

This country imports annually from France about 220,000 pounds of edible snails. They come to this country alive, rolled up after their natural fashion...

The proposition of some romantic writers to put their romances to the test by actually living through the experiences described should be discouraged, maintains the Chicago Record.

The Detroit Free Press observes: But a few years ago the people of the West were using corn for fuel because they could not eat, feed or sell the surplus they had on hand.

The Department of Agriculture is advertising for an ornithologist who, according to the Chicago Record, is expected to pass an examination in French, German, camera lucida, drawing, microscopic work, geography and practical ornithology.

The output of gold continues to increase in the United States as well as in Russia and South Africa, records the New York Post. The Engineering and Mining Journal has information which leads it to think that Leadville will become a greater gold-mining than it ever was a silver-mining camp.

Reports of the Heavy Storm in the Western Mountain Regions. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 25.—The snow storm which has prevailed in the mountainous regions for the last eight days, has stopped, and the masses of snow which are continually breaking off high banks that line the tracks for miles.

WILLIAM'S NATAL DAY
Great Gathering of Royalty in Berlin.

Every German Prince of Note, Except the Regent of Bavaria, Present—The City Gayly Decorated—Receptions and Dinners During Birthday Week.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Emperor William has made his birthday celebration a great spectacle. Apparently his object has been to dazzle the people and dispel their suspicions of strife between him and the other allied monarchs in Germany.

All the city yesterday had a holiday aspect. Carriages with outriders rolled along the double rows of the boulevards. The larger business houses put up their shutters early and let their employes out to see the great people from the provincial capitals.

At 8 o'clock in the morning 101 artillery salutes announced the opening of the birthday festivities. Then the massed bands of the garrison regiments marched through Unter den Linden and up to the Lustgarten where they played the reveille.

The weather is favorable. There is some snow in the streets but not enough to keep anybody at home. As the day advanced the crowds in the streets increased. The police did not enforce the Sunday closing law and many shops did an enormous business.

Princess Frederick of Hohenzollern and Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe stood near the first step of this dais. Like the others they were glittering with diamonds and gemmed or jeweled. The dowager of the diplomatic corps, Mrs. Malet, wife of the English ambassador, presented Mrs. Ruyon and her daughter in the imperial couple. Among the other Americans who filed past the throne were Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson, captain and Mrs. Evans, and lieutenant and Mrs. Freedland, all of the United States embassy.

After the reception and presentations the members of the United States embassy went to dine with Herr von Kozol-Kozolecki, formerly the leader of the Poles in the reichstag.

Death of Cartoonist Van Sant. New York, Jan. 28.—Frank Van Sant, the well known cartoonist, is dead of cirrhosis of the liver.

GUATEMALA'S REPLY. Rumors That She Seeks to Evade Mexico's Demand.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 28.—The arrival of Guatemala's reply to Mexico's final demands has caused a considerable war fever throughout this district.

The president and several members of the cabinet were in secret session all day. It is stated the government is now studying the treaty of 1832, which Guatemala ignores.

STILL STICKS TO HIS STORY. Storozkinzie, the Suspected Wife Murderer, Pleads Not Guilty.

Thompson Conn., Jan. 28.—Storozkinzie, the suspected wife murderer, was again submitted to a trying ordeal from the reporters, but did not change his assertions.

WERE NEARLY STARVED. Pitiable Condition of a Family on Wilkesbarre Mountain.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 26.—It was reported to Captain Dewitt, of the Humane association, that the family of Sam Nichols, living on the Wilkesbarre mountain near this city, were in danger of starvation.

Anti-Parnellites Finances. London, Jan. 26.—According to a statement published by Justice McCarthy, the anti-Parnellite party have received during the year 1894 contributions of £3,000 from Canada, £2,700 from the United States, £180 from Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland, £5,250 from Ireland, and £800 from Great Britain.

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WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE
Mexico Will Not Arbitrate the Pending Trouble.

Proposed That She May Settle the Boundary Dispute with Guatemala by Appropriating the Whole Republic—Great Activity at the Government Arms Factory.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—A special from the City of Mexico says: Nothing is heard here now but rumors of war, which seems inevitable. All the opposition papers are siding with the Diaz government and some extravagant professions of aid are made from foreign residents.

Should war break out between Mexico and Guatemala this country would be entirely prepared for the emergency and would have its 20,000 troops now on the Guatemalan frontier ready to move on the enemy at an hour's notice.

Great activity is evident at the government arms factory in this city. Fifty thousand cartridges for the use of the Mexican army are being turned out every week.

Washington, Jan. 28.—No confirmation of the report that the efforts of the United States government to secure the consent of the governments of Mexico and Guatemala to refer the existing difficulties between them to a third party for settlement had proved successful could be had last night.

Arms for Mexico. San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The steamer St. Paul just sailed for Mexican ports had in its cargo thirty-three cases of cartridges, one case rifles and one of shells.

SURROUNDING WEL-HAL-WEI. Japanese Fleet in Shantung Bay White Troops Are Advancing.

London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Central News from Che-Poo says that Wel-Hal-Wei was invested yesterday by a fleet of twenty Japanese warships, nineteen transports and twenty torpedo boats which entered Shantung bay.

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FATAL SIGHTING ACCIDENT
Two Persons Killed and Seven Injured at a Railway Crossing.

Middleburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—While crossing the railroad track at Krummer, a railroad station five miles east of here, yesterday, it was run by a freight train and two of its occupants were killed and seven were injured.

The party was returning to the homes at Selma Grove from a dance and his father was driving the sleigh upon the box. As they approached the railroad crossing at Krummer the sleigh and the sleigh bells were jingling merrily.

MANY LIVES IN PERIL. Nine Scows and Two Barges Adrift Off the Coast.

New York, Jan. 28.—There are nine scows and at least two barges adrift off the coast as the result of the terrific southwester which has been raging since early Saturday evening off the Jersey and Long Island shores.

The line soon parted and the scow drifted into the breakers on Rocky Bay shoals. The crew of the Government schooner, the Sigsbee, were prevented by the turbulent waters.

THE COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION. No Official Notification Received Yet at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Official notification of the revolution in the United States of Colombia has not yet been given to the heads of departments in Washington, and in the absence of their decline to discuss the situation as outlined in unofficial dispatches.

Lock-Out Compromised. Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—The lock-out at the mill at Salem has been compromised and the men will return to work tomorrow.

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Deal in Wild Lands

OR, THE
Deal for the Musselshell Millions.

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)
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