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THE REAL CRIMINALS

The intimation that the reactionaries in St. Petersburg caused the people to be shot down for the purpose of committing the weak-kneed Czar irresponsibly to a policy of repression takes definite form in a cable to the New York Sun...

GOOD NEWS

New evidence of the great progress made in the treatment of consumption is given by the Boston Globe, which reviews reports just made by the doctors in charge of tuberculosis hospitals in Massachusetts...

THE OTHER SIDE

St. Petersburg sent out news of a sort of victory won by Kuropatkin. The other side of the story comes from Tokio. It is that the Russian advance has been checked with loss...

FARMERS LEAD

An analysis of Ontario's newly elected legislature shows that of ninety-four members whose occupations are known twenty-one are farmers...

MR. BALFOUR'S POSITION

Critics of the British Premier, who will not bring on the elections as soon as his opponents and Mr. Chamberlain desire, are saying he clings to power because an appeal to the country would result in signal defeat...

QUITE A LIVELY TRUST

The greatest of all the trusts is the subject of a surprising article by Mr. Charles E. Russell in Everybody's Magazine. Although the laws of the United States forbid railroads to give rebates to shippers...

at governing it. In the Colonies the British elections are awaited with much interest, because they will reveal the truth which is now hidden by the fog of an election argument by the extremists of all parties.

The trust evades the interstate-commerce law by receiving a special rate for hauling refrigerator cars. It owns most of these cars. To haul those belonging to others it causes the railroads to charge a rate which breaks down an attempt to compete with the trust...

FRANK CONFESSIO

The Brooklyn Eagle says American morals are going to the dogs. Crime increases, the people grow careless about corruption in high places. Church-going is on the wane. But read:

"Explain the matter as we may, we cannot go back to the fact that an association representing the legal profession of the first state of the Union has put itself on record as excusing corruption in the judiciary. We cannot close our eyes to those measures in the legislatures of the states, and even of the nation, which have for their object the personal enrichment of men who frame the bills...

"It fixes the price that the grower of California shall receive for his fruit, and the price the laborer of New York shall pay for his bread. It lays hands upon the melon-grower of Colorado and the cotton-grower of Georgia, and compels each to share with it the scanty proceeds of his toil. It can affect the cost of living in Aberdeen and Geneva as easily as in Chicago and New York..."

NOTE AND COMMENT

There must be a huge stack of mail in store for St. John people today.

Now we will try February. January has suited nobody.

As a matter of fact is the alderman from your ward the best man for the position?

JAPAN'S NEW NAVY

Japan is pushing her naval programme. She is building new ships as if with the idea that Russia may quit the present struggle and resume it later on when she has had time to put together a build-up shipyard...

Old Harvard Graduate Dead.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 29.—Dr. Edward L. Lindsey Cunningham, said to have been the oldest surviving graduate of the Harvard Medical School, died today at the age of 86 years.

Do you live in a union street or a non-union street?

Do you live in a union street or a non-union street? There are to be only a few of the latter in the city.

of the latter and the inhabitants, doubtless, will be required to wear distinctive badges.

Gen. Kuropatkin announces a success in Manchuria. They needed some such news in St. Petersburg. It may be true, but it was needed anyway.

Mr. John T. Hawley of the Montreal Transcript is becoming sensitive in his old age. Just because all the other members of the school board regarded him as foolish, he resigned.

The divorce brokers of New York, who procure and sold false evidence to rich clients, are in trouble. The most notorious divorce lawyer on the continent, and a former supreme court justice, has been indicted.

It is particularly desirable to teach foreign governments that Mr. Roosevelt is not the American nation, says the New York Post in discussing the Santo Domingo affair.

DOES WHAT HE WANTS TO

In another column is printed the platform adopted by the New Brunswick Socialists. The correspondent to whom the Telegraph is indebted for the information has, unfortunately, omitted details as to the number of members enrolled and to the part the organization intends to take in our political life.

It appears that there are similar organizations in other provinces, and apparently most progress has been made in British Columbia. So immediate political or social upheaval is anticipated.

The Star points out that St. John needs new industries. The Telegraph is glad to see the Star falling into line. St. John offers many advantages.

These manifestations have been attributed to the lax and partial enforcement of the law, but that merely shifts the blame from the wrongdoers to the bar, the judiciary, and the agencies for law enforcement.

President Roosevelt has "Monroism," according to the New York Evening Post. In an editorial under that title it says:

"Apparently, the best explanation of the President's San Domingo involvement is that much Monroe Doctrine had made him mad. A form of nervousness, not yet well described by the faculty, seems to afflict all who brood too intently upon the doctrine.

The San Domingo arrangement, for which the President has been criticized, is to be submitted to the Senate, and much picturesque denunciation of Mr. Roosevelt's "usurpation of the powers of Congress" is expected.

The Opuise of Rohzdestevnsky. Belief fell in no hurry, its admiral displaying no anxiety to get near the Japanese cruisers—Cable dispatch.

Up and down Rohzdestevnsky pace the flagship's quarterdeck. The admiral, smiling blandly, to himself believed a million swears; by the rail, a basket chair swung in the air.

"The breeze was dirty, gusty, from a kindly eye, a peaceful, daisy, tooth-dreamy sort of breeze, but the admiral was not to be deceived by the calm.

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THE CHANT OF THE VULTURES

BY EDWIN MARKHAM Author of "The Man With the Hoe" and Other Poems (From Collier's Weekly.)

We are circling glad of the battle; we rejoice in the smell of the smoke. Fight on in the hell of the trenches; we publish your fame with a croak! Yet fight, for the dead will have wages—a death-chill of dust in the hand.

'Tis well ye are swift with your signals—the blaze of the banners, the hark! Of the bugles, the boom of battalions, the cannon-breath hot on the air. It is for our hunger ye hurry, it is for our feast ye are met; Be sure we will never forget you, O servants that never forget!

We were, ere our servant Sesostris spread over the Asian lands The smoke of the blood of the peoples, the ashes he blew from his brands. We circled in revel for ages above the Assyrian steamp. While Babylon built her beauty, and failed to dust and to dream.

And we blazoned the name of Timour, as he harried his herd of kings, And the host of his hordes wound on, as a dragon with undulant wings. And we slid down the wind upon France, when the steps of the earthquake passed, When the Bastille bloomed into flame, and the heavens went by on the blast.

O King, ye have catered to vultures—have chosen to feed us forthwith. The joy of the world and her glory, the hope of the world and her youth. O King, ye are diligent lackey; we laurel your names with our praise, For ye are the staff of our comfort, for ye are the strength of our days.

After American Revolution Great Naval Commander Fought With Russians Against Turks. COMMANDED A BIG FLEET Success Created Jealousy, and as Jones Was No Diplomat He Was Deposed.

How many Americans are familiar with the fact that John Paul Jones, the father of the American navy, once won a sea victory for the Russians? How many realize that the victorious American navy at San Domingo and the defeated Russian navy at Port Arthur both owe their origin to brilliant victories won by an extraordinary man?

After the revolution and the famous victory which he won over the Serapies, Jones, after a short sojourn in this country, returned to Paris, where he fell in with Prince Potemkin, the favorite of Catherine II. of Russia, who presented him at the court of his mistress in St. Petersburg.

Consequently John Paul Jones, having at that time the most brilliant naval record in the world, was placed in command of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea, the Baltic and the English, French, German and Swedish waters.

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WAY TO ANSWER ATTACKS

James Whitcomb Riley was conversing one time with another literary man who was complaining of recent severe attacks on him and his methods of work.

"What you should do with these fellows who attack you," advised Riley in his inimitable drawl, "is to take off your coat, roll up your sleeves and hit them as hard as you can, hit 'em a staggering blow with a big chunk of silence. That will worry them more than anything else you can do."

C. P. R. steamer Arrang arrived at Brisbane Jan. 28.