

Russia's Big Deal. White. Sergius Witte, ex-ambassador of Russia and head of the peace embassy, is one of the few influential men of the empire who has risen from the people.

Witte's role in Russia is unique. He is a Russian of Dutch descent and has had the manliness to quarrel with all ears and with the clique which is all powerful in the palace.

The climax in Witte's career came when he abruptly opposed the czar's far eastern policy. He opposed the Russian plans of conquest in Korea and Manchuria, the seizure of Port Arthur and in general every act tending to provoke Japan.

Witte has always been a sturdy foe to reaction. He denounced the Kishineff massacres, defended for a time the Russification of the Finnish army and saved the universities from persecution.

He believes in the people and, what is more, stands for the moral rights of the people as derived from a higher law than that of the backward empire.

The "Lid" in Canada. Readers who are curious to know what goes to the making of a "wild political revel" among our northern neighbors are referred to the one here quoted, which was recently enjoyed at a picnic given by a Liberal member of parliament to his constituents in London.

- 30,000 sandwiches. 40 layer cakes. 10 angel cakes. 20 jelly rolls. 20 gallons vanilla ice cream. 50 dozen bananas. 15 barrels lemonade. 10 dozen ginger ale. 20 dozen lemon sour. 20 dozen ginger beer. 20 dozen maraschino for the blood. 20 dozen soda water. 100 cigars. 1,000 bags of candies.

The spread looks very innocent to outsiders, but the opposition party press of the district took a different view and denounced the excursion in such terms as "orgie," "saturnaalia" and "wild political revel."

An American who has been abroad for some years is struck with the rage for putting handles to names which is now prevalent in this country. He observes that in his lifetime Daniel Webster was simply Mr. Webster and not "Senator" Webster.

Collier's Weekly lands hard upon the much used proverb, "Exceptions prove the rule," declaring it to be nonsense. The origin of the saying is traced to a maxim in Scottish law to the effect that excepting provisions in a will which "probat" does not mean "proves," but "tests," and "regulam" does not mean "rule," but "ruling."

Closely following the death of an American who fell from a flying machine while making a trial trip came the report of two successful trips in Europe. The fact that the same principle was the feature of each machine may mean that the secret of the bird may have been found, and if properly applied, the problem of aerial navigation will be solved.

Castille Flammarion, the French astronomer, would probably find it much easier to get the world to accept with alacrity that new calendar of his if he

would only insert two or three October days in every week of the summer months.

Yes, John Paul Jones at one time was in the Russian navy, but as that was over 100 years ago it cannot reflect upon his fame as an able fighter.

Anglo-Saxons. Some recent changes in Great Britain's defensive policy, by which she leaves her Atlantic and northern Pacific seaboard practically undefended, are considered by Sir Charles Dilke, the reformer leader, in the London Standard.

It would be an exaggeration to pretend that we have entirely disarmed toward the United States any more than we have toward any other country. The United States is a power which has become vulnerable by setting up colonies across the sea.

We could name one prominent gentleman who would no doubt be glad to help Ida Tarbell fit up a north pole expedition, provided she agreed to go at the head of it.

With a peace conference and a Panama canal on hand the president has less than the average vacationist's leisure for swinging in a hammock.

Lake Zurich--Continued. 1:30 o'clock. The Lake Zurich song will be sung for the first time. Refreshments served. Everybody is invited.

The dance given at the pavilion in Oak Park last evening was attended by fifty couples. Music was furnished by Eversoll's orchestra of Joliet with Mr. Hertel, of Half Day, as accompanist. A pleasant evening was passed by all present. Barrington was well represented.

Lake Zurich Song, by S. HEINRICH. Not so far from Chicago, miles about thirty-three.

There are beautiful girls, many boys, babies too. Married couples are happy, not divorced, they are true.

Chorus: O sweet little village, my heart is in thee, My love there is bound, so I never am free!

There are houses with comfort so cosy and quiet, In the garden with flowers and shrubs on the side, They are smelling so sweet in the flowering days, When the butterfly joggles in the sunshiny rays.

Let us go to the lake like a heavenly eye, I will show you the waters waving restless and shy.

On the face there is dancing the fisherman's boat, And the summer guests bathing and swim in the float.

And a park there is too and so many good things And a school and a church where the choir-singer sings, A hotel and a stage and some stores and a hall.

And a golf club, a railroad, fresh water for all. You are asking the name of the village so sweet.

Where the weeks so fast go and the months to fast feet, Thirty miles from Chicago, northwest in the lake Zurich is the name; and my song has an end.

The Review prints the news. Northern Tollers in Panama. A trained nurse who recently returned from a trial in Panama declared

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that she was done forever with the jaundice. She said that stories of the evils there had been exaggerated, yet the country has no charges for her.

The work of getting laborers for the canal will be solved in some way, for there are no laborers in the tropics to be had at liberal pay.

The isthmus of Panama cannot be converted into a health resort. It is an isthmus and not comparable to the island of Cuba, which is naturally salubrious.

The North-Western Line. One of the most interesting series of articles on the subject of the great railways of the country that has appeared recently, is that from the pen of Frank H. Spearman, recently published in the Saturday Evening Post, and since printed in book form by Scribner's.

Jack London's new book, "The Game," is said to be replete with the "brute incident" which proves so attractive in literature. Commenting upon this, the critic of the London Telegraph, W. L. Courtney, says:

I cannot do better than quote the many words of Tom Hughes: "It is no good for God or any other body of men to uplift their voices against fighting: Human nature is too strong for them, and they do not follow their own precepts. Every soul of them is doing his own piece of fighting some or somewhere. The world might be a better world without fighting, for anything I know, but it wouldn't be our world, and therefore an ideal against crying peace when there is no peace and isn't meant to be. I am as sorry as any man who has taken the wrong people and the wrong things, but I don't see how I can do anything more than that they should have no fight in them." And so I say that "The Game," by Jack London, is a good book and well worth reading, even though its hero be a prize fighter and its theme often considered below the dignity of literature.

The question may be raised whether the admirers of this class of book are not the very ones who have no fight in them and take it out in reading about it. Soldiers take delight in the domestic romance where the dead life the very opposite of what it is with them in the field. If lovers of realism in books are of the spiritless kind, who never muster up courage to face it in life, the reading of strenuous literature, is not for them an inspiration, but a mental distipation.

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A portion of the wall which was built around old London by the Romans is now being destroyed. The part which has been laid bare is seven feet in height and has a thickness of eight and a half feet, and about fifty feet of its length has already been exposed.

The Roman wall is founded on gravel and at the bottom is a course of flints and clay. The base are built up two layers of stout burned tiles of the common Roman pattern, and then comes rough dressed masonry. The tiles and the masonry alternate. In the seven feet of the wall's height there are three courses of each, held together by cement, which is so firm that it blunts the tools of the workmen who are endeavoring to destroy it.

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