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"I most humbly inform your majesty," is the way Alexieff begins his dispatches to the czar.

There is nothing like being humble in Russia just now. It is the proper caper.

Mr. Citizen, keep a sharp eye on the Tacoma Railway & Power company during these days. Nine councilmen are to be elected. An opposition street railway company is seeking entrance into the city.

It will be a safe thing to do to turn down any candidates for the council who are backed by the Tacoma Railway & Power company.

The deadly work of the contractor was again in evidence yesterday, when the Japs bombarded Vladivostok. They threw 200 lyddite shells, most of which, according to cable accounts, failed to explode.

Of course, the rascally contractor who made these shells will claim that they had become non-effective through age, or some inscrutable act of Providence, for which he is not responsible.

Valor on the part of warriors counts for little in these days unless the army contractors are watched day and night.

HOW GOOD CITIZENS WORK EVIL

The "good citizen" who stays at home when the primaries of his party are held does more real injury to society than the footpad does, who, with mask and club, knocks down and robs in dark places.

The footpad injures a few individuals. The "good citizen" injures the entire community in which he lives. He refrains from doing his part in checkmating the evil designs of bad men in politics, who seek to control nominations in every party.

When a sufficient number of "good citizens" stay at home from the primaries, the minority of bad citizens run things to suit themselves. Then improper men are nominated, nine times out of ten, and the ward heeled chuckle together over the easy victory they have gained.

Then the "good citizens" stick to their private business on election day, or refuse to lose an hour's time from the workshops, and the bad nominees get into office.

Next comes the plundering of the people. Sometimes their money is stolen outright, but more frequently it is stolen indirectly. Useless jobs are created for friends of the administration and the people pay, favored contractors are allowed to do as they please after they have accepted public contracts under rigid specifications, and again the people pay. Street railway companies and other corporations are given valuable franchises, for which they pay somebody—but do not pay the people. Tenderloin grafters are permitted to pursue their avocations unchecked by the police, because somebody has been "seen." The whole municipal system becomes rotten and the stench spreads far and wide, injuring eventually the fair name and fame of the accursed city.

And "good citizens" did it. Mark them! They were not merely an accessory to the act. They were principals, for they KNEW just what results would follow from their conduct, and knowing, they deliberately chose their course.

How many "good citizens" are there in Tacoma who propose to fail in their duty in attending the primaries of their respective parties?

WHICH WAY ARE YOU PULLING?

There are in this world two sets of forces—one set pulling down, the other pulling up.

The homes, the churches, the ethical societies, schools, art museums, the higher drama, the social settlements are pulling men up, putting more light and joy in human lives and increasing the sum total of the world's happiness.

Arrayed against these divine agencies are the forces of greed, appetite and passion, which through all time have pulled men downward.

Every man and woman is influenced more or less by both of these forces. He yields more often and more readily to the one with which he is most in sympathy. Habits, purposes, ideals, associations, all are tendrils, or tentacles, by which one or the other of these forces gain hold on one.

As times change these forces assume new shapes, new phases, new names, but through all the ages and under all conditions they are substantially the same—the one animated by love, the other by greed; the one working for the great brotherhood in which there shall be a common glory and a common joy, the glory of good deeds, the joy of a noble self-respect; the other animated by a selfishness that is ready to see humanity damned, root and branch, if it can only "put money in the purse" and attain to the gratification of the lust for place and power.

We are not only influenced by these forces, but we blend into them and become part of them. Our every action is a force for good or evil in some other soul.

It is a fearful, unending battle of vital and far-reaching results, and it is the first business of everyone to ask himself the questions:

"Which side am I on?"

"Am I with the forces which diminish the sum of human joy and dwarf the world's happiness, or am I on the side of those forces which flood the world with gladness and promote the character which is the basis of all true civilization?"

It is purely a question of love or selfishness, of manliness or unmanliness, of the kindly human interest that would live for the brotherhood, or the brute indifference that would find its supreme satisfaction in its own miserable greed.

No matter how unimportant you may seem to be in the world's affairs, you are a vital force one way or the other.

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The Home BY CYNTHIA GREY

FOR DAILY NEEDS. Labor bids us of three great evils: Irksomeness, vice and poverty.—Voltaire.

MR. FINNEY'S TURNIP. (The first poem of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, whose birthday is on February 27.)

Great oaks from little acorns grow, and great accomplishments often spring from little beginnings. Nowhere is this fact more clearly demonstrated than by a comparison of the childish efforts of the great American poet, Longfellow, with the last fruits of his pen. The first poem ever written, or the first of which the world has any record, is here published. This early production shows a simplicity in choice of subject matter which is one of the chief charms of Longfellow's later poetry. He took what lay within his reach and wove into poetry and romance the matters of home and everyday life. Mr. Finney was a much-beloved neighbor and in his back yard a turnip did grow and the turnip was cooked and eaten. The poem does not appear in the collections of Longfellow's earlier poems:

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.



The little girl's dress is of fine white pique and white embroidery. The shoulder and skirt yokes are cut in circular sections. The edges are piped with the pique, through the center runs an embroidered heading. Embroidered box pleats and groups of fine tucks form the bodice. The little boy's suit is of white nainsook, made in stitched plaits. The skirt is finished with hemstitching, the collar is a bit of narrow embroidery. The belt is a strip of two-inch wide insertion, alike in front and back.

horrified when it is mentioned. With the reappearance of the styles of 50 and 60 years ago, the revival of the hoop skirt is almost inevitable. When it will seem like the outgrowth of these innumerable reeds and wires and if comes it may be called "stuffer" or a "distender," or by

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against the war galleys of the Venetians, and these she closely guarded. England was the first power to recognize Turkish rights in this respect. This was in 1809 and the question was not raised again until 1833 when the celebrated Russo-Turkish treaty of Hunkiar Iskelasi, signed June 29, closed the Dardanelles to all foreign fleets except those of Russia. The objection of the powers, especially of France and England, was so great, however, that the treaty was abrogated. Matters thus remained until 1841, when Mehmet Ali was making trouble for Turkey, and France was aiding him.

To keep the French fleet from menacing Constantinople a compact, called the quadruple treaty, was signed at London, formally closing the Dardanelles to foreign war vessels. This convention was signed by England, Russia, Austria and Prussia, and probably saved Constantinople from invasion. A few years later, however, France discovered that the treaty was an excellent arrangement to keep Russian ships from menacing her southern shores at any time, and she also signed the compact. Then the Muscovite discovered that unwittingly he had signed a convention to keep his war craft immured in the Black sea. The Crimean war of 1854-56 clinched the matter. Nicholas I was crushed by a coalition of the powers and was compelled to sign the treaty of Paris, which, while neutralizing the Black sea and through-

ing it open to commerce, further declared that the Dardanelles should remain closed to foreign men-of-war. This attitude was confirmed in 1871, and again in 1878, after Turkey had been defeated by Russia. The treaty of San Stefano, signed March 3, 1878, granted to the Russian conquerors many concessions, including the free passage of the Dardanelles.

The powers objected to the arrangements, fearing that Russia would acquire Turkish provinces, which might ultimately threaten Constantinople and the approaches to the Black sea. After a critical period of diplomacy the congress of Berlin was held—June 13 to July 13, 1878—the result being a treaty that stripped Russia of much of the fruits of her victories over the Turks, and further declared that the Dardanelles should remain closed to war vessels.

This treaty was signed by England, France, Prussia, Austria, Russia and Sardinia. Thus the matter has remained up to the present, except that in 1891 the ports and Russia reached an agreement that ships of the "volunteer fleet" of Russia bearing the flag of the merchant marine shall have free passage of the Dardanelles, but that Turkey must be notified should these vessels carry convicts or soldiers.

A year ago last January Great Britain protected when four Russian torpedo boats from Cronstadt were permitted to pass the strait to join the Black sea fleet, but none of the other powers took notice of the affair. It is obvious that at this juncture, when Britain's ally, Japan, is involved, England's protest against permitting Muscovite men-of-war to get out of the Black sea will be of a more strenuous nature.

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some technical appellation, but it will be the hoop skirt and nothing else, and it is on its way.

MENU FOR TUESDAY.

BREAKFAST. Eggs on Toast. Rice Cakes, Syrup. Wafers. Coffee.

LUNCHEON. Oyster Stew. Crackers. Soft Rolls. Pine Apple. Cocoa.

DINNER. Stuffed Veal, Cream Gravy. Peas. Corn Bread. Fruit Layer Cake. Coffee.

To Stuff Veal.—Two sufs rolled bread crumbs, 1/2 cup chopped pork, grated peel of 1/2 lemon, little lemon juice, thymus, sage and any herbs desired for seasoning. The same may be used for roast turkey.

Fruit Layer Cake.—One-half cup sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 cup wine, 1 cup raisins, 2 eggs, 1/2 teaspoon soda. Mix carefully, as mixing a rich cake. Bake in three layers.

Frosting.—Whites 2 eggs beaten with enough powdered sugar to thicken to the consistency desired.

Corn Bread.—One large coffee cup dry, finely bolted corn meal, 1 tablespoon white sugar, pinch salt, 2 large teaspoon soda. Sift thoroughly and mix with 1 coffee cup sweet milk or cold water and add 2 well beaten eggs. Bake in shallow pan, or in gem pans if corn cakes are desired.

DYNAMITE SHIPPED TO TURKEY AS CEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—A communication from the Turkish minister has been received at the state department, transmitting a copy of "certain measures just adopted by the imperial government, with a view to preventing the smuggling into Turkey of prohibited articles, and particularly of dynamite."

Owing to the fact that dynamite is nearly the specific gravity of cement and that it must, on account of its explosive nature, be packed in boxes or barrels and may be passed as cement and imported in cement barrels without fear of detection, the imperial government, in order to prevent such entries, has decided to require that a certificate of origin shall be used by the local authorities at the place of manufacture for shipments of cement to Turkey.

While there is no law under which such orders could be enforced in this country, yet it now becomes necessary for exporters of cement to Turkey to take the precaution of furnishing the certificate above referred to, or have their goods deported on arrival at the ports of the imperial government.

RUSSIAN SAVINGS BANK

Reports on the business of Russian government savings banks April 1, 1903, show: Total number of banks, with departments, 0,288; of these, 4,087 are at post and telegraph offices; on board men-of-war in foreign waters, 20; in Siberian villages, 133; at government wine shops, 2; on railroads, 911; amount of savings, \$412,524,783; amount of notes, \$75,402,960. There is a constant increase of savings.

FACTS ABOUT DARDANELLES, THROUGH WHICH RUSSIA WANTS TO PASS SHIPS



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RUSSIA SELLS INSURANCE

The Russian government has elaborated statutes on general life insurance by the state. The business is to be intrusted to the governmental savings banks. All kinds of policies will be issued and the insured will participate in the profits of the business.

The insurance of employes on all the government railroads is in working order since July 13, 1899. Up to July 14, 1900, the number of policies issued was 6,770, to the amount of \$3,220,318, and 7,336 newly presented petitions to join the association were in the hands of the authorities.

The government proposes, after a lapse of a certain number of years, to make the railroad employes' insurance obligatory. The premiums are to be paid monthly by deduction from the salaries of the insured.

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