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There were 6,537 potato distilleries in operation in Germany in 1901-'02; the output of pure alcohol was 93, 965,940 gallons. The production of the potato distilleries amounted to 73 per cent. of the total production of alcohol in the empire. The quantity of potatoes used amounted to 113,475,848

Chairs were in use in Egypt so long ago as 3399 B. C. The Chinese employed them from about 1300 B. C. In India they were used, and are mentioned as dating from 1100 B. C. House chairs with backs were in use in India A. D. 300. They are known to have been employed in Rome so early as A. D. 76, being mentioned by Pliny at that date. Chairs with footrests were used in Rome A. D. 150.

Strange as it may seem, a lot of money is made out of policemen's castoff uniforms. Quantities are boug! t by African traders and exported to vawhere they are exchanged for palm oil, ivory, skins and other merchanlise. It is by no means an uncommon sight to see a swarthy savage dressed in the uniform of a London policeman, and wearing the regulation helmet of the

In a dark room, where he could see nothing but the outline of his machine, with a stop-watch held on him and six witnesses present, John A. Shlelds. of Ottawa, Kan., clattered off 222 words on a typewriter in a single minute, thus breaking the world's record by 10 words and demonstrating his right to be hailed as the world's champion. Charles McGurrin has for a number of years held the world's record at 212 words per minute.

The warrant under which John Bunyan was apprehended and placed in iall at Bedford for six months during the reign of Charles II. was sold at auction in London for \$1,525. The warrant, which is signed by thirteen justices of the peace, six baronets and seven esquires, charged the tinker with contempt of law, by preaching and teaching otherwise than "according to the liturgle or practice of the Church of England."

It is said that in the British house of mittee as its chairman. commons, as soon as the question to be decided is put from the chair, a clerk at the table sets in motion a huge sand-glass, familiarly known to members as the "egg boiler," probably because it takes three minutes to run out. As the last sand runs through the glass the sergeant-at-arms instantly locks the massive oak doors of the chamber, and only those members who have succeeded in getting through the at St. Louis to vote for Mr. Wall havdoorway can vote.

A remarkable operation was recently inary experiments the foreign body enforcement of laws against "trusts," of the right lung and removed up the direct vote. windpipe by means of a magnet, tho operation lasting only five minutes.

A widow of comely figure and tender age, Mrs. Emma Peake, of Wanatah, sau; Charles H. Weisse, Sheboygan Ill., has been courted by two farmers Falls. Alternates: Col. George W. who raise fat stock, mostly hogs. Mrs. Bird, Madison; Dr. W. A. Anderson, Peake, being unable to decide between the two, has offered to marry the man who has the largest number of fat hogs weighing over 300 pounds each by December 15 next. This is the birthday kee. of the widow, and she has promised to have a great feast on the day when sht will be able to make a satisfactory choice between her two suitors.

Harbin is a modern city in the neart of Manchuria, on the Sungari river, 350 miles west from Vladivostok and 600 miles north of Port Arthur. It is at the junction of the Chinese Eastern railway with the Siberian trunk line. Population in 1901, 12,000! in 1902 20.000; in 1903, 60,000, exclusive of soldiers. The Chinese number about 40,000 of these, in a special settlement. It is a military center, with many private business interests, the money for which has been furnished largely by Siberian Jews.

A species of acacia which grows very abundantly in Nubia and the Soudan is called the "whistling tree" by the natives. Its shoots are frequently distorted in shape by th agency of larvae of insects and swollen into a globular bladder from one to two inches in diameter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole in the side of the swelling, the opening, played upon by the wind, becomes a musical instrument suggestive of a sweet-toned flute. The whiistling tree is also found in the West Indies.

In the Chinese language every name is in itself a description of the object to which the name belongs. For instance, pei means north; nan, south: tung, east; and si, west, while tsin, kin or king mean capital or metropolis. Peking, therefore, means northern capital, and Nankin southern capital. Ho means river, and so does klang; therefore Pei-ho is north river, and Si kiang west river. Che means seven, and Che-kiang is seven rivers. Shan means mountain; Shan-tung, therefore, is sast mountain, and Shan-si west moun-

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CONVENTIONS ARE HELD, CANDI-DATES NAMED AND PLAT-FORMS ADOPTED.

Illinois Republicans Take Recess Until May 31 Without Breaking Deadlock-Action Taken in Several Other States.

Springfield, Ill., May 21 .- The republican state convention, after a brief session Friday morning, took a recess until Tuesday, May 31. The last ballot (the 58th) was substantially the same as most of the ballots since the beginning of the deadlock, Yates being in the lead, but lacking about 270 votes of enough to nominate him. The ballot stood: Yates, 483; Lowden, 3921/2; Deneen, 385½; Hamlin, 113; Warner, 53; Sherman, 46; Pierce, 29. The candidates all expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the recess. It seems to be the general opinion that there is rious parts of the "Dark Continent," no advantage or disadvantage in it for any of them. The plans of the candidates for the interim have not been disclosed, but their energies, it is expected, will be devoted chiefly to keeping their forces intact, so that when the convention reconvenes the deadlock is likely to continue, though many expect the perfection of a combination which will end the contest.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

Convention Instructs Delegates to

Vote for Parker. Indianapolis, Ind., May 13.-The most interesting democratic state convention since 1892, when Cleveland and Isaac P. Gray contested for the control of the Indiana delegation to the national delegation, was held Thursday. The sole purpose of the convention was to elect delegates to the national convention, the state convention for the nomination of candidates for state office having been called for July 20, when the same delegates that were in the convention Thursday will return. A platform will then be

The convention instructed the 30 delegates to the national convention to vote as a unit for Judge Parker, of New York, for president, and indorsed Thomas Taggart for national committeeman, and recommended him to the national com-

WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS.

Delegates Instructed to Vote for Edward C. Wall for President.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 18 .- The sup porters of Edward C. Wall defeated the adherents of William R. Hearst in the democratic state convention Tuesday, a resolution instructing the Wisconsin delegation to the national convention ing been adopted. In addition, the convention adopted a platform which "recognizes the last national platform performed at the St. Antoine hospital, as the code of national democracy un-Paris, by the extraction of a large nail til a new platform is adopted." Among from a man's lung. After six prelim- other things the platform favors the was located and seen through the tariff for revenue only; repeal of tariff "bronchoscope." The first attempt at on all trust-made articles; deposits of extraction failed, but a second was surplus public moneys in safe bank decompletely successful, the nail being positories; an income tax law and the dislodged from an inner ramification election of United States senators by

The following were elected delegatesat-large to the national convention: Timothy E. Ryan, Waukesha; David S. Rose, Milwaukee; Neal Brown, Wau-LaCrosse; Jason K. Wright, Marinette; Hugh J. Gallagher, Darlington. Electors-at-large: P. H. Martin. Green Bay: Charles Abresch, Milwau-

WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS.

Rival Conventions Select State Tickets at Madison.

Madison, Wis., May 20.-Two conventions, both claiming legal status by the trade and crop situation. Temperaright of delegate majorities holding tures have been too cool to allow of free prima facie credentials, and both asserting themselves to be regular republican in nature, were concluded in this city Thursday night. Two state tickets, the one headed by Gov. Robert M. La Follette and the other headed by former Congressman Samuel A. Cook, are in the field.

Besides the renomination of Gov. La Follette, the convention of his adherents renominated the rest of the state officers now holding office.

The following were elected national delegates-at-large: Isaac Stephenson, Marinette; Robert M. La Follette, Madison; W. D. Connor, Marshfield; James B. Stout, Menominee.

The presidential electors-at-large are Charles F. Ilsey, Milwaukee; A. R.

The platform strongly indorses the national administration and the state administration of Gov. LaFollette.

The "anti-third termers," as the opponents of Gov. La Follette styled themselves, received the outspoken endorsement of United States Senators Spooner and Quarles, and Congressmen Babcock and Miner. Ex-Congressman Samuel A. Cook was nominated for governor, and the rest of the ticket named is as follows: Lieutenant governor, George H. Ray, LaCrosse secretary of state, Nels P Holman, Deerfield; state treasurer, Gustav Wollaeger, Milwaukee; attorney general Judge D. S. Classon, Oconto; railroad commissioner, Charles Barker, Milwaukee; in urance commissioner, J. C.

Roenitz, Shaboygan. The delegates to the national convention chosen were: Senator John C. Spooner, Senator J. V. Quarles, Con- shine society.

those chosen in the La Follette convention. This action was taken to prevent any contest relative to the support of President Roosevelt.

The resolutions adopted pledge the convention to the support of President Roosevelt, and Senators Spooner and Quarles. They put the delegates on record as opposed to third term nominations, as favoring just taxation of railroads, an impartial primary elec- Colony of Russians Surroundedtion law, the nonpartisan election of supreme court justices and contain a denunciation of the disregard of the distinction between legislative, executive and judiciary departments.

IOWA REPUBLICANS.

"Stand Pat" Faction Wins in the

State Convention. Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Iowa's long fight between "stand-pat" republicans and liberals upon the issue of tariff revision and reciprocity ended in complete victory for the former in Wednesday's state convention for selecting delegates to the national convention. Of 26 delegates chosen, 20 are stand-patters and only six are liberals. The resolutions adopted contain no sentiment whatever in favor of tariff revision, but declare that protective principle "found its high "fulfillment" in the Dingley law. As to reciprocity, the platform declares that it is "unwise to seek markets abroad by sacrificing some parts of the markets at home."

The delegates-at-large named were United States Senator William B. Allison, Dubuque; United States Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, Fort Dodge; J. W. Blythe, Burlington; Gov. Albert B. Cummins. Des Moines.

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS.

Victory Scored by the Anti-Primary Reform Element.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19 .- As was expected, the only contest in the state republican convention, held here Wednesday, developed on the question of primary reform, involving the nomination of candidates for state offices the legislature and congress by direct vote of the people. The anti-primary reform element scored a decisive victory. Congressman William Alden Smith's minority report from the committee on resolutions, pledging the party to the enactment of a general primary law, was defeated by the vote of 808 to

Delegates-at-large to the national republican convention were elected unanimously as follows: Dexter M. Ferry, of Detroit; Ralph Loveland, of Saginaw; T. J. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, and Capt. Thomas Walters, of Ishpem-

ing.

The platform enthusiastically en dorsed the administration of President Roosevelt on the question of the tariff. The platform insists that no backward steps in party policy be taken. The policy of the party as to labor and capital, the currency, and other national is-sues were indorsed.

TRADE REVIEW.

Improvement in Business Conditions

New York, May 21.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Reports of increased trade are received from a few favored points, but the nation, as a whole, has not improved its commercial position during the past week, in so far as current distribution of merchandise or manufacturing activities are concerned. Prospects for the future have improved somewhat, however, on account of the progress made in agriculture. Unless the crops suffer an unusual setback hereafter it should be a good year for the farmers, and all other industries will feel the stimulus. Lake traffic is seriously interrupted by the strike, but otherwise the labor situation is not alarming.

"Failures this week numbered 236 in the United States, against 191 last year, and 12 in Canada, compared with 14 a

eyar ago.' Bradstreet's says: "Weather conditions are still the apparent drawback in distribution of spring and summer goods at retail, and they likewise retard germination and growth of crops, though permitting good progress in seeding in various sections of the country. In jobbing circles the feeling is that the spring trade is past and gone, and efforts are now concentrated on fall business, reports as to which are fairly good, though not equal to a year ago.'

Fleet Ordered to Tangier.

Washington, May 21.-The navy department has ordered a United States fleet to Tangier to enforce a demand that the sultan of Morocco ransom Ion Perdicaris, the wealthy American resident of Tangier, Morocco, and his stenson, a British subject, who were captured by brigands. The latter have been carried into the mountains, where pursuit is almost impossible. The state department has been advised to this effect by Mr. Gummere, United States con sul general at Tangier. He also reports that no terms have been received from the brigand chief.

Big Coal Shipments.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 21.—Five million bushels of coal and 2,400 tons of manufactured products started down the Ohio river Friday. The rivers are rising several inches an hour and it is expected it for the whistle of another steamer. that the total shipment on this rise will reach 10,000,000 bushels.

Sunshine Society Meets. New York, May 21.-Women delegates from nearly every state in the union, from Canada, Panama and several other countries are in attendance here upon the sixth annual convention of the Sun-

gressman Joseph W. Babcock and Judge Emil Baensch. Electors were chosen identical with

TOWNS MEAR FORT COLLEGE COL., ARE DEVASTATED BY TORRENT OF WATER.

Their Homes Being Swept Away -Live Stock Perishes-Six Are Drowned in Wyoming.

Denver, Col., May 21.-A cloudburst at the head of the Cache La Poudre river caused that stream to overflow its banks, and meagre reports received here indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood. The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston lake, 65 miles above Fort Collins, to break, and this added volume of water swept down the Cache La Poudre, practically wiping out the towns of Livermore and La Porte, respectively 14 and three miles above Fort Collins. It is reported that one person was drowned at the former place.

At Fort Collins the river, which nor-mally is about the width of the average mountain river, is now over a mile wide, and the Russian settlement, consisting of about 300 families, is inundated. Already a number of the frame dwellings of these people have been swept from their foundations and sent swirling along with the flood. In several instances the occupants were unable to make their escape and were carried

the Year-Growth of Rural Free Delivery Service.

Washington, May 20.—Postmaster General Payers said that the receipts of the post office department for the fiscal year ending July 1 next would be approximately \$144,100,000. In 1896 the receipts of the post office department were \$82,499,208. This year the rural free delivery appropriation was \$20,816,600. In 1900 200 rural routes were in operation. At the close of the present fiscal year there will be over 25,000 rural routes in operation, bringing a daily mail service to more than 12,500,000 people residing in rural districts. Over 500,000 people are now supplied with mail by the star route carriers in remote districts where the number of people is not sufficient to justify the establishment of rural free delivery, this mail being deposited by the star route carriers in boxes stationed along their routes.

PAYMENTS COMPLETED.

Final Settlement of Canal Purchase Made Through Warrant for \$9,-000,000 Just Drawn.

Washington, May 21.-The treasury department on Friday drew a warrant for \$9,000,000 in favor of J. P. oMrgan & Co., as the fiscal agents of the republic of Panama in final settlement of the canal purchase. The warrant was forwarded to the secretary of state, who will forward it to J. P. Morgan & Co., pending the arrival here of the reprealong. It has not yet been learned sentatives of Panama, who sailed from

POSITION OF LIAOYANG, TOWARD WHICH THE JAPANESE ARMIES ARE CONVERGING.



Liaovang, toward which the Japanese which the advance guard of Kuroki's armies are believed to be converging, is army has reached. Suoyin is 60 miles

indicated by the arrow in the map. It east of Liaoyang.

lins by the flood.

Six Drowned on Crow River. Cheyenne, Wyo., May 21.-The Crow river, which runs through Cheyenne, is running bank full as a result of heavy rains. From eight to 12 miles of the main line of the Union Pacific railroad and several miles of the roadbed of the Colorado & Southern road have been washed out. Six persons are known to have been drowned. Besides these many persons are missing.

STEAMER IS WRECKED.

Strikes on Rocks Off the Coast of Cape Breton-Thirteen of Her Crew Are Drowned.

North Sidney, N. S., May 21 .- The worst marine disaster in the history of the St. Lawrence river coal trade occurred Friday off Cape North, the northernmost point of Cape Breton, when the British steamer Turret Bay, laden with coal and bound from Sidney to Montreal, struck on the rocks off St. Paul's island, and sank in deep water 20 minutes later, causing a loss of 13 lives. Only nine men from a crew of 22 were saved.

According to the government agent at St. Paul's island, the steamer struck near Southwest light about 8:30 o'clock in the morning. A dense fog prevailed at the time and the sea was running

mountain high. Almost immediately the Turret Bay backed off into deep water, but sank within 20 minutes. The crew attempted to cut the boats clear, but while thus engaged the vessel plunged down, . bow first, carrying every man aboard with her. Some of the men struggled to the surface and clung to floating pieces of wreckage. Fourteen persons were taken off the wreckage by the life-saving crew that put out from the island, but five of them died before reaching the island.

The survivors say that they did not know that they were in danger until the vessel struck. The fog was so thick that the shore could not be seen, hearing the fog horn at the lighthouse, they mistook

Britt and Corbett to Fight. New York, May 17 -Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett on Monday were matched for the featherweight championship of the world. The fight will take place in San Francisco, but the date has not been set. The articles stipulate, however, that the men shall meet in the ring not first degree for having killed his later than December 31.

whether there was any loss of life at Colon Friday for New York. The issue Fort Collins, but it seems safe to predict of this warrant fully completes all paythat there has been. Wreckage of houses, ments and transactions of every charhousehold goods, and carcasses of dead acter in connection with the purchase animals are being carried by Fort Col- and transfer of the canal property.

near which place a battle also is expect-

ed soon. The position of Kwantiensien,

which a detachment of Japanese has oc-

cupied, also is indicated, as is Suoyin,

BALKS HIS RELATIVES.

To Keep Them from Securing His Money Man Throws Large Sum Into River and Suicides.

Green Bay, Wis., May 21.-Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in cash was thrown into the Fox river by Joseph Doehm previous to his suicide at his home here by hanging. A note written by Doehm, and found near where the hanging took place gives all the particulars. It states that the deceased had determined that his relatives as well as those of his wife, who, he claimed, were trying to get his money, should not succeed in their attempt and that he had therefore thrown his money in the Fox river near the Dousman mill.

Heroes Remembered.

Savannah, Tenn., May 19.-The monument erected by the state of Illinois in memory of soldiers of that state who fell in the battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1863, was on Tuesday dedicated to the federal government with appropriate ceremonies at the Shiloh national park. The state of Illinois was represented by Judge Woods, Col. Bushey and Rev. Milner. Gov. Yates, of Illinois, who was to have made the principal address, was prevented from attending the exercises.

Cut His Throat. Appleton, Wis., May 20.-M. P. Griswold, lying in bed at St. Elizabeth's hospital here, on Thursday fatally cut his throat with a razor, which he secured under pretence of wanting to shave himself. A few minutes before he had received word that Gov. La Follette had been renominated by the Wisconsin republicans. He was the governor's bitterest political enemy.

Mother and Son Killed. Cortez, Col., May 20.-When driving to their home near Ariola, Mrs. C. W. Herman and her son, Frank Ingles, were shot and killed by Marshal Humphreys, who rode into town and surrendered himself. There had been a feud between the two families.

Battleship Launched. Quincy, Mass., May 18.—The battleship Rhode Island was successfully launched Tuesday at the yards of the

Fore River Ship and Engine company. Convicted of Parricide. Eau Claire, Wis., May 18.-Vernon Wieske was convicted of murder in the

Will Approximate \$144,100,000 for A FIERCE BATTLE

BUSSIANS DEFRATED BY THE JAPANESE WITH A LOSS OF TWO THOUSAND MEN.

The Mikado Loses Two More Vessels Off Port Arthur, One by Collision and the Other by Contact with Hidden Mine.

London, May 20.—The Standard's correspondent at Tientsin cables that while the Japanese fleet was covering the landing of troops near Kaishau on Monday a fierce engagement occurred at Haienyenching. Two thousand Russians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Karping and Kaichau.

Two Vessels Lost. Tokio, May 20.-Vice Admiral Togo has reported as follows: "At 1:14 in the afternoon of May 15, in a deep fog off Port Arthur, the Kasuga rammed the Koshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of her crew were saved. The same morning the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur covering the landing of the soldiers, struck a mine ten knots-southeast of the harbor entrance. She signaled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her crew were saved by torpedo

651 Lives Lost.

Tokio, May 21.—The loss of life incurred by the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino and the battleship Hatsuse is said to be 651.

Japs Lose Another.

Tokio, May 17.—The Japanese dispatch boat Miyako was destroyed in Kerr bay by striking a submerged mine. The Miyako was lost while assisting in the operations of clearing the Russian mines from Kerr bay, northeast of Talienwan bay, on which Port Dalny it situated. Five mines were discovered and exploded, and the work was being suspended for the day when the Miyako struck and undiscovered mine, which exploded with tremendous force under stern, on the port side, and inflicted immense damage on the hull. The Miyako sank in 22 minutes. Two sailors were killed and 22 men were wounded. The rest of the crew were rescued.

Japs Forced to Retreat. Newchwang, May 21.—The reports of the Japanese retreat to Fengwangcheng are officially confirmed. The Japanese, numbering 20,000 men, came upon 32,000 Russians in a strong position on Monday, 60 miles west of Fengwangcheng. It being unwise to risk a battle, the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity. An unofficial Russian authority says a pitched battle was not fought, but rumor says there was considerable loss on both sides during the clashes.

Russians Repulsed. Tokio, May 21.-The following official statement has just been issued here: "A section of infantry of the Liaotung forces went in the direction of Sanchusan to reconnoiter and met two sections of Russian infantry. The Russians were repulsed in 30 minutes. Our casualties were one officer and four men killed and one officer and eight men wounded. The Russian casualties

were one officer and 40 to 50 men killed."

Kuropatkin to Avoid Conflict. St. Petersburg, May 19.—Confirming the intimations that it is Gen. Kuropatkin's purpose to avoid a decisive combat with the Japanese at the present state of the war, the statement was made by the general staff Wednesday that the commander-in-chief is making preparations to fall back on Mukden and then on Harbin.

To Cut Line of Retreat. Rome, May 19.—According to the telegram received here from Tokio, two Japanese divisions have arrived near Mukden, with the object of cutting off Gen. Kuropatkin's line of retreat

ELECT NEW BISHOPS.

northward.

Methodists Have Chosen Seven of the Eight Men to Be Elected-Their Names.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 21.-When the general Methodist conference adjourned at six o'clock Friday evening seven of the eight bishops to be elected had been chosen and the eleventh ballot, taken just before adjournment, probably has resulted in the election of the eighth. The list of bishops chosen thus far follows: Joseph F. Berry, of Chicago; Henry F. Spellmeyer, of Newark, N. J.; William F. McDowell, of New York; James W. Bashford, of Delaware, O.; William Burt, of Rome, Italy; Luther B. Wilson, of Baltimore, and Thomas B. Neeley, of Philadelphia.

Four More Victims. Carbondale, Ill., May 18.-Four of

the men injured in the mine explosion at Herrin last Wednesday are dead of their injuries. This makes a total of eight men dead from the disaster, with the probability that four others will die.

Fatal Collision.

Piedmont, Mo., May 20.—One man was killed and ten passengers injured as the result of a collision between Iron Mountain passenger train No. 8 and freight train No. 97 near here Thursday.

Hitt Renominated.

Freeport, Ill., May 21.-The thirteenth Illinois district republican convention renominated R. R. Hitt for congress Friday by acclamation and indorsed him for vice president