

Typhus fever is spreading in New York. Forty cases were reported to the health authorities within the first three days of this month.

A despatch from Saginaw, Mich., says that on Saturday night Fred. Foote, formerly of Toronto, and his brother, George, got into a warm debate on the question of execution, when George drew his revolver and fired, inflicting a wound that caused death.

The late Jay Gould is reported to have confessed to a great desire to know what his fellows would say of him after his death. "I don't think I ever had an ambition," he said, "except to break the world and to see what it will say about me when I am dead. No man will be cruel enough to say what he really thinks of me when I am dead." If the dead millionaire could see the stacks of clippings which his son Edwin has collected he would hardly undertake the task of reading them for two very good reasons. It would take him several years to accomplish the task, and the tone of most of the comments would not have pleased him. Shortly after his father's death Edwin Gould arranged to have sent him a copy of every newspaper article printed about his father. He has since received 20,000 clippings, which combined make an obituary notice some six miles long. Of these 12,000 have been taken from the press of the United States and Canada, 3,000 from the British newspapers and the remainder from those of France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Holland and Spain. Two clippings have been made from Turkish publications.

Cholera is spreading in the north of France, and several new cases are reported in Germany.

At his New Year's reception Emperor William, it is said, assured his generals that he is determined the army bill shall pass, and will not hesitate to crush all who oppose him in the matter.

England is experiencing extremely cold weather. The privation and suffering among the unemployed in London increase as the winter advances. Hundreds are wholly dependent on charity for sustenance.

The Russians have become so alive to the value of women physicians that the Imperial Government has granted \$200,000 for a medical school for women to be established at St. Petersburg. The site has been given by the city.

The dynamite outrage in Dublin on Christmas evening has nullified the efforts of leading Liberals inside and outside the cabinet in favor of the release of the Irish political prisoners. Those efforts had almost reached the stage of success.

The Paris Figaro publishes interviews with Generals Komaroff and Tcherniaff, the well known Russian officers, in which they say the Panama scandals will have no effect upon the friendship Russia entertains for France. Speaking of the general European situation, both generals declared that war with Germany would be the most popular of all wars.

Professor Garner, who is now in Africa, and is an enthusiast on the subject of monkey language, says in a letter from Libreville, on the Congo, dated November 25th, that he has had several conversations with the chimpanzee, and that he has hopes of soon enjoying social intercourse with a number of gorillas. He intends to start for the interior some time in January. He expects to return to England with a gorilla fully trained as a servant. He has with him a phonograph, with which to prosecute his studies and to secure records of the so-called monkey speech.

The author of "The Russians at Home" reports a custom of that people which reflects credit upon their humanity as well as upon their good sense. The Russians have invented a very ingenious mode of avoiding mere ceremonial visits altogether. Those who do not wish to call on their friends at the new year, send three roubles to the poor; and on New Year's day the journals publish a list of persons who have given to charities the money they would otherwise have spent on cards. This is accepted by every one as a polite and satisfactory alternative.

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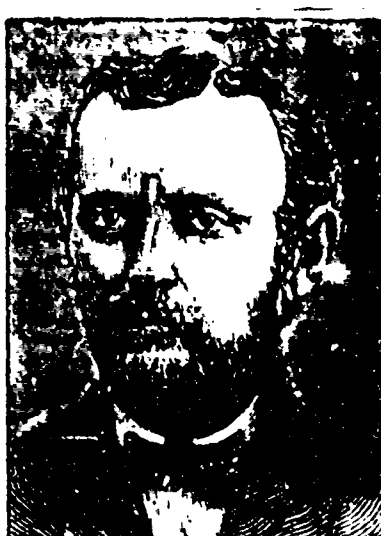


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