The Russian Army Greatest in Existence &

THE Russian empire, occupy ing as it does such a vast extent in Europe and Asia, needs for its security the rentest army now existing. The present recruiting laws permit of mobilizing, in case of war, twenty-two classes of seven hundred and fifty thousand soldiers each, or, allowing a considerable margin, at least thirteen mil-Hons. This immense army must not be considered, however, as an instructed and mobilizable corps; it may be admitted that about four million soldiers ready for the campaign could, if necessary, respond to the call of the Czar. The Emperor is the supreme chief of the army, and no parliamentary assembly has the right to ques-



OFFICERS OF RUSSIAN INFANTRY REGI MENT (131st) NOW IN CHINA.

ficers come from the Body of Pages of the Emperor and the Military Schools. These latter schools are open, in principle, to young men of all classes of



DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW THE RUSSIAN FORCE IN CHINA COM-PARES IN NUMBER WITH THE OTHER TROOPS

tion his acts. Usually, the Minister of society, including the under-officers War acts as intermediary between the Emperor and the troops, and in such capacity his authority is of the great-To the Ministry of War are attached the higher Council of War, the Supreme Court of Military Justice, and the Military Cabinet of the Emperor; the War Department is divided into a Chancellery and eight grand divisions: Etat Major general, intendance, artillery, engineering corps, health, milltary schools, Cossack troops and milltary justice. The military territory is



GEN- KOUROPATKIN)

divided into twelve grand departments, at the head of which are the officers bearing the title of commander-inchief; these have the command of the troops stationed in the region, those belonging to the territory and those of the various establishments. In several of the regions, in Finland, at Wilna, Warsaw, Moscow, Kleff, in the Caucasus, in Turkestan, in Siberia, and the Amour district, the commanders-in-chief are invested with a higher political authority, and take the title of Governor-General. The distribution of the Russian troops by army corps is not uniformly established, as in some other countries of Europe. may be admitted, however, that in European Russian fifty-two divisions of infantry, fifty-two groups of mounted artillery, twenty-three divisions of cavalry and forty-four batteries of mounted artillery constitute twenty- Minister of War. He is one of the five army corps, of which two are in most important personages in his the Caucasus region. Beyond the Ural, in Siberia, in Turkestan and the made men who have attained to a high Manchuria, the organization is variable, and depends upon circumstances. but within the reach of the majority

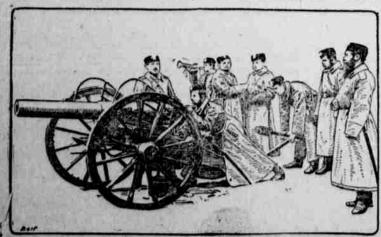
and private soldiers; they are located at St. Petersburg and Moscow. The preparatory instruction for these schools is obtained at twenty-four endet schools and three preparatory schools. For the higher military instruction four Military Academies are established, the Nicolas Academy of the Etat Major, the Michel Artillery Academy, the Nicolas Engineering Academy, and the Academy of Milltary Law. The Russian army on a war footing is composed of five contingents of the active army, thirteen contingents of reserve and four of militia of the first class; all these troops have received the necessary in struction and have been grouped by the officers of the active army and the officers of reserve. The militia of the second class has received no military Instruction. The Cossack troops which form a unique feature of the Russian army, are recruited in a special manner, and are clothed, equipped



BAYONET EXERCISE WITH OSCILLATING DUMMIES IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

and mounted at their own expense: the State furnishes only the arms and ammunition. The effectiveness of the Cossack troops on a war footing would exceed 250,000 cavalry.

The present situation in China brings to the front the name of Major-General Kouropatkin, the Russian country and one of the very few self-Amour region, and, at present, in place in the councils of state in Russin, where opportunities are anything



ARTILLERY OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD, ST. PETERSBURG REGI-MENT.

corps of Russian officers is re-in a great part from the Low-he became Chief of Staff to General tary Schools, of which there are Skobeleff, the hero of the Russo-Turkd in a great part from the Low-he became Chief of Staff to Genera Skobeleff, the hero of the Russo-Turk for the infantry, those of Ka-ish war of 1877-1879. During this conflict Kouropatkin was once left for

gouley, Tiflis, Wilna and Irkoutsk; dead at the Shipka Pass. After the wo for the cavalry, Elisabethgrad and war he attracted some attention by a book which he published describing and commenting upon some of the incidents of the engagements in which he had taken part and upon the important operations of the war general

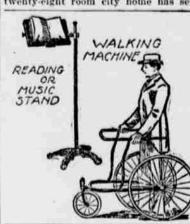
Although Skobeleff's right-hand man he held the rank of captain only. but soon after the war was over he obtained the command of the light roops in Turkestan. The Russian army has some odd

ways of training soldiers. One is the ayonet exercise with dummies.

Oscillating dummies are placed o the top of intrenchments, which the soldiers scale. After the men have telivered their blows they go down the other side, at the bottom of which another row of similar dummies has been placed. There the attack is reseated, and the soldiers, going through the ranks of their silent victims piace themselves in skirmishing order

The Invalld Studio.

There remain few luxuries to be add ed to the home of the millionaire, for the latest fad of the uncomfortably rich is a scientifically fitted sick room The more cheerful name to this apartment is the invalid studio and the millionaire who ordered one in his new twenty-eight room city home has se-



the fashion for his brother plutocrats This particular rich man is the head of a family where maladies creep in in spite of wealth and his sensible plan is to isolate any invalid to a part of the spacious house where light, sunshine, perfect quiet and exquisite comfort can be secured without incommoding the rest of the family or force ing the unlucky one to resort to a hos pital.

The studio itself is a big, beautiful room, with windows at top and sides, exquisitely tiled walls and provided with furniture that would fill a hopeless singgard's heart with joy. The brass bedstead almost walks and talks, there is an organ and a plane that



can be set going and regulated by keys arranged like those of a typewriter; the music to be played low or loud as desired. For the gouty person or the owner of a sprained ankle there is a tufted leg rest that can be shifted to any height or position deared and if the invalid is too weak or self-indulgent to hold his book there s an obliging stand that will assume the task for him. When a holiday in bed is desired or enforced a pillar bed rest comes into service and its top. subject to manifold variations in form, can be converted from a breakfast tray into a book rest, a writing d, an easel, or even an instrument that will hold wools for winding.

loss of vitality. Altogether the home infirmary is a huge success and promises to become as recognized an institution in the luxurious American home as the model nursery or the private gymnasium.-New York Herald.

Stork With Whale's Hend The whale-headed stork is admitted to be one of the most curious birds in the whole world, and a living one in the Zoological Gardens would be a great attraction at the present time.

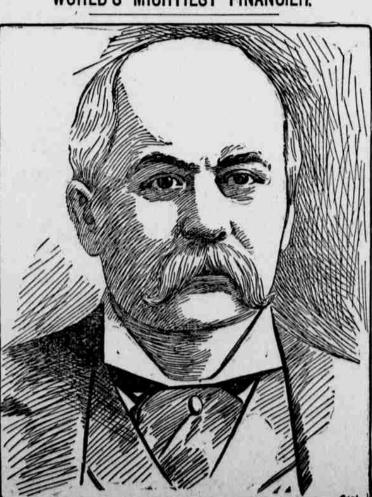


says the London Graphic. It will probably not be long before we shall be able once more to see living specimens in our menageries, for the bird is by no means rare in the swampy districts of the Upper Nile and the Gazelle River. From this latter region Mr. Petherick, H. B. M. Consul at Khartoum, procured some young birds in 1859, and two of them safely arrived in the Zoological Gardens in 1860, where they evoked a lively public interest. It was recently announced, after a silence of nearly forty years respecting the whale-headed two specimens arrived at

Natural History Museum on the the same day last autumn, and from two widely different localities, one being from Captain Dunn, on the Zarab River, beyond Khartoum, and the other from Sir Harry Johnston, on the Victoria Nyanza. Sir Harry Johnston believed that he recognized the Baloeniceps in Angola, but no specimen has ever been procured in Southwestern Africa, though its occurrence there is now rendered more probable by the discovery that its range extends to the Victoria Nyanza. In a wild state the whale-headed stork often assembles in companies of a bundred together in the marshes.

Where Housework is Done by Males. All the work in Buluwayo, both in the house and out of it, is done by men, either Kaffirs, Indian collies, Zambezi boys, which are a cross between Kaffirs and Portuguese, They are very picturesque in their white calico. A long strip is folded around the upper part of the legs, brought up be-tween the knees and folded down in front. Over these they wear a white shirt. They have a decided penchant for stand-up collars and a perfect passion for boots. Boots, however, are not allowed indoors on account of noise. The coast boys are excellent cooks and extremely clean. The Zambezi boys are actuated by the love of money rather than work. For the sake of coins they brave the dangers of the terrible Tsetsa country, infested by flies so poisonous that horses cannot When a convalescent has not be taken through it, and, leaving their strength enough for exercise, but is in- own land, where they have every comsistent on freedom of movement, the fort, plenty to eat and drink and wear, walking machine is taken from the they go down to work for the white storage closet and the most restless men in South Africa. The boys de-individual can come and go without mand and get very high wages.

WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FINANCIER.



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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED

Forest Fires in Potter County-Nerve Killer Proved a Failure-Annual Report of State Council O. U. A. M.

Pensions have been granted as follows: William H. Wise, Camp Hill, \$6; Smith Woolsey, Francis, \$12: Smith Woolsey, Francis, \$12, danes, Williams, Mercer, \$6; James H. Lanes, Myra, \$10; Jacob Stover, Bloserville, \$10; Andrew J. Case, Ft. Hill. \$8; Peter Lang, Cochranton, \$12; William H. Smith, Harrisville, \$8; Peter Heff-ner, McConnellstown, \$8; Mary E. Al-tenburg, Troy Center, \$8; minors of James W. Reed, Benver Falls, \$12;

Lydin M. Osporne, Reynoldsville, 88. At the annual session of the State council, O. U. A. M., the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: State Councillor, Stephen L. Mull; Vice Councillor, George L. Sides; Secretary, Walter Graham; Treasurer, Charles H. Kuertz; Inductor, W. J. Jackson; Examiner, E. W. Swank; Inside Protector, W. F. Rayon; Outside Protector, W. F. Rayon, Ont-side Protector, L. W. Moore; Repre-sentative to National Convention, R. A. Walker, Johnstown was selected as the place of next meeting.

Jesse R. King, of near Millheim, Center county, shot and it is believed fatally wounded his bride of two months, and when a constable attempted to arrest him. King shot himself through the chest and died in a self through the chest and died in a few minutes. King was 25 years old, and his wife was but 20. He was passionately jealous of his wife and, as a consequence, half their married life was spent in quarreling.

Reports read at the fifty-sixth an-nual convention of the State council, O. U. A. M., at York, show 200 councils with a membership of 13,136; received by subordinate councils during the year, \$138,037,30; paid by subordinate councils for benefits and relief during the year, \$66,000.95; paid for other purposes, \$70,335,90; total paid out, \$136,426,94; money in subordinate

council treasuries, \$297,622.90. The Governor has sent to the Senate the following nominations: A. L. Mar-tin, of Enon Valley, Lawrence county, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for four years; William I. Schaffer, of Chester, to be reporter of the decisions of the Supreme and Superior Courts for five years; Benjamin E. Mc Cartney, of Hamilton, to be economic zoologist of the Department of Agriculture for four years,

Dr. Holley, of Muncy, under the di-rection of Dr. Leonard Pearson, the State veterinarian, examined the herd of 146 cows on the Rock View farm of Colonel W. F. Reynolds, Center county, and found 14 animals to be killed immediately. The cows were of blooded stock and were valued at over \$1,000. Colonel Reynolds will receive \$410 from the State.

The ministers of New Castle propose to force reform in the matter of funerals, and have adopted stringent resolutions. They decided that they should be paid for delivering funeral for non-churchgoers. declared also against long funeral ser mons, and extensive eulogies. They also decided to officiate at no funerals held on Sunday.

Forest fires in Potter county are destroying thousands of feet of timber and bark. Every available man has been called into service, but no headway has been made against the flames. The railroad shops and all the mills at Williamsport have been closed, in order that the men may assist in checking the flames, Because they refused to reveal the

hiding place of their hoarded money. William Jackson and wife, an aged couple living near Bradenville, Westmoreland county, received horrible treatment at the hands of burglars. Both were beaten into insensibility with clubs. The outlaws secured \$250

and escaped.

The Monessen, Webster, Bellevernon and Fayette City Street Railway
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House bill to make the commonHouse bill to make the commonelectric road along the Monongahela river for ten miles from Webster to built by county commissioners over Fayette City. The rights of way are streams above a certain width. Fayette City. The rights of way are being secured and the road will be built at once.

Attorneys are hearthing in Merces and Venango counties for heirs of Peter Rigby, who died about ten months ago in Rio Janeiro. Rigby left Philadelphia about 50 years ago and trace of him had been lost. He left an es-tate of \$2,500,000, all of which goes to the children of several brothers and

isters.

The known defalcations of E. H. purposes, of any lands lying partly in two or more countles divided by Faulkender, the Blair county attorney, now aggregate \$20,000. The missing Extending to cities of the second lawyer's property was sold by the and third class the act of May 24, 1887. Sheriff, creditors realizing about 5 authorizing the city of Philadelphia cents on the dollar. Warrants charg- to appropriate not more than \$500 an

One was used to swear witnesses since | nual appropriation by the Legislature the organization of Butler county in to 1853.

Freight engine No. 16, of the Huntingdon & Broad Top railroad, was to the slim attendance. blown to pleces while standing on the track, near Mt. Dallas station, about killed.

While watching a gathering storm Molly Studebaker, daughter of Joseph Studebaker, of near Jacksville, Lawrence county, was struck by lightning and killed. Her sister, who was with her at the time, was severely shocked. afternoon at 3:30, and that the orde

The Connellsville school board will sue the trustees of the projected Car-negle Library for the return of property valued at \$12,000 deeded to the library association by the former school board.

Five miners were probably fatally injured by an explosion of powder at the Henry colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company near Wilkesbarre. The powder was in a "trip" of run away cars.

E. H. Hathaway, special agent investigating the free rural mail delivery system in Washington county, says that the roads must be improved if the service is to be continued.

Leroy Buxton, of Orangeville, Mer cer county, undertook to burn out the nerve of a decayed tooth by inserting a match head in the cavity and ther setting it off with a heated wire. His mouth was frightfully burned and he became unconscious from the intense

pain and was revived with difficulty Jessie Hamilton, aged 22, is under arrest at Meadville and will be tried for her sanity. The young woman went to town with a bag of oats. Upon reaching St. Agatha's Church, she en-tered and strewed oats in every direc-

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY. A special order was made by the House to-night at the request of Mr. Yoorhees, of Philadelphia, for his bill providing for a submission to a vote of the people at the next general elec-tion of the question of removing the capitol from Harrisburg to Philadel-phia.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Pomeroy, of Franklin, and adopted directing Governor Stone to appoint 20 persons, not more than one from each county, to be known as an auxiliary committee from Pennsyl vania to the Pan-American Expo committee from Pennsyl-

Mr. Corny, of Luzerne, introduced a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale, importation or exportation, or dispensing in any way of all intoxicating beverages in Pennsylvania, ex-cept for scientific, mechanical or med-

icinal purposes.

The order of business in the Senate was bills on first reading.

TUESDAY. The Senate held a brief session. The House "renovated butter" bill was recommitted to the Committee on Health and Sanitation for the purpose of giving those interested a chance to The Senate chamber was crowded with clergymen representing various denominations, who had come from all over the State to protest against the passage of Senator Berkel-bach's bill to amend the Sunday laws of 1804.

The order of business in the House to-day was Senate bills of final pas-sage. The following passed this stage: Fixing the salaries of county

superintendents of schools. Authorling county commissioners to give \$200 annually to county historical societies which have been incorporated at least three years and have an active membership of 100 persons.

Authorizing county commissioners to erect or complete and maintain a monument at the seat of each county in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the late war.

The bill providing for a vote by the people on the question of the removal of the State capital to Philadelphia, passed the House on second reading by a vote of 110 yeas to 47 mays. WEDNESDAY.

The Voorhees bill, providing for a submission to a vote of the people at the November election the question of changing the location of the capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, was taken up by the House on a special order for third reading and final pas-sage. When a vote was taken the measure was defeated, 75 to 103.

The Guffey-Ikeler ballot bill failed on the third reading and final passage in the House by a vote of 95 years to 87 nays, not a constitutional majority. unanimous vote the congres By sional apportionment committee of the House affirmatively reported the Grady bill with the amendments desired by Allegheny county. Four dis-tricts are given, the additional district eing taken from Philadelphia. Among the numerous bills passed

by the Senate, were:
Authorizing township commissioners in first-class townships to lay out, widen, open and vacate streets and

Proposing an amendment to section 5, article 3, of the constitution, so as to allow cities, boroughs or townships to vote on postponed special or local

House bill repealing the act provid-

wealth liable for a proportionate share of the cost of construction of bridges

Acting upon a concurrent resolution the Senate adjourned for one week. THURSDAY.

In the House to-day the following Senate bills passed finally: Conferring on Orphans' Courts hav ing jurisdiction of the accounts of guardians power to order and direct a mortgage or public or private sale for the payment of debts, or for other

county lines. Extending to cities of the ing him with embezzlement have been nually for the support and mainte sworn out. John H. Negley, of Butler, has received from Colonel Archibald Blakeley, of Pittsburg, two small Bibles, within that city in addition to the an-

The Senate Congressional apportion to 1842, and the other from 1842 ment bill went over for final passage until next Tuesday at the request of Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, owing

FRIDAY. seven miles from Bedford. Four of the distance that the crew of five men were instantly passing first reading was the Fox killed. measure appropriating \$5,000,000 to complete the capitol.

Mr. Harrison, of Philadelphia, of-fered a resolution, which was adopt-ed, that when the House adjourn to-day it be to meet new Wednesday of business be original resolutions and motions to recommit.

-The seas contiguous to the east ern coast of Siberia abound in whales of different kinds. Long ago, their number attracted American whalers into these seas. A whole fleet of schooners (about 200) used to roam about in the Okhotsk and Bering Seas during the summer; according to the testimony of the shipowners, they obtained during a period of 14 years (from 1847 to 1861) oil and whalebone to the value of \$130,000,000.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The New York Stock Exchange may list the new British bonds.

The Mad Mullah, with a large force, a threatening to raid Berbera, in East Africa.

The London theatres are doing a poor business on account of the fine weather.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts shows a deficiency of \$38,696 for the

Nearly 1000 immigrant: are arriving at New York City on each of the cean liners.

Russia spends about \$1,900,000 a year strengthening Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

A London story of a Franco-Russian revival of the Egyptian question is diseredited in Paris In Massachusetts the sale of cigar-ettes to persons under eighteen years

of age has been prohibited. The Shah of Persia has decreed that all roads around his capital are to be made practicable for motor-car traffic. Four hundred and thirty-five pairs of trousers have been purchased by the Government for the Yankton Sloux

American sculptors have been in-vited to submit models for the General George B. McClellan statue in Washington, D. C.

Italy has rejected an appeal from Turkey to assist in preventing the settlement of foreign Jews in the latter named country.

The Vicksburg National Park will soon be complete, so far as the ac-quisition of land is concerned. It will

comprise in all 1231 acres. Another of Sir Christopher Wren's churches in London is threatened This is St. Mildred's, the site of which it wanted for a railway station. It is said to be one of the best-preserved of Wren's bulldings.

A Prayer for Gontlemess.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, fo. Thy gentleness, which is both our example and delight. Thy pity and long suffering deepen assurance that That lookest upon us with a Father's heart of love. Forgive us that we been iconstituted for our teaching and that we find it so hard to fo give when Thou has appointed for our teaching and that we find it so hard to fo give when Thou hast freely pardoned our transgressions. Give us power to labor and to overcome. Help us to use our strength in gentleness. Teach us how to understand and sympathize. May we speak kindly think charitably and look hopefully seeking in all simplicity of obedience to love our neighbor as ourself. So make us like our Lord in truth and gentleness and use us in Thy service We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, fo. gentleness and use us in Thy service evermore. Amen.

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