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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY 19.

Loss is sometimes gain—as when Adam lost that rib.

A strong point in Kuropatkin's favor is that his name doesn't sound like a sneeze.

The prospect of the czar dictating peace in Tokio seems to have been jarred out of plumb.

An eminent physician says that there is no such thing as brain fag. What does he call it?

It appears that Patti's backer said farewell to about $40,000 when she said farewell to America.

A man never feels so flattered as when a woman tells him he is the only man who ever could understand her.

Approximately speaking, how long do you think it will take John L. Sullivan to run through with that $4,000?

A real count has become a real monk in Bohemia. More often they make monks of two syllables of themselves.

Possibly those good people who are moving to make wars less terrible are unintentionally moving to make wars more frequent.

Heave a sigh for the late Old Mose, the biggest grizzly of the Rockies. He was a whole beef trust in himself, but he never dorled it.

A Boston paper refers to the present spring as "a climatical cataclysm." Is it any wonder that Boston is sometimes astonished at itself?

There is a great deal in this theory that music may aroure even the feeble to manifestations of intense activity. Take "Bedella," for instance.

The New Jersey justice of the peace who married six persons in 33 minutes Tuesday has almost equaled the record of South Dakota for divorce.

An article in one of the monthly magazines says that some dining room papers cause indigestion to sensitive people. It took a bright mind to think of that.

If it is a fear of Peru that causes the Chileans to hesitate in annexing another slice of territory to their domain it must be a fear of recent growth.

That Albany centenarian who is growing a new set of teeth and new hair should sell the exclusive rights to himself to some patent medicine company.

A Russian cartoon represents a big Cossack spanking a little Jap. Doubtless the Cossack is saying: "I hate to do this, for it hurts me more than it does you."

Prof. Sparks of Chicago university says the American people no longer possess originality, but very likely he has in mind the Chicago university brand of originality.

The Japanese have invented an inextinguishable combustible for use in their business, and the Russians are now casting about for an incombustible extinguisher.

Again the price of diamonds has been advanced, and another increase is not impossible. This should show the young man who is planning to get engaged the peril of delay.

It's a question whether the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which has just secured a copy of "Poor Richard's Almanac" for $565, hasn't paid too dear for its whistle.

The sultan is very much pleased with his new cruiser. He has had occasion from time to time to inspect so many visiting war ships that he ought to know a good one when he sees it.

A man found praying for Russell Sage in front of Russell's house in New York has been adjudged insane, but, of course, this doesn't indicate that Uncle Russell is regarded as past praying for.

An Albany, N. Y., man who fought in the war of 1812 is cutting new teeth and getting a new crop of hair on top of his head. He has not gone so far, however, as to put on a Peter Tomkins waist.

Now that a rich New Yorker has placed an order with M. Santos Dumont for an elaborate flying machine for his personal use, it looks as if another of Edward Bellamy's dreams were coming true.

A St. Louis judge has decided that the young woman's father has a right to go downstairs after 11 o'clock and interrupt the proceedings, either by force or otherwise. He evidently thinks he can be re-elected without the boy vote.

The "Thumbnail edition" of the Bible, which is so small that it cannot be read without the aid of a microscope, is in great demand in England. It has not been discovered, however, that there has been any increase in the sale of microscopes.

A German surgeon now declares that it is possible to open up the lungs. If he can now evolve a process to shut them up, there are several persons in this country upon whom the operation might be performed with entire satisfaction to the country at large.

A Springfield, Ohio, man who is the father of twenty-four children is said to be finding it necessary to solicit aid for their support. Evidently he has had poor luck in selecting wives with proper earning capacity.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

The Gaylord Fire.

The fire which started in Laur's photo gallery in Gaylord Friday night was not gotten under control until an entire block of the business portion of the village had been burned, entailing a loss of $17,000. The fire is supposed to have started from a bonfire, which was fanned by a brisk wind from the west. It soon consumed the Laur gallery, inflicting a loss of $700; insurance $300, and reached to the buildings on each side of it. Steven Londgo lived in the first house south of the gallery, which was burned. His loss on household goods will be $150. The house was owned by Mr. Laughry, of Bay City; loss $800; no insurance. John V. Schuyler's restaurant and bowling alley was next in line, and the fire in it was soon beyond control. Mr. Schuyler's loss will reach $3,500, with insurance of $1,500. The fire department, seeing the place was doomed, immediately directed its attention to the Quay building, in which is located the opera house. This also was crowded with spectators, who were watching the performance of the "Midnight Express."

A man in the audience called fire, which set the house into a panic, and it looked for a time as though the crush would prove fatal to some of the audience. The building was saved, however, and the excitement soon died out.

On the north side of the photograph gallery was located the Herald printing office and the residence of H. A. McKinley, which was soon a mass of ruins. His loss will reach $5,000, with $2,700 insurance. Adjoining the Herald office was Carpenter's livery barn and a boarding house, which were destroyed. The loss reached $4,000, with insurance of $2,000.

THE LAKE TIE-UP.

Masters and Pilots Vote Down Latest Proposition.

The proposition of the Lake Carriers' association to pay masters and pilots last season's wage scale was overwhelmingly defeated by a referendum vote of the Masters and Pilots' association Wednesday. This decision of action means that the deadlock which has existed on the great lakes for several weeks will continue indefinitely and until it is removed there will be no resumption of general freight traffic. It is asserted that it was the vote of the mates and their influence upon the masters that killed the plan, although many of the former voted against it also. The mates outnumber the masters in the association two to one. It is stated that the mates are ready to withdraw and affiliate with the American Federation of Labor and paralyze not only the commerce of the lakes, but through their affiliation extend the tie-up to the mines and other industries upon which the consumer of the lakes is dependent for business.

The masters, recognizing the seriousness of such a move on the part of the younger officers, are doing everything in their power to keep them in line and away from affiliations which would mean such a disaster in the event of a general strike being declared. Those in favor explained why so many local harbors voted unanimously to decline the offer of the Lake Carriers.

Looks Like Firebugs

Another fire of sufficiently mysterious origin to lead the sufferers to believe that it was started by the firebugs who are blamed for the series of dangerous and costly fires in Glenwood, destroyed two more dwellings shortly after midnight Tuesday and damaged two others, the total loss being between $4,000 and $5,000. Within six weeks fires have damaged the village $25,000 and are supposed to have been the work of a firebug. Some weeks ago, because the village is without fire or police protection, all of the prominent insurance companies ordered their agents to cancel all policies in the village. All of the mysterious string of fires have occurred after midnight.

Hotels vs. Clubs.

The clubs at the Flats are up against the possible consequences of one of the local bills passed by the last legislature. The bill was introduced as a temperance measure to stop the sale of liquor at the Flats, but it was considerably revised in the process of being made a law. As the bill now stands, it provides that intoxicating liquors shall be sold, given or furnished, in pieces of less than 250 inhabitants in St. Clair county, only by hotelkeepers. This, it is said, will mean that the private clubs will either have to quit handling liquor, or else open their doors to the public and become hotels.

It Was Chickweed.

At last the secret of the famous "poison testing class" of the homeopathic department of the University of Michigan is out. It was not cyanide of cacodyl that was given them, but simply "stellaria media," in plain English wild chickweed. Twelve students of the Sigma Alpha homeopathic fraternity, and three young ladies of the senior class formed the poison testing class, The result of the investigation has been put into a twenty-page pamphlet for the benefit of the profession. The class has organized a drug proving society at the university, which is expected to be permanent.

The outlook for good crops this year is not any too good, if the figures issued by the secretary of state are to be relied on. The cold weather during April was unfavorable for planting, and growth of crops, and the condition of wheat declined perceptibly during that month. At present the outlook is for one of the poorest crops of wheat ever grown in the state. The prospects for fruit vary considerably throughout the state. The peach crop will be light outside of the fruit belt.

Battle Creek is first in the field with a case of heat prostration.

A thunder storm raged throughout the copper country Saturday. Three inches of snow fell in Calumet.

The Quincy News says that poles of various kinds are becoming more numerous than people on the streets of that village.

The supreme court has upheld Auditor-General Powers in his refusal to pay vouchers allowed by state boards for services of attorneys for preparing desired legislation. The decision permits the auditor-general to receive such money, expended by state boards, by deducting the amount from the funds of the board.

Michigan Producing Much Coal.

Inasmuch as the coal output in Michigan has been very large during the last four months, it has been made the subject of a special bulletin issued by the state labor commissioner as a supplement to the annual report of the department.

It is shown that coal is being mined extensively in Bay City, Huron, Shiawassee, Jackson and Eaton counties, the output in these counties being as follows: December, 154,650 tons; January, 143,594; February, 133,965; March, 143,981; total, 576,290 tons. The total cost of mining the coal was $933,307.27, the average cost per ton being $1.62. It is stated that if the production of coal holds its own for the next eight months more coal will be mined than during any previous year in the history of the industry in Michigan.

The output in Bay and Saginaw county was 119,593 tons for the four months, in Bay county, 163,967, in Huron county 2,221, in Shiawassee 563 tons, in Jackson county 3,250.

The total output of coal in the state last year was 1,581,346 tons.

A Sensational Trial.

The seventh murder trial that has been tried in Berrien circuit court in the past 18 months is now on in St. Joseph. Thomas Payne, who is the oldest prisoner ever confined in the county jail on a criminal charge, is held to answer for the murder of his wife, whom he is charged with killing near Three Oaks about five weeks ago. Twenty-five witnesses have been subpenaed in behalf of the people and more than that many more will be heard for the defense. This will be the most sensational case ever tried in the city, from the fact that the aged prisoner persists that it was in self-defense the deed was committed.

Repented to Late.

John Burns, aged 52, living on a farm between Coldwater and Quincy, took poison, but stuck to his determination to die, when Dr. Hollister, of Quincy, was summoned, and declared that it was all a mistake about his having attempted suicide, and Dr. Baldwin went away. Shortly after the poison began to work, Burns changed his mind about wanting to die, so great was the pain, but the doctor was no longer to be found, and the man died, despondency over ill-health explains the deed. Two sons and the widow survive.

STATE NOTES.

Alma has building boom.

Potterville will have a $25,000 private bank.

Shortage of school ma'ams reported throughout the state.

Thousands of Hazards clogged Union City cement walk.

Supply of farm horses in southwestern Michigan limited.

Mr. and Mrs. James Myers, Horseshoe, have 14-pound girl.

J. C. Blake, an old hotel man of Tecumseh, died Monday of heart trouble.

Port Huron woman wants divorce because she had to burn furniture to keep warm.

Grapes in the vicinity of Lawton were greatly damaged by a heavy frost Sunday night.

Menominee's schools are so crowded that more room will have to be provided before next fall.

Vicksburg is on the boom since the Lee Paper Co. has begun the erection of its big factory building there.

John Atkinson, an Alpena township fruit grower, is cutting down 4,000 plum trees that were winter killed.

Col Hecker will be home only a short time, as the members of the commission are already returning to Panama.

There is a great demand for farm horses in southwestern Michigan this spring, but the supply is very limited.

Fred L. Wells, a pioneer and well-known citizen of Port Huron, died suddenly. He had many public offices during his lifetime.

John Tudor, living near Bachelor, laughed so hard at newspaper joke that he dislocated his jaw. Then he stopped the paper.

Evangelist and schools clash at Benton Harbor, likely to break up contemplated revival meeting. Graduates can get no place for exercises.

A Greenville man raised twelve acres of potatoes last year, and after saving enough for this year's seed, has sold the crop for $1,500.

Of the 35 saloon licenses issued in Ottawa county, 11 were issued in Holland at a cost for both town and state license of $800 apiece.

The commercial fishermen, about 20 in all, who do fish in the waters adjacent to Isle Royale, are leaving for the scene to begin their season's work.

Schoolcraft will be in darkness for the next 90 days, owing to the destruction of the lighting plant by fire. The loss is $7,000, with $5,000 insurance.

Charles Ruterbusch was held up in Bay City Wednesday night and robbed of $18 and a silver watch. Charles Lake was arrested and $10 found in his shoes.

Bert Taylor, aged 30, of Munising, shot his wife Saturday evening and then shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. He also shot at his 4-year-old son.

The west pier of the Michigan Central bridge crossing Saginaw river is being rebuilt. The recent floods appear to have undermined the masonry work and piles.

S. S. Hulbert died at Battle Creek. He was one of the principals in the famous Maines-Hulbert conspiracy case which created a state-wide attention some seven years ago.

Since the death of Mrs. Stearns rumors were circulated that Justus S. Stearns would withdraw from the gubernatorial race. He says: "I shall be in the race to the end. I will not intrigue to throw the nomination to anyone else."

Charles L. Engel, of Detroit, was making a tool out of a three-eighth of an inch file. After sharpening the end he placed the handle in a vise and started to remove the blade. He gave the file quite a sharp jerk that it left the handle unexpectedly and entered his stomach, puncturing the intestines.

Unpaid taxes in Bay City are estimated at over $300,000 for the last 30 years. About 10 per cent of the property within the city escapes taxation, because the back taxes aggregate more than the property is worth. About $10,000 of the state property has just been bought in by A. A. Griffin, of Lansing, and others.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

The present outlook seems to indicate that Chicago will have the largest trade with Michigan and Ohio sheep feeders this fall that has ever been known in the history of the market.

The Lakeside Elgin Butter Co., of Grass Lake, reported at its annual meeting that 244,811 pounds of butter had been made during the year, for which $54,910.03 has been received.

Three prisoners in the Wayne county jail, Harry Conway, Joseph A. Demling and Harry Bond, are morphine fiends. They use so much of the drug that the county is now buying the stuff in bulk.

Herman O'Connor's drug store and postoffice in Holton was robbed Thursday night. The crooks secured $50 in money and some stamps. There was great excitement, but the citizens were unable to capture the gang.

Wilhelmina Erdman, of Ann Arbor, died after an illness of several days from heart trouble. Her two young sons, aged 13 and 15, were cared for, and neighbors know nothing of her illness until it was too late to aid her.

There is a possibility that Flint's new postoffice, for which the citizens have been waiting for many years, and which was thought would become a reality during the coming summer, will not be built this year at all.

The United States government authorities are investigating a number of complaints by Detroit business men relative to cleverly raised $1 bills. A number of $1 bills have been raised, so that they could be been successfully passed as $10 bills.

At its Lake mine at Ishpeming, the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., a big independent producer of iron ore, with mines on the Marquette, Gogebic and Mesaba ranges, is completing one of the finest power plants in the entire Lake Superior district.

During the past four years Leopold Bayias, a Hungarian employed as a molder at the Wolverine Brass Works, Delray, managed to accumulate a bank account of $2,000. Yesterday Leopold drew his roll and went back to Budapest to renew acquaintance with his wife.

River drivers are scarce and in demand in the northern woods, although the crews on most of the streams are practically complete. Water is at a fair stage in the rivers and nearly all the drives are well under way. Drivers this season receive $2 50 per day and board.

The bulletin of vital statistics for April shows a marked fall in the number of deaths from typhoid fever and a decrease in the number from pneumonia. The total number of deaths in the state for the month was 8,212, a decrease of 191 from the preceding month.

When bicycles were in general use Battle Creek had the honor of having the largest number of wheels per capita of any city of its size in the United States. Now the city claims to have the largest number of automobiles per capita of any city of its size in the country.

Charles Connors, alias Clark, wanted in Detroit on the charge of being implicated with Thomas McGrath in causing the death of Horton Warren, who was shot in front of his hotel at 58 Brush street on the night of October 28, 1902, is said to be under arrest in Pierce City, Mo.

The case of Julia Fitzsimmons against Edward Reilly, a saloonkeeper, and his bondsmen, was settled out of court at Ann Arbor by the payment to Mrs. Fitzsimmons of $1,425. She sued for damages because Reilly sold liquor to the men who murdered her husband some months ago.

The owners of cottages at Epworth Heights, the summer resort near Ludington, will protest to the governor against the location of the state military encampment at Ludington, fearing that it will attract too many visitors and detract from the interest in the religious meetings held here.

Southwestern Michigan was visited by a heavy gray frost Sunday night. A light percentage of strawberry buds on low lands are reported killed; the remainder of the buds will produce a record-breaking crop. With a favorable lake breeze blowing all the fruit buds in the St. Joseph district escaped.

Bay City is experiencing a Russian invasion. The advance guard, consisting of 150 Russians, men, women and children, coming from Nebraska, passed through here yesterday, en route for the beet fields at Tawas. Three hundred more are coming for the beet fields of Sanilac, Tuscola and Bay counties.

Perry Hicks, a Battle Creek switchman, recently had his jaw broken by being caught between two freight cars. Monday he resumed his position and Thursday he was again caught between the cars while making a coupling, and received a second fracture of the jaw, as well as severe scalp and face bruises.

Mrs. Frank Odell, of Detroit, who is visiting her daughter-in-law in Grand Rapids, became violently insane Saturday and is confined in the county jail. Mrs. Odell is an enthusiastic Christian Scientist and it is thought her insanity is due to religious matters. Her husband has been notified and she will be taken to Detroit tomorrow.

St. Joseph county has 33 saloons this year, against 34 last year, Constantine has one less than last year, Colon two less, and Centreville two more. Last year Centreville was dry, but there was just as much drunkenness as ever, so this year the trustees decided to have a village that would last as well have $1,000 in license money.

Fist fights one mile beneath the surface of the earth are not a very common occurrence, but it was on an assault and battle charge that Frank Rada had George Maerle, a fellow miner in the Tamarack mine, arrested. The two men were working about a mile beneath the earth's crust, in No. 2 shaft, at the time. A dispute over a trivial matter led to blows.

The Sanilac Center Manufacturing Co., which was recently organized for the purpose of manufacturing steel culverts, will begin operations in a few days. They already have more orders than they can fill, and will shortly enlarge their plant.

The mercury Tuesday morning stood at 8 above freezing, and Wednesday morning it was 2 below freezing, with the biggest kind of frost, and cold north winds, as reported from Three Rivers. Many of the fine orchards of fruit trees that are in full blossom, also early strawberries, unless it may possibly be the slight fog that came down about 4 a. m.

In explaining his vote of a bill permitting the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. to enlarge its plant at Niagara Falls, Gov. Odell says it was in deference to popular sentiment against impairing the beauty of the falls.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Port Dalny Destroyed.

Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed to the czar announcing that the Russians have blown up the docks and piers at Port Dalny, Liao-Tung peninsula, presumably to render more difficult a Japanese landing at that point.

Dalny, known as the "Magic City" of the far east, is on Talienwan bay, on the east coast of the Liao-Tung peninsula, and was intended by Russia to be the chief commercial emporium of its eastern dominions. An edict providing for its construction was issued by the Russian emperor July 30, 1898, and Port Dalny, fully equipped with all modern improvements, docks, warehouses and railroad facilities, was opened to commerce in December, 1901. Talienwan bay is one of the finest deep water harbors on the Pacific. It is free from ice in winter time and ships drawing 30 feet of water can enter at low tide and sail or steam alongside the immense docks and piers, and have their cargoes loaded into railroad cars for the 6,000 miles run to St. Petersburg.

The large piers had been constructed, each with numerous railroad tracks and immense warehouses and elevators. A large breakwater was being constructed so that ships could lie at the piers and load and unload regardless of weather. Docks for foreign vessels, steam and sail, extended between the piers and along the shore for two miles. The town was built on model lines and was to be the commercial port of Port Arthur, which was to be a strictly military city. Before the present defenses Dalny is almost at the mercy of the ships in their movement on Port Arthur, and with its six docks would make a splendid place for landing troops. Over $6,000,000 had been expended on the harbor system, and it was estimated that the cost of completing the system would be nearly $20,000,000. The total population of Dalny has been estimated at about 60,000, mostly Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and Russians.

A report is current that the emperor is exceedingly anxi us to go to the front to follow the example of all the Romanoff dynasty during the last century and personally lead his troops. To fight with the army is one of the traditions of his house. Alexander I. entered Paris with the allies after the battle of Waterloo. Nicholas I. died in a common soldiers' bed during the Crimean and Alexander II., with the best apparent, was at the front during the Turkish war. Perhaps an additional reason why Emperor Nicholas desires to meet the enemy is that he carries on his body the mark of a wound inflicted by a fanatical Japanese policeman's saber while visiting in a theater at Otsu during his visit to Japan in 1891, only being saved from death by the noble action of his cousin, Prince George of Greece. Should he finally succumb to go the emperor would not assume active command of the troops, but would have an imperial headquarters, talking with them of the members of his military cabinet.

Disabled a Jap Ship.

The Russian fleet scored its first distinct naval success of the war on May 10 by the torpedoing and crippling, though not the sinking, of an armored Japanese cruiser in Talienwan bay. The attacking force was not a regular torpedo boat, but was only a small napitha launch in command of a young naval officer who had with him seven sailors. The launch mounted a small machine gun and carried three torpedoes. When darkness fell the launch crept out of Port Arthur, hugging the shore with no lights aboard and no glow from the engines to betray her presence. It was late when she gained the outer line of the Japanese squadron. Slipping through the torpedo boat pickets, and selecting a big armored cruiser, she stole toward her and succeeded in exploding against her side a single torpedo. A deafening roar followed the explosion which echoed far ashore. Immediately flames enveloped the cruiser, which evidently was badly crippled. The crew of the cruiser was seen to be fighting the fire, which, they at last succeeded in extinguishing. A sister ship took the damaged vessel in tow and disappeared in the southeast.

The launch escaped the hot fire directed against her by the Japanese ships, but being unable to return to Port Arthur or to get into Dalny, she was beached not far from Dalny.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

Alarming Reports Come From Berlin of the Emperor's Condition.

The people of Berlin are again beginning to be seriously worried about the health of the kaiser. Though a great improvement was noticed in his general appearance when he returned from his Mediterranean cruise, it undoubtedly has not done him great good. This improvement was by no means lasting and other good men who has seen the kaiser during the last week or ten days has been struck with the rapid decline as indicated by his expression and whole bearing.

The coat of tan which the south had given to the kaiser's face and which gave him a rather rugged appearance has given place to a yellowish greenish, unhealthy complexion, and his eyes have lost their brightness. It is also noticed that he, when speaking, clears his throat continuously and coughs as he used to do in the habit of carrying his hand to his throat and whenever he does this an expression of sharp pain comes into his face. Besides this he is, if possible, even more nervous and excitable than before.

Revolution Now Threatened.

A secret report from St. Petersburg depicts the internal situation of Russia as becoming dangerous as regards the preservation of the present institutions, the military failures in the far east having strengthened the opinion that the evils are due to the present organization of the country, in which a change is necessary.

The hope is expressed that the emperor himself, seeing the danger, will be induced to grant the country a constitution, in which event, it is asserted, the enthusiasm of the people will become so great as to render it possible to make war in the far east, Russia will be obliged to face a revolt, if not an open, revolutionary movement at home, depriving her of the assistance of the most progressive elements of the empire, such as the Poles and Finns.

Details of the attack by Russian Cossacks at Antu, Korea, on the 10th received in Tokio say that the cavalry numbered 200 men and their attack was spirited. The Japanese garrison is listed stoutly and succeeded in driving off the enemy. Later, Japanese reinforcements arrived from Ping Yang.

Fire destroyed the Armour Soap Works at Chicago. Damage $200,000. Several persons were injured by the flames.

"One, two, three!" Thus Dr. Crayke Priestly counted himself out with his last breath at Des Moines, Ia. As he faintly whispered "three" he gasped, his muscles relaxed and he fell back dead of pneumonia. Dr. Priestly was one of an unbroken line of physicians of more than ordinary distinction since the days of the great London physician, Dr. Jos. Priestly, discoverer of oxygen, who was his great-grandfather.

Swinging on the end of a rope the body of Ludwig Radel, a farmer, was found bounding along behind a passenger train at Stuart, Neb. Radel had committed suicide by jumping from the fast moving train with the rope around his neck and had been dragged several miles before being discovered. Almost every bone in his body was broken.

Gov. Durbam, of Indiana, was threatened with death by a crank as he addressed the African Methodist Episcopal conference in Chicago. Ushers seized the man as he rushed toward the platform and fired him out the nearest door.

Paul Clarkson, charged with robbery at Galveston, Tex., has escaped prosecution by submitting to a surgical operation. He was accused of stealing a $250 diamond ring. The plunder was located in his stomach by aid of the X-ray, the owner of the stone paying the surgeon.

American laborers are thronging to Colon, Panama. Over 300 arrived at Fruit Co. at Bocas del Toro and these were under contract to the United States Fruit Co. at Bocas del Toro and of the others are seeking work, but the present conditions are unfavorable for such early arrivals.

Peary, the Arctic explorer, contemplates a four years' stay in the polar regions. He is negotiating at St. Johns, N. F., for the sealing steamer Eagle to convey a preliminary expedition to Littleton island, in the Greenland seas, during the present summer, when he will arrange for his large polar expedition next season.

While traveling to the Southern Baptist convention at Nashville, Tenn., Chesymus J. B. Cranfill and R. T. Hayden, of Texas, old enemies, fought in the wash room of a Texas & Pacific sleeper, Cranfill firing two ineffective shots at Hayden. Attempted murder is now charged against Cranfill.

English Cotton Mills Close.

The gambling of Daniel J. Sully on the New York cotton exchange is still affecting England, or rather the great manufacturing town of Great Britain, where thousands of hands were busy under normal circumstances manufacturing cotton goods, which has always formed one of the principal articles of export from that country. This year it is different. Mills have closed down by the hundreds and thousands of factory hands unable to find work at anything else leaving their homes and emigrating to Canada at the rate of more than 2,000 a week.

Over 600 Porto Rican school teachers are to visit the United States in July. Committees are at work in all the leading cities of the island obtaining subscriptions for the fund of $50,000 necessary. Cornell University has promised to take 200 of the young ladies and Harvard 400.

Santa Claus, as presented to the children, was declared to encourage and train them to deceitful, said Dr. De Ford, of St. Louis, in addressing the Baptists at Nashville, Mo. He protested against teaching children that there is really such a being as Santa Claus, as it was a myth and as abomination.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Choice steers, $4 20@5; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,300 lbs, $4@4 50; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs, $3 10@4 25; mixed butchers' fat cows, $3 25@3 85; common cows, $2 50@3; canners, $1 50@2; good shippers' bulls, $3 50@3 75; common feeders, $3 25@3 75; good well-bred feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs, $3 75@4; stockers, $3@3 50. Milch cows and springers active and firm at $25@50 each; calves, good 25c and common 50c lower than last week.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $4 90@4 45; pigs, $4 30@4 40; light yorkers, $4 40@4 45; roughs, $3 25@4; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best clipped lambs, $5 25@5 50; fair to good lambs, $5@5 25; best to common lambs, $4 50@5; fair to good butcher sheep, $4 25@4 50; culls and common, $2@3 50; best wool lambs, $6 75; spring lambs, $7@8.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5 10@5 65; poor to medium, $4 10@5; stockers and feeders, $3 40@4 80; cows, $1 50@4 35; heifers, $2 25@4 60; canners, $1 50@2 50; bulls, $2@4 15; calves, $2 50@5 25; Texas fed steers, $4 25@5; Texas grass steers, $3 25@4; Texas bulls, $3@3 75; calves, $4 @6 50; good to choice heavy, $4 40@4 47½; rough heavy, $4 40@4 47½; light, $4 40@4 45; bulk of sales, $4 42½@4 45.

Sheep—Choice wethers, $4 65@5; fair to choice mixed, $4@4 75; Western sheep, $4 50@5 50; clipped wethers, $4 75@5 50; clipped yearlings, $5@5 40; clipped western lambs, $4 75@6 10; woolled western lambs, $5 50@6 30.

East Buffalo:—Best export steers, $4 50@4 75; good, $4@4 25; best butchers' steers, $4@4 10; best fat cows, 1,000-lb do, $4 25@4 50; best fat cows, $3 75@4; fair to good, $3@3 50; common cows, $2@2 50; best fat heifers, $4 25@4 50; medium heifers, $3 75@4; best feeding steers, 1,000 lbs, $4@4 25; fair to good feeders, $3@3 25; best feeding steers, $3@3 25; best yearling steers, $3 75@4; common stockers, $3@3 25; export bulls, $3 75@4; bologna bulls, $3 25@3 50; fair to good bologna bulls, $3@3 25; best veal calves, $7@7 50; medium to good, $6@6 50; common cows very dull at $2@3 25; milch cows closed steady; all sold. Hogs—Yorkers, $5@5 05; medium and heavy, $5 05@5 10; pigs, $4 75@4 80; roughs, $4@4 25; 8 cars late arrivals unsold. Sheep and lambs—Best lambs, $6 60@6 75; fair to good, $6 40@6 50; culls and common, $5@6; best wethers, $5@5 25; best ewes, $5@5 25; mixed sheep, $5 25@5 40; fair to good, $5@5 25; culls and bucks, $3@5 50; one car of yearlings, $5 60@5 75; yearlings, $5 60@6; closed steady; 14 cars unsold. Calves—Receipts, 1,300 head; market lower; best, $5 25@5 50; fair to good, $4 50@5.

Grain, Etc.,

Detroit—Wheat—No. 1 white, $1 07; No. 2 red, $1 07; July, 5,000 bu at $1 07; July, 5,000 bu at 92c, 5,000 bu at 91¾c, 10,000 bu at 91⅝c, 10,000 bu at 91½c, closing at 92c bid; September, 5,000 bu at 86¼c, 8,000 bu at 86⅜c, 12,000 bu at 86¼c, 5,000 bu at 86⅛c, 5,000 bu at 86c bid; no sales of No. 3 red, $1 05 per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 51¼c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 54c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 47c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white, spot, 4 cars at 45¾c; No. 4 white, 2 cars at 44¼c bu.

Rye—No. 2 cash, 1 car at 70c bu.

Beans—Spot and May, nominal at $1 80; October at $1 60 per bu.

Chicago—No. 2 spring wheat, 90@95c; No. 3, 85@92c; No. 2 red, 94@97c; No. 2 corn, 49¾@50c; No. 2 yellow, 52@52½c; No. 2 oats, 41¾@42¾c; No. 3 white, 42@42½c; No. 2 rye, 72c; good feeding barley, 35@38c; fair to choice malting, 45@46c.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending May 21.

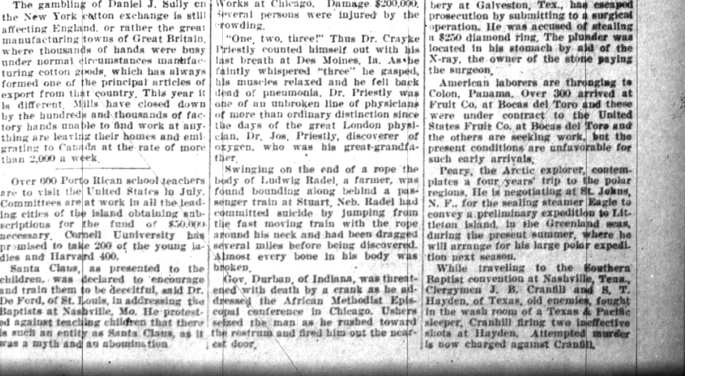
LYCEUM—Matinee, Wed. and Sat. Eva Fiveshaw, in "Sapho."

WHITNEY—Matinee Thurs. and Sat. Evenings 10, 20 & 30c. Orpheus Players.

TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 10c; evenings 10, 20 & 30c.

AVENUE THEATRE—Matinees at 2:15; 10c to 50c. Evenings at 8:15; 10c to 50c. Vaudeville.

A federation of all the Catholic organizations in New York, to begin its existence with 180,000 members, has been planned at a meeting of delegates from various societies. A mass meeting will be held at Carnegie hall at which the object of the proposed federation is not stated.

Vancouver harbor is to be fortified, the result of a report by War Lord Dundonald, of Canada, who was recently impressed with the defenseless condition of the harbor and city in case of war.

COMPLETE MAP OF THE THEATER OF WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN.