

# WEEKLY COURIER

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## THE WEEK'S NEWS TERSELY OUTLINED

An Epitome of the Most Important  
Events at Home and Abroad  
the Past Week.

### NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTH.

Latest Developments in the Russo-Japanese War. Together With Items of Interest Cited From the Important Happenings All Over the World.

#### THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every man can read and write. *Bavaria* comes next in this respect.

The Dominion board of immigration estimates that 100,000 immigrants will come to Canada from Great Britain the continent and the United States during 1905 with a view to locating in the west.

An average of 35 prisoners annually are lashed at the whipping post in Delaware. In England last year, out of some 11,000 criminals who felt the law's severity, only nine were sentenced to be whipped.

It is stated that Mr. Church and Charles Cleveland, of Chester, N. S., have discovered the long lost and much sought for process of hardening copper. A sample of their hardened copper has been received which seems to be as hard as steel, a pen-knife failing to make any impression on it.

Skunk farms are revolutionizing the fur market. Thirty years ago to call a man a skunk meant that he was about as foul a creature as walked the earth. But *Mister Skunk* is now a diligent article of commerce, and the women are wearing him on their lovely necks. He is convertible into all kinds of precious furs.

The will of Catherine McGowan, of ferred for probate in the orphans' court, Baltimore, provides that Messrs. Patrick O'Mara, George Hibbitts, John Hibbitts, Thomas Hibbitts, Peter Tauri and George McGowan shall be asked to serve as his pallbearers, and that they be paid \$1 apiece for so acting. The will leaves several sums to religious and charitable purposes.

There are no Negro millionaires in New York, nor probably in any other city, but there are many Negroes there who are worth upward of \$100,000. The five richest men of the African race are James C. Thomas, William H. Smith, James Barefield, Dr. P. W. Ray and L. S. Williams. All these men are above the \$100,000 mark. There are in this city a large number of Negro women of independent means.

Whitley and Noble counties, Indiana, have produced at least 50,000 bushels of onions, which sold at 35 to 50 cents per bushel at the railroad, and they are at present selling at 60 cents; the acreage in 1905 will be double the 1904 acreage, and 400 to 500 bushels is an ordinary yield per acre and \$60 bushels good yield. There is much land in this state that is specially adapted to raising onions.

That law does not make a county seat in Dakota was demonstrated when the Walworth county court house was stolen—records, building and all—to be sequestered in the town of Selby, where it still remains under guard. In the meantime attorneys of the Walworth county bar do not know whether to transact their business at Bangor, the legal seat of government, or at Selby, where the records and buildings are.

The system practiced for obtaining rubies in the mining districts in Burma is of the most primitive description, says the *Search Light*. The mining shafts are simply holes about two feet square, sunk to a depth varying up to fifty or sixty feet. The shoring up of the walls of the shaft is most crude, the sides being supported by posts at the corners and branches of small trees secured carefully against the sides by means of stout sticks.

Col. William Cornell Greene, well known as a successful mineralogist and president of the Green Consolidated Copper Co., is of distinguished colonial and revolutionary ancestry. He was born in Westchester county, N. Y., in 1851, and at the age of 16 entered business in New York City. Three years later he went to the far west, and for many years engaged in mining and cattle raising. He located valuable copper mines and amassed wealth. He is the largest landowner in the world, possessing 1,700,000 acres, with 100,000 cattle.

Galveston ranks first as a wheat port, having exported one-third of the total amount of wheat exported in the United States by water or rail, second in cotton-seed products, third in total bread stuffs, and fourth in live stock. The total value of her exports to foreign countries last year amounted to \$144,997,988, a gain over last year of \$40,876,590. The total number of vessels entering and clearing the port for 1904 was 1,497, representing a tonnage of 3,452,536, as against 1,340 vessels with a tonnage of 3,049,963 for 1903.

Capt. I. F. Shurtliff, of the United States collier *Nero*, which just returned to Norfolk, Va., from coaling the South Pacific squadron, brought with him a curiosity probably exceeding in value and rarity anything of its kind ever seen in this country. It is a gigantic land turtle, or tortoise, from one of the Galapagos group of islands, which lie in the South Pacific. The tortoise was presented to Capt. Shurtliff by the governor of one of the islands. It measures about two feet across the back, weighs about 75 pounds, and is probably 800 years old.

The plant and stock of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., at East Rome, Ga., was entirely destroyed by fire. Loss, \$250,000; insurance about half.

Memorial services were held in Denver, Colo., on the 26th inst., in honor of the late Senator E. O. Wolcott, who died at Monte Carlo March 1. John W. Springer delivered the memorial address, and there were other prominent speakers.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick announces that her autobiography is in preparation and will soon be given to the public.

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