

## PROGRESS OF THE WAR

### Slaughter at Port Arthur in Last Attack Was Appalling.

### SOLDIERS WERE MOWED DOWN.

### Guns from Forts Rained Shot and the Ground was Black with the Dead.

The last reported assault on Port Arthur was bloodiest and most desperate that has yet taken place.

The attempt failed after the most furious fighting that has been witnessed since Port Arthur was invested. The fighting lasted from noon of November 26 until after dawn of the following day without cessation. The front lines of infantry, having been strongly reinforced, began an attack simultaneously along the entire line from East Kokwan mountain to West Kiblung mountain. Through the smoke of the bursting shells the assaulters could be seen emerging from the cover of the parallels, as well as swarming up the fortified ridge at half a dozen different points.

Rifles, rapid-fire guns and machine guns blazed from the Russian position, where advances were made in hundreds. The forts were belching smoke and bursting shells, and the rampart walls were black with assaulters, who on reaching the crests met with an awful fire from within the forts, which swept down line after line of Japanese.

As fast as the assaulters were repulsed more Japanese swarmed up, only to be mowed down in turn. The determination and fury of the Japanese assaults were equaled by the stubbornness of the resistance of the Russians.

The Russian shrapnel fire made the captured portion of the trenches shambles, while the Japanese shrapnel fire assisted the captors to push east and west along the trench line.

### VESSELS SUNK OR DAMAGED.

### Crews Landed from Men-o-War and No Effort Made to Save Them from Destruction.

The London "Daily Telegraph" correspondent before Port Arthur, telegraphs that all of the Russian battleships and cruisers, together with the gunboats Gyllak and Fusadneck, within the harbor have either been sunk or destroyed by Japanese shells, and that only the torpedo boat destroyers remain intact.

According to special dispatches from Tokio and Shanghai giving official reports, the crews of all the Russian war vessels in the harbor of Port Arthur were landed and apparently no effort was made to move the vessels. The Japanese will now turn their attention to the torpedo boat destroyers, and when these have been destroyed the guns will be directed against steamers and transports in the harbor.

The warships at Port Arthur on November 23 included the battleships Retvizan, Pobieda, Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Pallada, the gunboats Vсадnik, Gyllak and Bobr, the coast defense vessel Otavshani, the transport Amur, the transport Anzhero, the torpedo boat destroyers Stronini, Slini, Snely, Serditi, Boiki, Berushim, Storozev, Ratnashchi and Rastoropya.

Of the destroyers the Rastoropya was blown up at Chofeo by her crew, having gone there with dispatches. Of the other named ships, as the result of the Japanese bombardment from Two Hundred Meter hill, the Poltava has been sunk, the Retvizan is listing to starboard and her upper deck nearly submerged; the Peresviet, according to report, has been sunk; the Pallada is beginning to list to port and is still undergoing a vicious bombardment; the Pobieda, according to advices, is seriously damaged, listing aft and submerged to the stern walk, and the Bayan is aground and burning.

Mail advices to Japan describing the capture of Two Hundred Three Meter hill state that the Japanese drenched the timber work of the trenches with kerosene and started a furious fire which was fanned by a strong gale. The Japanese advance was very slow. They were obliged to make roads with bags of earth. It was a sudden decision to make a night attack that brought victory to the Japanese. Nothing is yet officially known as to the extent of the Japanese casualties.

### Congressional.

The House passed a resolution to adjourn on December 21 until January 4, 1905, for the usual Christmas holiday. The House then, at 5:25 p. m., adjourned until Monday.

Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his good roads bill at the present session.

The House Judiciary Committee reported, with a recommendation that it lie on the table, the resolution offered by Representative Baker of New York alleging a combination of steel concerns and calling on the Attorney General for information as to what steps he has taken looking to prosecutions.

The House passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations bill practically as it came from committee.

### Can Resume Excavation.

Director E. S. Banks of the Chicago University expedition to Babylon, has been informed that he may resume the excavation. Differences resulting from the assertion of the Turkish authorities that the researches were being made contrary to law are settled through the efforts of the American legation here.

## CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE.

### Manufacturing Plants Report Increased Output, but Water Shortage is Felt in Coke Region.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Wall street's severe reaction was not due to any setback in the commercial world, all measures of legitimate trade showing wholesome progress, and confidence in the future is unshaken. Railway earnings in November averaged 9.2 per cent, greater than in the same month of 1903, and the distribution of merchandise sufficiently heavy to produce for the trades at several points.

Manufacturing plants report increased output in almost every instance, except where inadequate water supply provides a temporary interruption. This difficulty is most severely felt at coke ovens and paper mills in Pennsylvania. Seasonable weather has stimulated retail trade in wearing apparel, and holiday goods are in great demand. Foreign commerce at the port of New York shows a gain of \$2,029,971 in exports as compared with the same week last year, while imports increased \$2,098,591. Each week there is an increase in the number of steel mills and iron furnaces in operation, output steadily increasing despite the fact that this is normally the dull season. The railroads are placing orders freely for practically all forms of equipment except rails, and this class of business will probably materialize next week when it is believed that the old list price of \$28 will be reaffirmed. Quotations of finished steel are very firm. Persistent advices in the miner metals have at last received a check. Strength continues in the hide markets. Footwear is strong, and while no change is noted in current prices, a general advance of five cents is demanded on future business. Notwithstanding the sharp decline in raw cotton goods, the cotton goods market has remained fairly steady. More sales of heavy woollens and worsteds are reported at former prices.

Failures this week numbered 229 in the United States against 331 last year, and 26 in Canada compared with 29 a year ago.

### SAYS SHE IS MADAM DE VERE.

### San Francisco Woman Claims She is Mrs. Chadwick's Sister.

Mrs. Alice M. York, of San Francisco, has reiterated her statement that she is a sister of Mrs. Chadwick, despite the latter's renunciation of the relationship. She said:

"There was nothing peculiar about her as a girl, save that she was a deep thinker. She always seemed absorbed in thought and would sit in silence by the hour. She would come out of these thinking spells as if bewildered. She would never discuss her strange actions nor the many troubles in which she became involved."

"She never indicated that she was possessed of any hypnotic power. At the time in Toledo, when she was convicted of forgery under the name of Madame De Vere, it is said she hypnotized a man named Joseph Lamb, an express agent, who was arrested with her. The papers were full of it at the time and all the talk was hypnotism. The hypnotism talk was nonsense.

"It seems to me that my sister had a mania for doing just such things that have now involved her in this trouble. She did not need money, as she had plenty of it. In speech she talks slowly and lisps slightly. She is quite deaf. She was always extremely quiet. After the affair in Toledo, when she was released from prison she came to live with me at my home. She was then the widow of C. L. Hoover, who left her considerable money."

### 700 Families Will Move.

The operators and striking miners in the Cabin Creek district, (W. Va.) came to an agreement, the terms of which are that the operators shall stop the evictions, and the union miners will quietly leave the premises of the Cabin Creek operators and seek employment in other fields. There are 30 operations in the Cabin Creek field from which more than 700 families will withdraw within the next two weeks.

### QUEEN DRAGA'S JEWELS SOLD.

### Famous Tiara Brings \$6,100 at Auction in London.

The jewels and costumes of the late Queen Draga, of Serbia, were sold at auction in London.

Her famous tiara, which she wore on the day of her wedding, brought \$6,100; the bracelet, set with emeralds and brilliants, Czar Nicholas's gift at the occasion of her wedding, went for \$2,400; the Persian Order of the Sun was bought for \$575; the Turkish Order of Merit for \$750; her bridal gown went for \$150, and her state costume for \$850. The gold pendant and earrings, both of Serbian design and known as her favorite jewelry, sold for \$350.

### Sharon Wants Building.

Representative J. C. Sibley, of Franklin, Pa., introduced a bill in the House appropriating \$90,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Sharon, Mercer county. The bill provides that not more than \$15,000 shall be expended in the securing of a site.

### Japan is Willing.

Japan has accepted the American Government's invitation to participate in a second peace conference at The Hague, provided the rulings of the conference should not affect the present conflict. The Japanese reply was presented to Secretary Hay by Mr. Hickl, the Japanese Charge d' Affaires.

The president renominated John G. Brady of Pennsylvania for governor of Ohio.

## CONGRESS IN SESSION

### Many Changes in the Members Since Last Meeting.

### SESSION WAS LIKE A LEVEE.

### Desks of Members Almost Hidden by Profusion of Flowers—Galleries Crowded.

With the Senate in session 13 minutes, and the House 53 minutes, the last session of the Fifty-eighth Congress was assembled Monday. The time of both bodies was devoted entirely to the usual formalities of opening day. There were the greetings between members, the great floral display, and the hundreds of visitors, with beautifully gowned women predominating. Corridors, committee rooms and cloak rooms were thronged. The bustle extended even to the floors of the chambers.

The gavels of Senator W. P. Frye, President pro tem, of the Senate, and Speaker J. G. Cannon, of the House, fell exactly at 12 o'clock. The opening prayers were made by the chaplains, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., in the Senate, and Rev. H. N. Couden, in the House.

In both the Senate and the House the committees were appointed to wait on the President and inform him, that Congress was ready to receive any communication he had to send. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, and M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, were adopted by both Houses, and the adjournments taken were in further tribute to their memory. The only business outside of the usual first day routine was the adoption of a resolution in the House extending until January 5, 1905, the time within which the merchant marine commission may make its report.

Many newly elected members were at the capitol, although they will not enter office until March 4. A particularly sad feature of the reassembling was the absence of kindly faces grown old in the service of the country.

Several bills relating to the tariff were introduced in the House of Representatives. The bill of Representative Spaulding of North Dakota provided for a tariff commission. The commissioners are to investigate and report to Congress recommendations as to necessary changes in the tariff. Representative Fordney of Michigan also offered a tariff commission bill.

Representative Baker of New York introduced a resolution reciting that the tariff is "a fraud on the American people wherever it is levied on any article whose labor cost is less in the United States than elsewhere." The resolution especially mentions steel.

In addition to listening to the reading of the President's message the Senate received a preliminary report from the Merchant Marine Commission, witnessed the induction of Senators Knox and Crane into office and in executive session referred the Presidential nominations to the proper committees.

The message was delivered in the Senate by Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the President, and its reading was immediately begun. At its conclusion Mr. Gallinger submitted a partial report from the Merchant Marine Commission, detailing its work and asking that the time for its completion be extended until January 5. The extension was granted. The senate at 2:07 p. m. went into executive session and at 2:20 adjourned.

After listening to the reading of the message the House adjourned until Wednesday. Minor routine matters were disposed of, but no other business was transacted.

Representative Littlefield reintroduced his bill requiring corporations to make annual reports to the Commissioner of Corporations. His former bill provided for a report to a commission.

Representative Roberts (Mass.) introduced a bill providing a pension of \$13 a month for the widows of Union soldiers, sailors and marines.

The expense of conveying the votes of electors for President and Vice President to Washington amounts to \$12,500.

### Wednesday.

The house was in session 15 minutes today. Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, offered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$28,838,709 for expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905. The appropriation for the current year for the same purpose is \$28,606,828. Mr. Bingham gave notice that he would call up the bill for consideration tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Payne of New York, the Republican floor leader, the house agreed to the usual distribution of the several parts of the President's message to the committees of the house, having jurisdiction. There being no further business before the house Mr. Payne's motion to adjourn, made at 12:15, was carried.

In the senate today there was but a feeble response to the chaplain's request to join him in reciting the Lord's prayer. The attendance of senators was large. Upon request of Mr. Proctor, a resolution of the Vermont legislature, opposing Canadian reciprocity was read. Mr. Cullom introduced petitions relating to the drafting of international arbitration treaties. The credentials of Senator-elect Proctor of Vermont, were read and ordered filed.

Mrs. Chadwick Arrested.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, was arrested in New York city by government officials, charged with aiding and abetting bank officials in embezzling \$12,500. She was too ill to leave her bed and was closely guarded at the hotel. Mrs. Chadwick, her son and Iri Reynolds have been summoned into bankruptcy court at Cleveland for the purpose of ascertaining the location of Mrs. Chadwick's property. The notes bearing the signature "Andrew Carnegie" will be taken before an Ohio grand jury.

## INSANE MAN CONFESSES.

### Started \$150,000 Fire That Resulted in Loss of One Life.

Anthony Laird, 19 years old, who recently escaped from the insane ward of the Mercer county (Pa.) infirmary at Greenville, confessed to the police to setting fire to the plant of the Summit Lumber company and the Dickson building, Akron, O., causing one man's death and \$150,000 damages. He told the police that he was to have had \$25 for setting fire to the planning mill, a strange man whom he met on the street promising to give him that amount.

He said that after he fired the mill he went into the basement of the Dickson building and started a fire in some rubbish. On account of his mental condition he will not be prosecuted, and J. A. McConnell, poor director of Mercer county, was permitted to take him back to the institution.

### WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.

### Planter, His Wife and Two Daughters Slain.

Benjamin B. Hughes, a wealthy merchant and planter of Trenton, S. C., and entire family were murdered and the house burned. Next morning the fire was discovered by residents living near the Hughes home, who raised an alarm. Members of the family could not be found. Investigation revealed the fact that unknown parties entered the house through the rear door, murdered Mrs. Hughes in her room with an ax, then went to the room occupied by the daughters, Emma, aged 19; Hattie, aged 14, and killed them in like manner. Hughes evidently heard the noise and went from his room into the hallway where he was shot down, a revolver being found near his side.

### NATIONAL FINANCES.

### Receipts and Expenditures Increased Last Year.

The report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw on the financial condition of the country, says:

The revenues of the Government from all sources (by warrants) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, were \$684,214,373.74. The expenditures for the same period were \$728,984,945.65, showing a deficit of \$44,770,571.91. The sum of \$50,000,000 was paid during the year for the right of way of the Panama canal.

Compared with the fiscal year 1903, the receipts for 1904 decreased \$10,496,743.90. There was an increase of \$85,661,495.37 in expenditures.

### CAPITAL NOTES.

The President nominated as postmasters Robert S. Davis, at Lestadao, Pa.; John Read, at Bolivar, O., and W. H. Hollinger, Waverly, O.

For the erection in the District of Columbia of a monument to Benjamin Franklin Senator Hale introduced a bill providing for an appropriation.

The committee which has charge of the arrangements for President Roosevelt's inauguration held its first meeting and decided to hold the inaugural ball on Saturday night, March 4.

According to the annual report of Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, the total number of printed books and pamphlets in the library is 1,179,713, a gain of 78,791 for the past fiscal year.

President Roosevelt began an investigation of the tobacco trust by appointing A. E. Garner of Springfield, Tenn., an Assistant Attorney General. He is assigned to inquire thoroughly into the tobacco growing industry and ascertain the extent to which it is controlled by the trust.

### THREE MINERS KILLED.

### Riot Among Italians a Bloody Affair—Five Men Seriously Injured.

Three Italian miners were killed and five other foreigners were seriously injured in a fight near Matewan, W. Va. There has been trouble between two rival camps for some time and the embers of hatred between them were kindled into a blaze by an assault, Tuesday night.

Citizens of Matewan who heard the shooting rushed to the scene to find two men dead and three wounded on the ground.

Nine boys were arrested at Washington, Pa., charged with attempting to wreck a Baltimore & Ohio train.

### Child Perished.

At Elk Run Junction, near Punxsutawney, Pa., a spark from a stove exploded a keg of powder in a miner's shanty, occupied by six Italian families. The roof was blown off the building and it was burned. A three-year-old child was left behind by the flames, and perished in the flames. Five men and one woman were seriously burned.

### OFFICIAL RETURNS.

The official vote of North Carolina shows a total of 207,367. Parker received 124,121, Roosevelt 82,442, Swallow 361, Watson 819, Debs 124. The majority for Parker is 40,375, with a plurality over Roosevelt of 41,679.

The official vote of South Carolina for President is as follows: Parker, 62,863; Roosevelt, 2,271; Debs, Social Democrat, 22; Watson, Populist, 1.

The official canvass of South Dakota's Presidential vote shows: Roosevelt, 72,083; Parker, 22,002; Debs, 3,128; Watson, 1,248; Swallow, 2,965. Roosevelt's plurality, 50,081.

Official returns of the election held in Kentucky show the vote cast, 435,765. The plurality for the Democratic electors is 11,893. The Democrats polled 217,170, Republicans 205,277, Prohibitionists 6,009, Socialists 3,502, Populists 2,511, Social Labor 596.

### Mining Disaster.

Meager details of an explosion in a coal mine at Burnett, about 50 miles from Tacoma, Wash., have been received. Ten bodies had been taken out and it is positively known that five workmen are still in the mine.

## RUSSIAN WARSHIP SUNK

### Shells Also Damage the Retvizan in Port Arthur Harbor.

### JAPANESE INCREASE DEFENSES.

### All-Night Attacks to Recapture 203 Meter Hill Fail—Assaulters Slaughtered.

It is officially announced at Tokio that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the Retvizan has been seriously damaged.

The Russians are nightly attacking 203 Meter Hill in a determined endeavor to retake the summit. The Japanese are increasing their defenses and have succeeded in repelling all assaults. The Russians have suffered the heaviest losses and it is estimated that they have sacrificed 3,000 men in their effort to recapture the ground.

The works against Sunghu and the forts to the eastward are progressing speedily and all indications point to an early general assault.

The effective bombardment of the Russian battleships in Port Arthur which began Saturday was one of the results of the capture of 203 Meter Hill.

### BANK OFFICERS ARRESTED.

### United States Authorities Take Action in Oberlin Case.

As the result of the extended conference between the United States District Attorney, the bank examiners who have been looking into the affairs of the failed Citizens National Bank of Oberlin, O., and their counsel, President C. T. Beckwith and Cashier Spear of that bank were placed under arrest by United States Marshal Chandler of Cleveland at their homes in Oberlin, and taken to Cleveland.

The arrests are the first that have been made in the Chadwick case. The Citizens National bank, with which they are connected, is creditor to the extent of \$240,000 from Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. The bank is capitalized at \$60,000.

Beckwith confessed that he and Cashier Spear had indorsed a note signed "Andrew Carnegie" for \$250,000 and in all notes aggregating \$1,250,000.

Andrew Carnegie denies that he signed notes for Mrs. Chadwick, and that his name is connected with the affair.

### CONVICTION IN LAND FRAUDS.

### Jury Brings in Verdict of Guilty in Oregon Cases.

The jury in the land fraud case, which has been occupying the attention of Judge Bellinger's court for over two weeks, brought in a verdict of guilty for all the defendants, with the exception of Miss Marie Ware. No recommendations as to punishment were made. Miss Ware was acquitted, following the instructions of the court.

The verdict of the jury follows: "We, the jury, find the defendants Emma L. Watson, S. A. D. Pater, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Frank H. Wolgamot, guilty of the crime of conspiring to defraud the government out of a part of its public lands situated in township 11 south of range 7 east, as charged. We find the defendant, Marie L. Ware, not guilty."

### Sending Another Fleet.

According to a St. Petersburg dispatch the Emperor, has decreed the dispatch to the Far East of a third squadron, comprising the battleships Paul and Slava, which will be completed as speedily as possible; five torpedo boats, five cruisers and 40 torpedo boat destroyers. The third squadron, the dispatch adds, it is hoped, will be fitted out in two months.

### New Trial Refused.

Mrs. Jennie Owen, who is serving a life sentence for the killing of her husband, Calvin Owen, was refused a new trial in error proceedings in Circuit court at Steubenville, O. Judge John C. Hale of Cleveland, who sat in the case, delivered the opinion.

### FIRE IN THEATER.

### A Score of People Badly Injured in Rush for Doors.

A serious panic occurred at the Norfolk, Nebraska Auditorium during a matinee at which "Cinderella" was being presented. A score of persons were badly trampled, but no one was killed. The panic was caused by a slight blaze started from an electric light wire. Some person turned in a fire alarm, and at the same time a man in the gallery shouted "Fire!" in a moment the parquet was a mass of people trying to reach the exits.

These were found closed, which added to the excitement. The blaze was quickly extinguished, but the crowd continued its rush for the doors. The theater management says the doors were not locked and could have been easily opened but for the frenzied condition of the audience.

### Mine Reservoir Breaks.

The water of the reservoir of the Esperanza mine in Mexico has broken its bounds and rushed with a roar down the mountain. The only structures in its path were small huts of Mexican day laborers, and with the destruction of these, five natives were drowned.

### Engineer Held Responsible.

A coroner's jury at Altoona, Pa., investigated the wreck at McGarvey's on the night of November 24, in which Jasper W. Coxy and L. C. Shade were killed and two other persons injured. After examining a number of witnesses, a verdict was rendered holding responsible the engineer of the locomotive which backed into an engine on which the killed and injured were riding.

The St. Louis exposition closed with a surplus of \$1,000,000.

## ADMITS HE FIRED ON HIS SHIPS.

### Retjstevsky No Longer Conceals Fact Aurora Was Hit By Russian Shells.

An official statement issued from naval headquarters at St. Petersburg given Vice Admiral Retjstevsky's latest account of the Dogger bank affair, and explains how the Baltic fleet fired on its own ships. The statement is as follows:

"After the Kuzal Souvaroff ceased firing two searchlights of the Dmitri Donskoi and Aurora suddenly appeared on the left of the ironclad division. The Russians are nightly attacking 203 Meter Hill in a determined endeavor to retake the summit. The Japanese are increasing their defenses and have succeeded in repelling all assaults. The Russians have suffered the heaviest losses and it is estimated that they have sacrificed 3,000 men in their effort to recapture the ground.

"Communications by wireless stated that five projectiles struck the Aurora, some ricocheting, and others hitting direct. The chaplain of the Aurora was seriously injured and a petty officer was slightly wounded. The chaplain subsequently succumbed at Tangier."

### TRAIN ROBBER'S WORK.

### Fatally Shoots Express Messenger and Rifles Safe.

A Wells-Fargo express car on an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe overland passenger train, was entered by a robber, somewhere between Needles and Daggett, and Evan O. Roberts, express messenger, was shot, probably fatally.

The way safe was rifled, but the main safe, said to contain \$200,000 in pension money, was not robbed, so far as known. Officers of the express company say the robber secured about \$400.

### 19,000,000 AT THE FAIR.

### Official Figures of Attendance Are Made Public.

The official figures for the attendance at the World's Fair have been made public. The total attendance was 18,741,973, and that of the closing day, December 1, 203,101. Recapitulation: April, one day, 187,793; May, 26 days, 1,001,391; June, 26 days, 2,124,836; July, 27 days, 2,343,557; August, 27 days, 3,088,743; September, 26 days, 3,651,873; October, 27 days, 3,622,329; November, 26 days, 2,517,450; December, one day, 203,101. Total, 18,741,973.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Gross fraud and corruption is charged in some of the awards made at the world's fair.

John A. Merritt of New York was reappointed by the President as postmaster of Washington.

A gusher with an estimated capacity of 5,000 barrels of oil daily, was developed at Saratoga, Tex.

As the result of an old feud Smith Murphy, a wealthy Mississippian was killed by Jeremiah Robinson, another planter.

The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad have declared an extra dividend of \$10 a share on the company's stock.

President Roosevelt has appointed Royal A. Gunnison of Binghamton, N. Y., to be United States judge for the First division of Alaska.

The International Banking Corporation of New York has been designated by President Roosevelt as fiscal agent of the United States in the Republic of Panama.

A letter received at Irkutsk, states that the inhabitants of two villages in the Gishlinsk district have died of starvation. Famine prevails owing to the scarcity of fish.

President Roosevelt will visit Philadelphia on Washington's birthday, February 22 next, to deliver an address before the students of the University of Pennsylvania.

Samuel H. Yonley, a freight engineer of the Pennsylvania Lines West, was caught between the bumpers of a tank and first car of his train at Alliance, and was killed.

Daniel C. Best, Sr., of Harrisburg, Pa., pleaded guilty in the United States District court, to forging his son's government pay warrant for \$20. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$50.

R. O. Woods, secretary of the Lima, O. Home and Savings association, found guilty of embezzling \$25,000 was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The London "Standard" asserts that an entire Russian army division which has been stationed in the Caucasus has been ordered to the Afghan frontier.

Thomas Mercer, of East Lackawanna town, Mercer county, Pa., committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. He was 27 years old and was a son of William Mercer.

Secretary Hay is preparing a circular note to the Powers Signatory of The Hague convention informing them of the gratifying reception which his note of October 23, inviting them to a second peace conference, has met.

### Discards the Doxology.

The doxology has been discarded at the University of Chicago. The faculty has agreed with the students that college songs do more to breed a true religious and college spirit than the chanting of the tenets of Christian belief, and at all chapel services in the junior college, the college song, "Alma Mater," has been substituted for the doxology.

### Boston Wool Market.

Trading in the wool market is quiet. The foreign market maintains a firm tone. Leading quotations are as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania—XX and above, 55@56c; X, 50@51c; No. 1, 37@38c; No. 2, 37@38c; fine, unwashed, 24@25c; unmerchandise, 27@28c; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 32c; 3/4-blood, 31 1/2@32c; 1/2-blood, 30c; unwashed delaine, 27@28c; fine washed delaine, 37@38c. Michigan—X and above, 29@30c; No. 1, 33@34c; No. 2, 33@34c; fine unwashed, 21@22c; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 31@32c; 3/4-blood, 31

## KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

### DIES WHILE BUTCHERING.

### Heart Failure Causes the Death of a Well-Known Farmer Near Scottsdale.

While butchering hogs to-day, John Overholt, a well-known farmer of Overton, dropped dead. Mr. Overholt was 50 years old, and was a bachelor, living with his sister, Miss Anna Overholt, and his uncle Martin Overholt. Heart failure caused Mr. Overholt's death.