in the struggle, and when the church was finally emptied three children were lying dead in the aisles and one woman was so badly hurt that she died while being removed from the church.

### Trampled to Death.

The dead: Mrs. Kate Kanik, knocked down and trampled upon; died from internal hemorrhages.

Emma Hotka, 5 years old; trampled to death.

Barbara Hermanek, 10 years old; crushed in the crowd.

Lillie Gunat, 9 years of age; trampled to death.

Fully a score of other persons, principally children, were more or less injured, but none fatally.

A boys prank was responsible for the accident. While Rev. N. Farnik, pastor of the church, was offering the evening prayer one of a crowd of boys who had been loitering outside the church suddenly pushed open the front door and shouted "Fire." Seeing the serious effect his words had on the congregation the boy ran away, and the police were unable to find him or to learn his identity.

### MINING NOTES.

A new shipping mine, the Preston, is added to the Boundary, B. C., list last week.

The introduction of a bill at Ottawa by the representatives of the Lord's Day alliance of Canada, or at its instigation, to close all industries in Canada on the first day of the week, is agitating the minds of the smelter superintendents of the Boundary, who freely state that such a law is out of the question for smelting works, which must be operated continuously, owing to the great cost of blowing in and blowing out the blast furnaces.

"The greatest rush the world has ever known will be made into central Alaska within the next few years," said L. C. Dillman, the real estate man of Spokane, who is now interested on the coast and in Alaska.

An unconfirmed report has been afloat for several days that the owners of the Jumbo Mining & Milling company are negotiating with eastern people for the sale of the property.

Bar silver, 64 5/8; Mexican dollars, 50c.

Arthur James, a capitalist of New York, and a party of New York investors are in British Columbia, where they will inspect mines and smelting plants at Nelson, Rossland and Phoenix.

The development of the Centre Star at Rossland continues to yield good results, particularly with the 10th and 11th levels of the War Eagle.

### MOTOR CRANKS ALL BATTY.

Accident Insurance Co. Balks at Automobileists' Claim.

The Ocean Accident company has refused to pay a big accident policy in New Orleans on the death of M. L. Hancock, a millionaire killed in an automobile accident in Los Angeles several months ago, on the ground that the company can not pay claims on automobile accidents, as most of them are monopolies on speeding machines and, therefore, the company is not responsible.

### Miners in a Compromise.

The miners and operators of the Mercer and Butler county, Pa., fields of the Pittsburgh district, have reached an agreement on the wage scale for two years, dating from April 1, 1906. The miners were granted an advance, but it is a compromise on the 1903 scale agreement. About 1500 miners will return to work immediately.

### Miss Nellie Grant Is Ill.

Miss Nellie Grant, a grand daughter of President U. S. Grant and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grant of New York is seriously ill.

No girl likes to be pinched in a mercenary way.

### SPORTING NOTES.

A match between Larry Gordon of Butte and Kid Parker of Denver, to be pulled off in Butte about the first of next month, has been practically closed.

The Spokane Traction company's new double track to Recreation park at Spokane, is now in operation. By the new line the park can be reached in 12 minutes' time and cars will be run frequently during the afternoon of baseball.

A firemen's tournament will be held at Medical Lake May 23 and 24. Nine towns will participate, Wilbur,avenport, Harrington, Reardan, Odessa, Ritzville, Cheney, Sprague and Medical Lake.

It is quite probable that the Seattle Athletic club will organize a boat crew for women in connection with its gymnasium work.

Following the announcement of the trap shooting tournament at Anaconda and Spokane this month comes one from the Salt Lake Gun club for a two days' shoot which, it is believed, will draw the same class of shooters. Salt Lake has selected May 2 and 3 as the dates for its event.

The effective pitching of Grover Herrington, together with the fast work of the infield and the timely hitting of the whole Spokane team, conspired to defeat the Seattle high school lads in a very interesting game at Recreation park, Spokane, Friday afternoon. The score was 7 to 4.

Eddie Quinn, of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club, has definitely settled his April card, which was held off so long on account of the actions of Jack O'Keefe of Chicago. Jimmy Potts, a clever little 135 pound easterner, has accepted Eddie's terms to meet Maurice Thompson in a 20 round contest April 27, and is now on his way westward.

Prize fighting, which has flourished in Milwaukee for six years, eight round bouts being allowed, may be abolished under the regime of the boy mayor, Sherburn Becker.

It is settled that the Olympic games will be brought off from April 22 to May 2, at the Stadium. It lies, of course, on the low ground, just where it was in the old days, and it was reproduced in 1896 on exactly the same lines, many of the old stones being used in exact juxtaposition with the new.

## KUBELIK.

From a peasant's hut to a magnificent palace; from the son of a poor, illiterate gardener to a member of one of the exclusive aristocracies of the world; this is the story of Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, who will play at the Spokane theatre, Monday evening, April 23d.

Too few men out side the United States has it been given to fight their way so far from such a humble origin. To no other of the celebrated "self-made men" has it been possible to carve out a career and a fortune when barely out of his teens. Kubelik, to day is 25 years old. For the last five years he has been enjoying the income of a millionaire. He has been received by the rulers of all the great nations, from most of them receiving some decoration or present, including a manuscript copy of "The Rough Riders" from President Roosevelt. A great critic has said of him: "He is one of the most sensational violinists of the century, the re-incarnated Paganini, the genius who makes his instrument laugh, cry, sob, sing and command at will, the musician who sways his audiences if as they were part of his own spirit-being, all this and more, it is no wonder that Kubelik's tours in Europe and America alike have created furores of intensity that have never been surpassed, not even in the case of Paderewski. He is now at the fullness of his powers. From a prodigy he has developed into a master. Along with his marvelous technique has grown an interpretive power which enables him to reveal the inmost thoughts, to lay bare the deepest souls of the great composers."

Kubelik's programme for Spokane is well calculated to demonstrate the character of his gifts.

He will be assisted by Agnes Gardner-Eyre, solo pianist, and Herr Ludwig Schwab, accompanist.

The prices for the engagement range from 50c to \$2.00. Advance tickets, which are exchangeable for reserved seats on Friday, April 20th, can be obtained from M. Ella Green, 526 South Cedar street, or from the principal music stores of Spokane.

The general sale opens on Saturday morning April 21st, at 10 o'clock at the box office of the theatre.

### Theatrical Notes.

Frederick Warde, the famous actor, who has many friends in Spokane, may soon become a salaried officer of the B. P. O. E.

It is announced that Maud Adams is to have a private Pullman theater car which, when finished, will be the only vehicle of its kind in existence.

The marital difficulties of William Collier and his wife, Louise Allen Collier, have broken out in the courts again.

The next dramatic production which Henry W. Savage will make is "The Stolen Schoolmaster," a new play of the Kentucky mountain country, has just been completed by William Athorp Adams.

Sousa's new comic opera, "The Free Lance," at present running in Philadelphia, seems to have caught on big with the easterners who have seen it.

Ida Hawley, who was the prima donna of "The Pearl and the Pumpkin," is going into vaudeville.

# SIX MEN PERISHED

## FATAL EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP KEARSARGE.

Atlantic Fleet Had Been for Weeks Engaged in Most Severe Drills in Caribbean Sea—Admiral Evans Reports and Message of Condolence Is Sent by Navy Department.

Two years ago to a day later than the fatal Missouri disaster, as every sailor immediately recalled, on a Friday and the 13th of the month, six men were done to death in the forward turret of the battleship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquire additional terror for sailors because of their obscure origin and of one almost impossibility of prevention.

The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks engaged in most severe drills in the waters of the Caribbean sea, culminating in the quarterly target practice. This practice was about concluded with most satisfactory results up to Friday, and it was confidently expected at the department upon the basis of preliminary reports received that all records would be broken in the matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency of the gunners. But just at the close of the week's work at the department, came a cablegram from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best ships, the Kearsarge.

The news came from Caimanera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantanamo bay, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. A slight telegraphic error, requiring the consumption of some time to effect the deciphering of the message, added to the anxiety of the officials, as soon as they had made out the fact that a serious accident had occurred.

Lieutenant Joseph M. Graeme, gun umpire, has been sent to the Maryland in a very critical state. The following have since died: Lieutenant Huggins, turret officer; Peter Norberg, gunner's mate; Theodore Naegley, seaman; Anton O. Thorsen, seaman; Julius E. Koester, turret captain, first class; Ellis H. Athey, seaman.

The following were dangerously injured by the accident, recovery doubtful: W. King, ordinary seaman.

The dead were buried at Guantanamo. The vessel was uninjured.

A message of condolence was telegraphed to the commander in chief of the fleet, Admiral Evans, by Acting Secretary Newberry.

### QUOTATIONS FROM SPOKANE.

#### Wholesale Produce Prices.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 75c cwt; beets, \$1.10@1.25 cwt; turnips, 1 1/4 lb; rutabagas, \$1 cwt; sweet potatoes, \$3 to \$3.25 cwt; cabbage, \$2.25@2.75 cwt; carrots, \$1 cwt; lettuce, 25c lb; rhubarb, 5c lb; cauliflower, \$1.50 doz; onions, 25c doz; spinach, 85c crate; parsnips, 1 1/4 lb.

Apples—Spitzenburg, \$2.75@3 box; Winesaps, \$2.75@3; Rome Beauties, \$1.75@2.25; Yellow Newtowns, \$2.50; Baldwins, \$1.75@2; Black Twig, \$2@2.25; cooking apples, 5 tier, 75c@1.25; cooking apples, 4 tier, \$1.25@1.50; Ben Davis, \$1.50@2; Walbridge, \$1@1.50.

Oranges—\$3.75@4 box; lemons, fancy, \$4 to \$4.50 case; dried figs, 75@80c 10 lb box; figs in bulk, 6c lb; black figs, 10 lb pkg, 80c; Fard dates, 8@9c lb; golden dates, 7@8c lb; cranberries, \$15 bbl; \$5 crate; bananas, \$2.75@3.50 bunch.

Flour—Local, \$4@4.25 bbl; Minnesota, \$5.75@6 bbl.

Butter and Eggs—Standard eastern eggs, \$4@5 case; extra select eastern eggs, \$5@6 case; best ranch, \$6 case; best creamery butter, 30c lb; cheese, twins, 15c lb.

Celery—65@80c doz; honey, \$3.25@3.50; strained honey, 8c lb.

Sugar—Granulated cane sugar, \$6.20 per 100 lbs; beet sugar, \$6 per 100 lbs.

#### Wholesale Feed Prices.

Bran, \$16 ton; bran and shorts, \$17 ton; white shorts, \$19 ton; corn, \$1.35 cwt; cracked corn, \$1.55 cwt; timothy hay, \$16 ton; alfalfa, \$12@13 ton; rolled barley, \$1.30 cwt; whole oats, \$1.45 cwt; choppea oats, \$1.50 cwt; wheat, \$1.15 cwt.

#### Wholesale Meat Prices.

Beef—Steers, dressed, 6 1/2@7c lb; cows, dressed, 4 1/2@5 1/2c lb; mutton, dressed, 12 1/2@13c lb; pork, 9@9 1/2c lb; hams, 12c lb; bacon, 14c lb; lard, 9@10c lb; dry salt extras, 9 1/2c lb; dry salt backs, 10c lb; veal, fancy, small, 8@9c; veal, fancy, large, 5c; pork, 8 1/2@9c.

#### Prices Paid to Producers.

Live Stock—Steers, \$2.75@3 cwt; cows, \$2.50@3 cwt; sheep, \$5 cwt; hogs, \$5.25@5.50 cwt.

Hides—Green steers, 8c lb; cows, 7c lb; salted, 1-2c higher; dry hides, 15c lb; calf skins, green, 10c lb; kip, 8c lb; sheep skins, \$1@1.25.

Poultry and Eggs—Live hens, 13 1/2c lb; live spring chickens, 13 1/2c; live roosters, 9c; live ducks, 12c; live geese, 12c; live turkeys, 16c; dressed hens, 13 1/2c; dressed ducks, 14c; dressed geese, 14c; dressed turkeys, 18c; fresh ranch eggs, \$5.

Creamery products, f. o. b. Spokane—First grade creamery butter fat, 28 1/2c lb.

Feed—Timothy hay, \$13@14 ton; alfalfa hay, \$10.50 ton; oats, \$1.35 cwt; Vegetables—Potatoes, 50@65c cwt; turnips, 65c cwt; beets, 75c; onions, \$1 cwt; cabbage, \$1.25@1.50 cwt; apples, \$1@2 box; carrots, 60c cwt.

# ZION CITY AFFAIRS

## BOTH SIDES HOPE FOR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

General Overseer Voliva Produces Evidence by Which He Hopes to Get Dowie and His Followers—Dowie Spent Quiet Easter Sunday at Hotel Auditorium Annex.

Chicago.—General Overseer Voliva has produced the first of his batch of documentary evidence by which he hopes to confound John Alexander Dowie and his followers.

The instrument was a letter written under date of April 13, 1904, and addressed to Dowie, who was then in Zurich, Switzerland. The letter was signed by Overseers John G. Spelcher, Charles J. Bernard and Judge V. V. Barnes. In the document they warned Dowie that unless he changed his ways in the management of Zion City a clash was inevitable. They stated that from their examination of the conduct of the affairs of the colony it was evident that Dowie had overdrawn his account at the Bank of Zion City; that he received deposits when it was known that the bank was insolvent; that he had used funds otherwise than in accordance with the representations made by the stock contracts and certificates; that the proof of the appropriation of such large sums for his own personal use and for the purposes outside of those named, would be tantamount to "embezzlement in any court of law." The letter further implored Dowie to exercise a rigid economy on the part of himself and his family, saying that expenditures to this end should be based on needs rather than upon a fictitious income.

The inhabitants of Zion City, anticipating that such a letter would be read, flocked to the tabernacle early and long before the services opened the big building was filled. After the regular Easter ceremony, the sensation was sprung when General Overseer Voliva requested that Deacon Braze-field read that section which said, "There is no doubt for a moment that a failure of the thorough condition of things would land yourself and cashier and general financial manager in jail very promptly," the audience signified its approval of the sentiment expressed by vigorous applause. The letter continued:

"The standard of Zion City can not be lower than set by the business world outside. Your safest place will be at home. There is but one country outside—and that is Chile—where you would be safe from the attacks that would be made, and the situation there would be hazardous if you continue your policy.

"The using of funds otherwise than in accordance with the representations made by the stock contracts and certificates and the proofs of the appropriation of such large sums to your own personal use and for ends outside of the industries named, including what has been done at Ben MacDhui, would be tantamount to a conviction."

Dowie spent a quiet Sunday in this city and presided over simple Easter ceremonies, which were participated in by a few of his faithful followers, at the Auditorium Annex.

The attorneys for both sides said that conferences will be resumed, and there were yet hopes that the basis for an amicable settlement would be reached.

### GOOD SHOWS TO BE AT SPOKANE

#### At The Spokane—April

19-20—Alberta Gallatin.  
25—Heir to Hoorah.  
26—Creston Clark.  
29-30—My Wife's Family.

Reserved seats can be secured in advance for any of the above attractions by writing to Joseph Petrich, manager of the theatre, and stating about the location desired. Reserved seat prices range from 25c to \$1.50. A deposit should accompany order for reserved seats.

#### Light Comedy for Spokane.

Alberta Gallatin is coming to the Spokane theater in a light comedy, called "Cousin Kate," next Thursday and Friday evenings, when she will be assisted by what the Evening Telegram of Portland, Ore., terms a strong company. Miss Gallatin is a southerner, a daughter of the late Albert Gallatin Jenkins, who commanded a regiment of confederate cavalry at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded. Her grandfather was J. B. Bowlin, American ambassador to Paraguay in 1852. She claims also to be a descendant of Albert Gallatin, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the first secretary of the navy under George Washington.

#### Real Negro Minstrels.

Mahara Bros. minstrels—genuine colored minstrels—will be at the Spokane theater Saturday evening. Besides the male members of the company the Maharas have introduced a "number of pretty creole girls who lend interest in the various scenes of plantation days, enhance the vocal portion of the program and make possible the introduction of numerous novelties such as the presentation of travesties and operettas."

Australia's flour exports to England have more than doubled since 1900, when they were valued at \$2,095,000.

### HER SACRIFICE.

#### Miss Arabella Felt that She Must Board Her Cat Out.

Miss Arabella had lived alone many years in the little cottage at the upper end of the hill street. One day a kitten was given to her by the niece of the man who placed on her finger the simple ring, now worn very thin, when he enlisted in the Union army. Even that was long ago, and the now half-blind and toothless animal, which had lost every attraction of his prime, was the one link with a tender past.

When old Jeremiah Miles, Miss Arabella's step-brother, came back from the West, penniless and dispirited, to make his home with her, poor Mose was a source of constant discomfort in the tiny cottage. He was continually lying in the chair in which Jeremiah wanted to sit, or upsetting his tobacco, or getting under his feet.

To be sure, the cottage was Miss Arabella's own, and Jeremiah had never done anything for her but waste all of her slim patrimony that he could wheedle her into giving him; but she could not get it out of her mind that he had said one day that he believed he could stop swearing if it was not for that "plaguy cat."

Jeremiah's language caused Miss Arabella great solitude. Although she loved nothing in all the world as she loved that bundle of gray fur, after all a cat was only a cat, and if it would help Jeremiah—

For days poor Miss Arabella waged war with herself, and at last, one evening, she and Mose presented themselves at the parsonage door.

Old Doctor Gilder listened silently to her story. He knew Miss Arabella, and he also knew the story of her simple life. Was it with age or the tenderness of full understanding that his hand trembled as he stroked the creature's sleek gray coat?

"To be sure you may leave him here for the rest of his days, Arabella, and Dinah will give him the best of care. Tut! tut! Board, indeed! Do you want to cut me off from all share in this, my dear? And what does a cat eat, after all?"

"If ever there was a sacrifice acceptable to the Lord," said the good man afterward, "surely it must have been this of Arabella Tate's, and if I had let her she would have given me something from the pittance that stands between her and starvation for keeping the creature. I declare, I sometimes think we men would forget the meaning of the truest heroism if it wasn't for the women God leaves with us!"—Youth's Companion.

### FINE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The handsome structure shown in the picture is the church erected at Palo Alto, Cal., by the late Mrs. Lealand Stanford in memory of her husband.



REMARKABLE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The painting which covers the entire facade and extends down the sides is illustrative of the Sermon on the Mount, and it is the most pretentious high art exterior ever attempted in the United States, although such decoration was common in continental Europe during the middle ages.

#### The Only Born King.

There is a fact about King Alfonso well worth knowing. Of all the kings who have ever lived, with the sole exception of Jean I. of France, who lived but a few hours, he is the only one to be a king from the moment of his first breath—a veritable "born king." And since he is much spoken of these days it is not amiss to know his name, which is His Most Catholic Majesty Don Alfonso XIII, king of Spain, of Castile, of Leon, of Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Gibraltar, of the western and eastern Indies, of the Oceanic continent, archduke of Austria, duke of Burgundy, of Brabant and Milan, count of Hapsburg of Flanders, of the Tyrol and grand master of the golden fleece. This is not really all, but it is a good deal to live up to, even for a king.—Boston Herald.

#### The Point of View.

The husband objected to the towering plumes on her hat. "It is the duty of every woman," she responded, "to look the best she can." "Perhaps," he admitted doubtfully, "but she ought to give the woman behind her a chance to look, too."—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### A Customary Impression.

"I rely on the sense of the plain people," said the youthful statesman. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "somehow a man always feels that the plain people have splendid judgment just after they have elected him to office."—Washington Star.

It frequently happens that a woman who was proud of a man as a beau is ashamed of him as her husband.

# NEWS OF THE WORLD

## SHORT TELEGRAPH ITEMS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events.

An official cable from Caracas states that department secretaries are still filling the cabinet positions made vacant by the resignation of President Castro.

The population of Los Angeles, Cal., according to the city directory census of April 1, 1906, is 228,298. The population as given in the directory for May 1, 1905, was 197,614. On this basis the city has increased 30,684 in population in 11 months.

President Roosevelt will not hunt any more while he is president, according to Colonel Cecil Lyons, republican national committeeman from Texas.

George R. Young, cashier of the Postal Telegraph company at St. Louis, who was arrested charged with embezzlement, committed suicide while on the way to jail.

Arthur Turner, editor and publisher of Vogue, died recently from pneumonia at his home. He was 50 years of age and had been in the publishing business in New York for nearly 30 years.

The planters' association is arranging to send an agent to the Philippines to secure Filipino or Japanese laborers to work in the Hawaiian islands. The agent will also be instructed to secure laborers in Porto Rico.

All hope has been abandoned for the recovery of Father Louis Martin, general of the order of the Jesuits, and known as the "black pope." He is suffering from cancer.

The official enrollment figures of the University of Michigan for 1905-1906 were given out recently and show a total of 4571 students. This is a gain of 435 over last year.

The cruiser Washington returned to the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company after a successful trial off the Maine coast. The cruiser attained 22.27 knots, a little more than a quarter of a knot in excess of the government requirement.

Miss Johnstone Bennett, the actress, died recently.

The king of Spain was recently elected a member of the royal yacht squadron, preparatory to his arrival at Cowes, April 17, to visit Princess Ena of Battenberg, the future queen of Spain.

King Victor Emmanuel has decorated Professor Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, with the rank of commander of the order of the crown.

Incendiary articles in the Appeal to Reason have resulted in its being barred from the Canadian mails. It is a socialistic organ, published at Girard, Kan.

Israel Ludlow of New York, inventor of the aeroplane, was so badly injured by a fall at Atlantic Beach, Fla., that he will probably die.

The recent discovery of a plot of anarchists to assassinate all of the members of the royal family of Spain has caused a feeling of apprehension throughout the entire country.

The French postmen have been returning to work. There are now only 1400 strikers among a total of 10,000 postmen. The strike at Lyons is ended.

King Frederick, notwithstanding denials, is endeavoring to obtain from the pope the ecclesiastical sanction for a divorce from the Countess Montignoso in order to marry again.

Two men were killed and 11 probably fatally injured in a collision of coal cars at the Territory mine of the Stonewall company near Charleston, W. Va. The cars went over a 100 foot embankment.

General E. S. Bragg, who has been consul general of the United States at Hongkong for the past three years, has returned to the United States.

### MOB GUILTY OF MURDER.

#### Governor Folk Denounces the Horror at Springfield.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 16.—Governor Joseph Folk says the lynching at Springfield was a most disgraceful occurrence. Whatever the offense of the negroes may have been, and however deserving of death they may have been, they were entitled to punishment by law and not by a mob, and when a mob takes the law into its own hands as this one did, any member of it is guilty of murder.

#### Sunflower in Girl's Ear.

An embryonic sunflower growing in the ear of little Grace Barrett, daughter of a Delaware, Ohio, preacher, was removed recently and the child's hearing, which has been steadily growing more defective, was completely restored. The child, it is supposed, stuffed the seed into her ear while at play last fall. Examination showed that a perfectly formed and healthy sprout had developed.

#### Affirms Russian Loan News.

In spite of ugly rumors at St. Petersburg to the effect that there has been a hitch in the loan negotiations, it is positively affirmed that the loan will be signed April 21 for a milliard francs (about \$250,000,000).