

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR BEEF BOYCOTTED

Germany's Officialness May Lead to Unpleasant Complications.

[Special Correspondence.]

Officials of the agricultural department say that the meat and cattle exports from the United States to Denmark are insignificant in amount, and are inclined to believe that Germany has induced the Danish government to take the step as a method of making its exclusion of the American product more effective.

Our government has not yet been officially informed that the Danish government, like Germany, has prohibited the importation of American cattle and meat. It is, however, apparent that the Danish government has been induced to issue its decree at the instance of Germany, the correspondence between the latter and the state department is likely to assume a very different tone from that in which it has been conducted.

China Must Act.

The State Department has received a cable report from Japan, through Minister Dun, at Tokyo, to the United States suggestion of mediation.

The cable to Secretary Gresham is accompanied by unusual dignity and formality, in having the imperial sanction of his majesty, the emperor of Japan.

The message is in two parts—the first giving an imperial expression of good will, and saying that the success of the Japanese arms had been such that China should approach Japan directly.

A new situation is now presented by Japan's proposition that China make a direct offer through United States Minister Dun at Tokyo.

Hastening Pensions.

Commissioner Loehner, of the pension board has issued an order destined to expedite business in the office, and especially to reduce the amount of delay in the granting of pensions.

Civil Service Changes.

The president has amended the civil service rules as follows: Doing away with the examinations in letter-writing and geography of the United States, and especially of the state and railway mail divisions.

Bonds Successful.

The indications are that the present government loan of \$20,000,000 will not only prove a complete success, but that the aggregate of the bonds will far exceed the amount of the bonds to be sold.

50,000 HOMELESS.

Suffering in Districts of Sicily Visited by Earthquakes.

Dispatches received from Reggio say that there are 50,000 persons in that district who have been rendered homeless by the earthquakes.

Many bodies were upheaved in the cemetery of San Frocopia at the time it was disturbed by the earthquakes, and a number of bodies remain in sight and will have to be reinterred.

METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

Five Millions of Dollars Back of the School.

Final arrangements are making for the beginning of the construction of the great American university to be erected under the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal church in the northwest suburbs of Washington.

It is officially announced that the situation in the State of Rio Grande do Sul does not cause much anxiety to the Government.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Lumber men of Minneapolis have formed a pool.

Baltimore is flooded with green goods circulars.

The Mexican press is beginning to clamor for war against Guatemala.

Explorer Peary has just been heard from in a letter. He is still hopeful.

Diphtheria is spreading all over St. Louis. Many deaths have been reported.

All of the faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School have been asked to resign.

A committee of public safety has been organized in St. Louis to investigate election frauds.

The Portland, Ore., Savings Bank has closed its doors. Assets \$1,450,000; liabilities, \$1,430,000.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has been re-nominated by Democrats in the Alabama Legislature.

Four more British Columbia salmon canneries have passed into the hands of the English syndicate.

Gen. Booth of the Salvation army was tendered a reception by the Chicago Press club.

Turkish authorities are seizing all newspapers which contained accounts of the atrocities in Armenia.

By a decree of the Argentine government the standard time of the United States has been put in operation in that republic.

Mrs. W. P. Evans, of Petaluma, Cal., saturated her dress with coal oil and set it on fire. She was burned to death.

The ferryboat Netherlands crashed into the wharf at Hoboken and was wrecked. Twenty people were injured, none fatally.

The explosion of a boiler in an Orangeville, (Ont.) sawmill killed Robert McQuarrie and Alexander Darragh, and severely injured six other men.

John McCampbell dug into a mound on his farm near Middleborough, Ky., and found \$4,000 in gold. He claims Indian women directed him.

Jose Salvador Franch, the anarchist who threw a dynamite bomb in the Liceo Theatre in Barcelona, on the night of November 7, 1893, was executed Wednesday.

The National G. A. R. protest against the discharge of veterans from the public service was presented to the President Wednesday by Commander in Chief Lawler.

Courad Sprenger committed suicide by shooting himself on his wife's grave in the Homewood cemetery, Pittsburgh. His wife committed suicide on the 9th of the month by taking rough on rats.

Five students of the university medical college at Kansas City were arrested for grave robbery. They were surprised by police while robbing a grave in Oak Grove cemetery, near Kansas City.

Proprietors of a horse meat establishment in Kearney, N. J., were Thursday ordered to show cause why their business should not be closed. The firm claims to sell the horse meat to French immigrants.

At Washington, Pa., Judge McIlvain pronounced Ambrose Ashby guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Mamie Williamson, a colored woman. There was no jury, the evidence being taken to ascertain the degree of guilt.

The extension of the benefits of the civil service laws to postal clerks on board ocean steamers clears the way for a system of transfers with the railway mail service by which the sea clerks may go back to land duty and clerks employed on trains be assigned to the ocean steamers.

KNIGHTS ADJOURN.

Want Commissioners Appointed to Investigate Economic Questions.

The Knights of Labor Convention has concluded its work and adjournment was had Friday afternoon.

Three resolutions were presented, two of which were adopted, the other being referred to the General Executive Board.

A resolution having as its purpose the organization of all brewing associations into the Knights of Labor was referred to the general executive board.

The committee on the State of the Order reported and stated that the order was in a very healthy condition and under existing circumstances was far better than was at first supposed.

An appeal from the Chicago carpenters was given favorable consideration by the Assembly.

The committee on distribution also presented their final report in which indorsement was given to the administration of the General Executive Board during the past year.

The convention passed a resolution urging Congress to appoint five Commissioners with a tenure of two years, whose duty it shall be to investigate social, economic and other matters of interest to and concerning the people.

On motion of Mr. Sovereign it was unanimously agreed to reduce the salary of the Master Workman from \$3,500 to \$2,500 per annum.

ANOTHER SOCIAL CRUSADE.

The Washington Police Driving Disorderly Houses Out.

The Washington police are about to start a crusade against the social evil at the national capital.

The line of campaign will not be conducted after the style of Dr. Parkhurst's raids in New York, but it is proposed to clean out certain sections of the city that have heretofore been regarded as the exclusive locality for disorderly houses.

During the past week the keepers of a number of these houses located within a stone's throw of the President's mansion have been notified by the police that they must abandon their present places of residence.

SEVEN MINERS KILLED.

EXPLOSION OF COAL DUST.

Four Seriously Hurt and One is Likely to Die.

By an explosion of coal dust in the Dinche coal mines, near Colliers, W. Va., seven miners died and four were seriously injured.

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HOME AND FOREIGN.

What is Transpiring the World Over. Important Events Briefly Told.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Morris Sellers & Co., of Chicago, dealers in railroad spikes, confessed judgment for \$25,000.

A case of leprosy has been discovered in Grand Forks county, N. D.

A bulletin from Halifax reports disaster to the ship Dauntless. She went down off the coast, near Halifax, and 22 persons perished.

At Scranton, Pa., fire destroyed the house occupied by Casper Abodi, Martin and Antonio Abodi, brothers of Caspar, perished in the flames.

Con Fioran, pugilist Fitzsimmons's sparring partner, died in Syracuse, N. Y., from an injury administered by the pugilist during an exhibition in that city on Friday night.

Fitzsimmons was arrested, but released on \$10,000 bail.

Japan threatens to resent the expulsion of her native laborers from Hawaii.

Montreal is to have a world's fair from May 24 to October 31, 1896.

Dutch troops have captured the Dalme stronghold, in the East Indian island of Lombok.

President Ferras, of Argentina, has tendered his resignation, but it has not yet been accepted.

An official announcement was made that the wedding of Czar Nicholas II, and the Princess Alix will occur November 23.

A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro states that the Governors of the different states have sent in their adhesion to President Moraes. The country is quiet.

The United States cruiser Detroit officials have arrived at Madrid with the Columbus relics. The Spanish Government is entertaining them handsomely.

James L. Dick, retiring treasurer of Ellsworth, Kan., is reported to be short \$11,326 in his accounts.

Leona Gress, a colored girl, was murdered at Washington, J. L. Travers, a colored barber is under arrest.

A squad of Cherokees is said to have the Cooks rounded up about 20 miles from Muskogee, I. T.

The race war at Elizabethtown, Ky., is over. George Wilson, who, in a recent political riot, shot dead Blake Robertson, has been held to court without bail, and this has satisfied the excited populace.

At Muskogee, I. T., deputy marshals attacked three desperate members of the Cook band of outlaws. A marshal was wounded, Cherokee Bill, one of the outlaws, fatally shot, and the other two desperadoes escaped.

Andrew Juka, the Hungarian, who attempted to murder his wife at Hazelton, Pa., November 12, committed suicide in the Wilkesbarre jail early Monday morning by hanging. When he was cut down he was still alive, but died five minutes later.

A bloody battle was fought at Owensboro, Ky., in which John Ashby, an ex-policeman, and Jack Heverin, a grocer and saloonist, were mortally wounded and a policeman hurt. The trouble resulted from Heverin having ordered a party to cease dancing in his place on Sunday.

Nebraska Republicans will demand a recount of votes by the Legislature.

The official report of the Democratic majority in Kentucky places it at 2,173.

A new state is proposed to be carved out of parts of Arkansas and the Indian territory.

General Nelson A. Miles has taken command of the military department of the East.

The remains of the late Dr. James McCosh were buried in the Princeton, N. J., cemetery Tuesday.

Tuesday was the coldest November day in New York since 1873. The thermometer registered 21 degrees.

O. V. Sage has been appointed Warden of Sing Sing prison to succeed Warden Durston deceased.

Charles T. Parsloe, an old-time actor, who made his fame in Chinese parts, is dying of paralysis in New York.

The site of Talmage's Brooklyn tabernacle is to be sold for \$110,000, with which sum the congregation will pay its debts.

Governor Walke has taken to the lecture platform, and made his first appearance of the winter campaign at St. Louis.

The national convention of the Walf Saving association, recently held in Pittsburg resolved to introduce uniform bills to the legislative assemblies of the various states providing for the care of street children.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has established a ruling to the effect that officers of defunct trust companies are not amenable to prosecution for receiving deposits when such concerns are in a failing condition.

The Supreme Court of Missouri sentenced Marion Hedgeth to 25 years imprisonment in the penitentiary. In the spring of 1892 he, with several other parties, robbed a "Frisco express car in St. Louis county of nearly \$17,000.

In the election of officers by the W. C. T. U., Miss Frances Willard was chosen President, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Vice-President at Large, Mrs. Katharine Lente Stevenson, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, Recording Secretary.

The Southern Pacific Company is trying to secure patents to all unoccupied mineral lands lying in the odd sections within the limits of the railroad grant, covering the most valuable part of the South Oregon mining district.

Stole \$354,000.

New York Shoe and Leather Bank Robbed by an Employee.

Samuel C. Seelye, for 14 years past a trusted book-keeper in the Shoe and Leather bank of New York, has disappeared, having embezzled \$354,000. Seelye operated with a confederate, who had been a depositor in the bank for 30 years, Frederick Baker, a lawyer. Seelye would credit large sums to Baker's account and keep the facts hid by charging the amounts to some other account, and when the latter was settled secured the money from another account.

His thefts over a long period and in order not to lose track of the many shifts he was forced to make to hide the stealing, Seelye must have kept a separate set of books. The decision to introduce a new system of book-keeping would have revealed the defalcation and Seelye fled. It is believed that Baker got all the stolen money except about \$1,100 that Seelye took.

Seelye was paid \$1,800 a year and was under a bond of \$7,500. He lived in Brooklyn with a wife and two children. Seelye's wife is so badly prostrated by his disgrace that she may die.

Baker, it is reported, was found drowned alongside an upturned boat at Fishing, R. I., on Saturday. It is thought he committed suicide to avoid arrest. He was a shrewd lawyer and old enough to be Seelye's grandfather, but when inflamed by drink he carried out his purpose.

DRINK'S DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

A Drunken Man Shoots and Mortally Wounds His Landlady.

At Lancaster, Pa., Jacob Mohow, age about 60 years, a veteran of the Civil war, shot and mortally wounded Mrs. Frances Doman, with whom he boarded. Then he sent a bullet into his own head and fell dead by her side. Mohow came home drunk Saturday night and the couple quarreled nearly all night. Mohow had been heard recently to say that he would kill Mrs. Doman and it is supposed that when inflamed by drink he carried out his purpose.

VICTORY FOR JAPAN.

PORT ARTHUR TAKEN.

China's Greatest Stronghold Falls Into Japanese Hands.

Dispatches have been received stating that the Japanese captured Port Arthur on Wednesday last, after eighteen hours' fighting.

Port Arthur, the native name of which is Lu Shun Kou, is the chief naval station of China. Eleven years ago it was simply a good wind-bound harbor for the junks that traded along the coast carrying timber from Yalu river to the gulf of Pechili and Liao Tung, or those of a larger class from the south en route to New Chung and west to Chih Chou. At that time the village consisted of about 60 to 80 mud houses, with a few shops and three or four inns, which afforded accommodation for a few sailors and the north. The port is almost surrounded by ranges of hills varying from 300 to 1,500 feet in height, the valleys between being well cultivated. The town at the present time has increased to nearly 1,000 houses and shops, and exclusive of the garrison the population is estimated at over 6,000. There are two principal and smaller native banks, two large temples and two large theaters of recent construction.

In 1881 it was finally decided to construct a dock and retting basin there. After more than one failure the work was given to foreign contractors and in the early part of 1887 a French company secured a contract to construct the necessary works needed for a naval dock-yard. At the end of 1890 the contractors completed the task entrusted to them.

Treaty With Japan.

Secretary Gresham, in behalf of the United States, and Minister Kurino of Japan in behalf of his country, have affixed their signatures to a new treaty of amity and commerce between this country and Japan. Secretary Gresham will now transmit the new treaty to the United States senate as soon as it convenes, and Mr. Kurino will forward it to the Japanese foreign office to be approved by the emperor of Japan and the private council.

The chief feature of the new treaty is its recognition of Japan as a civilized country. Previous treaties have assumed that the native courts were so primitive and unenlightened that it would not be safe to trust British, American and other foreign citizens to native tribunals and the foreign consuls were given extra territorial jurisdiction in the great treaty ports of Japan. The new treaty wounds the pride of the country. The new treaty now recognizes the Japanese courts and does away with the offensive foreign consular courts. But in order that time may be given for the Japanese judicial system to be further improved, the date when they assume their new functions is postponed for five years, viz: The 1st January, 1899. The same provision is in the treaty with Great Britain and in those about to be concluded with France, Switzerland and other countries, so that the full recognition of Japan's civilization will be ushered in with the twentieth century.