

WAR MAY BE A LONG ONE.

Indications Point to Lengthy Conflict Between Russia and Japan—Czar Building Squadron.

No one is looking for an early close of the war between Japan and Russia, says a writer in Youth's Companion. It may last two years, or some decisive victory on land or sea may bring it to an end sooner.

Russia has been moving slowly, feeling confident that the Japanese advance on land can be delayed till sufficient Russian troops have been assembled in Manchuria to defeat the invading army in a pitched battle.

Gen. Kuropatkin's friend is made to say that the general does not expect the Russian naval power in the east to be effective till September or October. The squadron that is getting ready at Cronstadt in the Baltic cannot be got to sea till the latter part of August.

"It's at Tokio and nowhere else," Gen. Kuropatkin is made to say, "that we shall sign conditions of peace."

MORE SCHOOLING NEEDED.

Chicago Superintendent Says Child Labor Age Limit Should be Raised.

Extension of the age limit before which children legally cannot go to work was advocated by Superintendent of Chicago Public Schools Cooley in an address before the Iroquois club of that city recently.

"I would like to see the legal limit so arranged that children could get their elementary education before going out into the world to work," said Mr. Cooley. "At present 14 is the limit, irrespective of whether they have gone through an elementary school or not."

"As to the high schools, there seems to be an idea that these are for the wealthy. This is erroneous, and statistics show that 75 per cent. of the children have parents who are poor or who live on salaries. I am in favor of having commercial subjects and practical matters taught in every high school. To be the colleges of the people the high schools must be more practical."

Reason for the Word.

The newest long word is supercontradictingishabitiveness. It is thought, says the Chicago Tribune, to be the outgrowth of a demand for a name applicable to some mental malady that shall be as expensive in its way as appendicitis.

A Valuable Country.

As to the appropriations made by the session of congress just closed, it is to be observed that this is at least a \$781,574,629 country.

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Mrs. William Wallace, of 18 Capitol St., Concord, N. H., says: "I was in the early stages of Bright's Disease, and were it not for Doan's Kidney Pills, I would not be living to-day. Pain in the back was so intense that at night I had to get out of bed until the paroxysm of pain passed away. I was languid and tired and hadn't the strength to lift a kettle of water. I could not work, but a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me, and two boxes absolutely cured me."

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DEATH IN A TUNNEL

Ten Men Killed at Williamsport, Pa.

The Accident, Which was One of the Most Peculiar on Record, was Caused by Gases from a Locomotive.

Williamsport, Pa., May 26.—A telegram received at the Susquehanna Coal Co.'s office in this city last evening stated that ten miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive yesterday afternoon in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal Co. at Williamsport, Dauphin county.

The accident was one of the most peculiar in the history of the anthracite mines, and no reason for it can be assigned by the officials. The victims include Michael Golden, general inside foreman of the company, and nine miners and laborers.

The tunnel in which the disaster occurred is one mile in length and is used by the coal company to convey the coal mined in the workings in the Bear valley to the breaker in the Williams valley. The men employed in the mines in the Bear valley who reside in Williamsport have made a practice for years to ride to and from their work on the cars that are hauled between the two valleys by small locomotives.

About 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon General Inside Foreman Golden and about 50 miners boarded a loaded train which was about to be hauled from Bear valley to Williamsport. Everything went all right until about half of the journey was made, when some of the men attracted the attention of the engineer, who at once stopped and it was found that nearly every man in the party on the cars had been overcome by the gas and sulphur which emanated from the stack of the locomotive and floated back over them.

The engineer at once crowded on all steam possible and the unconscious men were hurried to the Williamsport end of the tunnel. Here help was at once summoned and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every possible effort to resuscitate them, but aid came too late for Foreman Golden and the other victims.

The tunnel has been in constant operation for more than 40 years and this is the first accident of any kind that has happened in it. It is perfectly free from mine gases and the ventilation is so perfect and the air current so strong and steady that besides being used for hauling cars, the tunnel has formed one of the intakes that furnish air to the mines. No trouble has ever been experienced before from gas from the small locomotives and the officials are at sea as to the cause of the tragedy.

NEARLY A \$2,000,000 LOSS.

Yazoo City, Miss., Is Swept by a Conflagration.

Jackson, Miss., May 26.—With every business house of any importance in ashes, together with a large number of private residences, the principal hotel and the passenger depot, Yazoo City, a town of 6,000 people, 45 miles from Jackson, is resting after one of the most exciting days in its history. The fire started Wednesday morning and burned until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, destroying a total of 230 houses. The burned district is three blocks wide and 12 blocks long. The estimates of the loss are between \$1,600,000 and \$2,000,000.

The city is putting in a new system of waterworks and the old system, which had wooden mains, was wholly inadequate to meet the demand. Pipes burst all over the city and it was impossible to get the water even to the first floors of the buildings.

A man named Chambliss, a citizen of Yazoo City, was killed by falling walls and Mayor Holmes was badly hurt. He had been in office but three or four weeks.

In the afternoon the fire jumped a bayou and spread to Latonia, a residence suburb, where it destroyed some of the finest homes. About 60 families are homeless.

NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY.

Verdict of the Jury in the Trial of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, ex-Postal Officials.

Washington, May 26.—Within 22 minutes of the retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charges of conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers for the post-office department, a verdict of not guilty was returned. The throng which filled the court room throughout the arguments to the jury hardly had time to leave the building before the jury was back.

Gen. Tyner appeared greatly excited as he attempted to face the jury, and when the verdict was rendered he broke down completely. Several of the jurors went with him and all of them shook hands with him.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 2 and has been before the court 19 full days. A great mass of testimony was offered.

Rebate Agreement Cancelled.

Pittsburg, May 26.—Official announcement was made yesterday that the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers had decided to cancel the rebate agreement with the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. Under this agreement, which has been in operation for 18 months, 3 per cent. of the wages of tin plate workers in the union mills of the American Tin Plate Co. went into a fund from which the company drew 25 per cent. of the labor cost for each box of tin plate that entered the rebate trade.

BEGAN AS REPORTER.

LIFE STORY OF CONGRESSMAN HITT IS INTERESTING.

Took Down the Celebrated Debate Between Lincoln and Douglas—Recognized Authority on Foreign Affairs.

Chicago Special.

Older men remember what younger men should learn, that the latest Illinois candidate for the vice presidency was a shorthand reporter, who took down the celebrated debate between Lincoln and Douglas. It was Lincoln himself who called Mr. Hitt by his enduring name, "Bob," and to old and young he has been "Bob" Hitt ever since. He began his connection with the general assembly of Illinois in 1858, 1859 and 1860, being the official reporter of debates. In the early years of the war he occupied a confidential position under Secretary Stanton.

In 1863 he was secretary of a senate committee, and in 1865 he accompanied a board of treaty commissioners to the northwest, ascending the Missouri river for a distance of 1,500 miles and relieving the monotony of official labor by sending letters to the Chicago Tribune describing a lonely desert, scourged by ferocious savages, where to-day are thousands of smiling homesteads. In 1867 and the following year he made a visit to Europe, which was extended to Jerusalem, and on which trip he had the extraordinary experience of being captured and released by Greek bandits on the famous plains of Marathon.

By 1871 the modest man from Illinois, for so he always had been called even after years of most distinguished service, began his really public career. He went to Santo Domingo with a commission sent there by President Grant to consider the question of the annexation of the island, and it was Mr. Hitt who prepared and presented the report of the commission, thus early in his career getting a taste of the expansion policy of the United States, with which he has been associated intimately ever since. A year later one finds this extraordinary reporter taking down stirring testimony of the kuklux committee, and here again it was Hitt who wrote a large section of the voluminous report. He was for



HON. ROBERT R. HITT. (Indorsed for Vice President by the Republicans of Illinois.)

time private secretary of Senator Oliver P. Morton, one of the great republican leaders of the day, and through him kept in close touch with the party policy.

In October, 1874, Mr. Hitt was married to Miss Sallie Reynolds, of Lafayette, Ind., and it needs no gushing society reporter to say to Mrs. Hitt to-day that she is one of the most distinguished and at the same time one of the most popular women in the city of Washington, where for nearly 20 years she has been recognized as a social leader. Born in Ohio, living in Illinois since his early childhood, and married to a brilliant Indiana woman, Mr. Hitt seems to possess the best possible attributes for warm support in three influential states.

It is probably true to-day that Mr. Hitt is the greatest living American authority on the active diplomacy of the new world. There has been scarcely any development in our foreign relations within a generation with which he has not had more or less to do. Grant appointed him secretary of legation at Paris in December, 1874, while he was on his wedding tour, and for six years the home of the Hitts in the French capital was the scene of the most brilliant congregations of American in all Europe. Two sons—Robert Reynolds and William Floyd Hitt—were born abroad, but were American citizens, as a matter of course.

In 1882, Congressman Hawk, of what was then the sixth Illinois district, died suddenly two days before the time set for the congressional convention. A committee called on Mr. Hitt at his home at Mount Morris, much to his surprise, and he was nominated and elected, serving the people of his district faithfully and well from that day to this, a period of twenty-two years.

As a matter of course, Mr. Hitt's diplomatic experience gave him an immediate berth on the foreign affairs committee. He had an intimate connection with the celebrated Cutting case, which nearly resulted in war with Mexico, and it was Mr. Hitt, who, by a wonderful speech in the house, defeated a resolution for the threatening demand upon Mexico, thus averting what would have proved a disgraceful war. He made his mark in the committee and on the floor of the house whenever foreign affairs were under discussion, yet in addition to that found time to participate in debate over matters of current interest, being particularly industrious in looking after the demands of his own district.

IT WAS NOT APPRECIATED.

Minister's Wife Had a Flower Hat and Put It in the Wrong Place.

A story is told by the Chicago Inter Ocean of a woman in that town, the wife of a young minister, who has always had a liking for hats of the flower-bed variety, although she condemned others for wasting money that should go to the heathen. At present she owns a "dream" of a "sky piece," that is covered with violets. The young wife wore this hat to a funeral recently, at which her husband officiated. Going into the room which contained the coffin she removed the hat and placed it on a stand.

The sad-faced, sleek-haired undertaker came in a few minutes later to arrange the "floral tokens" on the coffin. After putting the bouquets, wreaths, pillows, broken wheels, anchors and the usual run of flowers in place, he picked up the violet-covered hat and tenderly placed it on top of all the rest.

Several of the "mourners" giggled, and the minister's wife wanted to grab her hat and run. She had to let it alone, however, until the close of the ceremony. When she marched past the bier she lunged for the hat and successfully made her escape.

Congressional Pleasantries.

Champ Clark was making a speech in the house a few days ago when Mr. Mann, of Illinois, was called out of the hall on business. He was gone some time, but when he returned the same robust voice was still making the echoes.

"Is Clark still champing?" asked Mr. Mann, frivolously. Mr. Mudd, of Maryland, who was just coming out, responded "He's champing a little bit," responded Mr. Mudd.—Washington Letter.

An Ohio Notary.

Salineville, O., May 23.—Mr. John W. Manning, Notary Public for Columbiana County and one of the most respected men of the state, has caused to be published the following letter:

"About one year ago, I was suffering terribly from Kidney Trouble. I saw an advertisement of a medicine called Dodd's Kidney Pills and sent for two boxes. 'In the meantime, I suffered awfully, and as soon as I got the Pills I began taking them according to directions and got almost immediate relief, and I have this further to say, that after using the two boxes, I have never been troubled with my Kidneys since. 'I have recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to others, who have tried them, and everyone who has tried them has cured. I think they are a great remedy and all that is claimed for them.' Mr. Manning's letter is a strong recommendation for Dodd's Kidney Pills and is worth the attention of all who suffer with Kidney troubles.

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Character is incorruptible cash.—Chicago Tribune. Some men are not to blame for not being gentlemen. They don't know how. The man who, observing your struggle for independence, warns you that money doesn't bring happiness, generally has a lot.—Boston Globe.

We get some idea of the importance of charity when we reflect that in its day it had as much influence with women as have chocolate creams, in our times.—Puck. Announcement that a Japanese shell broke the leg of a Port Arthur rooster crowds the Matanzas mule from his niche in the temple of fame.—Philadelphia North American.

Russia has decided to have an automobile corps in her army. The czar has probably been reading the funny papers and taking their jokes about the Red Avengers seriously.—Indianapolis Journal.

The fact that a man dropped 60 feet from the window of an abattoir without being injured in the least is all cleared up since it became known that they were pigs' feet.—Baltimore American.

A Kalamazoo girl with money is being chided for marrying a peanut vendor. However, the passion for peanuts has to be recognized. It even gets into such important affairs as politics.—N. Y. World.

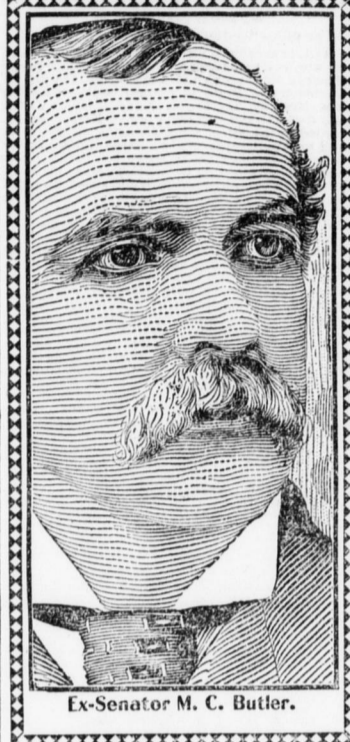
The per capita in circulation in the United States is \$312. The per capita of bank deposits in Kansas is upwards of \$68. Without wishing to name any names some community has about twice its per capita on deposit!—Kansas City Star.

The marquis of Anglesey, needing a bit of pocket money, consented to auction a few ancestral grans, from which he realized something over \$100,000. And yet some people refuse to acknowledge the practical value of ancestors.—Los Angeles Times.

Presidents of railroads who are willing to ride 111 miles an hour on their own trains, as a baker's half dozen of them have just done on the M. & M. track, give token in that wise that they don't consider the pace extra hazardous.—N. Y. Tribune.

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Ex-Senator M. C. Butler.

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The Glorious Prince. "Yes," he said "I once saw a prince." "Oh," she asked, clasping her hands and looking with awe into the eyes that had gazed upon royalty, "what was he doing?" "Trying to balance a feather duster on his nose for the amusement of a chorus girl."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Overheard on the Pike. Mr. Easy—"Why should people visiting The Exposition at night, use more Allen's Foot-Ease than in daytime?" Miss Foote—"Because under the brilliant illumination of the grounds, every foot becomes an acre!"

Mr. Easy—"Fair. Only fair! Pray, conduct me to the nearest drug store and I promise never to accept a substitute for you or for Allen's Foot-Ease." FOOT NOTE—The twain will be made one in June.

One objection to the "Star-Spangled Banner" as the national air is that so many citizens of the nation never see anything "by the dawn's early light."—Kansas City Journal.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Man is a harp and not a hand organ.—Chicago Tribune.



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