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# JAPANESE-RUSSIAN FIGHT

Brave Stand Made By Russian Ships | That Went Down

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THEY GALLANTLY WENT TO DEATH!

With Bands Playing and Fleets Cheering the Ruesians Faced the Enemy in Prospect of Certain

comprising the Japanese fleet which attacked and destroyed the Russian cruiser Varigan and Korietz at Chemulpo on the 8th inst. were the cruisers Naniwa, Akachiho, Akashi, Suma, and the Asama. Japan did not lose a man.

The survivors from the Variag and nights duplicated, with an Oriental the Kerietz, the Russian cruisers that setting. were sunk by the Japanese fleet at Chemulpo last Tuesday, still remain on board the British cruiser Taibot, the

the Japanese have twice made demands commanders of the three forsels that the Russians be suras prisoners of war. The cappaval officer, each time replied that he was awaiting instructions from his leaked but here that the marines are government. None of the Russians is on board the American gun-boat Vicks- about 100 marines now remain at Bas burg whose commander considers that Obispo.

Tokio Celebrates Victory.

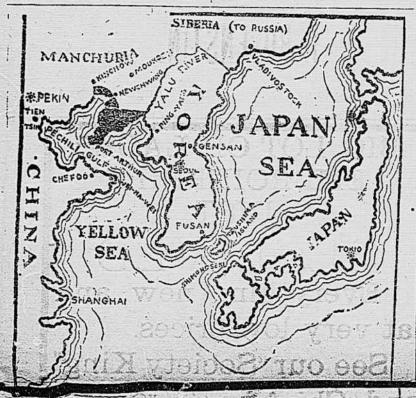
bration far exceeded that of the day in noisy enthusiasm. Many impromptu processions of thousands of men were formed and paraded through the principal streets, and surged about the public buildings and the palace, carrying banners and cheering wildly. The Russian legation was dark and filent. No unfriendly demonstration was made there by the immense crowd constantly passing it, but Baron De Rosen's associates plainly beard the din and noise of the triumphant people.

Eands, drums and horns added volume to the cheers of the noisy populace Every reveller carried a lantern, flag or The people have beer restrained and calm for so many months that they are pouring out their long pent-up feelings into a wildly enthusiastic celebration of victory. It was Manila, Ladysmith and Santiago

Hurry Orders at Colon.

Colon, By Cable.-Hurry orders were received yesterday to embark a battalion of marines on the Prairie. .. special train left Colon this moraing and returned at noon with the 450 marines who were encamped at Bas Obispo station the the Panama rail-

The Prairie's boats were kept busy all day embarking the camp fittings, baggage, stores, etc., and this task is not yet finished. Major Lucas will command the battalion and the Prairie will sail littler sealed orders. It has destined for Santo Domingo. Only



MAP OF THE SCENE OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

London, By Cable. The Daily Mail

in a telegram says the report still

lacks absolute confirmation. In the

absence of confirmation the reports

A statement that China will main

tain neutrality is published in Pekin.

It is reported from Tien Tsin that

all foreigners and civilians have been

ordered to leave Port Arthur. It is

also reported that the Siberian rail-

covering a distance of seventy miles

New Steamship Service.

Boston, Special.-Announcement was

made that a new steamship service had

been inaugurated between the Mediter-

ranean ports and this city. The steam-

ers of the new line are all under Italian

registry. On their outward trips they

will not load here, but will proceed to

New Orleans and Galveston, where they

will oad cotton, provisions and general merchandise for Mediterranean ports.

Judge Brewster Dead,

man Denison Brewster, a jurist of na-

tional reputation, is dead at his home

in this city Sunday. He was a charter

member of the American Bar Associa-

the committee on uniform State laws.

The uniform divorce law, which is

expected will be adopted by nearly

every State in the Union, was drafted

by Judge Brewster. He was associated

with Joseph H. Choate, now United

States ambasasdor to England, in

breaking the will of the late Samuel J.

Tilden.

Danbury, Conn., 13. 2. -Judge Ly-

are generally discredited.

the Japanese are right in their demand, as the Russians took advantage the Daily Telegraph and other papers of the clemency of the Japanese in publish dispatches from Tokio, Nagareturning to the harbor, then taking saki and Shanghal, reporting the de refuge on the foreign vessels and refusing to surrender, whereas the Jap- struction of three Russian cruisers by mines or torpedoes in Tsugar fleet refrained from sinking Straits. The Daily Mail, which at first described the news as official,

FORMOSA

the in the open sea as they could be in the open sea as they could have the state of the two Russian cruisers. With bands playing the national anthem, the international fleet loudly cheering the bravery and gallantry of the Russians, the Variag and Koreitz faced the Japanese fleet in what was certain death. The posttions of the wreck appear to be such that it will be easy to recover the guns. The Russian losses were one officer and 40 men killed and 464 road has been wrecked in six places,

Two Killed; Seventy-five Injured. Cumberland, Md., Special.-Two persons were killed and about 75 injured, 25 of whom were seriously hurt, in a trolley car accident in Frostburg Sunday. The car ran away, on a steep grade and crashed into a telephone

### Midland; J. J. Ross, of Laconing. Gorman's Challenge.

pole. The dead are: John Gough, of

Washington, Special.—In the report on the naval appropriation bill made to the House by Chairman Foss, of the naval affairs committee, the gauntlet thrown down by Schator Gorman in his announced policy of internal improvements in place of naval construction, is taken up with vigor. The re-

"If we judge public sentiment aright it is in favor of the continuance of the policy of building up the navy. If stopped now we would be left and behind the leading countries of the

The American people are not willto lessen their influence on this sphere, nor forsake their interests

## 1,800 Reported Killed.

Nagasaki, By Cable.—Six Norwegian steamers chartered by a Russian naval contractor have been captured. The vessels are the Lena, Activ, Sentis, Seirstadt, Argo and Hermis. They carried coal cargoes. The Hermis arrived here Sunday and under convoy of a cruiser. It is rumored that 1,800 Japanese soldiers have been killed, presumably by the sinking of a transport. Disturbances are reported in Seoul.

# Destination of the Prarie.

Washington, Special.-Naval officials say that while the Prairie with the 450 marines from Colon aboard will and cargo of wood were a total loss. touch at San Domingo, that the real destination of the vessel is the naval station at Guantanamo. The purpose lans can buy this, their national beverof taking the men there they say is age, in the stores of Caracas. The to give them a change of climate and starch-and-sugar compound added to to give them a change of chimate and these extremely healthful decoctions is surroundings. After they have been not always harmless. Noxious fats, and at Guantanamo a while probably they even pipe clay, have receptly been device with the seast back to the isthmus.

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Tokio, By Cable.-The night cele-

transparency.

most ambitious attempts at razing walls were on Liberty and Lombard streets. At each of these places there are hoisting engines with wire cables, which are fastened to a section of the toppling walls and then wound upon on the spools. The Hurst building in first started was pulled down. All through the financial district preparations are being made to open safes and vaults. Those of the German Bank and the German Fire Insurance.

vault of the Marine Bank was opened and found intact. In no instance have the contents of any vault been seriously damaged. The chamber of commerce has been

exceedingly active in sending broad-cast to every center of trade in this country, and Europe the assurance that Baltimore is even now in condition to ransact all shipping, grain and foreign trade, and that all other lines of business will be restored to their normal channels within the next two or three months. The officials of the chamber of commerce announced that plans are already nearly completed for the reouilding of their \$600,000 structure.

Many merchants and manufacturers whose places of business were swallowed up in the conflagration have signed contracts for rebuilding and there are on all sides the greatest signs of activity in this respect. All are simply waiting for the city to clear the streets of debris and give permission to the owners of the ground to take possession. The matter of accepting aid from other cities, has not yet been finally decided upon, according to Mayor McLane. The fire did not reach the residential section of the city and there is no actual destitution at this time. The indications are that the citizens of Baltimore will be fully able to take care of all cases of want that might present themselves. The mayor feels grateful for the many proffers of

and from foreign lands. The following was received from the

news of the great calamity which has recently visited the city of Paltimore, lesires your excellency to convey to the honorable mayor and the people of Baltimore his sincere sympathy. He prays that they can stand the severe loss their city has suffered and that will continue to progress. (Signed.)

A composite estimate of the total loss from the fire by 25 expert representatives of leading insurance companies cutside Baltimore places the figures at \$85,000,000. Some of them think that the total loss will be reduced to \$70,-000,000, as much salvage is being dug out of the ruins which was thought to have been destroyed. The loss to the

## Turks Attacked.

Berlin, By Cable.-The Frankfurter Zeitung Salonica corespondent telegraphs that a Bulgarian band, numbering 100, has been attacked at Dehumbala by Turkish frontier guards, who were reinforced by two companies of infantry. The battle, the correspondent adds, fasted a long time and the Bulgarians fled at night, leaving twelve dead on the field. The Turkish loss was one man kiled and two wounded.

Four men of the crew of the schooner Lillie, which was sunk Sunday in collision with the steamer Vedamore, were landed at Cape Henry, Va., Tues day by the pilot boat. The schooner

no 6 adv fill-up One can buy "cocoa," so-called, in New York cheaper than the Venezue-

# BALTIMORE RALLIES WILL KEEP NEUTRAL

Desolated City Puts Up a Bold Fight Decision of Our Government On Japanese-Russian War For Rebuilding

FIRMS GETTING READY TO REOPEN

The Property Loss Hardly As Great As at First Estimated - Outside Assistance Appreciated Aut in No

Case Asked For and Not Needed.

An incident that inspired the whole community with tremendous confidence was the resumption of business by the banks, deposits being received and would be difficult to estimate the volume of transactions in this respect, but according to the leading bankers it was gratifyingly large in view of ex-

isting conditions.

The knowledge that Baltimore's terminal facilities are intact and that the grain elevators were not involved in the fiery tornado also served to promote a popular conviction that the situation is not so dark as it has heretofore appeared. Indeed the optimistic feeling is manifestly growing that the calamity, though harrowing in every detail, will give the city an opportunity to re-adjust itself on new and more modern plans and that a new city of imposing grandeur is to rise from the ruins of the old.

The progress which has been made in the work of clearing the debris from the streets in the burned district seems almost magical. Baltimore street, which at sunrise was a confused mass of rubsish, is practically clean, and likewise South street, one of the great banking thoroughfare. Hanover street, near where the fire started, was made passable for wagons, and Pratt street, a long avenue of trade, is clear of encumbrances all the way through. The city engineer's department, the building inspector and the street cleaning department, all worked in conjunction. No attempt was made to do more than to clear the streets from curb to curb, the debris being piled high on the sidewalks and back of the building line.

Many dangerous walls which overhang the streets were pulled down. The

aid from the citizens of this country

His Holiness, deeply moved by the

"CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL." The leading savings banks in the city combined in a public announce-ment last week that none of them have suffered any loss of securities by the fire, and that they are in as good condition financially as ever and that they tion. From 1890 until the beginning of the present year he was chairman of will be open for business February

insurance companies is estimated by the some experts at 75 per cent. of the

## Steamer Ashore.

New York, Special.-Marine advices received here reportthat the ship Henry B. Hyde, bound from New York to Baltimore, with coal, is ashore near Dam. neck life-saving station, Va., having gone ashore during a furious gale. The crew of 14, including the captain's wife, were taken off safely today. Although the storm continued to rage, attempts will be made to save the ship, which lies in a fairly good position.

President Roosevelt's marriage register is in London, at St. George's Hanover square, and so many tourists from the United States have flocked to see it that for convenience' sake it has been placed by itself in an accessible alcove of the old church building. President Roosevelt's marriage to Miss Carow took place so long ago-seventeen years ago, to be exact—that few persons remember hat the American president was married in a foreign land. He is, it is said, the only American President

### ONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

lat the Nation's Lawmakers Are Doing Day By Day,

Speaker Takes the Bit.

eaker Cannon Friday took the bit

hais teeth and ran completely away

House. Incidentally he broke all

vious records in the dispatch of pri-

pension bills. Under his guidance

favorable consideration of the com-

tee of the whole and passage by the

as temporarily made the Speaker

The objection was withdrawn when

the clerk read their numbers. Mr.

ector. He made the statement that he

dd not consider this mode of procedure

"The objection is perfectly proper,

teplied Speaker Cannon. "This method

een very careful, and it is quite with-

his voice, he concluded: "Objection

made. The clerk will report the first

The first bill contained an amend

ment, and when the clerk announced

"Does the gentleman from

that fact, the Speaker inquired face-

Carolina desire to hear the amendment

"Well," continued the Speaker, "the

entleman does not know what the na-

ture of the amendment is. Neither does

He then insisted on the reading .of

the entire amerdment and, when this

was done, his announcement of the

third reading and passage of this bill

vas noticeably slow. In the meantime

Chairman Loudenslagor, of the pen-

to his seat to remonstrate with him for

the objection. When a fresh request

for unanimous consent was made no

ion committee, and several of

Minley's Democratic colleagues

objection was offered.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Finley.

the chair."

roper for a legislative body.

32 of these measures of relief received

SEC'Y HAY MAKES SUGGESTIONS win sanctified legislative precedent in

He Recommends to the Powers That China Le Accorded the Claim of Perfect Neutrality-This Will Ald

Washington, Special.—"To Russia se in the short space of 155 min-and Japan the Washington government Nearly the whole of this time, suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as possible and of respecting the neutrality of the whole. The most provided sible and of respecting the neutrality of the bloc under unanimous considerables. that China may be free from disturb- sent, which the Speaker himself asked ance and foreign interests there from for About half of the bills were dis-

This the Associated Press is enabled losed of under this request—those to give as the substance of the note Mithout amendment. When objection addressed by Secretary Hay on Feb. to the St. Petersburg and Tokio got mainly showed his displeasure by drag-ernments. On Feb. 8 in a note to Ger-many. Great Britain, and France Mr. Sug the proceedings. many, Great Britain and France, Mr. Hay invited these powers concurrently, to address Russia and Japan with the remaining bills were declared passsame suggestion, and on Feb. 11 this without even the formality of havinvitation was extended to Italy, Austria-Hungary, the Netherlands, Denmark, Spain and Belgium,

Germany was the first to respond with a prompt acceptance of the invitation and the promise that she immediately would address the two combatants.

Great Britain was heard from next, expressing adherence to the principle laid down in the note, but withholding formal acceptance pending an answer to an inquiry whether the "administrative entity" of China involved Manchuria. Japan was heard from quickly with the answer that she would act readily on the suggestions of the Unitobtained from Russia. Italy, Hungary and the Netherlands expressed sympathy with the idea and promised an answer after consultation with other powers. There is reason to believe that Spain and Belgium will also accept that invitation. Russia thus far has been silent and the attitude of France is one of hesitation. This is the situation tonight. Meantime it is learned that Germany is addressing the combatants with a note in substance the same as that of Secretary Hay Regarding the attitude of Great Britain it is a matter of regret to the officials which the British have stood in the past so stalwartly, it should hold up formal acceptance of the invitation until it has learned further details. On the highest authority it can be stated that there are no details to the note, as it would be manifestly impossible to hope for concurrent action by so many powers upon any but the most general lines. That the officials of the Washington government could have had in mind the neutrality of Man-churia is declared on the face of it to be absurd. Manchuria is recognized by this government with Korea to be the

Washington: Special.—President Roosevelt Thursday issued a proclamation declaring the neutrality of this government in the Russo-Japanese The document, after setting forth the existence of a state of war and that the laws of the United States without interfering with the free expression of opinion and sympathy, or with the open manufacture or sale of arms or munitions of war, nevertheless imposes upon all persons who may be within their territory and jurisdiction the duty of an impartial neutrality during the existence of the contest, proclaims the provisions of the United States' neutrality law, which teaty, and it was determined that law forbids the acceptance of a commission to serve either belligerent, or enlisting or hiring or retaining another person in the service of either; fitting out and arming, or commissioning vessels of war, increasing the force or armament of any vessel of either of the belligerents arriving in United States ports, and setting on foot any military expedition against

natural theatre of the war, and for

that reason, primarily, the suggestion

either helligerent, The proclamation further declares the use of United States waters to prepare for hostile operations a violation of neutrality; that after Feb. 15 there shall be a lapse only of 24 hours between the arrival and departure of warships of the two belligerents from United States ports, and that no warships shall remain in any port over 24

hours, except for necessary repair. Such ships shall not be permitted to take in any supplies except provisions and so much coal as may be sufficient to carry the vessel to the near-

est home port. The proclamation further declares the principles as to the rights of neutrals at sea contained in the treaty between the United States and Russia of 1354 as permanent and immutable,

as follows: "That free ships make free goodsthat is to say that the effects of goods belonging to subjects of citizens of a power or state at war are free from capture and confiscation when found capture and connscation when found aty and President Roosevelt's

contraband of war."

The proclamation declares that no person within the United States shall ording to individual judgment. The citizens "that while the free and full expressions of sympathies, in public and private, is not restricted by the laws of the United States military forces in ald of either belligerent cannot lawfully be organized within their positions against the wish of the contraband of war."

Lincoln's Birthday.

Chicago. Special.—Lincoln's birthday was observed in Chicago by the Marquette Club with a banquet and a meet ing and speaking at the auditorium. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was the principal speaker. He talked on "The Democratic Quadrennial Search in the principal speaker." not lawfully be organized within them that the wish of the jurisdiction; and that while all persons positions against the wish of the for an Issue." Representative Robert may lawfully and without restriction, by reason of the aforesaid state of

war, manufacture and sell within the Baltimore Still Rallies. United [States arms, amunitions othere is some disappointment, espewar and other articles ordinarily among business men who have known as 'contraband of war,' yet they among business men who have cannot carry such articles upon the uable property buried under the high seas for the use or service ons, over the determination not to either belligerent. Nor can they transd federal troops here to police the port soldiers or officers of either, o district, but Governor Edwin Warattempt to break any blockade which is firm in his insistance that the may be lawfully established and mairdlers are not needed. tained during the war, without incufany laborers were paid off Saugr ring the risk of hostile capture, any as usual. Others had to wait on

Japanese Steamer Sunk. London, Special—Baron Hayashi, tien he said to the Associated Press: Japanese minister here, has received amity and will emerge a greater dispatch from Tokio announcing the better city than before. two Japanese merchant steamers, t'I am very much encouraged." the Nakaoura Maru and the Sensho Maryor added, "with the spirit and grit while on their way from Sakta to Olion to go ahead and assist in the ru (on the island of Hokkaido) wasbilitation of the city. I realize surounded and shelled by four Rth the average citizen that now is sian warships, presumably the Viar opportunity to improve the busivostock squadron, off the coast converting certain blocks into pub-Herunshi (Okushiri). One of the vreservations will be considered, and

Minor Events of the Week in a Brief Form,

State News Items. An unknown negro man was found on the Southern Railway near the Wednesday morning between the rails. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that he came to his death by being run over by some south-bound train. His clothing was found scattered from within a short distance of the depot to where his body was found, something like 300 yards. His body was cut off from his thighs, one foot ent off, and the other half cut off. Parts of the negro were found as far as seventy yards from the main portion of the body. The man was a stranger, but it is said he was from North Carolina.

News reached Union Tuesday of homicide that occurred near Carlisle From the information received, it appears that Will Eubanks, a white man, attended a negro "festibal" nea Carlisle Saturday night. The usual row took place and a fasilade of shots were fired, one bullet taking effect on Eubanks and passing entirely through his body. He lingered till Friday morn ing, when he died. The statemen given out is to the effect that a negr. by the name of Silas Lyles fired the fatal shot-though several others are said to have participated in the shooting. Lyles was arrested and lodged in

an organization iff Columbia Tuesday evening. The State organization of the men and women of letters was formed with a deal of enthusiasm and a very gratifying idea of the benefits that will accrue to the improvement of the service. Over 50 postmasters were in attendance and letters were read from nearly as many more who desire to be enrolled as members of the asso. ciation but whose presence was impossible for a variety of reasons.

for Feb. 20. Several objections within four miles of that en made and withdrawn. wr. Hardwick, of Georgia, objected because Mr. Bartlett, his colleague, had ated in Pickens county by Sam Cox, objected when the request was made in the name of R. C. Gantt, was repreviously and was not in his seat at ported to have been illegally run, and

The Senate will vote on the Panama Canal treaty on some day between February 15 and 23. An agreement vas reached in executive session today to take action on Monday next to decde upon a time for voting on the sich date should be on or before Febnary 23.

The Senate was in executive session fr more than four hours, and after te agreement to vote on the treaty bd been reached nearly the entire time us devoted to general discussion of encroachments of the Senate and President on each other's prerogave under the constitution.

Senator Teller opened the debate on is subject. In a speech lasting more an two hours, and filled with inciints where the Senate has interfered th the President in regard to making ideral appointments, he aroused a imber of the Republican leaders to e defense of President Roosevelt. me of the Republicans agreed that ere had been many encroachments the White house upon the rights the Senate. The political phases of debate were finaly eliminated, with e result that several administrations re discussed and brought under the of disapproval. The first was unthe Cleveland administration, in ed undue influence for the repeal of purchasing clause of the Sherman President McKinley's influence on Republican members of the Senfor the ratification of the Par's

on board of neutral vessels, with the exception of articles of contraland of war; that the property of neutrals on board an enemy's vessel is not subject to confiscation, unless the same be contraband of war."

Author President Roosevelt's and President Roosevelt's sure in bringing about the ratification of the Cuban treaty, and also influence he has brought to bear king to the ratification of the Panda Canal treaty, were cited as incontraband of war."

penalties denounced by the law count of the difficulty of getting nations in that behalf." Mayor Robert McLane voiced the reading sentiment in Baltimore

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M. P. Tapp was injured in the union depot in Columbia Tuesday merning. He was there about 4:30 o'clock to take the train for Augusta. On attempting to board the train he slipped on at orange peeling and fell, his left arm going under the wheel of a moving train. Dr. Kendall had to amputate the arm at the elbow. Mr. Tapp is originally from Fairfield county and is well known in Columbia, where he used to live while in the employ e the Southern Railway as a conductor Lately he had been living in Nashville

Sheriff Coleman, of Richmond. Tuesday discovered that Ed Marks—the missing sandhiller for whose murder declared, with some heat, was his t attempt to get a day set for the Ed Marsh, Mrs. Marks and W. T. ideration of the bill creating a Simpson were arrested on Mondaycame on towards Columbia on the 28th ommission to consider the quess | of January, the day he is suposed to

sheriff therefore released his prisoners Registered distillery No. 620, oper-

its license was revoked by the State board last week. The outfit with 1,708 gallons of whiskey was seized by Deputy Scruggs on Monday and earried to Easley for shipment to Columbia. Wm. Young, a colored brakeman on the Southern Railway, while riding on the engine of a freight train at Santuc,

jumped off to throw a switch, but fell. his left arm going under the wheels of the engine. His back was also badly bruised. Dr. F. D. Kendall, the South ern's division surgeon, ampulated his Will Austin, a colred railroad em-ploye; while attempting to couple two ears in the Southern yard in Spartau-

burg Wednesday lost his balance and his hands and arms were painfuly His wounds though painful are not serious. Arthur J. Hammett, a young boy employed in the Poe Mills in Greenville

was robbed of a gold watch and chain by an unknown white man just about dark Tuesday evening.

Hanna's Condition Critical, Washington, Special, Senator Han.

na's illness has reached a most critical several hours. Hypodermics and oxygen have been administered, but little hope is held out by those at his bedside. All relatives have been sent for. At 5:45 Mr. Dovers stated that the doctor had just come out of the sick room ich it was said that the President and said that the sinking spell was undoubtedly caused by a chill three hours ago and that its effects gradually are wearing off and that his respiration and heart action are little better. Physicians have prepared another solution to be administered in case they deem It necessary.

## Lincoln's Birthday,

Cousins, of Iowa, replied to the toast, 'Abraham Lincoln."

Contested Elections.

Washington, Special.-The House deroted the entire session Tuesday to consideration of the resolution reported from elections committee No. 3, unseating Mr. Howell, Democrat, and declaring Mr. Conneil, Republican, who contested the election to have been elected from the tenth Pennsylvania district. Avote will not be taken for some days.

News of the Day.

Daniel J. Sully, the bull leader on the New York Cotton Exchange, decided suddenly to postpone his vacation trip to Florida, but the prices of cotton continued to slump.

Col. Edward Butler, the millionaire politician of St. Louis, was acquitted of bribery at Fulton, Mo. Frank T. Burness, under sentence came angry when he heard that his counsel had taken an appeal, saying that he wanted to die.

The Home-Made Wedding. Me fur the home-made weddin'; the good old-fashioned kind, Where love an' hope, an' not splendor are uppermost in the mind; Where there's jes' the fam'ly preacher

the one we have known fur years; Some honestly spoken "God bless you's," some smiles an' perhaps some tears Where every word of the service has a meaning that's deep an' true. a promise is made that is strong enough to last fur a whole life through; Where there ain't no sneerin' envy that

smiles an' mocks an' pretends; Where the flowers are the simple sort that bloom in the sunshine of home

When 'Mandy and me was married-the lime is years away; Yet the memory of it stands as clear if it was yesterday. There wasn't no crowd in waitin'

was jes' a home-made weddin was guaranteed to last, There wasn't no pomp an' glitter. presents was rather few, we spoke from our very inmost hearts when we uttered the words

An' the skies was blue an' happy, an' the light that shines in the skies no more constant from year to year than the love in 'Mandy's eyes. -Washington Star.

Better Salaries for Teachers. Perhaps no more satisfactory Christmas present could have been devised than that which was enjoyed by the 3.800 school teachers of Philadelphia, who have fust reached the successful climax of their brief and spirited campaign for higher salaries. A substantial increase will shortly be made all along the line from high school to kindergarten, not omitting the janitors of school buildings, who, it appears, get an additional ten per cent. While the new schedule just passed by the Philadelphia Councils places the nomination of Philadelphia teachers on a considerably higher plane than before. it is to be noted that it is still behind the standard of wages awarded in Boston and other cities. But the prompt and cordial response of the Councils, impelled by public sentiment, may be looked on as an indication that better things are in store for the teachers in Philadelphia public schools whenever they shall arise in their might and demand adequate pecuniary recognition for good work done.

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