

TWO TACOMA MEN DEFEND THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE CHARGES OF ARMY CRUELTY

South Tacoma, Feb. 16, 1904.
 Editor Tacoma Times—Sir: After reading your paper tonight, we, the undersigned, came to the conclusion that something must be wrong, with the editorial staff of your paper, otherwise you must have been misinformed by the so-called members of the Russian colony at Edinburg, Wash., to print such nonsense as was printed tonight, as we read on page 4 of your paper, under the heading: "Russians Hope Japs Will Win." We, the undersigned, although not genuine Russians, one of us being of German parentage, and the other of Polish parentage, were born and raised under the double Russian eagle, we being a Protestant and the other being a Roman Catholic, consequently not belonging to the genuine Greek orthodox faith. We must say, to tell the truth, that while we served our time in the Russian army, one in the Second Squadron, First Dragon regiment at Liban (Courland),

Russia, and the other as a sharpshooter in an Elite regiment at Tsarkoje Selo, near St. Petersburg, we never have seen any cruelty practiced and that the treatment and rations furnished us were all A. No. 1, and that no man who ever served his time in the Russian army loyally and true blue in any sense, shape or manner maltreated.
 These men, because we cannot call them "gentlemen," must have been some soreheads, or must have been reading dime novels. We can prove and substantiate what we have said in black and white, because they have never seen any service in Russia, while we two have also seen service in Uncle Sam's army during the recent Spanish-American war, in Cuba.
 This is written to correct an error in your paper which may cause others to think entirely wrong of Russia.
 Truly yours,
 P. T. SCHREINER,
 LOUIE RICHERT.

RUSSIA FOOLED POWERS AND GAINED MANCHURIA

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 17.—Only close readers or students know that Manchuria, the ostensible prize Russia desires to retain in the far east, holds the aristocrats of the Chinese empire. Manchuria comprises an area of 382,310 square miles and lakes in the three provinces outside the Chinese wall.
 The Manchus are the bluebloods of China, which they conquered in 1644 and founded the dynasty, which has ruled ever since with a rod of iron. The awakening of the country came in 1898 when Newchwang, 20 miles from the mouth of the Liao, was opened to foreign trade by treaty.
 Backed up by an English admiral, the first British consul appointed to Newchwang brought about the treaty. The Chinese tried to designate a point 40 miles from the mouth of the river, but the sailor saw its disadvantage and his views were supported by the Chinese. The correct Chinese name for Newchwang is "Yingtzu." The port, under British push, became fourth in commercial importance in China.
 In 1895 Newchwang was captured by the Japanese, who, however, were not allowed to hold it. Russia seeing her chance to secure another outlet to the sea, occupied the town in 1896, pulling the wool over the eyes of the naval officers of other powers; instead of an allied occupation of Newchwang, it was a Russian occupation. Once having a foothold in Manchuria the soldiers of the czar were thrown in by thousands, the allied powers not interfering.
 The Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1900 agreed to maintain undiminished the territorial condition of the Chinese empire; this was understood by Great Britain and Japan to include Manchuria; however, for some reason, suddenly announced that Manchuria was nothing to her, so Russia appropriated several hundred thousand square miles, including an outlet for her military railway.
 Russia had invaded Manchuria, and in consequence of the Boxer troubles continued to pour men into the province. Many times promises were made that the troops would be withdrawn. But they continued to stay. Now she says they will remain—for China's good. When Secretary Hay protested against the occupation in 1903 Russia pronounced this country "wanting in faith in her assurances."
 Hay apologized for the reflection upon Russia's integrity and accepted Count Cassini's absolute assurance that the evacuation of Manchuria and the treaty port of Newchwang would occur October 8, 1903. When the evacuation did not take place Cassini denied having made an absolute pledge. Russia claimed "circumstances"

had decided against her evacuation.
 In 1898 through pressure at Peking Russia acquired large properties two miles from the foreign settlement. Russian-like the boundaries of these concessions have stretched much since that time. The main line of the Chinese & Eastern railway appeared with Dalny and Port Arthur as terminals. The Russian intention was to develop Dalny into a great commercial port and kill off Newchwang. The attempt has failed and Dalny, with its magnificent buildings, cost Russia a million roubles a year.
 With an open door, Russia would be distanced by the United States and England in China. Manchuria is the richest portion of China and is not half developed. The mines are native worked and are kept clear of water by manual labor, and abandoned when the difficulties become too great for hand methods. American brains and American machinery could, if given half a chance, make millions in this land of unlimited resources.

YOUNG WOMAN IS THEATER'S MANAGER

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 17.—"Miss Margaret M. Donovan, manager."
 That is the way the programs at Shea's Empire will read hereafter, for that playhouse has a new head in the person of a young woman.
 Miss Donovan, the new manager, or Shea's personal representative as she prefers to be called, has been in the theatrical business for seven years, and she isn't much past her teens. Indeed, her friends say Miss Donovan was still wearing short dresses when she first went to work for Shea. She started her career as a stenographer, she told a reporter Tuesday. Shea soon recognized that she had unusual business ability and made her his secretary. She represented him at various theaters for a number of winters and at his parks in the summers. Last fall when Shea took control of the Empire Miss Donovan was sent here, and on Monday she assumed practical management of the theater. C. J. Stevenson, former manager when Chase owned the house, leaving for New York city that afternoon.
 Miss Donovan said Tuesday that Thomas Donovan, who has been on the Empire staff since Christmas, will be associated with her as assistant manager. Burke, like his chief, is a New Yorker.

After causing the arrest of Mrs. Catherine Hendershot at Aberdeen on the charge of bigamy, James Hendershot went suddenly insane. The hearing in the case was postponed and the action will probably be dismissed.

FRENCH DUELISTS MAIM EACH OTHER BUT AVOID KILLING



PARIS, Feb. 17.—Although Frenchmen do not care to admit it, the fact is that dueling is somewhat on the decline in France.

Duels are taken more seriously here than is believed abroad, and the harmless French duel is a matter of deliberate calculation and expert training. By French law, killing in a duel is murder, and to

escape being guillotined, the man who has killed his adversary must flee the country. Furthermore, Frenchmen consider it refinement to avoid butchery and brutality. Just as they condemn English and American fist fights for settling disputes as coarse, they condemn as barbarous the Austrian saber duels in which men slice off each others' ears and noses.
 Every self-respecting Frenchman knows

how to handle a sword and pistol; but he learns to use his weapons so as to injure, not to kill. The rare fatal duels of recent years have occurred between young men of no skill, who wanted to ape the supposed fashion. Inexperience caused a too successful shot or sword thrust piercing skull or heart, whereas a trained duelist would have sent a bullet or sword-point to a place to inflict a wound, incapacitating, but not seriously injuring his rival.

The best pistol shot in France is Boni Castellane. He is a good swordsman, but knows that his exceptional talent is with pistols, so in the three duels he has fought he has managed to have challenges sent to him that he might name the weapon. His superiority comes from the fact that he practices on the field. Many men who are dead shots on a floor with a bullseye in the distance, lose all sense of proportion on slippery grass with a man before them. Boni is proud of the fact that he can avoid heart and brain. He prefers to lodge a bullet in the right lung, or in the leg.

The greatest swordsmen in France are Laberdesque, Gerault-Richard, Max Regis and the Marquis de Dion. Their favorite mark is the forearm, the lung or cheek, as in any case muscular stiffness or loss of blood stops the fight.

In their periodical duels, Laberdesque, the Jewish champion, and Max Regis, the fiery Nationalist, swear to have each others' heart's blood; but they leave the field not too seriously injured, vowing that next time there will be no quarter. Both men are such exceptional swordsmen that if they were to fight to a finish, it is probable that neither would leave the field alive.

Gerault-Richard, while one of France's picked swordsmen, has a rule never to challenge and never to refuse one. On one occasion the Marquis de Dion slapped him, and he retaliated by kicking the marquis' shins. The marquis, considering that he was the insulted, declared that he would await seconds and not send them, whereupon Gerault-Richard published in the Petite Republique an article so insulting that the marquis simply could not ignore it, and had to send a challenge, thus saving Gerault-Richard's honor and his principle.

Seattle Chinamen have been beating the electric light company by stringing wire around the meter and tapping the flow of electricity before it reached the box. They were all laundymen and had been lighting up their places with big incandescent lights and the meters indicated that little or no current was used. Finally one of them was caught fixing the wires and this led to the detection of the others.

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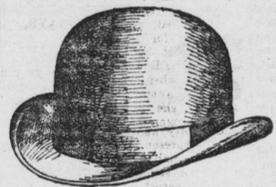
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THE MARKETS

The following prices are quoted by wholesale dealers to buyers in quantities:
MEAT AND PROVISIONS.
 Fresh Meat—Cow beef, 7c; steer beef, 7 1/2c; veal, 8c; pork, 8 1/2c; mutton, 8c; 8 1/2c.
 Provisions.—Hams, 13 1/2c; 14c lb; breakfast bacon, 16c; bellies, fresh, 12 1/2c.
VEGETABLES.
 White River Burbanks, \$16@17 a ton; Yakima potatoes, \$18@19; sweet potatoes, \$2.75; carrots, \$1 sack; rutabagas, 75c sack; cabbage, 2c lb; cauliflower, \$1.25@1.50 doz.; California tomatoes, \$2 box; celery, 40c@60c doz.; radishes, 10c dozen bunches; lettuce \$1.25@1.50 box; Oregon onions, \$2.50@3.00 cwt; green onions, 10c dozen bunches; Hubbard squash, 2c 10; rhubarb, 12 1/2c lb.
GREEN FRUIT, ETC.
 Apples, cooking, \$75@81 box; Spitzbergen, \$1.25@1.50; Baldwins, Wagners, Northern Spies, etc., \$1.00@1.25 box; east of the mountains fancy Greenings, 9c@81 box; Jonathans \$1.25@1.75 box; nine apples, \$4.50 doz.; Redlands oranges, \$1.75 @2.40 box; lemons, \$2.50@3.00 box; cranberries, \$9.75; Persian dates, 6 1/2c lb; bananas, \$2.50@3.00 bunch.
NUTS.
 English walnuts, No. 1, 14 1/2c lb; Chile Walnuts, 12c lb; Ganoble, 13c lb; almonds, 12c lb; pecans, 12@13c lb; Brazils, 12c lb; filberts, 13c lb; peanuts, fresh roasted, 8c lb; chestnuts, 12@13c lb; cocoanuts, 7c@9c doz.
POULTRY.
 Chickens, hens and springs, 12 1/2c@14c lb; dressed turkeys, 20c@23c lb; ducks, live, 14c; dressed, 11@14c lb; geese, 10@11c lb;

UNCLE SAM MAY NOW INTERVENE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—San Domingo rebels entered the United States consulate at Samana and seized two refugees who had taken sanctuary there, despite the protests of Jean Villain, the American vice-consular agent.
 This violation of international law gives the United States a good reason for stepping in to quell the disturbances and restore order on the island. Such steps will probably be taken.

squabs, scarce, \$2.50@3.00 doz.
FISH, ETC.
 Halibut, 6 1/2c lb; salmon trout, 9c; salmon, 9 1/2c; ling cod, 4 1/2c; black cod, 7c; herring, 2c; shrimp, 8c; clams, \$1.40 sack; crabs, \$1.00@1.50 doz.
HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.
 Oats, \$25@26 ton; barley, \$23 ton; wheat, \$28 ton; chop \$22.50@23 ton; shorts, \$20 ton; bran, \$19 ton; oil meal, \$29 ton; E. W. timothy, new, \$22 ton; E. W. compressed timothy, new, \$27 ton; new wheat hay, \$16@17 ton; new alfalfa, \$13.50 ton; new Puget Sound hay, \$15@16 ton; middlings, \$26 ton.
BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.
 Butter.—Washington creamery, 28c; ranch, 14@18c; Eastern tub, 23c@25c.
 Eggs.—Fresh ranch 29c.

MOQE TROUBLES FOR THE MATCH COMPANY

Another chapter was added to the already long story of the troubles of the defunct Washington Match company when suit was brought in the King county superior court yesterday by the company against Frank B. Cole, receiver of the corporation by appointment in the United States circuit court, and his surety, the Fidelity & Guaranty company of Maryland, charging that Cole has misappropriated funds and property of the concern. It also alleges that Cole's appointment was secured by "a sham and frivolous suit" instituted by James Hamilton Lewis of Chicago.
 The plaintiff corporation charges generally that Cole has squandered property of the concern, and asks that an accounting be had of his proceedings and that it have judgment for the amount of his bond, \$5,000, against the surety company and against him for whatever amount may be found due from him.

MANUFACTURERS ASK FOR BETTER RATES

The Tacoma Manufacturers' association last evening adopted resolutions relative to the power of the Interstate Commerce commission. In brief, the resolutions urge that the Interstate Commerce commission use its power in fixing common point rates to prevent the discrimination of rates.



GERTIE MELLAR, AN ENGLISH STAGE FAVORITE IN "THE ORCHID" AT THE GALETY, LONDON.