CANCER GERM GIVES WAY TO RADIUM

Ordinary Rain Water Is Transformed Into Highly Medicinal Product.

ANN ARBOR EXPERIMENTS

They Give Rise to the Claim That the Dread Cancer Can Be Cured and Drug Habit Is Wiped Out —A Doctor's Theory.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 20.—The possibility of using radium to convert ordinary rain and well water into a mineral water, more highly medicinal than any known natural mineral water, has been demonstrated at the University of Michigan in a series of experiments covering the last ten weeks.

Dr. Rollin H. Stevens of Detroit, a skin disease specialist, who holds a lecture chair at Michigan, having spent last summer in Europe studying radium, returned recently to try his radium outfit on cancer.

He hit upon the idea of immersing a radium tube in water, tightly closed in glass bottles. Dr. Stevens was looking for a method by which radium could be applied to the interior of a cancer without any danger of the terrible radium, or X-ray, burns.

Makes Water Radio-Active.

He worked on the known phenomenon that every substance, brought even within a moderate distance of radium, absorbs the radium rays and afterward gives them out exactly like a radium tube. By leaving a sealed tube in pure, distilled water for twenty-four hours he produced radio-active water, of powerful effects, as his tests immediately proved.

Injected into cancers this water stopped pain in ten minutes. His first patient was a man whose allotted life was one week, a sufferer from cancer and an X-ray burn. This man took morphine to endure his pain, but after one application of the radium water he was able to stop the morphine completely. Even in his weakened condition the homemade mineral water successfully stopped craving for the drug and also prolonged his life two months.

Relieves Pain at Once.

Other patients now under the radium water treatment include one with a cancer of eighteen years' standing, and some of the ordinary nose and breast cancers. The eighteen year cancer has had six weeks of water treatment, and from the first five minutes after applying water pain has been almost wholly absent. In each of the other cases pains stopped immediately, and several poor sufferers were released from the morphine habit, which had been forced upon them.

Apparently the water is curing every one of these cancers, even the one with an eighteen year history, for all of them have steadily and consistently diminished in size, the worst one now being only half its former bulk. By the beginning of March the mineralizing of pure water will begin on a much larger scale, for then radium tubes of 180,000 radio-activity will arrive. At present Michigan has nothing stronger than 50,000 radio-activity. Radio-activity defined means the number of times a piece of radium is stronger than the influence of a piece of uranium, the metal from which the first radium was made.

Doubts Cancer Germ.

Dr. Stevens' theory about radium water, based on his own ten weeks' observation, is that radium may not, as commonly believed, cure cancer by killing the germ. He says that no one ever yet proved positively that there was a germ to be killed. Watching the cancer cells, he observed first that minute holes appear in them, which enlarged rapidly and quickly obliterated the cell. He names his process absorption.

NEW YORK TO OWN FERRY

Fast Line to Staten Island Under Civic Control to Be Started.

New York, Feb. 19.—A fast ferry line to Staten Island is to be established under municipal control. The board of sinking fund commissioners for Greater New York has authorized advertisement for bids calling for the construction of five high speed ferryboats to cost approximately $370,000 each.

Nearly $5,000,000 will be spent in building boats and constructing terminals. It is expected by the residents of Staten Island that when the service shall have been inaugurated under control of the city they can reach Manhattan in twenty minutes.

DEGREE IS DROPPED.

Northwestern University Votes for a Change in Its Curriculum.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Contending that the degree of bachelor of philosophy is a nondescript title, the Northwestern university voted to cancel its course leading to that degree hereafter. In the future only the degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of science will be conferred in the undergraduate schools.

Discussion over the change in the curriculmum was taken up at a faculty meeting held yesterday, and by an almost unanimous vote the bachelor of philosophy dergee was dropped from the list.

Students for the other degrees will henceforth be required to study only one classic language, Greek or Latin. Another modern language must be added, however, to the course of study for a diploma. In case the student prefers he may omit the modern language, and pursue the study of both Greek and Latin.

BUCHANAN IS OUT.

Former Sioux City Man Has Resignation as Minister to Republic of Panama Accepted.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The state department has received and accepted the resignation of W. I. Buchanan, American minister to Panama. No successor has been appointed.

PUBLISHERS REBEL.

Will Ask Roosevelt to Order Investigation of White Paper Famine.

New York, Feb. 20.—At the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' association today the famine in white paper was discussed. A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting President Roosevelt and the attorney general to institute a suit against any of three paper combinations to test the legality of their existence and whether they do not stifle competition.

REVIVE OLD FEUD.

Miller and St. Lawrence Now Prodding Each Other Over Pilcher Case.

Miller, S. D., Feb. 22.—A wash board and soap was today contributed by old soldiers and others to the Hattie Pilcher fund. The Woman's Relief Corps of St. Lawrence, where she is now, having made strong appeal in today's Miller Gazette for aid. The editor lives in St. Lawrence and it was to rebuke him and St. Lawrence that this sort of contribution was made not as reflection on the girl, although she is reported to be well and able to work.

CHARLES CASSILL FOR SENATOR

Formal Announcement of Canton Man for State Honors.

Canton, S. D., Feb. 22.—The local papers this morning bring out the name of Charles H. Cassill, cashier of the Farmers' State bank of this city, as a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator. Mr. Cassill has lived in this county for about twelve years and has always been prominent in political and public affairs ever since he came here, and for the past two years he has been chairman of the republican county central committee. He has also been prominent in the state for several years for he has served several times as grand chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge in which he has also held several other states offices. He is a young man but has made a successful record as a business man and financier and the fact that he is a man of high standing among all classes is the reason he is thought to be a strong candidate. If he is nominated he will be elected and make a strong and influential member of the upper branch of the legislature.

SCHOOL LANDS APPRAISED.

County Commissioner and Assistants in Beadle County Finish Task.

Huron, S. D., Feb. 22.—The prices for which school lands in this, Beadle county, were appraised by Commissioner Beach and assistants range from $15 to $30 per acre; there were but two prices quoted at the former figure and one at the latter, the others being put at $20 and $22 per acre. In almost every instance the prices are regarded as reasonably low when the quality of the land and location are taken into account.

Huron bowlers who went to Watertown and Broookings to bowl with teams in those cities were badly defeated and returned home to do some practicing. They had a splendid time and expect soon to entertain their Brookings and Watertown friends at friendly games in this city.

"Sierstad," the steel steamship seized by the Japanese authorities a few days since, is owned by the Richards family in Norway, and R. O. Richards of this city, and in which a number of Huron gentlemen have shares of stock. The vessel was under five years' charter in Chinese and Korean trade.

FIGHT ON ROSEBUD BILL.

South Dakota Delegation Thinks Letters of Objection Are Misleading.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Gamble of South Dakota, who has charge of the Rosebud reservation bill, said today that he felt confident of its passage, although the hostility of the Indian Rights association to the bill might bring about a closer fight than he had anticipated. The Indian Rights association has filed a memorial against the proposed sale of 416,000 acres of land in Gregory county on the ground that the price fixed in the bill for the land is wholly inadequate and that the Indians will suffer great injustice if the bill be passed. The memorial, which was presented to congress by Senator Cockrell, contains a number of letters from dealers in real estate adjacent to the lands to be opened. These letters, the South Dakota delegation state, are wholly misleading. It is understood that George Kennan, the well known Russian writer, who takes an interest in Indian rights, is also fighting the bill because of the inadequate price. Those who are acquainted with the situation in the senate, notwithstanding the opposition which has been shown against the Rosebud bill, believe the house bill, or so-called Burke bill, will be passed next week, the death of Senator Hanna having stopped all legislation for the time.

The death of Senator Hanna makes a vacancy in the chairmanship of interoceanic canals committee. It was thought today that Senator Kittredge of South Dakota, who was Senator Hanna's right-hand man on the committee, would in all probability succeed to the chairmanship, although he was fourth from the ranking member, Thomas C. Platt of New York.

BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET.

Over 1,500 Attended the Affair, Every Part of State Being Represented.

Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 22.—Fifteen hundred attended the sixth annual business men's banquet last night, over a thousand being present from out of town. Every part of the state was represented by leading citizens. The banquet lasted until 4:30 o'clock this morning.

Speakers of prominence were Judge Burtt, Huron; Attorney General Philo Hall; J. L. McCale, Minneapolis; J. C. Simmons, Frederick; Senator J. H. Bottum, Faulkton; Senator Toy, Andover; Professor Todd, state geologist; Judge Burr, Selby; Senator J. E. McDougall, Britton; Senator Branson, Mitchell; Edmund Cook, Wilmot; J. L. Lockhart, Pierre; Professor H. Hicks, Ellendale; Senator Tyler, Sioux Falls; N. P. Bromley, Redfield. The banquet was held in the new $100,000 court house.

The affair was the biggest and pronounced the finest ever held in the state.

May Be a Bear at Salem.

Salem, S. D., Feb. 22.—Peter Kremer's farm, two miles east of Salem, has been the scene of a peculiar mystery. Two 150-pound hogs were found dead in the morning, each having the back portion of the shoulder eaten. Several other hogs were crippled, one of them weighing 400 pounds. Four ducks and three geese were also killed, each of these being eaten under the wing. It is not known what did the killing, but Kremer thinks it must have been some very large animal. It may turn out to be a bear which has wandered to these parts from its usual haunts, as a couple of young men from Wisconsin, who are husking corn here, declare that they have recently seen bear tracks in this vicinity.

The Cotton Market.

New York, Feb. 19.—Cotton opened weak at an advance of a point to a decline of 11, and continued weak at first with the active months declining about 20 points under moderate liquidation and some room seling on disappointing cables and declines in New Orleans. Later the early loss was recovered and a little more, on good buying and covering.

SEVEN MEN SHOT IN A POOL ROOM

Police and Posse Were Making an Effort to Close the Objectionable Place.

TWO FATALLY WOUNDED

While Serving Warrants for Arrest of Owner of a Pool Room at Madison, Ill., Constables and Citizens Precipitate a Riot.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—In an effort to close up a pool room that has for a long time operated in the outskirts of Madison, Ill., across the river from St. Louis, three constables, accompanied by a posse of citizens, and bearing warrants for the arrest of six men connected with the pool room, precipitated a riot which resulted in the shooting of seven men. Two may die.

The wounded:

Lee Harlan, druggist, probably mortally wounded.

William Schooley, posse man.

Edward Harris, spectator.

Edward Downs, seriously.

Patrick McCambridge, policeman, probably mortally.

Two unknown, not seriously.

Warrants had been sworn out before Justice of the Peace Isenmeyer of Granite City, adjoining Madison, and placed in the hands of Constable John Glass and two other constables for the arrest of Whitfield, Brooks and Eugene Wall of Granite City, and Thomas Riley, Charles Greenfield, Thomas Manley and Martin Johns of St. Louis, charging them with being connected with the pool room. After the failure of the Madison county grand jury, which recently investigated the pool room, to return indictments citizens took the matter in hand with the intention of having the pool room closed. Several days ago warrants were issued for State Senator David Nelson of Missouri, charging him with being a pool seller, and Victor Schuler, charging him with conducting a pool room and being custodian of the funds. Schuler was arrested yesterday and gave bond of $500 pending a hearing. The additional warrants were sworn out today, and the three constables appeared at the pool room to serve them. Two policemen were within, and declared they had arrested the operators of the pool room and were guarding them. Betting was going on as usual at the time.

The constables were ordered to leave the premises, which they did after an argument. Proceeding through the neighborhood, the constables organized a posse of armed citizens numbering about fifty persons.

The constables and posse then returned to the pool room and entered. They were at once ordered out, and the doors were ordered closed and locked. The posse demurred and words followed. One posse man, it is stated, pointed a shotgun at Policeman McCambridge, who fired a revolver pointed at the ceiling. Firing then became general. The policeman was shot through the body. The crowd in the pool room scattered hurriedly, many fleeing into a waiting Illinois Central train.

When the fusillade was over the constables and posse had possession. The bookmakers, however, asserted that the pool room will be open as usual today.

Although the pool room men are now constructively under arrest, the police say they will not permit the citizens to interfere.

Three Arrests Made.

William, George and Alexander Coudy, brothers, and William Schooley, who was shot in the leg, were arrested on warrants charging them with rioting. The warrants were sworn out by Policeman John Meehan before Magistrate Gibbs. The four were in the posse, and William Coudy and Schooley were among the citizens who secured the warrants which the constables attempted to serve, causing the riot. All four were released on bonds of $500 each, and their hearing was set for Monday.

PHILLIPINE BONDS.

Three Millions in Temporary Certificates Offered to Bidders.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The war department has issued a circular calling for the proposals of $3,000,000 worth of Philippine temporary certificates, proposals to be opened here April 15. These bear 4 per cent. interest, and run one year. The new bonds are intended to replace the current issue, which will fall due May 1 next. These might have been continued, but the Philippine commission thought that their prompt redemption would make toward maintaining the high standard of credit for the islands, which is regarded as desirable.

The terms under which the new bonds are to be issued are very similar to those governing the first issue.

CASUALTY STATISTICS.

In Four Months 15,187 Persons Were Killed or Injured on Railways.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The interstate commerce commission, in a report issued yesterday shows that in railroad accidents in the United States during July, August and September, 1903, 60 passengers and 220 employes were killed and 1,688 passengers and 1,914 employes injured. Other accidents, not the result of train accidents, bring the aggregate casualties up to 15,187, being 109 passengers and 916 employes killed and 3,688 passengers and 11,474 employes injured.

The total number of collisions and derailments were 3,063.

FIRE ON DOMINICANS.

American Vessels Adopt Vigorous Measures to Protect American Interests in Island.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Feb. 22.—A French mail steamship which arrived here reports the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia have been forced to fire on the Dominican rebels outside the city of San Domingo because the insurgents fired upon the American mail steamship. The American commander has forbidden either party fighting within the city limits. Great distress and starvation prevail in San Domingo city. The town of Jeremie, southern Hayti, has been declared in a state of siege.

A Graft for Germany.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—It is reported at Wei Hsien that Germany has secured the right to inaugurate a uniform police system in all cities of Shan Tung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

MANCHURIAN CRISIS.

Provisions Are Scarce, Paper Money in Many Places Is Refused and Famine Is Near.

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 22.—Russian troops are concentrated in the lower Yalu valley. Everybody is in high spirits and daily expecting reinforcements. Russian families are leaving Manchuria owing to the dearness of provisions. The railroads cannot cope with the demands for transportation. Women and children are unable to get trains and many are waiting at the stations, suffering from cold and hunger. The Chinese are quiet and are bringing in provisions. The rise in prices is due to some extent to the fall in the value of paper money, which in some places is altogether refused.

CAUSES GREAT WORRY.

Russia Begins to Think That She Is Going to Be Cleaned Out Without Making a Showing.

London, Feb. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail, who arrived at Berlin yesterday from St. Petersburg, has a confidential report that Admiral Alexieff has determined to fall back on Harbin, leaving Port Arthur to work out its own salvation. He is now fortifying Harbin and preparing it for the base of a large army. He has the fullest confidence that Port Arthur will be able to stand a long siege.

The Japanese will thus be placed in a dilemma. If they advance Port Arthur will be prepared to menace their rear; if they do not advance, Alexieff will collect his forces at Harbin and wait until spring, when he will advance in such overpowering strength that no resistance will be possible.

The correspondent adds, however, that this plan has been received in Russian military circles with consternation and has caused a more painful sensation than the calamities that have befallen the Russian fleet, as it, more clearly than any other event that has occurred, reveals the formidable nature of the enemy. The feeling of alarm and despondency at Moscow and St. Petersburg is becoming widespread.

As the police have reason to believe that revolutionists are taking part in the so-called patriotic demonstrations, with the intention of establishing the custom of collecting large mobs before the palace, these gatherings are now being discouraged.

CHINA GETS BUSY.

The Dragon Announces It Will Defend the Tombs of Its Ancestors to the Bitter End.

London, Feb. 22.—A communication of the utmost importance, which may add fresh complications to the far eastern situation, has, it is said been handed to the various governments by the Chinese ministers in Washington and the European capitals. The Chinese government had addressed both Russia and Japan, reiterating its intention to maintain strict neutrality, but declaring the sanctity of the tombs of the ancestors of the Chinese dynasty, at Mukden and elsewhere, must be respected by the belligerents. China's communication states that she has troops at Mukden and other points in Manchuria, and in case either Russia or Japan desecrates the tombs or in other ways does injury to China, orders have been given the troops to vindicate the honor of China and meet force with force.

SORRY CARNIVAL WEEK

St. Petersburg Finds Small Cause for Hilarity, and Only Asks for War News.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Today and tomorrow, the closing days of the carnival week, will be observed practically only by cessation of work. There will be little rejoicing. Such a carnival time is not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay sleigh parties to the islands. Instead the people gather about the bands playing in the streets, or follow the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to report an attempted landing which was repulsed.

JAPAN'S VICTORY SURE.

"Joe Wheeler Says Russia Can Expect Nothing but Disaster for Months to Come.

Washington, Feb. 20.—General "Joe" Wheeler, in discussing the Japanese-Russian war, as he was leaving the White house today, said:

"I do not see how the Japanese could fail to be victorious in the end, unless Russia decides to utilize her entire resources. Japan can place sufficient men in Manchuria to defeat the Russian armies at various points and then destroy the railroad, which is essential to Russian relief. Japan now is in command of the sea, and supplies cannot reach the Russians except by railroad, which must be protected at great expense by a large number of soldiers. No one can tell what will be the outcome of the war if Russia determines to use all her resources, out disaster is in store for Russia for months to come. I cannot believe the czar's government has enough men to care for its railroad and meet the invading forces of Japan."

ACTIVITY IN CANADA.

A Few War Maneuvers Will Be Pulled Off by the Royal Artillery and the Guns Tried.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19.—During the past six months every steamer belonging to the Furness line arriving at this port has landed explosives and big guns.

General Parson, commander in chief of the imperial forces in Canada, acting under orders from the war office, has ordered a three days' mobilization of the royal artillery. Every fortification will be manned and all guns thoroughly tested and discharged, and the searchlights will play every night.

Russian Ship at Canaries.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived at the Canary Islands. The authorities have notified her commander that the ship may remain in port for a limited time, but cannot be provided with coal in quantities more than to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

Jap Cruiser at Wu Sung.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Wu Sung, eleven miles north of Shanghai, today.

No More Censorship.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The government has abolished the censorship in the case of all telegrams going abroad.

LAST TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF HANNA

All Ohio Does Honor to Its Lost Leader on the Funeral Day.

MINERS SUSPEND WORK

Three Hundred Thousand of Them Cease Toil for the Day—Bishop Leonard's Eloquent Tribute at Funeral in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Feb. 22.—Cleveland was a city of deep mourning last Friday. Business was practically suspended and a large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of Senator Hanna. In accordance with President Roosevelt's orders all federal offices in the state closed at 1 p. m., and there was a general cessation of all kinds of business during the hour in which the funeral ceremonies were held. Railroads, both steam and electric, ceased running for five minutes, at 1 o'clock.

From daybreak until 11 o'clock thousands upon thousands took a last look at the dead statesman, many being in line when the doors of the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, where the body reposed, were closed, unable to gain admission.

During the night and early today many distinguished men arrived to attend the funeral. Among them were Secretaries Taft, Wilson, Cortelyou, the house and senate committee, Governor Durbin of Indiana, J. Pierpont Morgan and the members of the state legislature.

The services were most solemn, impressive, and outbursts of sobs could be heard at frequent intervals from all parts of the church. The body, accompanied by the family, pallbearers, and Bishop Leonard, proceeded to Lake View cemetery, where the body was deposited in the crypt in the chapel, to await burial at the pleasure of the family.

When the body had been placed upon the bier and the pallbearers seated, the choir chanted the thirteenth and nineteenth psalms. President Pierce of Gambier college read the lesson. The choir sang the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," and Bishop Leonard delivered a most touching eulogy.

At 12 noon the funeral cortege left the Chamber of Commerce building. Preceded by a platoon of police the procession took its way out Euclid avenue to the church. Admittance was by card, limited to 800, the seating capacity of the auditorium. The church was filled long before the hour for the services, and thousands lined the streets about the edifice.

Bishop Leonard's Eulogy.

Bishop Leonard pronounced an eloquent eulogy of the dead senator. He said in part:

"How true and tender of heart was our distinguished citizen, our kindly neighbor, our beloved friend. He reached the highest levels in life, but it did not spoil him. His good heart was untouched by any canker of pride or arrogance. Great men step down easily to those that are humble and obscure. Good men do the same. And if you wish a just estimate of this life and character, I believe you will find it among those who feared him not, because they knew his heart; they knew he was their best friend, their benefactor, their sympathizer. Would you see him among the laborers on the dock, among the simple and plain folk, you would find him cordial, hearty, wholesome, friendly. Do you note the signs of universal mourning and sympathy in our city and our state today? It is not alone because our great statesman and senator is dead, but because our dear friend is gone into a greater life and is hidden from our view. Do you not recognize the reality of this man's genial, generous efforts in the silent approbation those 300,000 miners are offering while we worship here—a tribute that tells the world of the reverence of a vast industrial army for a righteous man; of a strong leader, a considerate employer. The miners of the coal pits have ceased their work today that they may honor this friend of the laborer. Yes, he was kind of heart, generous of impulse, hospitable, glad when others were happy; approachable, natural, clean of life, clear of brain, and we could not help loving him because he was so true and faithful."

The choir sank the hymn "Forever With the Lord, Amen, So Let It Be." Dr. G. H. McGraw, rector of St. Paul's church followed with the creed and prayer. The anthem, "I Heard a Voice From Heaven Say," was sung by the choir. Bishop Leonard read the committal service and pronounced the benediction.

FEUD AT FUNERAL.

Supreme Court and Diplomatic Corps Came Near Mixing Things at the Hanna Funeral.

Washington, Feb. 20.—In spite of the solemnity of the Hanna funeral, the old disturbance between the supreme court justices and the ambassadors broke out again, and was only settled by a curious compromise. It seems impossible that able and distinguished men like those representing the foreign countries and those who sit upon the bench of the highest court in the United States could have any serious differences as to who should walk first in a solemn funeral ceremony. Yet it required the utmost tact to settle this question in such a way as to prevent an open scandal. Neither the ambassadors nor the justices were willing to take a back seat at any stage of the proceedings.

The difficulty was adjusted only by putting the justices in the first regular row of seats on the left of the aisle and seating the diplomats in exactly corresponding positions on the right of the aisle. The diplomats were preceded only by members of the mourning family and the justices had in front of them only the president and his cabinet, the latter being, of course, technically speaking, heirs to the throne.

To accentuate the equality between the two warring and eminent bodies the diplomats came into the chamber first and were followed by the supreme court justices. After the services were over the supreme court justices went out first and were followed by the diplomats. In this way the rupture was avoided and the court and the "dips" are still arguing as to which had the better of the encounter.

BURNED AT STAKE.

Arkansas Negro Lynched in Approved Style, Charged With a Murder.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 22.—Glencoe Bays, a negro, was burned at the stake early today, near Crosset, on the charge of murdering J. B. Stephen of Ashley.

MORGAN CAN NOT ACT

Russian Will Not Grant Him Exequatur to Be United States Consul at Dalny.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Secretary Hay has been informed that Edwin V. Morgan will not be granted an exequator by the Russian government authorizing him to act as United States consul at Dalny. Mr. Morgan is now on the way from Washington to his post.

The decision on the part of the Russian government was not altogether unexpected, but it is nevertheless the subject of grave consideration by the state department officials.

Secretary Hay regarded the matter as of sufficient importance to warrant a personal visit to the White House this morning, where he presented the facts to the president.

No decision has been reached as to the answer to be made to the Russian government.

MAY GET IN TANGLE.

At Any Rate Great Britain Wants to Be Prepared for Eventualities.

London, Feb. 22.—The complete lull in war news leads the newspapers to discuss the political aspects of the struggle in the far east as they are likely to affect Great Britain. No great importance is attached to the stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the continent of alleged intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia, France and Germany, the belief being that it is to the interest of all the powers to take steps that the struggle be localized. At the same time it is recognized that in all three of these countries there is a very strong feeling against Great Britain, on account of her alliance with Japan, and as Germany and France joined with Russia in 1895, against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to seek similar assistance in her present difficulties. The argument is therefore made that it behooves Great Britain to be prepared for any and all eventualities.

The important news of the abolition of the Russian censorship has not yet reached the English newspapers.

Russian dispatches to the London Press record the rapid growth of anti-British feeling. According to the Kieff correspondent of the Standard many English boys have been withdrawn from Russian schools owing to the annoyances and insults to which they were subjected, and there is evidence in the restaurants and other public resorts that the position of the British residents in Kieff would be very dangerous should Great Britain become involved in the Russo-Japanese issue.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Daily Mail supplies a new version of the loss of the Russian cruiser Boyarin, obtained from an officer who survived the blowing up of the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. This officer says that the day following the Yenisei's catastrophe, February 12, a violent storm brought many mines to the surface of the water at Port Arthur. The Boyarin was sent to assist in securing them, but she got caught in the storm, was driven on the rocks, and was totally wrecked.

If this account is correct it explains the Russian official denials that the Boyarin was torpedoed by the Japanese, or that she was blown up as a result of accidental contact with a Russian mine at Port Arthur.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that after an interview with the Japanese consul at Shanghai, the captain of the Russian gunboat Mandjur consented to disarm his vessel and keep her in the harbor of Shanghai until the conclusion of hostilities. This statement, however, is not yet confirmed by other Shanghai dispatches.

The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports that 1,500 Cossacks are crossing the border near Wiju, and that Cossack scouts have already advanced into Korea as far as Anju.

Cablegrams received here from Shanghai declare that General Ma, who is protecting the borders of Chi-Li province, wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent the Chinese troops at Sin-Ming-Ting from crossing the Liau-Ho and engaging the Russians employed in guarding the railroad.

WHEAT HITS $ MARK.

War News and Scarcity of Milling Article the Cause.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Dollar wheat was a reality in the speculative trade here today. Twice during the day May wheat sold at $1.03. The price touched the dollar mark on the opening sales, initial quotations being $1.00@1.01, or ½@⅝ to 1½@1⅝ cents above yesterday's close. The other options were correspondingly strong, July showing a gain of a cent. There was an excellent general demand, with active covering by the shorts a feature. Strength in Liverpool and the scarcity of milling wheat were the influences that caused the advance. Shortly after the opening May sold at $1.03, but at that figure the principal long became an open seller and prices dropped to 99½ cents. As soon as that interest stopped selling the price rebounded to $1.01¾, but eased off to $1.00⅝.

Buying continued on a large scale the entire day, and in the absence of any important selling the price kept moving upward. May closed at $1.02¾, a net gain of 3¼@3⅜ cents; July at 92⅞ cents, a gain of 2⅞ cents.

Today's prices are the highest since 1891.

BALTIMORE FIRE LOSS.

Insurance Paper Names $31,095,132 as Net Loss to Companies.

Baltimore, Feb. 22.—The Baltimore Underwriter, in its issue tomorrow, will print a list of the losses of all fire insurance companies in the Baltimore fire. The total gross loss is $32,864,894, of which $6,000,000 falls upon local companies. It is estimated the total salvage is $1,767,762, which leaves the net loss to the insurance companies $31,095,132. It has been learned that many of the large wholesale dry goods houses formed an insurance pool among themselves, which amounted to about $5,000,000, from which practically nothing will be realized. Another development is that very few tenants of so-called fireproof buildings carried any insurance.

HIGH PLACE FOR "KIT"

South Dakota Senator Will Probably Succeed Hanna as Chairman of Canal Committee.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Kittredge of South Dakota will probably be selected to head the committee on interoceanic canals, to succeed Senator Hanna. The matter will be settled in a few days. Mr. Kittredge is fourth on the committee, being preceded by Platt of New York, Mitchell of Oregon, and Millard of Nebraska. Platt does not want it, Mitchell was a rabid enemy of the Panama route, and Kittredge, who was close to Hanna in the canal movement, is considered the probable successor. The position will be one of great influence, as the committee has important work ahead of it.