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So poor are the Russian peasants, says Dr. E. J. Dillon, in an article in the Nineteenth Century, that even the roach and black beetle can not find sustenance in their huts.

Prof. Molisch, of Prague, says that potatoes can be taken by the light emitted by raw potatoes and hard-boiled eggs, in which the phosphorescent germs have been artificially cultivated.

The Hawaiian legislature has passed over the governor's veto a law allowing baseball and similar amusements on Sunday, and permitting cigar and many other stores to remain open on that day.

Outside the polar regions there remains unexplored, it is estimated, about one-fifth of the land surface of the globe. Fifteen years ago the unknown portions were about one-third of the earth's total.

To be exempt from military service in Switzerland one must pay a tax of \$25 a year, no matter whether one be a cripple or an invalid. And if the bill is neglected the Swiss is prohibited from entering any beer garden or public entertainment until the full sum is paid.

A curious plan for catching fish is used in the River Columbia. A number of wheels are set up in the middle of the stream, which, as they turn round, catch up the fish and cast them into troughs by the river banks. As much as five tons' weight of fish a day has thus been taken.

Over seven thousand miles of railroad will be constructed during 1906, the greatest mileage of new line since 1887. In the latter year, 12,983 miles were built, but that figure has not been approached since. The plans for the present year, according to a railway publication, provide for 9,332 miles, and it is estimated that more than 7,000 miles will be actually graded and the steel laid.

Take a map of the United States, and, with ruler and pencil, block out a rectangle, with the northern line parallel with Cleveland, the southern boundary passing through Cincinnati, the eastern border in the neighborhood of Harrisburg, Pa., and the other resting upon the western boundary of Ohio. Study it carefully, line by line. For that rectangle is the baseball belt—the country which now produces the great professional ball players—and from that circumscribed area every high-class baseball organization in the country now draws its chief supplies.

James H. Hyde, the storm-center of the Equitable fight, is reputed to have the most splendid stables in America. There is a special room devoted to the harness, spotless and shining as table silver. In a case are curbs, bits, bells, stirrups and whips. There are carved wooden cases, containing a veritable museum of odd stirrups, postilion whips and hunting horns, and the other resting upon the western boundary of Ohio. Study it carefully, line by line. For that rectangle is the baseball belt—the country which now produces the great professional ball players—and from that circumscribed area every high-class baseball organization in the country now draws its chief supplies.

A method has recently been invented of depositing a metal coating electrically on laces and other fine fabrics. The process is still kept a secret, but it turns out the most surprising results, in effect changing the tissues exposed into the daintiest fabrics of gold, silver or bronze. The utility of the metalized laces covers various fields; they serve for table ornamentation and for center pieces; architects use them in mural decorations; in applications on upholstery and for the hangings of panels in salons, boudoirs and rich dining halls.

A recent and most curious discovery made in connection with the study of radium is its peculiar property of destroying the poisonous effect of the venom of serpents. This was ascertained in France by Prof. C. Phisalix. He states that an exposure of from fifty to sixty hours to the rays of radium is sufficient to destroy the poisonous character of the poison of the viper, and the same is true of the poison of the cobra, which is interesting in view of the fact that the latter poison resists the action of heat much longer than any other.

In McMillan's woods, on the Gettysburg battlefield, where the left support of Pickett's charging column formed in the battle of July 3, 1863, Capt. Herman H. Mertz has found an interesting memento. It is a land turtle, apparently of great size, which for more than 40 years has carried around with it the name and company of a member of the United States signal corps. On the top of the well-worn shell is carved the American flag, waving over three turrets, the insignia of the engineer corps, and bears this inscription: "J. Lee, Co. B., U. S. E., 1863."

Every cow in Belgium must wear earrings now, for a regulation has been issued that all animals of the bovine species are to be thus adorned on reaching the age of three months. This is a hygienic measure, intended to prevent the introduction into Belgium of animals suffering from tuberculosis. Breeders are obliged to keep a strict account of the animals raised by them, and the ring, on which is engraved a number, is fastened in the animal's ear for the purpose of preventing the substitution of one animal for another.

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Cost to Japanese of Great Victory Is Loss of Three Torpedo Boats and Less Than 300 Killed—Rojestvensky, Badly Wounded, Is Captured.

London, June 1.—In one of the greatest naval battles recorded in the world's history, which occurred Saturday and Sunday in the Straits of Korea, the Russian squadron, commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky, was practically annihilated by the Japanese fleet, under command of Admiral Togo. It is reported that the Russians lost over 4,000 killed and drowned, and between 2,000 and 3,000 officers and men captured. While full particulars have not been received, the latest dispatches from Admiral Togo are to the effect that the Russians lost six battleships, five cruisers, one coast defense ship, three destroyers and two special service ships, sunk, and two battleships, two coast defense ships and one destroyer captured. Admiral Togo also reports that none of his battleships, cruisers, destroyers or other ships were lost except three torpedo boats.

which was sunk at 5:29 p. m. on May 27. They were all taken prisoners.

Official Report from Tokio.

Washington, May 31.—The official Japanese report on the latest details of the great naval battle in the Korean straits is made in a cablegram received Tuesday night by the Japanese legation here from the foreign office at Tokio, conveying Admiral Togo's dispatches up to Tuesday afternoon. The report says that Admiral Rojestvensky and another admiral and staff officers were taken prisoners on the sinking of Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff Saturday night south of Ureung island, off the Korean coast. The total number of vessels lost to the Russians according to Admiral Togo now reaches 22, and he adds that, although the full particulars are not yet in, none of the Japanese ships was seriously injured and the loss to the



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The Russian fleet, they say, was even in a sadder plight. Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, and her sister ship, the Borodino and the cruisers Oslabla and Ural were utterly destroyed, and when the fog closed down and hid the scene of battle from sight, northward, of the speeding ships, a third great Russian battleship, the Alexander III, seemed in sore distress, but limping northward putting up a valiant fight against throngs of torpedo boats and still continuing her attacks on the cruisers of the island empire. Torpedo boats were also closing round the other ships of the fleet like angered wasps, separate flotillas darting in again and again to launch their weapons.

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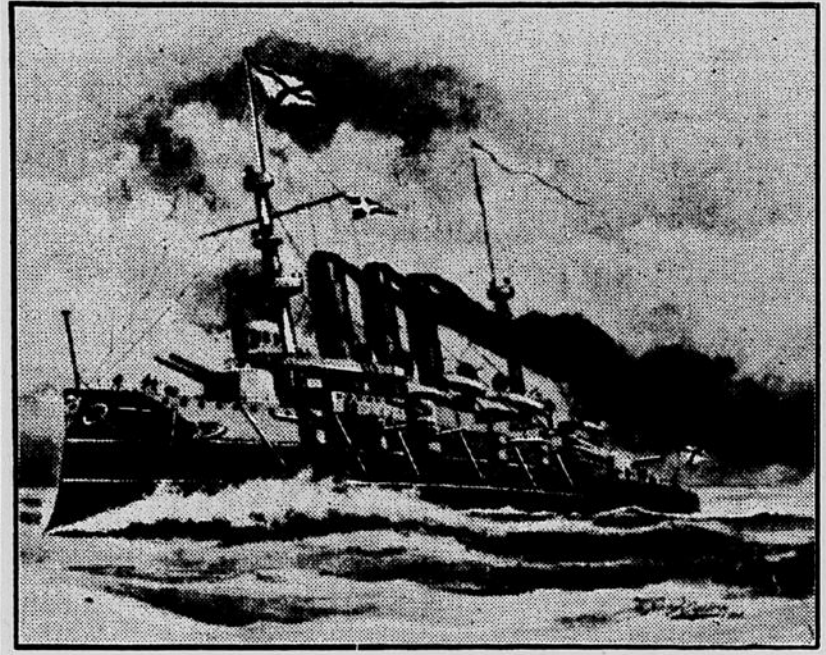
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The battle will officially be known as the "battle of the Sea of Japan." A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Gen. Linevich wired the czar Wednesday that the news of Rojestvensky's defeat has spread throughout the army in Manchuria, and that the troops are in open revolt. He points out that under such conditions the continuation of the war is impossible.

Official statement of Russian losses so far as ascertained show the following six battleships sunk: Kniaz Souvaroff, Imperator Alexander Third, Borodino, Oslabla, Sissol-Velikii and Navarin.

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Togo Confirms Report.

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first division of the Japanese fleet was over 400. The report says that the armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi ran aground on Ureung island; that the battleships Oslabla (already admitted by the Russian admiralty) and the Navarin were sunk; that the battleship Sissol Veliky went to the bottom Sunday morning; that the coast defense ship Admiral Oushakoff was sunk after a vigorous pursuit, her crew being rescued, and gives other details as to vessels sunk or disabled. The Japanese admiral Misu was slightly wounded. The protected cruiser Almaz, which has already arrived at Vladivostok, is referred to in the report as "suspected to have sunk."

The Latest Version. London, May 31.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent this morning gives details received from a correspondent in Korea of the fight between the Japanese and Russian fleets.

Kamimura in Pursuit. Tokio, June 1.—Vice Admiral Kamimura and a fleet of swift cruisers have started a dispatch from Vladivostok describing Saturday's battle and giving the Japanese losses on that day as three ships sunk, namely: A three-funneled vessel, a cruiser of the Nishin type and a third, the type of which has not been determined. According to the dispatch the battle opened the morning of May 27, when a Japanese armored cruiser and four protected cruisers approached the Russians. The battleships Nicholas I. opened fire on the Japanese, who retired. Admiral Rojestvensky then marshaled his fleet in order of battle. The ships continued on their course in two lines column ahead. The main battle commenced at dusk, the Japanese maneuvering in a circle around the Russian fleet. Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, was set on fire five times before being destroyed. The Nicholas I. turned turtle. The Orel's masts and stacks were shot away and the Aurora lost her mast. Two battleships of the Borodino type listed badly. A torpedo attack commenced before sunset and was repulsed, but it was resumed during the night and is believed to have been responsible for the sinking of the damaged ships. Other details in the Russky Slovo's dispatch are conflicting, but are unimportant.

Reach Vladivostok. Vladivostok, May 31.—Two ships alone of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's powerful flotilla, the swift cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny, lie at anchor here in the curving harbor of Golden Horn, they having separated from the fleet in the early stage of the battle which began in the Korea strait Saturday and headed, in obedience to orders, with full speed to Vladivostok.

Officers of the Almaz and Grozny say the both fleets had already sustained terrible losses when the Almaz and Grozny broke through the hostile line. Of the Japanese two battleships had gone down before their eyes and two cruisers, their sterns high out of the water seemed ready to plunge foremost to the bottom of the sea.

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Situation Considered More Grave—Building Trades Feel the Effect.

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Evidence against labor leaders, charging an attempt to blackmail employers, was presented to the grand jury Monday, and sensational disclosures are promised concerning the inception of the present strike. Further evidence is to be given by prominent employers, who will go before the grand jury and testify that in the early stages of the trouble with the teamsters they were approached by officials of the unions, who made propositions to settle the strike for a cash consideration. State's Attorney Healy declines to make public the full details of the evidence he has, but he admitted Monday that indictments for blackmail would be sought.

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KING ALFONSO OF SPAIN.

killed or maimed a number of cavalry horses forming the escort and knocked out a child's eye. Intense excitement followed the incident. The king and president retained their presence of mind, his majesty sending back a member of his suite to make inquiries as to the condition of the wounded. The person who is believed to have thrown the bomb has been arrested with two others who are thought to have been implicated in the plot.

PRESIDENT IN BROOKLYN.

Delivers Stirring Address at Unveiling of the Gen. Sloucm Statue.

New York, May 31.—In a stirring address delivered at the unveiling of a big statue of Gen. Henry N. Sloucm in Brooklyn Tuesday President Roosevelt paid a splendid tribute to the man who composed the northern armies, but did not forget those of the southern hosts. Most notable in his speech was an expression of his hope that as the nation increased in strength there would come a corresponding increase in its sense of responsibility which should prevent its people from either injuring or insulting other people, and his declaration that the surest way for a nation to invite disaster is to be impotent, aggressive and unarmed. Significant in the light of recent events, was his assertion that: "If our navy is good enough we have a long career of peace and prosperity before us, and the only likelihood of trouble ever coming to us as a nation will arise if we let our navy become too small or inefficient. A first-class navy, first-class in point of size, above all first-class in point of efficiency, and the individual unit, as units in combination, is the surest and cheapest guarantee of peace. I should think that any man looking at what is happening and has happened abroad and in our own history during the past few years, must indeed be blinded if he cannot read that lesson clearly."

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Badger Rate Bill Invalid.

Madison, Wis., May 29.—It was discovered Saturday that the omission of the word "not" in the engrossed copy of the bill passed by the senate creating a commission to control and supervise railway rates makes the commission practically powerless. Section 33 of the new law was intended to read that "they (the orders of the commission making rates) shall not be declared inoperative, illegal or void for any omission of a technical nature in respect thereto." The bill will be repassed.

Art Gallery Dedicated.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 1.—The Albright art gallery was dedicated Wednesday in the presence of 10,000 people. The ceremonies consisted of singing by a combined chorus of the Teutonia, Liederkranz, Sangerbund, Orpheus and Guido societies and addresses by distinguished scholars.

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Tuxedo Park, N. Y., June 1.—Former Congressman John Murray Mitchell, of New York, died at his country residence here Wednesday.

Accepts High Position.

Washington, May 31.—Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton, whose intent to resign from the cabinet was announced recently, will become president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company of New York, which operates the subway system, at a salary equal to that of the president of the United States.

Death of a Diplomat.

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