Knox Straw Hats.

They're now ready. Hats representing every degree of shapelness conceivable to the mind of man, walking or dreaming. You run no risk when you buy a "Knox Straw Hat." "Knox" speaks for itself—it also speaks for the store that sells them—only one store in a city has that privilege.

Bamboo—Split—Milan—French Panama—Tuscan and Sennit Straw Hats, woven closely, at the same time soft, pliable and quite indestructable. These cost no more than the ones called just-as-good.

KNOX STRAW HATS, $1.50 to $3.50.

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Homespun Outing Suits—cool, comfortable and of the non-shrinkable kind, just the thing for summer wear—**$8 to $18.**

Summer Shirts, good wearable kinds only, patterns entirely different from those seen elsewhere, **$1 to $3.**

Summer Underwear, Summer Hose, Summer Neckwear, Summer Collars, Summer Suspenders and Belts. Everything wearable for summer is here, and your money back for the asking if not satisfied.

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130 MAIN ST., HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y.

GREENWOOD.

Light frosts Sunday and Monday morning.

Slight damage done by sudden changes.

Weather continues dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hoyt and son Harold of Hornellsville visited Mrs. Hoyt's parents from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. R. V. Paine is making a week's visit in Andover.

Mrs. David Rogers and Mrs. A. I. Miner are guests of their sister, Mrs. A. Bess.

Byron Rugar went to Wellsville Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ferris and children were entertained by relatives in town last week. They went to the Marsh oil field Sunday to see the sights of Oildom.

Ed. Patchen and wife went to Canisteo Friday. Mrs. Patchen will remain a week with friends there.

Perry Stephens and wife were at the Marsh Sunday.

G. M. Webster witnessed the ball game at Canisteo Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Burton returned to her home in Friendship Monday.

Martin Campbell of Jasper was a caller in Greenwood Monday.

Mr. Everett of Alfred was in town Thursday to apply for the position of Principal of our school.

Decoration Day exercises were held in Johnson Hall Saturday afternoon. Quite a large number were in attendance.

Frank Shumway of White's Corners was a caller in town Wednesday.

Reuben Covert returned from Bath Saturday, where he has been attending court.

A new dentist has hung out his shingle at John Guyon's.

C. H. Hoaglin of Andover called on Greenwood Wednesday.

M. J. Harding of Hornellsville was in town Wednesday.

The well on the Gilbert McKinley lease is to be shot Wednesday.

H. J. Marlott of Woodhull was in town Monday.

Matt. Rogers, the stock buyer of Troupsburg, made a business trip to this city Friday.

Abiah Thompson loaded a car of calves at this station Friday.

There are four new wells expected in on the Marsh field this week.

G. DeBoer of Andover was in town Friday.

W. O. Monroe of Elmira was in town Thursday.

J. F. Spencer and D. E. Smith of Oswayo were in Greenwood on business Saturday.

J. E. Clark of Buffalo called in Greenwood Thursday.

J. S. Beach of Alfred was in our city Friday.

P. G. Fox of Addison made a short visit at Greenwood Tuesday.

Randall Stephens, Harry and Walter Cheesman drove to the Marsh Sunday.

E. R. Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, had business in this village Thursday.

Miss Hester Phillips has returned home after a successful term teaching in Howard.

Fay Stephens of Andover was in town Friday, calling on former neighbors.

Lillian, the daughter of A. H. Rugar, is sick with grip.

Mr. Bacon, the representative of the Elmira Gazette, was in town Monday in the interest of his paper. The Gazette is an enterprising sheet, and barring its politics, one of the best papers in the state

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved thier matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, and money back if not cured. Sold by O. E. Vars & Son, Andover, Druggists.

JUNE CLEARING SALE

Of Fine Tailor-Made Suits.

Our Entire Stock—250 Suits—of the Finest Tailor-Made Suits shown, is now reduced to Clearance Prices.

The prices now are from $5 a suit up. There are so many different things that to pick a few for quotation would be a slight to the balance and not be doing justice to ourselves.

At regular prices the value have never been equaled by any store, and at the prices now prevailing we are confident of a quick response by thrifty and economical buyers.

The lot placed at $5 is made up of Suits that were $10 and $15, and the better lines at correspondingly low prices.

This opportunity will not again present itself and we advise prompt action on your part if you are at all interested.

EHLICH BROS.,
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A Wonderful Cure For Dyspepsia.

Jas. Durell, 433 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, writes: "Being troubled with dyspepsia for years, and no relief from the many so-called cures, I obtained a box of Pepsikola which gave such good results I candidly say it is all it is claimed to be, and is worth double the price to sufferers from indigestion." For sale by L. A. Burrows.

GREENWOOD HILL.

The farmers wore a yard wide smile when they saw the rain coming.

Mrs. Maria Gavitt and George Hemphill of Hartsville visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Mead Sunday.

Our teacher, Miss Nora McAndrew, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McAndrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Conley of Andover visited their old home on the hill the first of the week.

John Fox of Andover made a business trip thru this vicinity Monday.

Miss Ethel Van Order is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Burdick.

Enos Mead and son Francis visited at the home of George Hemphill Friday.

Will Boyd of Perry is visiting his many friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Burdick visited her mother, Mrs. E. L. Cronk, one day last week.

Mr. Alderance of Purdy Creek was hanging paper for W. O. Swarts' people last week.

A Serious Mistake.

E. C. DeWitt & Co. is the name of the firm who make the genuine Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the Witch Hazel Salve that heals without leaving a scar. It is a serious mistake to use anyother. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, burns, bruises, eczema and all skin diseases. Sold by O. E. Vars & Son, Andover.

Suicide of an Unknown Man in Hornellsville.

At Hornellsville, Wednesday afternoon last, Charles Johnson, claiming Andover as his home, attempted suicide in a Loder street saloon by taking a dose of morphine. When discovered he was removed to the hospital where he died shortly after. Andover was communicated with, but no one could identify the man. He was buried by Undertaker Dagon in Rural cemetery Friday.

Colicky Baby Cured by Laxakola.

Mrs. Lucy Trullinger, Mayville, Mo., writes: "I have been using Laxakola for my baby and can say it is superior to anything I have ever tried. It relieves him of colic and constipation and always benefits him so much." For sale by L. A. Burrows.

GOOD BUSINESS.

It's "good business" for a man to dress well for business. You're probably going to wear a sack suit—the usual style for that purpose. If you come in and try on a HART SCHAFFNER & MARX Sack Suit you will see at once what a difference there is in sack suits between the M. S. & M. kind and ordinary cloths. There's a style and finish to these suits that is unusual and unmistakable.

Cloths bought from us pressed and kept in repair one year free of charge.

STRAW HATS.

If you want to see all there is to be seen in Straw Hats this season, come here—we can delight and satisfy you. Exclusive styles in the celebrated

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UNION UNDERWEAR.

More men would use union underwear if they knew the comfort of a one-piece garment. The shirt doesn't roll up; the drawers can't sag. All weight hangs from the shulders. No bunching, and only one thickness at the waist—the height of hot weather comfort.

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ELM VALLEY.

Walter Downer was a caller in this place Saturday night.

Elna Hann of Coudersport has been passing the week at her home and with other friends in this place.

W. A. Howland of Alma was in town Saturday.

Miss Rache gave her scholars a treat to ice cream and cake at the close of her school last Monday, about 30 being present.

W. J. Foster of Warsaw passed Saturday and Sunday at the home of Simeon Hann.

Rev. Pickett preached here Sunday in place of Rev. C. H. Harrington.

Rev. C. H. Harrington was in this place on business Saturday evening.

The I. O. G. T. held a social at the home of Richard Smith Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Wood of Ohio is visiting her cousins, Mrs. E. R. Leonard and Miss Margaret Leonard.

Kodol Gives Strength

by enabling the digestive organs to digest, assimilate and transform all of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that nourishes the nerves, feeds the tissues, hardens the muscles and recuperates the organs of the entire body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of the Stomach and all stomach disorders. Sold by O. E. Vars & Son, Audover.

Cemetery Annex.

Eleven of our citizens have purchased the house and lot north of Greenwood cemetery and contemplate moving the house from its present location and use the south part of the lot for cemetery purposes. The lot will make a desirable addition to the present grounds.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets which have helped me very much so that now I can eat many things that before I could not." If you have any trouble with your stomach why not take these Tablets and get well? For sale by O. E. Vars & Son, Andover, and N. E. Coston, Greenwood.

Gray Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over thirty years. It has kept my scalp free from dandruff and has prevented my hair from turning gray."—Mrs. F. A. Soule, Billings, Mont.

There is this peculiar thing about Ayer's Hair Vigor—it is a hair food, not a dye. Your hair does not suddenly turn black, look dead and lifeless. But gradually the old color comes back,—all the rich, dark color it used to have. The hair stops falling, too.

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If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Entomological Destruction.

According to the extraordinary statement of a Boston entomologist, who presumably has as accurate knowledge as is obtainable in such matters, property worth $250,000,000 is destroyed annually in this country by bugs of one kind and another, from the grasshopper down to the ladybug. The grasshopper eats up $90,000,000 worth of vegetation, the Hessian fly $50,000,000, the chinch bug $10,000,000, the potato bug $8,000,000. Moths, ladybugs, tobacco worms, squash bugs, beetles and numerous other entomological entities consume the remainder.

When to these creeping bugs and crawling worms are added mosquitoes, flies and gnats, which are openly preying upon man and are common carriers of disease, and the bacilli and microbes which infest the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and are part and parcel of the human and lower animal organisms, the situation appears desperate indeed both from the economical and the physical point of view.

How to stop this continuous destruction of property, menace to life and an noyance to mankind is a tough proposition for science, and such efforts as are made seem unavailing. There have been some spasmodic efforts to destroy the mosquito as a prime offender, but where a hundred are killed a million are born. The alert housekeeper pursues the fly with a "slapper" or entices it into sticky compounds, but where one fly perishes a thousand come to its funeral. The agricultural department bombards the bug with formidable documents, and now and then congress appropriates a little money for the crusade, and yet the bugs go on increasing illimitably.

Meanwhile with that fine sense of consistency and appreciation of economy which characterize mankind we go on killing off as fast as possible the birds which kill the bugs. If we were less cruel to the birds we might have less occasion to complain of the entomological pests.

The Greatest Circulation.

The American Bible society, which began its operations in 1816, has lately been "rounding up" the work of eighty-seven years and found that in that time it had disposed of 72,670,783 Bibles, in many tongues, but chiefly in English. This looks like an enormous total, but it dwindles in comparison with the work of the British and Foreign society, which, up to March 31, 1902, had distributed 175,038,965 copies of the Scriptures.

It is entirely safe to say that no other book was ever so circulated as this one has been, and unquestionably no other book will ever in the future match it in point of circulation. The American Bible society does not find any diminution of the demand for it and is circulating it at an increasingly rapid rate. Practically 2,000,000 copies were put out last year. More funds for still wider circulation of it are becoming available.

We may well ask, What has been the effect on American life and thought of these eighty-seven years of hard work of American presses on the Scriptures? How has its effect compared with that of the prodigious mass of literature in which the Bible has been attacked in one form or another?

These are questions that cannot be answered by statistics. Every man and woman will answer them according to his or her own convictions, but all must agree that in one way or another the effect has been very great. The Bible has been truly called "the most thought suggesting book in the world," and the many millions of copies of it circulated must its vast influence on the lives and conduct of mankind.

A blessing alike to young and old, Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry; nature's specific for dysentery, diarrhoea and summer complaint.

No one would ever be troubled with constipation if every one knew how naturally and quickly Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the stomach and bowels.

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No. 8, daily. Solid Vestibule train Ocean Limited, Jamestown, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago. Modern dining car. Stops at Wellsville at 12.46 a. m.

No. 6, daily, solid Vestibuled train, leaves Wellsville at 3.19 a. m., for Ocean, Jamestown, Chautauqua Lake, Youngstown, Pittsburg and Cleveland.

9.33 a. m. No. 7, daily, stopping at all principal stations to Salamanca. Pullman cars to Chicago and Chicago coaches, connecting for Bradford. Meals in dining car.

12.11 p. m. No. 25, daily accommodation for Dunkirk, connecting at Carrollton for Bradford.

6.26 p. m. No. 101, daily accomodation for Salamanca.

EAST.

9.31 a. m. No 102, daily, accommodation for Hornellsville.

No. 4, daily solid Vestibule train, for Hornellsville, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton, New York and Boston, connections for Philadelphia and Washington, also connecting for points on Buffalo and Rochester Division. Stops at Wellsville at 5.27 a. m.

1.47 p. m. No. 14, daily, for Hornellsville, Addison, Corning, Elmira, Waverly, Owego, Binghamton and New York.

4.21 p. m. No 18, daily, accommodation for Hornellsville, connecting for points on Buffalo and Rochester Divisions.

7.20 p. m. No. 8, daily for Hornellsville, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton, Boston and New York.

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Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. Is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it. First dose relieves. A diet unnecessary.

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Suppose you, a sufferer with indigestion, could consult twenty of America's greatest stomach specialists and receive honest advice and a prescription free, you would avail yourself of the opportunity no doubt.

That in effect is what would happen if you go to your druggist for a box of Pepsikola, a prescription devised by twenty famous physicians for every form of indigestion and dyspepsia.

Pepsikola is prepared in the form of chocolate-coated tablets and gives relief by increasing the flow of gastric juice and saliva, by stimulating the stomach to do its own work, and by giving new tone and vigor to the entire digestive tract.

The cost is only 25 cents, and a valuable treatise, "Advice to Dyspeptics," is wrapped around every box.

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CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS

Ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists.

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Remit $8.40 and you will receive (freight prepaid) six gallons of concentrated paint, any color you desire.

Active men and women, who can give reference, can secure good positions representing us.

A SPECIAL PROPOSITION FOR PAINTERS.

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RAILROAD TRAIN LOST

Due In Kansas City From Chicago Sunday.

MAY HAVE RUN INTO THE FLOOD.

Orders Issued From Chicago to Locate the Train any Relieve Its Passengers at Any Cost—Tug Started for Birmington to Investigate a Washout Near There.

Kansas City, Mo., June 3.—The Journal says:

A Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger train from Chicago to Kansas City, due here at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, has been lost.

It is not deemed possible nor is the thought entertained by the railroad officials that the train has run into the flood. Nevertheless General Agent Harmon was notified from the Chicago offices of the extraordinary occurrence, and Supt. Mulhern was urged to exercise every possible effort to locate the missing train and relieve its passengers at all cost and hazard.

The tug John Leutz was chartered and a run was made down the Missouri river to Birmingham. Nothing was to be seen of the train.

Men have been started on horseback to Liberty with orders to keep as close as possible to the track and carefully to investigate a great washout two miles east of Birmingham.

RESCUERS DROWNED.

Joseph Keenan and Edward Brooks Lost Their Lives While Attempting to Save Others.

Kansas City, June 3.—Blue sky was visible above Kansas City again. The rains have ended and the sun was visible for the first time in a week. For this and other reasons it is thought that the great dangers of flood are past.

The waters of the Kaw river have fallen 3 inches and are steadily declining at the rate of about one-half inch an hour. In the Missouri the high stage of 35 feet is still maintained, but this is due to the rise which has been coming down the Missouri proper and has been able to offset the fall in the Kaw.

It is the water of the latter stream, however, that has caused all the damage in this city, and Kansas City, Kansas, and with it at a normal stage business soon will resume usual conditions.

This city, by a narrow margin, has escaped a serious shortage in food, has faced the peril of fire, utterly helpless to avert its consequences, has suffered millions of dollars of damage to property and sustained a loss of life that in all probability never will be accurately measured, and now it is commencing to believe in the promise of better things.

The situation shows improvement on almost every side; the waters are falling, the water works will resume operations tomorrow, the gas has been turned into mains once more and there is no immediate danger of a serious shortage of food. The city has cared for her own and is abundantly able to do so still.

But there is not sufficient food on hand to permit the relief committee and the municipal officers to feel easy over the outlook. Provisions from outside will be cordially welcomed and while there is no dire necessity there is urgent need.

Two men lost their lives yesterday in the attempt to save others. Joseph Keenan was drowned while endeavoring to rescue some people from the Adams House in Union avenue, and Edward Brooks lost his life in Liberty street, where his skiff was overturned by an eddy while he was endeavoring to get another man out of a building.

A number of bodies were seen floating down the stream, but are believed to be those of people drowned further up the Kaw, probably at North Topeka.

SPECIAL RIVER BULLETIN.

Kansas River Falling Slowly, But Missouri is Reaching a Dangerous Stage.

Washington, June 3.—The river at Kansas City was stationary at 35 feet at 6 P. M. The Kansas river is falling slowly, but the fall is counterbalanced by a rise in the Missouri. By Wednesday morning, however, both rivers should begin to fall slowly.

East of Kansas City, the rise will continue and a 32 foot stage is indicated at St. Louis Wednesday morning. During Thursday the stage will be in the neighborhood of 34 feet, and on Friday and Saturday somewhat higher.

It is impossible at this time to accurately estimate the effect of the 35-foot stage at Kansas City, but preparations should be made for a stage of at least 35 feet by Saturday at St. Louis.

The upper Mississippi from Dubuque to the mouth of the Missouri is still rising with stages generally above the danger line, but no extremely high stages are indicated.

Steamboat Navigation Suspended.

Washington, June 3.—General Gillespie, chief of engineers, telegraphed Major Casey at St. Louis asking if a snag boat could be sent from St. Louis to Kansas City for the relief of the flood sufferers. Major Casey replied as follows:

"Bridges blocked by debris. Steamboat navigation suspended on Missouri. It may be impracticable for a snag boat to make Kansas City within three weeks."

Adjutant General Corbin telegraphed the commander of the department of the Platte that Secretary Root approved the course of Colonel Miner in issuing rations to the sufferers at Kansas City, Kansas, and directing that he ascertain the condition of the people in the stricken district and do all in his power to save life and property.

It is expected that no large issues of rations will be made unless the people of the different communities are actually destitute and then only to cover immediate necessities.

Orders to Shoot Looters.

Topeka, Ks., June 3.—In sending out boat loads of deputy sheriffs to protect North Topeka, Sheriff Lucas gave them definite instructions to shoot down any one found plundering. Twenty men with repeating rifles went to North Topeka.

The Scottish Rite Masons passed resolutions advocating the placing of North Topeka under martial law and asking that the military be ordered out. The looting continued today.

A train from St. Joseph brought launches, 60 boats, food and clothing and men to aid in the rescue work.

100 Hoosiers Are Homeless.

Madison, Ind., June 3.—From a stream 20 feet wide Crooked creek in three hours swelled to a width of over half a mile. Water caused by heavy rains came rushing from the hills, carrying destruction in its path. Houses were turned over, trees torn up by the roots and bridges washed away. Cattle and horses were swept away, and skiffs wereused to rescue families from houses surrounded by water. Over a hundred families are homeless. The loss is estimated at not less than $100,000.

Soldiers Without Food.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 3.—Scanty reports received here from St. Mary's, where the heavy artillery is encamped, are that their condition is critical because of lack of food. The only nourishment the troops have had for several days has been from chewing their leathers and drinking the muddy flood water. It will take the engineers who left here three days at least to reach their comrades even with forced marches.

His Family Perished.

New Haven, Conn., June 3.—T. J. Coughlin of Topeka, Kan., who is a delegate to the national convention of the Knights of Columbus being held in this city, received a telegram from the officials in Topeka announcing that it had been found impossible to rescue the family of Mr. Coughlin, and it is feared that they have perished. Mr. Coughlin will start west as soon as possible.

Loss of Life at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., June 3.—The first loss attending the present flood in this vicinity was reported in the drowning of Mrs. William Schmidt and her two children in an attempt to escape on a flatboat from an island in the Missouri river.

Confessed to Killing His Father.

Frederick, Md., June 3.—Samuel Betts died at Mercersville from a pistol wound, inflicted by himself, and just before dying he confessed that he and his brother, Josiah Betts, murdered their father, Samuel Betts, 17 years ago, presumably to inherit $6,000 which he had accumulated. The father was found dead and it has always been the theory that he killed himself. Betts also confessed that he participated in the murder of Walter Long and secretly buried the body seven years ago. Long mysteriously disappeared at that time and his disappearance has been a neighborhood mystery ever since.

Inspecting European Canals.

Paris, June 3.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland, O., Major Mahan, U. S. engineers (retired), and Harvey Golder of the Lake Carriers' Association are here to investigate canal systems in behalf of the rivers and harbors committee of the house, of which Mr. Burton is chairman. Through Ambassador Porter the ministry of public works has afforded the Americans complete facilities for making a tour of the entire length of the Seine and Rhone inland canals. Mr. Burton and his companions will also inspect the harbors of Marseilles and Bordeaux, and later will make a tour of the Volga canal and its connections.

Not Anxious for Reciprocity.

Washington, June 3.—Hope of the reassembling of the high joint commission has again been abandoned. A few months ago everything presaged a meeting of the joint commission in Canada—probably Toronto—just after the adjournment of the Canadian parliament. Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the British parliament holding out hope for preferential treatment for British imports is said to be largely responsible for the attitude of Canada, which now shows no desire to consider reciprocity with the United States.

Will of Thomas B. Reed.

New York, June 3.—The late Thomas B. Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives, according to the official report filed here, left personal estate valued at $431,099, after providing for the payments of debts and the expenses of administration. The gross personalty amounted to $620,533, consisting chiefly of stocks and securities. By his will executed many years before his death, Mr. Reed's property goes to his wife.

The Potentates on Tour.

President Roosevelt is not the only potentate on tour these early spring days. Emperor William of Germany has been visiting Copenhagen, King Edward of England has been taking a trip to Lisbon and Paris, and doubtless Czar Nicholas of Russia would have been away from his capital but for the fact that the illness of the czarina at home and the anarchist dangers abroad detained him.

In Portugal Edward VII. has renewed an alliance that is as old as the reign of Edward III., while in France his presence gives life to a movement toward a better Anglo-French understanding which has been steadily growing for some months. Just before the king left England the Times published a two column editorial showing in detail why the two countries should be the best of friends, and similar advances in other quarters have been fairly met by the best Paris journals.

The purpose of Emperor William's visit to Denmark is said to have been to arrange for the Danes to fight on the side of the triple alliance, Germany, Austria, and Italy, in the event of war with the dual alliance, Russia and France. In such an event the Danish ports would be of great strategic value, the possession of them enabling a relatively small fleet to close the Baltic sea, thus greatly crippling Russia. Hence the kaiser's desire for a Danish alliance. In this he is said to have been successful. Denmark having agreed, according to a dispatch from Berlin, to act with the triple alliance should an emergency arise.

What's to Become of the Cats?

The sheep ranch owners of Montana are to try a novel experiment to get rid of prairie dogs, which eat up the prairie grass and leave none for the sheep. It has come to their knowledge that cats will pursue and kill these pests, and they propose to import a large quantity of the feline combatants and turn them loose on the prairie dogs. The cats should take a savage delight in settling ancestral scores with creatures which at least go by the name of dog.

Suppose, then, that the cats do what is expected of them and that the prairie dogs become only a memory. What will become of the cats? Will they die off quietly after their earthly mission is accomplished? Will they continue hungrily to prowl about like city cats in summer without visible means of support, or will the primeval instinct of the chase become overpowering, either making the range cats cannibals or leading them to prey on other creatures than the proscribed prairie dogs? A western newspaper advances the suggestion that they will eventually, through survival of the fittest, become big enough and fierce enough to make the sheep their quarry.

The caravan of 100 cats now being assembled at St. Paul for shipment to Montana sheep ranches may well have misgivings. If they do not kill off the prairie dogs, they will be, of course, failures and will not deserve good treatment. If, on the other hand, they do kill the prairie dogs, they will have their choice for the future of starvation, cannibalism or brigandage.

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