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RUSSIA'S COLOSSAL BLUNDER.

One can scarcely understand the fatuity of Russia in failing to make the only preparation for war which was of more moment to her than all others combined. It has been apparent for some years past that a collision between her and Japan in the East was but a question of time.

Russia might have seen, as Japan saw very clearly, that control of the waters between and about them was the key to the situation. This, indeed, was to some extent one-sided; that is to say, Russia might lose control of the sea and still maintain a good fight on land, but if she could succeed in sweeping Japan's naval power from the ocean the brunt of the battle would be over.

A simple study of the lines on which a war must begin would have shown that it must be concentrated in Eastern waters. Almost every effective ship of war in Russia's possession would have been stationed there, she would have accumulated there great military stores, would have fortified amply every harbor and would have held in readiness a tremendous attacking force ready for an instantaneous blow.

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might have fallen upon her in the first stages of the war. Had Russia won equally signal naval victories and put Japan's navy as completely out of commission, the war would virtually be over.

The effect of the first meeting between the two navies having been so clearly perceived by all other nations and dwelt upon by every student of the art of war, it is extraordinary and it argues ill for the conduct of Russian affairs that her naval resources should have been so handled as to permit her sea power to have been almost annihilated in the East during the first week of the war that she should have and must have anticipated so long ago.

Russia fights with a crouch that suggests Mr. Tommy Ryan as a trainer.

OUR GLORIOUS CLIMATE.

Subzero weather is the all-powerful foe of dyspepsia, according to one Pictet, a French chemist of renown. And really there is much less suffering from indigestion in its various forms in this section of the country in the winter than during the summer, and during the past thirty days it has been almost forgotten.

Whether or not the dyspepsia bug is incapable of sustaining life in low temperatures, it is very certain that he has an unhappy time trying to hold his own in our midst in the winter. The same vicious little beast that batters on breakfast dope and waxes fat and vigorous on brain foods in the summer time loses his interest in life when the gentleman upon whom he bestows his company takes to buckwheat cakes, sausage and coffee and then chases himself down town in the face of a breeze that curls the hairs with its nipping subzero chill.

When the mercury mounts in the tube and lingers in the eighties a man is disposed to go in for light viands and cooling drinks. He arises and fills himself with unripe fruit and mill-refuse. He gets warm and cools himself with drinks that range from acid and carbonated waters to mint juleps. He lunches on little onions and watermelon frappe. He dines on something cold and sleeps in a draft. The end and aim of his existence is to keep his coppers cool.

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This advantage is not final and may not be decisive of the conflict. It does, however, assure Japan against the great and crushing misfortune which

York will profit somewhat by the immediate need which merchants feel of placing or of filling orders that cannot now be cared for amidst these smoking ruins. Diversion will be slight at best and only temporary.

It is true always, and never truer than in such circumstances as this, that the Lord helps those who help themselves. All nature's forces and all economic law fight upon the side of the brave man.

THE YELLOW PERIL.

Forecasts made by students of the world's politics during the past fifty years have sought to prepare the world for the coming of a Lochinvar out of the East. According to these forecasts, the nation that will set in motion and then control the inert bulk of China is the coming world power.

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Contemporary Comment

Where the Grift Should Go. The United States ought not to Colombia save contempt for her action in the canal matter, and a return of the hostility which she visited on this country when opportunity offered. Let us leave the government of Colombia to its own devices, and if the congress has any money to give away to those not entitled to it, why not appropriate it to Tammany Hall, or some other political organization in this country. The money would go a long way, for example, in providing a campaign fund for the Republican party next fall, and it would not be so dishonest to appropriate it for this purpose as to give it to the grafters of Colombia. Our own grafters have the first claim, if there be any grafting anywhere.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Democracy's Savior.

If rational action could be predicted in politics, the Democratic party would recognize that its best opportunity for union and for potency in the election would come through the nomination of Richard Olney, the one man in its list of presidential possibilities, whose strength of personality and sanity of outlook would, through contrast with the weaknesses of Roosevelt, tend to unite the party, and invite the support of the country.—Springfield Republican.

Professionalism at Brown.

Brown is the first college in the land to place the stamp of authority upon the practice of permitting professionals to play upon their athletic teams. It is a reflection upon the judgment of Brown men that has been cast in years. The friends of the college must hope that the alumni will demand an instant reversal of such action. Rarely, if ever before, has a college officially approved the worst criticisms from its rivals upon its own amateur principles.—Providence Journal.

A Probable Possibility.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Minnesota—Snow Saturday; colder in west portion. Sunday fair in west; snow and colder. Tuesday, fresh south, east winds, becoming northwesterly. Upper Michigan—Snow Saturday and Sunday, with rising temperature. Fresh southeast winds, becoming northwesterly. Wisconsin—Snow Saturday, with rising temperature. Sunday snow. West portion; fresh southeast winds, becoming northwesterly. Iowa—Fair Saturday; warmer in central and east portions. Sunday snow and cold. North Dakota—Snow Saturday, with cold wave. Sunday fair. South Dakota—Snow Saturday; much colder. Sunday fair. Montana—Snow and colder Saturday. Sunday snow. St. Paul—Yesterday's observations, taken by the United States weather bureau, left at 7 o'clock, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night—Barometer corrected for temperature, highest, 28; lowest, 20; average, 24; wind, S. by E., 10; direction, S. by E.; force, 7; p. m. temperature, 13; p. m. wind, southeast; weather, cloudy. Yesterday's temperatures: \*8pmHigh \*8pmLow

\*Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul). -Below zero.

What the Editors Say

Congressman Volstead gained his first notoriety last week by his reply to John Lind, in a speech defending the present tariff rates. His argument is that the tariff is a protection to the farmers and if it were removed the benefit would accrue directly to the mills to the detriment of the wheat raisers, however this is no one can be certain, but it looks as though Lind had the better side of the argument. The tariff was placed on wheat in the first place to make the farmers keep quiet when the lumber tariff was put where it is. The same interests that are so zealous for the farmers are not getting far away from the lumber yards. These two tariffs are the most pernicious agents operating against the Northwest.—New Ulm Review.

It is nothing more than fair to state that the resignation of Henry Wolfier from the wardenship of the prison will be keenly regretted throughout the length and breadth of Minnesota. Few men that have occupied public positions in this state have held the esteem and friendship of such a large body of our citizens and this has been done by a strict attention to the duties of the important position he has filled and the results of his measure of success that comes from close application to the intricate duties of the place.—Stillwater Gazette.

It is refreshing to know that some of our farmers are coming to the conclusion that in order to get the top price for their stock, they must have the best breeds. Scrubs in hogs, cattle, horses, or, in fact anything raised by the farmer, always bring small returns when sold and farmers are beginning to see it.—Sleepy Eye Herald.

It is claimed that some of the professional politicians are figuring on making a bid next year to have the primary law repealed. The wire-pullers had better not monkey with a buzz saw. The law was made for the rank and file of the people and not for the leg-pulling, leech-like politicians.—Lamberton Star.

John A. Johnson, of St. Peter, is being prominently mentioned as being pretty good Democratic gubernatorial timber, and if he says the word the newspaper men of the Third district are ready to give him a boom a vigorous send-off.—Belle Plaine Herald.

It does seem decidedly out of place to ring in one's politics in assisting the unfortunate, distressed or needy. But this is exactly what the Lincoln club, of St. Paul, did in sending \$150 to the Baltimore sufferers.—St. Cloud Times.

Charley Mitchell likes politics better than expositions and is going to resign to manage Bob Dunn's campaign. The old story that off-holders couldn't resign is exploded.—St. Peter Herald.

Among the Merrymakers

No Worry. "But," asked the prison visitor, "do not think of your wife and children sometimes haunt you and worry you?" "Now," replied the convict, "they can't bother any more; I'm in for life."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Honorable Woman. "She's exceedingly honorable," said the first woman. "Indeed?" queried the other. "Oh," replied the first woman, "why, she wouldn't even steal another woman's cook."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Please Close the Door. "Do you know anything about the open door in the East?" asked the man who was always reading. "No," replied the man with cold feet, "and all I have to say is if it is as cold as here they should close it."—Chicago News.

Thoughtful Wife. Mrs. A.—John seemed to take you so long to color your meerschaum with such a little bit of smoke, so I put it away for you. Mrs. B.—Where did you put it? Mrs. A.—In the stove.—Chicago News.

A Marvel. At the classics he'd never had a chance. But in wisdom he'd never had a chance. Forsooth, he was able to take a time table. And tell what it meant to a glance.—Salt Lake Herald.

Pa's Idea of It. Little Willie—Say, pa, what does this paper mean by saying the patient is convalescing? "Oh," said the doctor, "it means that he has managed to outwit the doctor, my son.—Chicago News.

Taking No Chances. "If you had \$1,000,000, would you do it?" "I don't know that I'd do anything," answered Mr. Ardue. "I'd probably take up and find it wasn't so."—Washington Star.

A VALENTINE

A Valentine illustration featuring a portrait of a man with a mustache, a sword, and a dagger. Text includes 'In Memoriam 1904', 'To Nicholas', 'From His Friend and Enemy', 'Mitsouine', and 'The Mikado to the Czar.'

At St. Paul Theaters

The engagement of "The Cavalier" at the Metropolitan will close with today's matinee and evening performance.

Kirke La Shelle's excellent company and beautiful scenic production of "The Bonnie Brier Bush," with J. H. Stoddard and Reuben Fax in the stellar roles, will be seen again at the Metropolitan for four nights and Wednesday matinee, commencing Sunday night. This announcement should give much pleasure to those of our theatergoers who have witnessed previous performances of this charming play, and who have seen that grand old actor, Mr. Stoddard, in his peerless portrayal of the stern Lachlan Campbell, and who have laughed at the philosophical "Posty," as played by that quaint comedian, Reuben Fax.

One of the recent debutantes of the comic opera stage is Miss Cora Taylor, who sings the leading contralto role in "Red Feather." Miss Tracy is a protegee of Miss Grace Van Studdiford, the star of the production, which will appear at the Metropolitan opera house Thursday evening, Feb. 18.

"The Factory Girl" will close its engagement at the Grand next week, the current week with a matinee today at 2:30 and the final performance tonight.

Melodrama will again hold the boards at the Grand next week, the current week with a matinee today at 2:30 and the final performance tonight.

The "Merry Maidens" company will close a satisfactory engagement at the Star with two performances today. The ladies' matinee yesterday was very largely attended and the women in the audience evidently appreciated the good bill.

RAILROAD A NEGRO

ASSAILANT TO SAFETY

Man That Attacked Mrs. Shields and Child Avoids a Mob.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 12.—Henry Williams, colored, who was arrested at North Fork Tuesday, on suspicion of having committed the assault on Mrs. Shields and her three-year-old daughter in their home here on Jan. 20, made a full confession of the crime in the Bluebird jail today. Williams gave up two watches and some clothing stolen from the Shields home.

He was placed on a special train and rushed through to Richmond in a heavy guard. Williams was placed in the state penitentiary for safekeeping, the feeling being such that the authorities are satisfied it would be unwise to bring him here at this time.

Enjoins Pressmen From Striking

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—A temporary injunction against the International Pressmen's and Assistants' union was issued today by Justice Boring in the supreme judicial court of Massachusetts. The defendants are restrained from bringing about a sympathetic strike among pressmen in connection with the prevailing contest of the job compositors against the union in this city for a new wage schedule.

Burns Prove Fatal.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE. SLAYTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—Julius Michaelson died today as a result of severe burns received at the fire here yesterday.

STILL BELIEVES IN BRYAN.

To the Editor of The Globe: Your correspondent of Feb. 5 is one of a few Democrats from the country districts who have lost confidence in Mr. Bryan. It is plain he was not among the 6,000,000 supporters of Bryan in 1896. Granting that of this huge vote 1,500,000 were Silver Republicans and Populists, we still have a good, fat margin of 4,500,000 were Democrats. Furthermore, the figures for 1892 plainly show that the bulk of the Populist vote was drawn from the Republicans. Mistle under Harrison, and Cleveland's record as a Democrat in his first term brought about this landslide. "By cheap money," your correspondent probably means unreliable money, if so he is right. It is only money that is solvent and reliable government and so would its money be under bimetalism. His words about "purchasing power of wages and savings," are hard to understand. Does he mean the purchasing power of labor? And then the advice to drop everything and seek "re-pressed" free trade with Canada. Oh, Lord! What a tremendous advantage for a great party to fight for. By the way, will The Globe be so kind as to reprint the editorial in Monday's issue, entitled "Your Fear Him," and substitute the name of W. J. Bryan in place of that of A. P. Gorman. If it is true that Mr. Bryan attempts to dominate the party, we would ask who has a better right to dominate it in view of the fact that modern political parties seem to need a boss. It is plainly evident, however, that Bryan bosses the party in the interests of the rank and file as opposed to the machine politicians.—A. Tourson, Northfield, Minn., Feb. 11, 1904.

USE OF FEDERAL TROOPS REFUSED

President Explains Certain Things He Cannot Do Under the Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Roosevelt today addressed a letter to Gov. Warfield, of Maryland, declining to comply with the request of the legislature that the United States troops be sent to Baltimore for service in the burned district. The president says he has no legal authority to grant the aid of troops unless a disturbance that amounts to insurrection against the state government exists, and which the state authorities cannot quell; nor can the president legally delegate to a governor authority to direct federal troops, as was requested by the Maryland legislature.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 12.—That Baltimore is to rise from its ashes, more substantial, more modern and far more symmetrical needs no further proof than was made manifest today by renewed expression on the part of Mayor McLane and the committee on public safety and leading citizens that no building permits should be issued until plans are completed for realigning certain thoroughfares whose crookedness and narrowness have long constituted a blemish as well as embarrassment to municipal growth.

There is a grim determination visible on all sides that the new Baltimore shall be distinguished among American cities for both its material substance and its architectural beauty.

The situation appeared brighter today than at any time since the great catastrophe. The regular transaction of business in the Chamber of Commerce, receipts of grain by elevators and the payment of all checks by banks were events that established confidence throughout the business community.

The offer of a New York insurance company to loan \$2,000,000 in Baltimore for rebuilding purposes is a striking illustration of the readiness of outside capital to invest in this city. This money is offered at 4 1/2 per cent, free of commission. Another insurance company has offered to loan the city \$500,000, available at once.

The task of clearing the piles of brick, mortar and rubbish from the streets in the fire scorched district was pushed forward today with marvelous energy.

The work of emptying the safe deposit vaults in the ruined buildings has progressed rapidly. The great cart of cavallettes accompanies the wagons in which the treasures are hauled. Sharpshooters in plain clothes ride on the wagons, and detectives follow close on the sidewalks. Clerks of banks close on the sidewalks are also on the wagons and have their hands constantly on revolvers. It is impossible to get within ten feet of these vehicles. The money and securities in these vaults are being carried to the vaults of banks and companies that escaped the fire.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 12.—State Auditor Carroll today issued a notice that all insurance companies doing business in the state they must make a statement of losses suffered in the Baltimore fire and provisions for settling them pending renewal of permission to do business in Iowa.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY IS FORTUNATE

It Losses Only About \$250,000 in the Baltimore Fire.

Special Dispatch to The Globe. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Phoenix Insurance company, of this city, loses but about \$250,000 by the Baltimore fire, while its monthly income is nearly \$500,000. Its surplus is \$1,700,000, its gross assets \$5,500,000. The Phoenix, though one of the oldest, is one of the most progressive, largest and most solid of the fire insurance companies. Its losses of \$400,000 in the Chicago fire in 1871 and of nearly \$560,000 in the Boston fire in 1872 were paid promptly and without inconvenience. It is at that time the Phoenix was comparatively small to what it is now.

Blow to Blydenburgh's Pride.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 12.—E. S. Blydenburgh, the modern Bluebeard, sent to the penitentiary from Eldorado for killing his wife, has been made a prisoner at his new home in the state penitentiary at Anamosa. Blydenburgh was taken to Anamosa by Sheriff Mitterer, and while en route was chained to a horse thief. Blydenburgh felt humiliated.