

**RUSSIAN MILLIONS STARVE. A Monument to the Confederate Soldier to be Erected in St. Louis.**

Conditions in the Czar's Kingdom Are Becoming Appalling.

St. Petersburg, June—Twenty million peasants are starving to death in five provinces of Russia. Hundreds of thousands have succumbed to lack of food and shelter in the winter just passed.

An appalling number of babies, estimated anywhere from 100,000 to twice as many, have perished, beating with claw-like hands against the breasts of mothers who were unable to give them sustenance. It has been a slaughter of the innocent. The end is not in sight. The exact tale of the famine victims is not known.

Russia was never before so sorely scourged. Relief measures are woefully inadequate, virtually of no account. The cold rains of a late spring have swept into the graves hordes of men, women and children, who emerged from the winter with so little vitality that they were unable physically to withstand this last buffet of the elements. Bread, as we know it, is lacking from the tables of ten out of eleven families in the five provinces where the famine is raging. Meat is almost wholly a luxury of the past. From Samara, via the Kavorenburg, Kazan and Ufa, all southeastern provinces, have just arrived reports telling of the horrible conditions which prevail there.

St. Petersburg officials have been receiving them for months, with languid interest. Gradually the true situation in the five provinces is becoming publicly known. In Samara there are 3,000,000 inhabitants. These include 450,000 children. Civil organizations for the relief of the starving in Samara and the other provinces named have worked nobly, with little encouragement or assistance from the government, to place food in the mouths of the starving children and their parents.

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Kansas City Southern Lost.

Jefferson City, June 3—The judgment of the Jackson county circuit court in the case of the Kansas City Southern railroad against the Kansas City, Peoria & Chicago and the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroad was reversed by division No. 1 of the supreme court and the trial court is directed to enter judgment for the defendants. This suit was for the specific performance of a contract for switching entered into in 1906 with the Kansas City Suburban Belt of which the Kansas City Southern is the successor.

The contention of the Kansas City Southern was that the contract called for all switching of cars of the defendant companies at a certain rate a car for a period of thirty years. The defendant companies construed the contract to provide for the paying of a certain rate for only such cars as were sent and switched over the tracks of the plaintiff. The trial court rendered judgment for the plaintiff, but the supreme court in an opinion by Judge Graves reverses and remands that judgment with directions to have judgment for the defendant companies.

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**TRUST IS HIT HARD. Commissioner Anthony Sustains Charges Made Against Standard Oil.**

Jefferson City, May 27.—Commissioner Robert A. Anthony, appointed by the Missouri supreme court to report on the findings of law and fact in the case of the state of Missouri and H. S. Hadley, attorney general, vs. the Standard Oil company of New York and the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri for forfeiture of their licenses to do business in the state, submitted his findings to the court.

The contention of the state that defendants had entered into a conspiracy in restraint of trade is sustained in every particular.

If the report is confirmed the result will be the revocation of the license of the two foreign corporations and the annulment of the charter of the Waters-Pierce Oil company.

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**All Mighty Thin.**

A western editor objects to Secretary Taft for president because he is too fat. Well, we object to Senator Fairbanks because he is too thin. As a matter of fact, we desire to enter a protest against the entire Republican party on the same ground, says the Platte City Landmark. Its alleged opposition to unlawful trusts and wholesale graft is too thin. Its alleged preference for the masses as opposed to the classes is too thin. President's professed ignorance of the insurance, railroad and corporation corruption fund to control the election of 1904 is too thin. The President's galaxy of stars in the Ananias Club is too thin. His alleged belief in the \$5,000,000 conspiracy of rich men to defeat his alleged policies is too thin. Joe Cannon is too thin. And saddest of all, Loeb, is too thin. Republican pretensions in Missouri are too ethereal to be mentioned.

Washington, June 3.—The Navy department has been obliged to abandon its plan to transform the cruiser San Francisco into a mine ship because the change will involve the expenditure of more than \$200,000 and consequently would require a congressional appropriation. The San Francisco is now at Norfolk, where the work was to have been undertaken. The plan was to equip this ship with a plant capable of handling rapidly and with reasonable safety what are known as floating and submerged mines, such as were used with great effect during the Russo Japanese war. A properly equipped mine ship can place these elements of coast defense in an ordinary harbor in sufficient numbers to insure protection in a course of a day or two, whereas many days and even weeks would be consumed by an ordinary vessel in the accomplishment of the same amount of work. The conversion of the cruiser Baltimore, now at New York, into a mining ship, is also temporarily suspended for similar reasons.

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**COL. R. E. LEE DENIES SOUTH FIRST PREACHED SECESSION Speech at Confederate Reunion Declares Slavery Was Prohibited.**

Richmond, Va., June 3—In a speech at Friday night's session of the confederate reunion, which aroused the convention and which formed the most important feature of the reunion thus far, Col. Robert E. Lee, said:

"For the purposes of this occasion, we care not how the African slave first placed his unhallowed feet on southern soil. Although the south had at one time no inconsiderable career of maritime adventure, no ship or shipmaster of her's has ever, in a single case, been implicated in the illicit African slave trade. Her greatest men always maintained slavery to be the most dangerous element in the country.

"Virginia, in October, 1778, and Georgia, in 1798, passed acts prohibiting the importation of slaves. Thus, to the everlasting credit of the south, upon whose devoted head the vials of unholy wrath have been so unjustly poured for propagating, she leads the world in an earnest attempt to prevent the very thing of which she is accused.

"Secession was not preached for the first time in the south. It was threatened in the north four times before South Carolina seceded. First, from Col. Timothy Pickens, of Massachusetts, opposing the acquisition of Louisiana; second, from Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, over the proposed admission of Louisiana as a state; third, from the Hartford convention, in which five states were represented, over the dissatisfaction occasioned by the war with Great Britain and fourth, from the legislature of Massachusetts because it was proposed to annex Texas to the federal union.

"When the red curtain of war rolled up on the American stage, it revealed the country in arms ready and willing to defend all that makes life worth living, the future of the country, the honor of the people, the sanctity of the home."

**Woman Dashes Carbollic Acid into Husband's Face.**

Marshall, Mo., June 3.—An assault was made upon Constable John McGrath, of this city, at a late hour last night, in his room by his wife, who had gone from her home to avenge the wrong that she claimed had been done her by her husband.

Upon meeting him at the door, she drew a pistol and in loud cries told him of the breaking up of her home and of her intention to kill him, and the woman who had caused their separation.

In McGrath's attempt to escape being shot he was severely burned by carbollic acid, which his wife had concealed on her person and dashed in his face.

Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have lived together many years and have a large family.

The wife has not been arrested.

**King's Gift to the Zoo.**

From the New York World.

A wonderful collection of heads and horns of wild animals is to be established by the New York Zoological society in Bronx park. Director Hornaday has turned over his private collection, which is to be added to by the Campfire club, the Boone and Crockett club and other organizations.

The biggest pair of elephant tusks in the world, formerly owned by King Menelik of Abyssinia, is among the prizes already obtained. There are 132 specimens, including 109 species of big game animals.

A feature impossible to duplicate is a set of twelve pairs of American bison horns, gathered from wild sources, showing the various stages in the growth of the animal. Of the 133 species of antelope, thirty-five varieties are represented in the collection.

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Painting for President Diaz.

From the Mexican Herald.

With a simple but impressive ceremony President Diaz was presented with the military painting portraying the action of his command in the battle of Puebla against the French forces in the war of invasion. The painting, which was the work of the artist, Francisco de P. Mendosa, a professor in the national school of fine arts and of the military college, was executed at the request of the governors of twelve Mexican states and was presented as a personal gift to the chief magistrate. The painting represented General Diaz in action in the glorious battle which won him for the Mexican crown and at the moment when the hooves under the standard-bearer of General Diaz

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