

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

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HIS FIGURES LIED.

Uncle Sam Deceived by a Russian American.

FALSE REPORT IN THE SEAL CASE.

Compromising the United States' Case Before the Arbitrators—An Alaskan Expert Makes Up a Report Entirely with Reference to What is Needed, Regardless of What is True—Gossip About the Meeting of Congress—Measures That Will Come Up Dec. 5.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The Post publishes an article to the effect that Ivan Petroff, a special agent of the state department and formerly in the census office, has been detected in the act of furnishing false information to this government in relation to the seal industry of Alaska, which has been embodied in the preparation of the Behring sea case for arbitration. Officials of the state department and interior department when shown the article affirmed its correctness, but declined to say anything further. The falsification of the facts is a serious matter, because it would, if undiscovered, have discredited the whole case for the United States.

Ran Across Ivan Petroff's Name.

The article says: "When the state department began the task some months ago of preparing the Behring sea case for arbitration it became necessary to secure the assistance of all experts on Alaskan and sealing questions. In investigating the literature on the resources of Alaska the department encountered the name of Ivan Petroff more frequently than that of any other author, and, upon inquiry for him being instituted, he was found to be a special agent of the census bureau. It was also learned that he had taken the census of Alaska for the United States government in 1880 and 1890 and written the monograph issued by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department on Alaska. In addition to this he had also assisted Hubert Howe Bancroft in the preparation of the latter's history of the territory.

"It was quite evident to the state department, therefore, that the hitherto trusted official would be of valuable assistance in the preparation of the Behring sea case. Mr. Petroff was thereupon summoned from the census bureau to the state department, and he was intrusted with the examination into and compilation of certain facts relating to the sealing industry. It was not necessary for him to visit Alaska, and his work was done in this city. Some time after it had been submitted to the department one of the government's special attorneys while examining the data discovered an error. Closer investigation showed that nearly the entire information furnished by Petroff had been falsified, and in a manner which left no doubt of falsification with willful intent to deceive.

Notified the British Government.

"This discovery astounded the state department officials. The information had already been incorporated in the case of this government as sent to London and formed a part of the arch upon which the United States' claim rested, although it was not the keystone by any manner of means. The British government was at once notified that the United States had been led into errors of statement and was informed that a correction would be made when the counter case, as the supplementary papers are termed, was submitted. The discovery has created considerable excitement in official circles.

Cannot Punish the Rascal.

"The superintendent of the census has been in conference with the president, the secretary of state and the secretary of the interior regarding his faithless employe. The question has naturally arisen, if Petroff's work has been falsified in one instance, are not his census figures also unreliable? This is an inquiry that can only be answered after tedious and perhaps expensive investigation. Curiously enough, there is no law upon the statute books to meet such a case as this, and Mr. Petroff will simply lose his government position, with the knowledge that never again can he enter official life."

GOSSIP ABOUT CONGRESS.

Important Measures That Will Come Up Next Month.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—On Monday, Dec. 5, three weeks from now, the Fifty-second congress will meet in final session. In the interest which has centered round the election fight has been lost for the time of the important work yet remaining uncompleted on the calendar of the Fifty-second congress. One of the first matters to be brought before the senate will be the Washburn anti-option bill, which has already passed the house, and has shown that it has a clear majority in favor of its passage in the senate. The bill imposes special taxes on dealers in options and futures, and requires persons engaged in selling certain products to obtain licenses.

Chicago's Wheat Pit in Danger.

Its provisions are so sweeping that they would practically, it is charged, shut up the Chicago wheat pit, the New Orleans cotton exchange, and other institutions of like character. A strong opposition was developed to the bill in the senate, but there was a still stronger movement in its favor. Washburn of Minnesota, who had the bill in charge, only consented to lay it aside so as to allow of an adjournment of congress when August had far advanced, on condition that it should be made the first special order for the next session, and should be fought out to a finish. This accordingly has to be done. The senate has a number of other important bills on its calendar, including the "free wool bill" and other so-called "poppet" tariff proposals.

NEGROES MOBBED.

Homestead Continues to Occupy Its Bad Eminence.

ATTACK ON NON-UNION MILLMEN.

A Host Against Seven Negroes—The Knife and Pistol Perform a Part in the Entertainment and a Number of Persons Are Wounded—Dreadful Tragedy in a Chicago Disorderly House—A Woman and Two Men Shot—Fratricide Enlivens a Wedding Reception.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Nov. 14.—The period of comparative quietness which has prevailed in Homestead since the militia left died out yesterday, and the pent-up feelings of the strikers broke out afresh in a riot in which at least fifty shots were fired, but miraculously no person was killed, though a score were hit by flying bullets. A party of seven colored non-union men were on their way to their boarding house about 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a man supposed to be a striker attacked two of the negroes, Charles Carroll and Fred Lewis. Lewis was knocked down. This was a signal for a large crowd to gather at the scene of trouble.

Lewis' companions came to his rescue, and a terrible riot took place between the colored men on one side and the crowd, supposed to be strikers, on the other.

Fought with Knives and Pistols. The two sides fought desperately and fired their revolvers and slashed each other with knives. At close quarters the negroes, while the crowd was attacking the house. They were followed by a mobbing, bloodthirsty crowd, which by this time numbered at least 2,000, including many women and children. The crowd threw stones at the fleeing negroes, and they in turn returned the fire on the crowd, and how so many escaped instant death is a miracle. At least two dozen people were injured by flying missiles, but as far as could be learned none were killed. The seven negroes and a number of strikers have been arrested. The greatest excitement prevailed here and more deputies have been asked for.

IN THE WILD WESTERN WAY.

A Tough and a United States Marshal Swap Some Lead.

DENVER, Nov. 14.—Phil Foote, at various times marshal of Kokoma, White Pine, and other Colorado towns, has been creating considerable excitement in western Colorado. Several months ago he visited a Salt Lake gambling room, where he held of a room full of gamblers and sports with a brace of revolvers, and when he departed a considerable sum went with him. Foote was captured and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, but afterwards escaped. The United States marshal went after him, and Saturday morning he was overtaken at Green River, Utah.

Worked an Effective Trick.

Marshals Paul and Burbridge and another went to his room. The moment they opened the door Foote reached for his gun, but Paul had him covered and shouted: "Up with your hands!" Foote, still holding his revolver, threw up his hands fast enough, but when his right hand was above his head he worked the trick of whirling the gun around so that the barrel was downward and the trigger above and in that position let go a shot at Paul. So accurate was his aim that the ball took off two of the fingers of Paul's right hand and disabled it so he could not fire.

Both Do Poor Shooting.

Paul took the revolver in his left hand and he and Foote blazed away at one another, while jumping around the room dodging bullets. Foote got to the door and swiftly vanished through it. With another revolver he stood off the crowd that had gathered on hearing the shots and in a moment was out of town. The two marshals with Paul are said to have been nervous and did not help him in the fight. A posse has started in pursuit.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT CHICAGO.

Charles Lyon Shoots a Woman, Her Paramour and Himself.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—A shooting affair which will probably cause the loss of three lives took place in a disorderly house at 477 1/2 Clark street, kept by Frank Whittaker and Susie Hess, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Charles Lyon, of Sycamore, Ill., called at the house and tried to induce the Hess woman to leave Whittaker and go with him. This she declined to do, and told Lyon to leave the house. While they were talking Whittaker entered the room. Lyon drew a revolver and pressing the muzzle against the Hess woman's right side, pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through the woman's body and lodged in the left side.

Turns His Gun on Whittaker.

Lyon then turned around and fired two shots at Whittaker. One of the bullets struck Whittaker on the left side of the back, passing through his body. After gazing for an instant on his victims, Lyon stepped hastily into an adjoining room, and, placing the revolver to his head, sent a bullet through his brain, killing himself instantly. Dr. Wetzel was summoned and pronounced the injuries of the wounded man and woman fatal. Whittaker and the woman arrived in this city from New York about two months ago.

Cat His Brother's Throat.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 14.—A bloody murder occurred at 111 Swiss street yesterday, Patrick Frank Murphy cutting the throat of his brother, W. J. Murpy, a conductor on the Toledo division of the Lake Shore railroad. Saturday a sister of the two brothers was married, and yesterday a reception was given in honor of the occasion. The murderer, who is a dissolute character, remained in his room, and his brother said he would see what was the matter with him. Soon after he entered the room a struggle ensued, in which Patrick cut the throat of his brother from ear to ear.

Perhaps the Bacilli Were Dead.

MUNICH, Nov. 14.—Professor Pettenkofer and Professor Emmerich, who have been conducting a series of experiments with cholera bacilli, say that, as far as they have been able to learn, local and not individual conditions engender the epidemic. Both men have swallowed large numbers of cholera bacilli, and yet, but for slight diarrhoea, neither of them suffered any inconvenience.

Garbage Becomes a Nuisance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 14.—Suits aggregating \$112,500 have been filed against the city of Indianapolis by property owners in the vicinity of the city garbage dump. The city dumps its garbage into open trenches upon the farm owned by it near the edge of the town, and the atmosphere is tainted for a mile or two in every direction.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Bridge Foreman Thomas, of Columbus, O., wrapped his overcoat around an 8-year-old girl who had caught fire from a bonfire and was in flames and jumped into the river with her. She is badly burned and may die.

The freighting steamer England, which is overdue, has arrived safely. She is disabled but managed to reach quarantine at New York with all well.

There is a report that T. V. Powderly will resign the K. of L. general master workman's position. He is not in good health, and besides is mighty tired of the job—so they say.

Richard Perkins, of Chelsea, Wis., while hunting ran into a set gun and was mortally wounded. He had been married but six weeks.

Wm. Russell, of Chicago, had to pay \$50 and costs because when his horse balked he drove the blade of his pocket knife two inches into the animal.

There is another arrival at the World's fair; a boy this time. Of course he is an Esquimau. The young man will be called Christopher Columbus Peliss.

Adj. Gen. Greene, of the Iowa National Guard, has gone south for his health which has been seriously impaired by his work in getting the Iowa troops to the World's fair dedication and a prior attack of typhoid fever.

Kiemlin, the Tennessee stallion, trotted a mile in 2:07 1/2, beating Stamboul's record and rewinning the stallion championship.

A band of desperados set upon two Swedes at the foot of Talcott mountain, near Hartford, Conn., at a late hour Saturday night, stoned one of them to death and shot the other so that he will probably die. Robbery was the motive for the crime.

Charles Curtis, one of the representatives in congress elected by the Republicans of Kansas, is of Indian descent—one quarter blood.

In a fight over a boundary apple tree between Charles Knorr and Thomas Hussey, living near Bessemer station, Pa., Knorr was fatally hurt with an ax. Hussey is in jail.

The latest report of what President Harrison will do after March 4, 1893, establishes him in New York as the law partner of his secretary of war B. F. Tracy.

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