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## DAILY MARKETS

**Official Receipts, 74 Cars, 2,097**  
**Cattle; 87 Cars, 6,806 Hogs;**  
**5 Cars, 1,238 Sheep.**

## MODERATE RUN OF CATTLE

**Steer Trade Showed Active**  
**Tone at Steady to Strong**  
**Prices.**

## NOTHING CHOICE OFFERED

**Butcher Stuff Sold With Stronger**  
**Tendency. Spots 10@15c Higher—**  
**Calves Steady—Stock Cattle Trade**  
**Ruled Steady to Strong, Fresh Supply**  
**Light—Hogs Opened Steady to**  
**Nickel Lower, But Demand Was**  
**Good—Sheep and Lamb Market 10**  
**@ 15c Higher.**

**RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.**  
The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1908, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1907:

|        | 1908    | 1907    | Dec. Inc. |
|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Cattle | 116,033 | 127,074 | 11,241    |
| Hogs   | 453,487 | 452,840 | 172,747   |
| Sheep  | 155,408 | 203,210 | 87,802    |
| Horses | 5,699   | 8,763   | 2,869     |

## LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

|                | Cattle | Hogs   | Sheep  |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Chicago        | 25,000 | 50,000 | 12,000 |
| Kansas City    | 9,000  | 9,000  | 9,000  |
| South Omaha    | 4,000  | 4,000  | 4,000  |
| St. Joseph     | 2,100  | 6,000  | 1,200  |
| East St. Louis | 1,000  | 8,000  | 2,000  |

**Totals**—42,000 cattle, 80,000 hogs, 22,400 sheep.

**Saturday**—900 cattle, 10,000 hogs, 8,000 sheep.

**Week ago**—89,000 cattle, 69,000 hogs, 34,000 sheep.

**Month ago**—58,000 cattle, 64,000 hogs, 30,000 sheep.

**Year ago**—49,000 cattle, 65,500 hogs, 34,500 sheep.

## RECEIPTS BY CARS.

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the stock yards:

|       | C. B. & Q., west | C. B. & Q., east | C. R. I. & P. | Great Western | Missouri Pacific | St. Joseph & Grand Island | A. T. & S. F. |
|-------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Total | 113              | 18               | 11            | 4             | 4                | 20                        | 6             |

## CATTLE.

**Small Supply of Steers Quickly Taken.**  
**Values Steady to Strong.**

Again the opening market day of the week failed to bring out a big showing of cattle at the central markets, five points showing but 42,000, or an increase of only 3,000 over the very modest run of last Monday. Locally the run was about the same as a week ago. It is noted by comparisons that supplies of cattle at all points are running persistently short of a year ago.

The moderate local supply included only a limited offering of steers and these were readily taken at good steady to strong prices for all weights that carried any useful or attractive quality. Nothing choice or prime in the weighty line was offered, the best in loads being good handy to strong weights that sold at \$5.50, but with several bunches making that price and a very fair showing of handy weights on shipping order in quality going in the range of \$5.20 to \$5.40. Part of a load of choice made \$5.50. Lighter and cheaper priced styles of steers were also ready sellers at a range of \$4.60 to \$5.20 for fat to good butcher and dressed beef steers with inferior light killers at \$4.25 to \$4.50.

The market continues to carry an encouraging undertone and it looks like good policy for holders and feeders to ship cattle that are ready, but hold to those that are capable of making good gains in field lots.

**DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.**

| No. | Av. Price | No. | Av. Price |
|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| 18  | 1375.50   | 1   | 1340.50   |
| 18  | 1352.50   | 20  | 1380.50   |
| 20  | 1287.50   | 35  | 1469.50   |
| 25  | 1295.50   | 35  | 1495.50   |
| 30  | 1192.50   | 4   | 1192.50   |
| 40  | 1197.50   | 40  | 1210.50   |
| 45  | 1287.50   | 6   | 1270.50   |
| 50  | 1285.50   | 8   | 1470.50   |
| 55  | 1289.50   | 8   | 1494.50   |
| 60  | 1285.50   | 8   | 1494.50   |
| 65  | 1285.50   | 8   | 1494.50   |
| 70  | 1285.50   | 8   | 1494.50   |

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

The week opened with demand for cows and heifers fully as keen as at any time last week. Supply was light and buyers were out early in an endeavor to fill orders. The market was rather spotted but general tendency of prices was toward a stronger level. In extreme cases a 10@15c advance was quoted over last week's closing prices. The general trade was on a strong to shade higher basis. Strongest demands were for better grades, but the whole list was active sale and an early clearance was made. A long string of handy weight heifers sold on shipping account at \$5.00. This sale was quoted considerably higher. Only a few mixed lots were offered and they were mostly of the kinds selling under \$4.00. Supply of good dressed beef cows was scant. A few sold up to \$4.75, with bulk selling in a range of \$4.00 to \$4.50. Medium to pretty decent killers sold at \$3.40 to

3.90; cutters largely at \$3.10 to \$3.35 and canners at \$2.60 to \$3.00.

Trade in bulls was active and prices ruled strong to a shade higher.

Calves sold readily at last week's closing level.

**HAYSTERS.**

|    | No.     | Price | No.    | Price |
|----|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| 77 | 1185.40 | 2     | 730.40 |       |
| 42 | 625.50  | 2     | 730.40 |       |
| 17 | 875.45  | 1     | 640.40 |       |
| 12 | 885.40  | 1     | 650.40 |       |
| 17 | 882.40  | 1     | 692.40 |       |
| 84 | 705.85  | 1     | 640.40 |       |
| 1  | 810.45  | 1     | 690.30 |       |
| 2  | 610.40  | 7     | 798.30 |       |
| 1  | 1040.40 | 6     | 710.30 |       |
| 1  | 90.50   | 1     | 660.50 |       |
| 1  | 800.40  | 3     | 400.30 |       |
| 1  | 920.40  | 7     | 460.30 |       |
| 6  | 720.40  | 1     | 600.30 |       |
| 2  | 740.40  | 1     | 718.30 |       |
| 2  | 660.45  | 1     | 570.35 |       |
| 2  | 785.45  | 0     | 614.30 |       |
| 10 | 850.45  |       |        |       |

**COWS.**

|    | No.     | Price | No.     | Price |
|----|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1  | 140.40  | 4     | 205.80  |       |
| 2  | 180.40  | 2     | 705.80  |       |
| 1  | 1150.40 | 1     | 820.80  |       |
| 2  | 1140.40 | 2     | 855.35  |       |
| 1  | 1040.50 | 1     | 900.40  |       |
| 1  | 1190.40 | 1     | 1160.30 |       |
| 20 | 1101.45 | 1     | 900.30  |       |
| 1  | 1110.45 | 1     | 1020.30 |       |
| 1  | 1090.40 | 1     | 960.30  |       |
| 1  | 1160.40 | 7     | 880.35  |       |
| 3  | 1180.45 | 2     | 810.35  |       |
| 1  | 1170.45 | 4     | 800.35  |       |
| 1  | 1080.45 | 2     | 1030.35 |       |
| 1  | 1270.45 | 5     | 881.35  |       |
| 8  | 1100.45 | 8     | 804.35  |       |
| 4  | 1130.45 | 8     | 1128.35 |       |
| 1  | 1040.45 | 2     | 1145.35 |       |
| 4  | 1072.40 | 1     | 880.35  |       |
| 10 | 879.40  | 2     | 945.35  |       |
| 1  | 1090.40 | 8     | 1058.30 |       |
| 1  | 1080.40 | 1     | 750.30  |       |
| 7  | 1019.40 | 1     | 1110.30 |       |
| 8  | 1013.40 | 3     | 1158.30 |       |
| 1  | 1230.40 | 4     | 817.30  |       |
| 1  | 1150.40 | 4     | 850.30  |       |
| 1  | 1270.40 | 3     | 1028.30 |       |
| 1  | 1130.40 | 2     | 885.30  |       |
| 1  | 1050.40 | 1     | 890.25  |       |
| 2  | 1085.40 | 1     | 850.25  |       |
| 11 | 1127.40 | 3     | 793.25  |       |
| 1  | 1190.40 | 8     | 803.25  |       |
| 7  | 1060.40 | 2     | 890.25  |       |
| 7  | 1060.40 | 3     | 816.25  |       |
| 2  | 1085.40 | 1     | 890.25  |       |
| 5  | 1080.40 | 15    | 753.25  |       |
| 2  | 1135.40 | 2     | 905.25  |       |
| 2  | 1090.40 | 2     | 890.25  |       |
| 5  | 1085.40 | 5     | 890.25  |       |
| 1  | 1200.40 | 7     | 820.25  |       |
| 1  | 1095.40 | 5     | 768.25  |       |
| 1  | 1170.40 | 3     | 738.25  |       |
| 1  | 1080.40 | 2     | 810.25  |       |
| 1  | 1140.40 | 2     | 890.25  |       |
| 12 | 1020.40 | 1     | 1050.25 |       |
| 1  | 1090.40 | 1     | 800.25  |       |
| 2  | 1150.40 | 2     | 920.25  |       |
| 1  | 1090.40 | 2     | 920.25  |       |

**BULLS AND STAGS.**

|    | No.     | Price | No.     | Price |
|----|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1  | 1560.45 | 1     | 1120.30 |       |
| 1  | 1200.45 | 1     | 1280.30 |       |
| 1  | 1700.45 | 1     | 1310.30 |       |
| 1  | 1330.45 | 1     | 1170.30 |       |
| 1  | 1370.45 | 1     | 1365.30 |       |
| 1  | 1420.45 | 1     | 1410.30 |       |
| 12 | 1020.45 | 1     | 1050.25 |       |
| 1  | 1090.45 | 1     | 800.25  |       |
| 2  | 1150.45 | 2     | 920.25  |       |
| 1  | 1090.45 | 2     | 920.25  |       |

**VEAL CALVES.**

|   | No.    | Price | No.    | Price |
|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 4 | 170.65 | 2     | 120.55 |       |
| 1 | 130.65 | 2     | 140.55 |       |
| 1 | 150.65 | 2     | 140.55 |       |
| 1 | 170.65 | 1     | 160.50 |       |
| 4 | 127.65 | 6     | 145.50 |       |
| 1 | 180.65 | 2     | 98.50  |       |
| 1 | 140.65 | 1     | 140.50 |       |
| 1 | 160.65 | 2     | 225.50 |       |
| 2 | 210.65 | 2     | 140.50 |       |
| 2 | 125.65 | 2     | 130.50 |       |
| 1 | 130.65 | 1     | 120.50 |       |
| 1 | 115.65 | 1     | 200.50 |       |
| 1 | 100.65 | 2     | 155.50 |       |
| 1 | 90.65  | 2     | 130.50 |       |
| 1 | 105.65 | 2     | 130.50 |       |
| 2 | 160.65 | 2     | 235.40 |       |
| 2 | 130.60 | 2     | 245.40 |       |
| 1 | 130.60 | 1     | 220.40 |       |
| 1 | 130.60 | 1     | 220.40 |       |
| 8 | 145.60 | 1     | 260.30 |       |

**STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.**

Fresh receipts of stocker and feeder cattle were light this morning. There was a fairly reliable demand for everything useful in the stock cattle line and prices ruled steady to strong, with spots a shade higher than last week's closing level. Outgoing trade in stockers and feeders finishing days on last week developed pretty fair volume and dealers made a decent clearance. Naturally they were desirous of replenishing their pens this morning and the small supply of thin young cattle was soon cleaned up. A few decent fleshy feeders sold in a range of \$4.40 to \$4.65, although bulk of the offerings were on the stocker order selling largely at \$3.65 to \$4.25. Trashy light stockers are quoted as low as \$3.25 and there is a very narrow outlet for the class of stock.

Stock heifers were scarce and in good request at firm prices.

## WAGONS AND FEEDERS.

Another Advance in Sheep House—Supply is Scant.

## SHEEP.

Last week's sharp advance in values failed to bring out an increased run of sheep and lambs at leading markets. In fact, the five point total of 33,500 indicated a small falling off compared with last Monday while the local run of 1,300 fell 4,300 short of opening day a week ago.

With outside markets opening strong and higher it was not a difficult task to establish the local trade on a higher basis. Both sheep and lambs sold 15@25c higher than the finish of last week. The \$7.00 mark in lambs was crossed for the first time this year, a string of rather heavy Colorado selling at \$7.10. Nothing on the handy weight order was offered, but \$7.25 is quotable for the right class. Ewes made a season's top of \$6.10, a band of handy weight Colorado-Mexicans making this price. They were very similar to the styles from the same feed lot selling at \$6.05 on a fortnight ago. The supply did not include anything in the line of wethers or yearlings and where these classes would sell, is open to conjecture.

**489 Col lambs**..... 8.77 10  
**237 Col lambs**..... 9.77 10  
**11 nat lambs**..... 9.67 10  
**506 Col-Mex ewes**..... 7.87 10  
**4 nat sheep**..... 2.05 5 10  
**1 nat lamb, cull**..... 7.05 5 10

**Packers' Hog Purchases.**

|       | Swift and Company | Hammond Packing Co. | Nelson Morris & Co. |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total | 890               | 790                 | 1,988               |

**Packers' Hog Purchases Saturday.**

|       | Swift and Company | Hammond Packing Co. | Nelson Morris & Co. |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total | 2,927             | 1,089               | 3,981               |

**Packers' Cattle Purchases.**

|       | Swift and Company | Hammond Packing Co. | Nelson Morris & Co. |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total | 500               | 500                 | 1,400               |

**HOGS.**

|   | No.    | Price | No.    | Price |
|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 710.35 | 1     | 850.40 |       |
| 1 | 830.35 | 1     | 880.35 |       |
| 1 | 870.35 | 1     | 880.35 |       |

**Week Opens on Little Lower Turn**  
**Due to Increased Supply.**

Local hog receipts today were a little under last Monday, but the five leading points had a total of 85,500, an increase of 15,000 over number reported at the same points one week ago. All outside markets were reported

ed on opening on lower prices and local buyers squared away to get in line by bidding around 5 cents under the bulk or average prices of closing day last week. Sellers held for around steady prices and were able to establish the market at steady to 5 cents lower than Saturday, with the bulk not showing more than around a 2 1/2 cent reduction. Demand proved sufficient to readily absorb supplies at the slightly reduced prices. A few pigs were here and sold at around \$3.25 to \$3.50 for strong weights.

Toward the finish the market firmed up and closing prices were about steady with Saturday's average.

Hogs continue of fairly good quality although mixed droves continue to carry a good many light weights. The decline of today does not impair the general market outlook which is considered as favoring strong prices.

Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.70, with the bulk selling at \$4.50 to \$4.60. The bulk Saturday sold at \$4.50 to \$4.65, a week ago at \$4.50 to \$4.65, a month ago at \$4.10 to \$4.30, a year ago at \$6.52 to \$6.57 1/2, two years ago at \$6.10 to \$6.20, three years ago at \$5.17 1/2 to \$5.25, four years ago at \$5.00 to \$5.10.

## PIGS AND LIGHTS—100 LBS. AND UNDER.

**No. Av. Shk. Price No. Av. Shk. Price**

|     |     |        |     |           |            |
|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----------|------------|
| 92  | 197 | 40.45  | 92  | 181       | 60.47 1/2  |
| 94  | 183 | 40.45  | 72  | 190       | —4 47 1/2  |
| 94  | 187 | 42 1/2 | 185 | 40.47 1/2 |            |
| 75  | 198 | —4 50  | 86  | 170       | —4 47 1/2  |
| 81  | 190 | —4 50  | 77  | 178       | —4 47 1/2  |
| 78  | 191 | —4 50  | 74  | —4 47 1/2 |            |
| 103 | 179 | —4 50  | 94  | 150       | —4 42 1/2  |
| 78  | 173 | —4 50  | 115 | 150       | 820.35 1/2 |
| 94  | 183 | —4 50  | 27  | 74        | —4 47 1/2  |
| 78  | 184 | —4 50  | 74  | 130       | 4.50       |
| 71  | 185 | —4 50  | 101 | —3 50     |            |
| 91  | 188 | —4 50  | 101 | —3 50     |            |

## HEAVY AND MIXED—200 LBS. AND OVER.

|     |     |           |     |     |              |
|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|--------------|
| 55  | 300 | —4 70     | 88  | 238 | 163.45 55    |
| 67  | 258 | —4 70     | 74  | 238 | 40.55        |
| 59  | 303 | —4 67 1/2 | 88  | 227 | —4 55        |
| 88  | 253 | 40.55     | 25  | 240 | —4 55        |
| 65  | 284 | —4 65     | 78  | 228 | 40.55        |
| 49  | 301 | —4 65     | 71  | 222 | —4 55        |
| 50  | 280 | 80.45     | 62  | 248 | —4 55        |
| 80  | 351 | 160.40    | 86  | 205 | —4 55        |
| 65  | 238 | 40.45     | 80  | 205 | —4 55        |
| 67  | 259 | —4 60     | 38  | 236 | 40.45 55     |
| 78  | 236 | —4 60     | 63  | 229 | 40.45 55     |
| 72  | 243 | —4 60     | 78  | 251 | 40.45 55     |
| 73  | 242 | —4 60     | 67  | 241 | —4 55        |
| 69  | 255 | 100.40    | 86  | 205 | —4 55        |
| 76  | 231 | 20.40     | 112 | 245 | 80.45 55     |
| 72  | 231 | —4 60     | 80  | 205 | —4 55        |
| 70  | 247 | 23.40     | 72  | 208 | 80.45 55     |
| 65  | 247 | —4 57 1/2 | 80  | 210 | —4 52 1/2    |
| 78  | 232 | 80.45     | 69  | 237 | —4 52 1/2    |
| 76  | 232 | —4 57 1/2 | 67  | 236 | —4 52 1/2    |
| 75  | 232 | 40.45     | 75  | 217 | 40.45 55 1/2 |
| 81  | 224 | —4 57 1/2 | 75  | 217 | 40.45 55 1/2 |
| 63  | 235 | —4 57 1/2 | 84  | 205 | 40.52 1/2    |
| 69  | 261 | 80.45     | 57  | 217 | —4 52 1/2    |
| 65  | 239 | —4 57 1/2 | 74  | 219 | 40.45 52 1/2 |
| 75  | 239 | 40.45     | 72  | 219 | 80.45 52 1/2 |
| 67  | 230 | —4 57 1/2 | 73  | 221 | —4 50        |
| 70  | 235 | —4 55     | 79  | 204 | —4 50        |
| 139 | 243 | 100.45    | 87  | 200 | 40.45 50     |
| 84  | 243 | —4 55     | 80  | 200 | 40.45 50     |
| 71  | 215 | —4 55     | 76  | 206 | —4 50        |
| 83  | 227 | 400.45    | 82  | 228 | 80.45 50     |
| 79  | 230 | —4 55     | 85  | 208 | 40.45 50     |
| 87  | 232 | 40.45     | 72  | 208 | 80.45 50     |
| 162 | 218 | 40.45     | 88  | 220 | 120.40 50    |
| 83  | 221 | —4 55     | 76  | 201 | —4 47 1/2    |
| 64  | 231 | —4 55     | 68  | 204 | 80.40 50     |
| 58  | 221 | —4 55     | 68  | 204 | 80.40 50     |

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

|  | Options | Open | High | Low | Close | Close Yesterday |
|--|---------|------|------|-----|-------|-----------------|
|--|---------|------|------|-----|-------|-----------------|



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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT. Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville. Lyric—Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Seigel Coffman, 5505 South Third street, has returned from Savannah, Mo., where she attended the wedding of her niece.

Misses Ross and Fanny Pennington of Meridan, Kan., are the guests of their brother, W. H. Pennington, 508 East Colorado avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Doll Patrick have returned from Macomb, Ill., where they were visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Westfall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Nelson of Troy, Kan., are moving to 524 East Missouri avenue.

Mrs. J. E. Lyon of Lamont, Mo., who has been the guest of Mrs. F. J. Hausenbauer, Hyde Park, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Blakely, 5012 1/2 King Hill avenue, have left for Camden Point, Mo., where they will visit relatives.

The Rev. M. E. Moore, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will preach at the city mission tonight. The Epworth League of the Hundley church will have charge of the music.

R. R. Calkins, cashier of the German-American National bank, who was injured in an automobile accident last Thursday, has practically recovered and will be able to resume his duties at the bank today.

John Larson, aged 73 years, a widower, died at 7 o'clock last night at the family residence, 1610 Warsaw avenue. He is survived by three sons, John L., Ernest E., and Abe T. Larson.

ALMOST FATAL MISTAKE. Faro Bowen Drinks Potion of Concentrated Lye.

Mistaking a can of concentrated lye for milk, Faro Bowen, the 7-year-old son of Leonard M. Bowen, 515 South Eighth street, drank the contents last night and nearly died from the effects of it.

Antidotes of various kinds were administered to the lad while his father was after a doctor. Dr. J. H. Lewis attended the boy and soon relieved his suffering. Although in a serious condition, the boy is expected to recover.

With several playmates who were visiting him the boy was playing in the kitchen of his home. One of the children poured the lye from a can into the cup, not knowing what it was. The Bowen boy, thinking the poison was milk, drank it.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Crystal. International complications may result from the bill offered at the Crystal this week, unless Manager Cosman takes care to keep a company of Japanese jugglers and a troupe of Russian dancers from mixing. Care has been exercised to keep the troupes on antipodal ends of the program, however.

The little brown Sawada Japs did their stunt first and, as the Irishman said, "They are handy with their feet," and the same might be said of the Mikoff Russian dancers.

Other good things on the Crystal bill this week are the Southern Quartet, seen here before, but as tuneful singers as ever appeared at the Crystal. Their plantation songs are splendid, and their number one of genuine merit. Earl and Wilson do a clever musical comedy stunt, but Wilson's jokes are the best thing in the act. Clarence Martyne is winning favor at the Crystal as an illustrated song singer, and his singing of "Under the Shade of the Old Grape Arbor" yesterday brought forth liberal applause. Cosman's moving pictures for the week depict scenes from Washington's winter camp at Valley Forge and are very patriotic.

PASTOR ATTENDS CONFERENCE.

The Rev. B. R. Butchell, pastor of the Hyde Park Presbyterian church, has gone to Mexico, Mo., where he will attend the conference of the Laymen's movement, which will be held in that city, March 17 to 19. In the absence of the pastor, T. B. Campbell of the First Presbyterian church officiated yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Butchell expects to return Friday.

INCREASE, \$ MILLION.

Very Satisfactory Assessment Completed by Horn Yesterday.

After working almost night and day since November 15, City Assessor A. W. Horn at 8 o'clock this morning turned his books over to City Clerk Joel E. Gates. The law requires that the books shall be in the possession of the city clerk by March 15, and in order to accomplish this, a deputy in Mr. Horn's office worked at the courthouse all last night making up volume 3 of the real estate valuation book.

The total assessed valuation of personal property for the 1908 assessment is \$11,990,910. The banks of the city are assessed at \$1,138,830. The valuation placed on banks last year was \$1,112,288, this year showing a substantial increase.

The total valuation of property last year was \$34,121,541. The total valuation was shown by footings on hand last night as \$30,263,110, and at least \$5,000,000 will be added to the valuation by the additional real estate book, which is to be completed today. The total increase in the assessed valuation of property in the city will probably be near \$1,000,000.

The city clerk will have possession of the assessor's books until March 23, when the board of appeals, composed of the mayor, controller and chairman of the finance committee, will meet to hear and determine complaints against the assessment.

THAT BABY

By ANNIE HAMILTON DONNELL

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That—baby again! Richard Taft's thoughts hesitated between the first two words, but he was not guilty of profanity. He only groaned. He could hear the baby's crows and Miss Audrey's little high, falsetto croonings. It was just as it had been yesterday, day before—day before that. Heavens and earth, when hadn't the baby crowed and Audrey crooned!

Richard's hotel was a mile away from this pleasant summer place of the assessor's books until March 23, when the board of appeals, composed of the mayor, controller and chairman of the finance committee, will meet to hear and determine complaints against the assessment.

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there no help for a man?—gods of pity, take that gurgling child and trot it to Boston and give a man a show!

"Audrey," he began tentatively, "you know the—"

"Miss Audrey," "Miss Audrey, you know the chocolates I promised you? If you'll put that best—best baby down I'll produce them. I think I never saw nicer chocolates. So fresh—so choice—so—"

"Oh, give them to me quick! I'm going to give Floss o' Gold one—she wants a chocolate right on her little red tongue, doesn't she?"

"Pitying gods!" muttered Richard Taft. He strode away from them and made his plans. They were not defeated, but they were deep-hued, desperate. He meant to eliminate the Baby. Coming back across the lawn, his eyes were fixed on the little purple face crushed against Audrey's breast. A look of alarm dawned in them. He tried to introduce into it the tenderness that he knew would count.

"Great heavens, look at the child's face, Audrey!" he exclaimed. "What makes it so red? Wait; I know. It wants water. Babies require frequent—or watering—in hot weather." He stood before her, peering down at the baby. "Have you given it water lately?" he demanded sternly. "The doctors say the mortality of babies in the summer is due—"

"Quick! get her a drink! Are you going to stand there and see a blessed little child perish—before your eyes!"

She sped away with a soft swirl of dainty skirts, and his heart went with her. But he called it back and steeled it. There was work to be done, and quickly. No time for conscience now. Carefully laying the baby down, he put his hands to his lips like a trumpet.

"Audrey—Miss Audrey!" he called, and hailed the little flying figure.

"Well, what is it? Quick!" came faintly back.

"Warm it—wa-arm it! Cold water—won't do—oo!" For he needed time. Picking up the baby, he clutched the dimly bundle firmly at arm's length, casting about for the right hiding place.

Down yonder, there in the middle of one of the paths, the gardener had left his wheelbarrow loaded with straw for mulching. The Big Man darted toward it and thrust the Baby into the fragrant, yielding mass—in, in, out of sight. At the last moment he brought him of Audrey's chocolates, and crowded the moist little fists and the little red cavern of the Baby's mouth full of the luscious-tasting morsel. G-r-r, they were good! Heart o' Sunshine gurgled appreciatively. Then he drew the thin cover of straw across his victim and was off, sauntering negligently up the path. He met Audrey half way. She had a cup of water in her hand.

"What have you done with—the Baby?" she puffed. "Where's the Baby, Richard Taft?"

"Er—the what? Oh, the Baby? He's all right, back there," waving over his shoulder indefinitely. "Let me take the cup, Miss Audrey." He was guiltily anxious to conciliate.

"The Baby is a girl," she retorted stiffly, "and she is not all right if you have left her alone! The poor little deserted Lamb o' Innocence—yes, here's Auntie! Auntie's coming sweet!" And she was gliding swiftly away from him. He could only follow, but sudden fear for the success of his ruse had engulfed his soul. He hurriedly overtook her and laid his hand entreatingly on her sleeve.

"Audrey, wait—for the Lord's sake give me just a minute! There is something I must say, dear—"

She was not listening. Her eyes were searching for the gleam of a little white slip against the green of the shrubbery. When they failed to find it she turned upon him denouncingly.

"I don't see her—tell me this minute where you left that innocent child, Dick!"

"Dick—oh, Audrey, that is music—wait a minute, wait!" he besought her. "I must have a chance—I tell you the little rascal is all right. He's enjoying himself. You will not deny me my last chance, Audrey?" Something in his face held her there before him, rosy and shy. Her hands fluttered in his, but she did not draw them away. For the space of those few wondrous minutes, did she forget the Baby, too?

"And—you will, Audrey? I am waiting for my answer, dear?"

She tried to meet the look in his eyes, and woman-like, because she could not, she sought refuge in mischief.

"Oh, how can I tell?" she murmured, rebelliously, "perhaps I—well, I—might, if—if—well, if you—if you found the Baby—Dick!"

She remembered the Baby then, at any rate, and in sudden compunction darted away to find her. He went, too, his fate hanging on the issue of the hunt. But he was not afraid. Straw is easy enough to breathe through, and there were a good many chocolates. It was not far down the path to—gods and men, where was the wheelbarrow? There wasn't any. Nor north nor south, nor east nor west. The pretty grounds stretched away on all sides of him, wheelbarrowless!

Richard Taft uttered a sharp exclamation of horror. What did this mean? Had the "pitying gods" taken him at his word and wheeled the little innocent to Salem, or Boston, or Lynn?

"Oh, what shall we do! Where can the darling be!" wailed poor Audrey, too distracted to remember to reproach him.

"There, there, don't worry, darling," he murmured tenderly. "He's all right somewhere, depend upon it. I've only—er—misplaced him."

But in the end he had to confess. "I—I've put my foot in it," he said humbly; "both feet, dear. I dropped

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TO START ISLAND COLONY. Sociologist Will Take 500 People to South Pacific Ocean.

New York.—Five Hundred Americans, Germans, Irishmen, Swedes and Russians, including clergymen, butchers, salesmen, bookkeepers, stenographers, printers and carpenters, will in a few days leave New York for San Francisco, whence they will go in a bark to seek homes in the South Pacific ocean.

Back of the expedition is Elmer S. Prather, president of the Modern Science Publishing company. Mr. Prather is a sociologist. Becoming convinced that the wage-earner was losing ground, he decided last June to start a South Sea colony. He discussed the matter with friends and then started to carry out the plan, with the result that 478 members have been accepted. Only \$300 is required to participate in the enterprise. The entire amount is to be put into a common fund to establish a cooperative colony on an island. When a suitable island is found everyone will settle down to business. All will be expected to do six hours' work a day, with four weeks' vacation a year.

The colony will be nonsectarian and the form of government that of a republic, with a president elected every year. Shredded cocoanut will be the chief product of the colony, but the members may try tobacco and other crops.

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JAPAN'S BURDEN

NATIONALIZED RAILROADS ARE PROVING A TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

FOREIGN LOAN IS REFUSED

With 66 Per Cent of Appropriations Given to Finance Army and Navy But Little is Left for Railroad Improvements.

Tokyo, Mar. 16.—The government of Japan, finding that the self-imposed burden of nationalized railroads is likely to prove too heavy, is now engaged in consideration of tentative projects for relieving itself and at the same time serving the double purpose of building up the industries of the country, providing additional exports for its subsidized steamship lines, and increasing its own income by the revenue derivable from increased production. To the layman nothing presents so difficult a problem at the present time as that of high finance in Japan.

The tremendous outlay on army and navy has been and still continues to be the point on which statesmen, politicians and financiers are quarrelling. With 66 per cent of its appropriations given to the three divisions, finance, army and navy, necessarily but little is left for the so much needed improvement of the railroads, and in the present conditions of the country the \$400,000,000 that must be paid to the old railroad companies for the purpose will strain the ingenuity of the financiers who have undertaken the re-organization.

It is in this connection that financiers, engineers and railroad men from foreign countries have been in conference for the last month and more with certain leading men in Japan. It is understood that the proposition now finding favor is that the railroads of Japan should be leased for a period of years to private company or syndicate which will take from the shoulders of the Japanese government the financial burden and responsibility it has undertaken in this connection; which will pay to the government a certain percentage of profits and undertake improvements and extensions under a given schedule.

The influence that has undoubtedly prompted Japan to at least take into consideration this question of the future conduct of the railroads is stated to be the fact that, in view of the financial necessities of the coming 12 months, financiers believed that a foreign loan was inevitable and that the foreign markets were sound. It then developed that Europe and America regarded the naval and military policies of Japan, which it has thought indicated an expectation of trouble, as fatal to Japan's credit as a borrower of large amounts in the foreign field. In other words, Japan has been told that money will not be forthcoming for the building up of an army and navy beyond such standard as it is reasonable to expect, Japan to maintain, said that the financial world would prefer to see Japan really and earnestly developing her resources for the betterment of her people than taxing those people for an army and navy which, rightly or wrongly, are said to be destined for aggression sooner or later. The reply of the Japanese government to this seems to have been that the financial program of the future contemplated a very large reduction of expenditures on the army and navy. But those who were in a position to lend money apparently rejoined that they would prefer a guarantee as to the expenditure of the money loaned, and added that in common with so many people in Japan, they thought the nationalization of the railroads quite as great a mistake as too rapid and ambitious plans for army and navy.

Banish a Ghost of the Past.

Madrid, Mar. 16.—The Pantheon of the Spanish colonies, a pavilion in the retro of Madrid, which holds the memories of Spain's vanished greatness, is to be dismantled and the collection of books and paintings and vast archaeological, geological, anthropological, mineralogical and botanical treasures it contains are to be scattered and buried among the libraries and museums of the capital. This action is taken upon the ground that the building is needed for other purposes, and beside, the collections are no longer visited. But it is in reality a decision to disperse from the sight of the people the ocular evidence of the empire dissipated by Spanish misrule. The most interesting part of the exhibit related to the Philippines.

To Tell Gov. Hughes About It.

New York, Mar. 16.—After a long denunciation of Controller Metz for not providing money to put men to work on subway construction the Central Federated union decided Sunday to ask Gov. Hughes to appoint a committee to investigate the manner in which the finances of the city were administered. A committee was appointed to go to Albany and consult with the governor.

Set Fire to the Grandstands.

Paris, Mar. 16.—The spectators at the cycle races at the Galerie des Machines Sunday night, enraged over the decision of the umpires, wrecked and set fire to the grandstands. Police reserves to the number of 300 had to be called out before order was restored.

SECRETARY OF STATE ROOT



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One of the principal advisers of President Roosevelt is Elihu H. Root, Secretary of State. He first entered the cabinet as Secretary of War under President McKinley; he was retained by Roosevelt, but later retired to resume the practice of law in New York city, reentering the cabinet as Secretary of State. The above photograph is his latest portrait.

CUBA'S POPULATION IS 2,028,282.

Result of Rough Count, However, May Later Be Changed.

Washington, — Three months, or probably more, in the opinion of war department officials, will be necessary for the tabulation of the Cuban census returns, a rough count of which census places the population of the island at 2,028,282. Cuban clerks work slowly and carefully, and as the force engaged is not very large, it will be well into the spring before detailed statistics of the island's population are ready to be made public. From the results of this tabulation will be determined the actual number of persons who will be entitled to vote at the coming elections to be held as a preliminary to the withdrawal of the American army of intervention, which now has been on the island for more than a year. Estimates are made at the war department that the census returns will show approximately 400,000 men qualified to cast a vote, first at the municipal elections and later at the general elections, when a new president is to be chosen and to whose administration the United States will formally restore the government.

Predictions now are freely made in administration circles that this change will not take place until the beginning of 1909, and in all probability not until a later date.

SHIP'S SPEED TORTURES WHALE.

Animal Swallows Knot Recorder and It Runs Inside Leviathan.

San Francisco.—With shrieks that rose up high above the shrill and awful howling of a hurricane, a tortured whale rent the night air for hours as it vainly strove to eject the knot line and rotator of the schooner J. M. Weatherwax, which it had swallowed. The disturbance in the interior of the monster which swallowed Jonah was not a circumstance compared to the frightful agony suffered by the one which came from Eureka, with the Weatherwax, as the knots were surely and safely reeled off in its alimentary canal. The Weatherwax took 12 days to come down from Eureka to this port and part of the delay is attributed by Capt. Ooteruhs to the made struggles of the whale in trying to disgorge the rotator. According to the log of the vessel a monster whale was found to have swallowed the knot line and rotator at the stern of the vessel. For hours the whale screamed in agony as the schooner, forced along at 15 knots an hour by the storm, caused the rotator to inflict awful internal wounds on the leviathan. Death ended the suffering of the whale shortly after the line was cut by a tender-hearted sailor.

BOY AN ELECTRICAL GENIUS.

Worcester, Mass.—High School Pupil Sends Power by Wireless.

Worcester, Mass.—Harry M. Grout, a 19-year-old Spencer boy, has gone Marconi one better and succeeded in operating electric lights and motors by electro-magnetic waves at distances of 900 feet and more.

PAID FOR HIS FAULT.

Little Girl's Idea of the Punishment Visited on Adam.

In the latest number of "Heimgarten," which has just been published at Graz, Pastor Rosegger tells this story: "I visited a school one day where Bible instruction was a part of the daily course, and in order to test the children's knowledge asked some questions. One class of little girls looked particularly bright, and I asked the tallest one: 'What sin did Adam commit?' "He ate forbidden fruit."

"Right. Who tempted Adam?" "Eve." "Not really Eve, but the serpent. And how was Adam punished?" "The girl hesitated and looked confused. Behind her sat a little eight-year-old, who raised her hand and said: 'Please pastor, I know.'" "Well, tell us; how was Adam punished?" "He had to marry Eve." Exchange.

THE IOWA CONVENTION.

Will Be Test of Strength Between Cummins and Allison.

Des Moines, Ia., Mar. 16.—Republicans of Iowa will meet in state convention at Des Moines on Wednesday to elect delegates to the National convention at Chicago. There will be 1,184 delegates here. Attorney General H. W. Byers has been selected for temporary chairman. While the permanent chairman has not been decided upon, George D. Perkins is most frequently mentioned for the place.

While there has been considerable rivalry between two factions of the party for control of the convention, the controversy will probably not have any effect on the action of the convention regarding the instructions to the delegates. One faction is headed by Gov. A. B. Cummins, while the other is led by United States Senator William B. Allison. The controversy has centered mostly around the campaign of Senator Allison for re-election to the senate as against the efforts of Governor Cummins to supplant Allison. The faction that musters the most votes in the state convention will name the delegates at large to the National convention and will write the platform. Unofficial returns from county conventions, the last of which was held Saturday night, indicate that the adherents of Senator Allison will have a substantial majority of delegates to the state convention. It is possible, however, that when the convention assembles Governor Cummins and his adherents may be able to bring about a change among the delegates so as to gain partial or full control of the proceedings.

BULL FIGHT AT PANAMA.

Was One of Amusements Furnished Torpedo Boat Men.

Panama, Mar. 16.—Lieutenant H. I. Cone, the commander of the American torpedo boat flotilla, and the other officers and men, were delighted with their reception here. Sunday morning the destroyers moved up closer to Panama and are now within the zone limits. They will be open to visitors every afternoon from four to six o'clock.

All the men of the flotilla are proud of the record which the little boats have made. With the exception of a few minor repairs, the destroyers are in practically the same condition as when they left the United States. Saturday evening the officers of the fleet attended a dance at the Tivoli club, where they met many of the prominent people of the city and the canal zone. There was a baseball game Sunday between a nine from the destroyer Stewart and a local team, and later every man who could be spared from the boats went to see a grand bull fight in which both male and female bullfighters took part.

VAGARY OF WIRELESS

SHIP'S MESSAGE INTERRUPTED BY BURSTS OF BAND MUSIC.

Incident on Battle Ship Ohio Causes Consternation Among Operators and Mystifies Telegraph Experts of the Service.

Washington.—Thousand vagaries of the wireless systems of telegraphy and telephony which are now installed on the vessels of the navy are subject to constant study by the electrical experts who have charge of the plants. They are of especial interest now because of the important part that wireless communication will play in the present trip of the warship fleet to the Pacific.

During the recent assembling of the fleet in Cape Cod bay one of the operators on the Ohio, while receiving a message, was suddenly interrupted by the strains of a march sounding in his ear pieces. Thinking it was the band of the ship playing, he went to the officer of the deck and asked to have the band stopped until the message was completed.

The man who relieved him at the receiver when he went to the officer of the deck continued to hear the music, and, consequently, when the first operator returned and informed the man at the receiver that the band was not playing on the ship there was consternation in the wireless office, for sounding clearly in the ear pieces was a march played by a band.

The Connecticut being the only ship present on which a system of wireless telephones had been installed, every one was at a loss to explain how music could be heard over the receivers of a wireless telegraph. It seems the band, which was heard at a distance of over a mile, was on the Connecticut, and her wireless transmitters were thrown in, while her band was playing and another ship had a wireless message interrupted by hearing this music. The reason of this freak of electricity is not yet explained.

An explanation probably lies in the fact that the ear pieces of the wireless telegraph are very sensitive, and the wireless telephone transmitter on the flagship is very powerful, hence the sound waves of the music caused sufficient static electricity to be transmitted and received by the aerial of the wireless telegraph.

As all wireless experts know, directors of the microphone type are irregular in their action, and for that reason are more or less unsatisfactory. While they are more sensitive than the coherer, they cannot generally be used to advantage. They can be improved in their reliability by using a numbering multiple and revolving the needle, which is generally a small steel piece, by clockwork. This causes a more or less musical sound in the receiver, but the sound of all the instruments of a band is quite another matter, and it will probably be some time before the real cause of this phenomenon is discovered.

Man and Wife Mum Five Years.

Danbury, Conn.—James L. Williams, a hatmaker, and his wife have occupied the same house, taken their meals at the same table together, and been in each other's company for five years without speaking a word to each other. Five years ago they quarreled and Williams made a vow he would never again speak to his wife. He kept it religiously.

Fort to Get More Phones.

Washington.—Arrangements have been made by the signal corps in the army to obtain an increase of the telephone systems at interior posts, including a telephone for each set of officers' quarters. It is proposed to install 2,452 instruments at a cost of \$112,318. The installation will cover a period of two years.

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TO BE A BUSY WEEK

POLITICS, SPORTS AND INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS PLAY PART IN FORESHADOWED EVENTS.

LA FOLLETTE WILL SPEAK

Date for Vote on Aldrich Bill Still Undetermined—Congress Expects to Adjourn in May.

Washington, Mar. 16.—Politics, sports and industrial affairs will share pretty evenly in the news making of the present week, so far as events are foreshadowed.

The Iowa Republican State convention will be held in Des Moines on Wednesday. Rhode Island Democrats will meet in state convention at Providence on Saturday and on the same day the New Mexico Republican territorial convention will be held at Silver City.

The New York Democratic state committee will meet in New York Thursday to fix the date for the state convention.

The date of the vote in the senate on the Aldrich currency bill depends upon Senator LaFollette. Owing to his illness it has been postponed from time to time in order to give him opportunity to present his views, but he has now sufficiently recovered to make it certain that he will be heard this week.

Senator LaFollette will be heard on Tuesday and it is expected that his address will extend over into Wednesday and possibly Thursday. He has prepared an exhaustive argument in favor of his amendment for the physical valuation of railroads whose bonds are to be accepted as security for emergency bank issues.

From the best information now obtainable, it is not likely that the Aldrich bill will reach the final stages during the present week.

The house will give its entire time after Monday to the appropriation bill. Monday will be given up to the consideration of bills to which there is general assent, under the suspension rule. Both houses are counting confidently on final adjournment in May.

The American battleship fleet at Magdalena Bay will put in a busy week at target practice. At Panama, where the torpedo boat flotilla arrived Saturday, preparations have been made for a series of entertainments for the officers and men during the week. The vessels are scheduled to leave Panama Saturday for Acapulco, Mexico.

The sixth annual convention of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way association will open at Chicago on Tuesday, continuing Wednesday and Thursday. Railroad presidents and vice-presidents, operating officials and construction engineers representing approximately 180,000 miles of the total of 220,000 miles of railroads in the United States, and instructors and engineering experts of Cornell university and the University of Wisconsin will attend.

An important conference of representatives of labor organizations will be held at Washington, Wednesday, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor having issued a call for a meeting at that time of the executive officers of the International Trades Unions of America, with the executive council of the federation. One of the chief topics discussed will be the decision of the courts which have been adverse to organized labor.

It is probable that the week will mark the beginning of negotiations for peace in Morocco between Mulai Hafid, the insurgent sultan and Abdel-Aziz, the sultan of record.

One Killed One Captured. Bismarck, N. D., Mar. 16.—Joseph Bassanel, one of the convicts who escaped from the North Dakota penitentiary here Friday, was killed Saturday night by Sheriff Beck of McLean county, in a pistol duel. A few hours earlier, Alfred Woolens, the other escaped convict, was captured by a posse 15 miles west of Mandan. The battle in which Bassanel was killed took place in McLean county, 60 miles from Bismarck.

New Lumber Camp Outbreak. New Orleans, Mar. 16.—Another serious outbreak is reported in the lumber camps in Grant parish where friction was recently brought about by negroes accepting a cut in wages, the whites standing out against the reduction. A number of persons are reported to have been shot and that a special train is carrying the wounded away.

Paris Hears a Rumor. Paris, Mar. 16.—A dispatch received here from London reports the discovery of a plot to establish a military dictatorship at Lisbon, but there is no confirmation of this.

LONE BANDIT ON A MAIL CAR

FOUND TWO CLERKS AND HELD POSSESSION FIVE HOURS.

He Went Through Registered Packages at His Leisure and Then Worked Regular Mail.

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 16.—A lone bandit boarded the mail car on the westbound Oriental Limited, the fast trans-continental train of the Great Northern railroad at Bonner's Ferry, Ida., before daylight Sunday, bound the two mail clerks and robbed the mail and express cars. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Spokane at 9:20 a. m., more than five hours after the bandit boarded the train.

The train carried the through trans-continental mail and much of it was registered. The amount stolen will not be known until the registered mail has been checked up by the postal authorities.

When the train arrived here at 9:20 o'clock Sunday morning the mail car was closed. Employees at the station open the car and found one of the mail clerks lying bound on the mail sacks. The other clerk was locked in a closet.

As soon as the men were released they said that a bandit boarded the car at Bonner's Ferry, a division point about one hundred miles east of Spokane, where the train arrived at 4:04 a. m. The clerks said the bandit held them up, bound them and went through the registered mail. He then said he would work the regular mail and proceeded to do so.

At all regular stops he threw off the mail and took the outgoing sack, though at some of the smaller places where the train does not stop he did not throw off the mail. He stayed on the train for nearly five hours, jumping off at the Oregon Railroad and Navigation junction, two miles east of Spokane.

He did not put off the locked pouch at Newport, Wash., and did not exchange mails at Priest River, Ida.

As soon as the robbery was discovered the postal authorities here and also the local police were notified and the work of checking up the mail began. The train being held here 30 minutes for that purpose. It was discovered that all the mail had been badly mixed.

The robber is described as being six feet tall. He wore a red sweater and overalls, and had a three or four days' growth of beard.

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Maryland's New Senator Dead. Baltimore, Md., Mar. 16.—United States Senator William Pinckney Whyte is ill at his home in this city, suffering from erysipelas and bladder disorder. His physicians say that while his condition is not critical, it is somewhat alarming. Senator Whyte was taken ill in Washington on Thursday and has since grown worse. His advanced age—he is 82 years old—is against his chances of improvement. He was elected by the legislature now sitting to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Arthur P. Gorman.

Revolutionists May Leave Hayti. Baltimore, Md.—It is stated here that as a result of the representations of the French, British, German and American governments, Lord Alexis, the president of Hayti, has consented to allow Gen. Firman, the leader of the revolutionists and the others who took refuge in the various consulates at Gonaves and Port a Pix, after the failure of the uprising to leave the island on condition that they agree not to return.

To Test a Submarine. Bridgeport, Conn., Mar. 16.—It was learned Sunday night that another official test of the lake submarine torpedo boat lake, will be made beginning probably Tuesday, in Long Island Sound off this port. The special naval board on submarines, of which Capt. Adolph Mark is the head, will arrive in this city Monday.

MAP OF THE WORLD—REVISED IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.



WITH OPEN ARMS

AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE HAIL WITH JOY THE INFORMATION THAT THE FLEET IS COMING.

THEY ADMIRE AMERICANS

England's South Pacific Naval Base is at Sydney and a Demonstrative Welcome Will Be Extended There.

Melbourne, Mar. 16.—The Australian commonwealth, officially and generally, hails with pleasure the information from Washington that the American battleship fleet will visit the Antipodes next July or August. There are several reasons for this feeling of satisfaction. Premier Alfred Deakin was not flattering the American people in the communication he addressed to their government through Consul General John P. Bray here last December, to have the warships come to this quarter of the globe. In his invitation he said: "No other federation in the world possesses so many features of likeness to that of the United States as does the commonwealth of Australia, and I doubt whether any two peoples could be found who are nearer in touch with each other and are likely to benefit more by anything that tends to knit their relations more closely."

Australians of all classes, indeed, have decided liking and admiration for Americans due to sentimental, commercial and even political causes. In the first place, as Australian newspapers and orators not infrequently observe whenever the question of Asiatic immigration to Australia comes up, or that of Australian defense, America is the nearest Caucasian neighbor and friend that the commonwealth has. This fact is given added strength because, speaking broadly, Australians are almost super-sensitive over Asiatic proximity, prestige and influence; and whether there is general ground for such feeling they are apprehensively mindful of their great physical separation from any cognate people. This feeling, it may be added, is fostered by leading politicians, especially those in the powerful labor party, and it includes the Japanese, although regardless of the Anglo-British alliance.

This distrustful attitude toward things Asiatic and this strong leaning toward things American, has a corollary in Australian jealousy over European colonization in the South Pacific. Whereas the commonwealth has always been complaisant over America's possession of Pago Pago, Samoa, which the fleet will visit—it has never been overly pleased at Germany's possession of Apia; and the commonwealth manifested so much feeling over territorial rights in the new Hebrides and trading privileges in the Marshall Islands that the imperial government was forced to treat with France and Germany respectively regarding those disputes.

In brief the United States is the only foreign power with territory in the Pacific for which Australia has a distinct liking. The Americans will not have left their country's smiling little landlocked harbor at Pago Pago far behind before they will be greeted doubtless by British warships and escorted to Sydney. Sydney is the headquarters of Great Britain's South Pacific fleet, and a naval base of much importance, and the welcome the visitors from the United States will have will be overwhelming.

Sydney offers natural advantages for entertainment much beyond those of Melbourne, but the latter will not allow her constant rival to surpass her in warmth of greeting or feeling.

Reward for Night Riders. Frankfort, Ky., Mar. 16.—Gov. Wilson Sunday night offered \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the nightriders who took part in the Woodford and Scott counties raids.

A Missouri Jointist Sentenced.

Springfield, Mo., Mar. 16.—In the southern Missouri counties which have adopted local option a determined effort to enforce the prohibition law is being made by the public officials. John Harlow of Shannon county was convicted Saturday on the charge of illegally selling liquor. He was fined several counts, the fines aggregating \$4,500, and sentenced to six months in the county jail. Moonshiners in the mountainous section have been active since the local option laws were adopted.

Sent Champions Home Defeated.

San Francisco, Mar. 16.—Ten thousand people saw the local baseball team administer a coat of whitewash to the Chicago Americans Sunday afternoon. The local team outplayed the champions in every department of the game. The game was called at the eighth inning to enable the Chicago club to catch the New Orleans train.

The American Car at Ogden.

Ogden, Utah, Mar. 1.—The American car arrived here at 9:45 Sunday morning and will remain in Ogden till

PRACTICE WITH BIG GUNS

GUNNERS ON BATTLESHIP FLEET READY FOR PRACTICE.

Their Skill Will Be Tested at Ranges of from 1,000 to 9,000 Yards—A High Record to Beat.

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 16.—The American battleship fleet, now at anchor in Magdalena Bay, Lower California, will begin the serious work of record target practice Monday morning, according to official wireless dispatches received here, and for the next two or three weeks the usually quiet waters of this harbor will splash and dance under the rain of shot and shell, and the real work of the cruise to all outside the engine holds and chart rooms will be under way.

The fleet is anchored in the north end of the bay which is the most sheltered part of this natural haven of the sea. Looking to the south there is a broad expanse of water nearly twenty miles long, while the width of the bay at the entrance is nearly twelve miles. The targets will be set and ranges established at the lower end of the bay where it narrows to an island-parted channel, leading to Almejas bay, another land-locked harbor whose natural advantages would stand out strikingly in the search for a naval base in any other part of the world that close proximity to Magdalena. The ranges are to be set first at 1,000 yards. They will next be extended to 2,000 yards, and then to a maximum of 3,000 yards for the smaller target, which is 12x15 feet in size. For the great turret guns, the 12 and 13-inch rifles—the ranges are lengthened from six thousand to nine thousand yards and the targets are increased to 30x60 feet. As one ordnance officer on the battleships expressed it, it is absolutely essential that the gunners should be able to see the target before they can train the sights upon it. At 9,000 yards the white canvas object to be shot at appears as only a tiny speck upon the water.

The gunners of the Atlantic fleet are conscious of the fact that they have a hard task before them to equal or surpass the records recently made at Magdalena Bay by the armored cruiser guns of the Pacific fleet, under command of Rear Admirals Dayton and Sebree. These ships alternately have been at the practice grounds in the Mexican bay for the last two months, and six of them have completed their work. The Maryland outdistanced all of her competitors among the armored cruisers of the station with a percentage of 78.83 hits out of a possible 100 with all classes of guns.

Panic Caused by Fire.

Denver, Col., Mar. 16.—Panic caused by fire early Sunday morning in the new Barnard block, situated at the corner of West Tenth avenue and Eleventh street and used principally as living apartments, came near resulting in wholesale loss of life, evidently the plan of would-be incendiaries. The blaze was discovered by a policeman. When the alarm was given, a rush for the open was made and a jam of people became wedged at the rear door so that it was impossible to open it. Many were overcome by smoke and lay prostrate when firemen arrived. Many others unable to get out of their quarters were overcome. All were rescued, no one being injured. The property loss was small. Sunday's fire was the tenth discovered in the building within the last few months.

Tyro Bank Robbers at Large.

Coffeyville, Kan., Mar. 16.—At eleven o'clock Sunday morning three members of the Ocheiata posse came upon the Tyro bank robbers on the bank of Candy creek, eight miles southwest of Ocheiata, where they were waiting for an oil lease cook to get dinner for them. The posse men were ordered to halt and throw up their hands. They complied at once. The robbers broke up the possemen's rifles, took away their pistols and also one of their horses and then permitted them to depart unarmed. After dinner the bandits fled farther into the Osage hills. Sunday night the bandits were believed to be a short distance east of Bigheart, Ok. A posse of 100 men was about to leave Bigheart hoping to surround the outlaws.

Another Russian Coming. St. Petersburg, Mar. 16.—Father Gregory Petroff, the noted labor leader and Constitutional Democrat deputy, who recently has been applying himself to the study of the English language, announces that he will visit the United States where he will give a number of lectures.

Threaten Japan With Boycott. Hong-kong, Mar. 16.—At a meeting in Canton over the Tatsu Maru matter Saturday night indignation was shown to be so strong that if diplomacy fails a boycott will be organized soon. During the excitement the viceroy of Canton resigned rather than released the vessel. The resignation was accepted.

The Funny Men to Meet Later. Houston, Tex., Mar. 16.—The annual meeting of the American Press Humorists, to have been held in this city in May, has been postponed indefinitely because of the illness of the secretary-treasurer of the organization, Judd Martimer Lewis, of Houston, who is suffering from appendicitis.

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