

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 29, 1892.

## Tolstoi and the Famine.

The Count writes a long letter to the London Telegraph.

A long article by Count Tolstoi, on the subject of the famine in Russia, appeared recently in the Daily Telegraph. In this article the count says that the reproaches against the Russian government and its official representatives are exaggerated and the charges of apathy in many cases unfounded. "All," he says, "are doing their best to stave off impending calamity. If results are meagre, it is less from lack of good will than from the condition of the relations existing between the succorers and the succored. The initial mistake was made in not supplying peasants sufficient seed corn and fuel. The permission to take fuel from the royal forests was practically useless because the people have no means for the conveyance of wood over long distances. Then the friction between the government, which is doubtful of the famine is as acute and extensive as represented, and the provincial assemblies, which in their anxiety overstate the extent of the prevailing destitution, further increases the difficulties and delays. While both are wrangling the peasants are starving."

Count Tolstoi then proceeded to picture the destitute condition of his district. He admits that much drunkenness prevails, and also that in many cases well-to-do and thrifty people eat the bread intended for the famine sufferers. Yet in the Kravpinski, Bogorditsk, Ephemoff and Epephansk districts from 30 to 60 per cent of the people will have nothing to eat in a week or two. They are already consuming bread so bad that it acts like a violent emetic when taken into the stomach, and the beverages which these unfortunate drink make them crazy.

Count Tolstoi also gives heart-rending pictures of wives with their little children ill, starving, cold and ill, anxiously waiting for the return of their husbands, who have gone to seek aid for their famishing families. He declares that this state of things, in a somewhat less degree, has always existed in certain districts and is part and parcel of the national existence. The cause Count Tolstoi says, is assuredly not the failure of the crops.

Advices received here from St. Petersburg show that though the Czar may declare that there is no famine in his dominions, and though he may believe the sufferings among the peasants is due entirely to a slight shortage in the crops which the government can easily rectify, it will be found that in making such rectification the treasury of the empire will be subjected to a very heavy drain.

Already the sum of 65,000,000 roubles has been appropriated by the imperial treasury for the purpose of providing the absolute necessities of life to be distributed among the suffering poor. All of this money has been expended in addition to the large sums spent through the central famine commission and through private individuals, and yet the want of the distressed peasants have been supplied to only a limited extent.

The imperial treasury has now assigned a further sum of 65,000,000 roubles which will be devoted to relief work. There is hardly any doubt that further and larger sums will be necessary to tide people over the long winter season, and judging from reports that are continually being received, the government will be compelled to support the inhabitants of the famine stricken provinces through the summer as well.

## A Petrified Forest.

The Wonderful Beauty of the Great Arizona Curiosity.

From the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad it is not hard to reach one of the greatest of natural curiosities—the petrified forests of Arizona. Much the nearest point is the little station of Billings, but there are the scantiest accommodations for the traveler. Only a mile south of the track at that point one may see a low, dark ridge, marked by a single cottonwood tree. Walking thither (over a valley so alive with jack rabbits that there is some excuse for the cowboy's declaration that "you can walk clear across on their backs") one soon reaches the northern edge of the forest, which covers hundreds of square miles. Unless you are more hardened to wonderful sights than I am, you will almost fancy yourself in some enchanted spot. You seem to stand on the glass of a gigantic kaleidoscope, over whose sparkling surface the sun breaks in infinite rainbows. You are ankle deep in such chips as I'll warrant you never saw from any other woodpile. What do you think of chips of iron, brass, and red moss agate, and amethyst, and smoky topaz and agate of every hue? Such are the marvelous splinters that cover the ground for miles there around the huge prostrate trunks—some of them five feet through—from which Time's patient axe has hewn them.

I broke a specimen from the heart of a tree there, years ago, which had around the stone pith a remarkable array of large and exquisite crystals; for on one side of the specimen—which is not so large as my hand—is a beautiful mass of crystals of royal purple amethyst, and on the other, an equally beautiful array of smoky topaz crystals. One can get also magnificent cross-sections of a whole trunk, so thin as to be portable, and showing every vein and "year-ring," and even the bark.

There is not a chip in all those miles that is not worthy a place just as it is, in the proudest cabinet; and when polished I know no other rock so splendid. It is one of the hardest stones in the world, and takes and keeps an incomparable polish.—Charles F. Lummis, in *December St. Nicholas*.

## Interesting Odds and Ends.

Scrapes Picked Up Here and There Which Contain Words of Information for All.

Rain-making experiments are to be tried in Mexico.

Hot water cannot be raised to any considerable height by suction.

Rev. J. O. Cook, of Boston, is spoken of as the Prohibition candidate for president.

Snow fell at a number of points in Texas last week for the first time in 12 years.

Ex-Czar Reed says that neither Blaine nor Harrison will be nominated for president.

The race for rooms at Chicago during the Democratic convention has already commenced.

Work will be commenced within two months on the Pennsylvania building at the World's fair.

A cubic foot of newly fallen snow weighs 5½ pounds, and has twelve times the bulk of an equal weight of water.

A vegetable cartridge shell, which is entirely consumed in firing, is now coming into general use in the French army.

An ostrich belonging to Robinson's circus died recently at Cincinnati. In its stomach was found embedded an \$800 diamond.

The skin of a boiled egg when carefully peeled and applied when wet to a boil will draw out the matter and greatly relieve the soreness.

There are thousands of men who would do brave things in an emergency who make their wives get up in the morning to make the fire.

Colors passing through a prism can be made to produce sounds. Green and red lights produce the loudest noises and blue and yellow the faintest.

It is said to be a fact, though not generally known, that the light of the sun and the moon exercises a deleterious effect on knives and other edge tools.

An Italian scientist has ascertained that every fifteen grains of dust taken from the streets of Naples contain from 1,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000 microbes.

Paper properly treated with chemicals and then subjected to great pressure is proposed for flooring material and for general use in buildings as a fire resisting material.

A skeleton, twenty feet long, of some unknown animal, was recently found near Fifth Lake Stream, in Washington county, Me., by Benjamin Wilbin, a hunter.

Waves exert a force of one ton per square inch when they are 10 to 20 feet high. At Cassis, France, granite blocks of 14 cubic metres have been moved by wave force.

Sullivan, the slugger, has signed the Murphy temperance pledge at Tacoma. Subsequently Sullivan delivered a temperance address in one of the dives of that city.

Scientists show that the mosquitoes of the Arctic region become more and more numerous the further they are beyond the northern range of the swallow and the martin.

A recent eruption on the sun's face was photographed, and lasted for fully 15 minutes. Its angular height showed it to be a disturbance causing the vapors to ascend fully 80,000 miles.

The whole of the Rio Grande frontier is covered with snow, the first time ever known. The suffering among the poorer classes of Mexicans and among the United States troops is intense.

A strange illness has broken out in the Zoological Gardens, Amsterdam, among the beasts of prey. In three days sixteen creatures died, including several of the finest lions and tigers.

By a novel device of reflection on a screen at their rear heavy guns can now be aimed and fired with greatest accuracy without the gunners being exposed or even seeing the object to be fired at.

An electric snow plow has been designed, with a thirty horse-power motor for propelling the car, and independent reversible motor for running the brushes. It is intended for use on street railways.

There are now 21 law firms in the United States composed of husbands and wives, and there are about 200 American ladies who practice law in the courts or manage legal publications.

In computing a man's age Chinamen always reckon two years back from the day when he celebrated his first birthday; or, in other words, as though he were a year old at the time of his birth.

Wilkebarre has a Rip Van Winkle. He has been sleeping 13 months and bids fair to make it a 20-year nap. He is in the poor-house, and it is supposed he cannot afford the luxury of staying awake.

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Dr. Keeley proposes to make more fortune by a grip cure. He claims asafetida will knock out the disease every time. The suggestion of such a remedy will lead people to conclude that grip isn't so bad after all, and that they would just as well leave it as not.

The chief element in the composition of a tear is water, but with water is associated minute proportions of salt, soda, phosphate of lime, phosphate of soda and mucous, and when seen under the microscope a tear after evaporation looks like a very small fish bone, owing to the salines forming themselves into lengthened crosslines.

The cost of the tunnel under the Thames, about four miles below London bridge, is to be \$4,355,000. It is to be 1200 feet in length and 26 feet in diameter, with the crown only eight feet below the bed of the river at its deepest part. The process of construction is to be almost like that of the Hudson River tunnel.

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"You must excuse me for my lack of interest this week," writes the Dry Forks correspondent, addressing the editor of the county paper. He then gives the following paragraphs:

Rain. Picnic Wednesday. Preaching at Round Pond Sunday. During the services Zeb Phillips dropped his pistol on the floor. It went off and killed him.

Wheat didn't turn out so mighty well. Chicken cholera. Measles. Whooping cough.

Old man Blue and his wife have parted. Tobe Walker killed a coon. Mat Morris shot himself Friday. He would have left a wife to mourn his loss, but she died last summer.—The Arkansas Traveller.

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Leave Bellefonte, 10:25 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11:55 a. m., at Altoona, 1:45 p. m., at Pittsburg, 6:50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 5:20 p. m., arrive at Tyrone, 6:40, at Altoona at 7:50, at Pittsburg at 11:55. VIA TYRONE—EASTWARD.

Leave Bellefonte, 5:35 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 6:55, at Harrisburg 10:30 a. m., at Philadelphia, 4:25 a. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 5:20 p. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11:55 a. m., at Harrisburg, 3:20 p. m., at Philadelphia, 6:50 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—NORTHWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 9:17 a. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10:45, leave Williamsport, 12:30 p. m., at Harrisburg, 3:30 p. m., at Philadelphia at 6:50 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 9:17 a. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10:45, leave Williamsport, 12:30 p. m., at Harrisburg, 3:30 p. m., at Philadelphia at 6:50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 4:30 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 5:30 p. m.; Williamsport, 6:45 p. m., at Harrisburg, 10:05 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 8:45 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10:10 p. m., leave Williamsport, 12:25 p. m., leave Harrisburg, 3:45 a. m., arrive at Philadelphia at 6:50 a. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 2:00 p. m., arrive at Lewisburg at 3:10 a. m., Harrisburg, 11:30 a. m., Philadelphia, 3:15 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 4:45, at Harrisburg, 7:05 p. m., Philadelphia at 10:55 p. m.

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