

FEATURES OF THE WORLD'S FAIR

COMPETITOR OF SILKWORM.

Mr. Peter de Abrew, the native Ceylonese, who is Vice Commissioner from Ceylon, declares that as a silk producer a species of bulrush which grows wild in Ceylon may become a most serious competitor with the silkworm. He shows you the rush, he shows you the fiber made from it, and then he says: "Now, for the machinery to handle this, it can be combed finer. It can be woven. Oh, yes, I know it can. But we must have the machinery, and I will find it. Yes, I will make the trial."

Commercial Museum, the wonderfully light fiber is made from the rush by merely rubbing the rush with sticks. It is done by the natives of Ceylon, who already make rude homespun garments from the material.

By a better method of combing or pulling, both the whiteness and the fineness might be increased. "The rushes grow profusely in marshy lands," said Mr. de Abrew. "The botanical name is the Sansiveria Zeylanica. The average of length is about three feet. A similar plant of a smaller variety, the height being about 18 inches is found in Africa; and the same possibilities are thought to lie in it. Already my people in the vicinity of Nyanda make a few fancy articles, and some cloth from the fiber. But the processes in use are necessarily crude, and the test cannot be said to have been had until experiments shall have been completed with machinery. Of course, you know that cloth is manufactured to some extent from the fiber of the plantain and the banana. This rush is much better suited to the purpose, and a tangible result in this direction, I thoroughly believe, is only a question of time."

With the evidence of this threatened invasion of its prerogative not far distant on the grounds, the ugly little silk worm, in all the various stages of its useful life, may be studied down in the Japanese division at the Liberal Arts building. Chapter by chapter, the career of the wonderful spinner is depicted, from the time that the egg is laid in the mulberry plantation until the grub is steamed to death in its cocoon and the strands of crude silk unwoven.

In a series of enlarged photographs, characteristic plantations are shown, with quaintly clad Japanese women at work under the trees and with the landscape rich in luxuriant foliage. The pictures have a peculiar illustrative interest. At this stage, the story of the silk worm is taken up in literal steps of its growth. The mulberry leaves upon which the eggs have been deposited are carried to the hatcheries. The latter are shown by women, and up to date the leaves are laid away in racks, one above the other. Budding into life, the worm finds its feast-the leaves-before him in endless profusion. The atmosphere and its diet are carefully regulated to best suit a rapid and healthy growth. No sooner does the worm begin to eat than he begins to spin. For seven days he spins and spins and spins, until he has bound himself round inextricably with a fine, white web.

JAPS TO ENTER NIUCHWANG, HAVING SEIZED KAI-PING

Report That Russians Are Destroying Their Warships at Port Arthur Supported by Fact That Unexplained Explosions Have Been Heard There—Japanese Advancing Cautiously Toward Position Held by General Kurapatkin, Who is Urged to Take Offensive—Cossacks Driven Away From Anju, Korea.

TRAINLOAD OF AMMUNITION IS RECEIVED AT PORT ARTHUR.

Shanghai, May 11.—It is reported from Peking that the Japanese on Monday occupied Kai-Ping, sixteen miles below Tashienan, and that they expected to occupy Niuchwang on Friday, marching from Kai-Ping.

Shan-Hai-Kwan, May 11.—The Russians at Port Arthur are destroying their warships, in the belief that the fall of the city is inevitable. A report, according to a reliable source, received here, is that it is known that numerous heavy explosions have taken place at Port Arthur, for they have been heard by passing vessels, but the cause is not explained by Russians, who maintain that the fleet will go out and fight the Japanese until every Russian vessel is sunk, if it is found that the city certainly will be captured. How the ships can get out of the harbor at all, in view of the recent successful blockade operations, is not clear.

PRINCE OUKTOMSKY WILL TRY TO FIND REASONS FOR AMERICANS' ATTITUDE.

New York, May 11.—Prince Esper Ouktomsky, editor of the St. Petersburg "Wedomosti," a leading political journal of Russia, who has been deputed by the Czar to inquire into the American sentiment toward Russia, arrived here today in the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. The special envoy, after some urging, said: "I want to travel through the country and meet people whose views on the war I shall reduce to writing. I intend to write a number of letters and forward them to St. Petersburg from time to time. It is unlikely that I shall give any of these letters out for publication here. Everything will depend upon developments, however."

DIED IN AUTO AT HOSPITAL DOOR

H. Manasse, Stricken at Jefferson Hotel, the First Person to Die in St. Louis Automobile.

BRAZILIANS RETIRE AFTER LONG BATTLE

Colonel Arujo Withdraws Following Twenty-Four Hours' Engagement With Peruvians in Upper Purus Valley.

FEW ATTEND MASS MEETING.

National Committeemen of Negro Party Fail to Draw Crowd.

WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Mrs. Lizzie Pallett Wounded by Charles Kuss.

SANTOS'S MOTOR BURSTS.

Inventor Hopes to Have Another Ready by Sunday.

Special by Cable to the St. Louis Republic and the New York Herald, Paris, May 11.—Copyright, 1904, M. Santos-Dumont, while preparing his balloon No. 1 for a trial on Sunday, had an accident to the motor, which burst. It was useless looking for another yesterday to replace it, but he hopes to have one in time to make a trial on Sunday.

WRIT OF REPLEVIN TO GET CORPSE

Writers' Union Seizes Body of Comrade by Resorting to Law.

FALLS DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

John R. Morris Attempts to Alight From Car and is Struck by Gate at Buckingham Club.

A writ of replevin for the body of a dead man was issued last night by Justice James A. Cronin, served by a Constable, and the body taken from one undertaking establishment to another. This legal action is said to be without parallel in Missouri.

SECURES REPLEVIN WRIT.

Sam Better, the business agent of the writers' union, attempted to get possession of the body, but the undertaker refused to give it up. He said last night that he then asked the Coroner to order the body turned over to the union, but that that official refused. He then applied to Justice Cronin and secured a writ of replevin. This was served and the body was taken in charge by Frederick Ude, manager of the Mullen undertaking establishment.

CITY EMPLOYEES MAY BE PAID NEXT WEEK.

General Appropriation Bill Passed Council and Immediately Forwarded to the House.

AMBUSHED BY SAVAGE MOROS

Two Officers and Fifteen American Soldiers Slain at Simpitern in the Philippines.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., May 11.—Ex-Mayor James A. Reed this evening announced his retirement from the race for Governor, issuing the following formal statement: "It is now manifest that I am defeated. Under the circumstances, to prolong the contest would be without substantial results. I shall not, therefore, submit my name in any more counties."

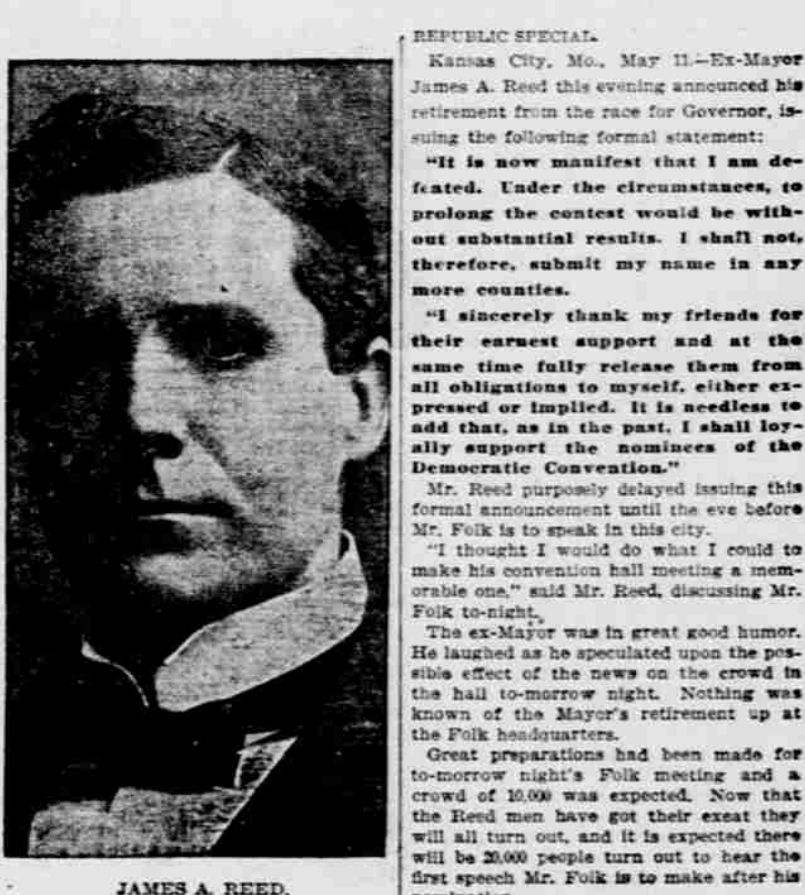
REED'S FRIENDS NOW URGE HIM FOR DELEGATE-AT-LARGE.

Mr. Reed purposely delayed issuing this formal announcement until the eve before Mr. Folk is to speak in this city. "I thought I would do what I could to make his convention hall meeting a memorable one," said Mr. Reed, discussing Mr. Folk to-night. The ex-Mayor was in great good humor. He laughed as he speculated upon the possible effect of the news on the crowd in the hall to-morrow night. Nothing was known of the Mayor's retirement up at the Folk headquarters. Great preparations had been made for to-morrow night's Folk meeting and a crowd of 10,000 was expected. Now that the Reed men have got their exeat they will all turn out, and it is expected there will be 20,000 people turn out to hear the first speech Mr. Folk is to make after his nomination. "If I have done nothing else I have nominated Mr. Folk," said Mr. Reed, as he handed over the statement of his withdrawal. "Mr. Reed refused to discuss politics at length," The Justice Press said, merrily. "I am just getting from under the heavy load a man ever carried in this State and I want to straighten up a bit." Jacques Harvey, the former Mayor's political secretary, had little more to say than Mr. Reed. "It is all in the statement," said Mr. Harvey. "Mr. Reed is conscious that he cannot be nominated, and he is anxious to save the ticket from being damaged by making any more speeches against the nominee of the party. "He will support the ticket, whoever may be on it. Mr. Reed had but one ambition, and that was to be nominated for Governor. He failed to have that ambition gratified, and, seeing that the people willed otherwise, he has retired in favor of Mr. Folk." It is expected that within a few days the friends of Mr. Reed will ask to have him elected one of the four State delegates at large to the St. Louis convention.

MR. REED WITHDRAWS FROM THE CAMPAIGN

"It is Now Manifest That I am Beaten," He Says in His Formal Statement—Thanks His Friends and Releases Them From All Obligation—"I Have Nominated Mr. Folk." He Says—Folk Meeting in Kansas City To-Night Will Be Memorable.

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TICKET PRIVILEGE WITH EACH SHARE

Purchasers of Fair Stock Have Benefit of Reduced Admission. OFFICIALS NOT YET NOTIFIED. Board of Directors Extends Time of Sale for Twenty-Five-Dollar Season Ticket Book Until May 31.

TO HOLD RECEPTION IN GERMAN BUILDING.

World's Journalists Will Be Received by Representative Club Women May 21.

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COOLER WEATHER FOR TO-DAY

Forecasters Predict Slight Fall in Temperature, With Showers.

WENTZ'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

Coroner's Jury Decides Against Suicide Theory.

FIRE THREATENS FOREIGN SECTION

Explosion of Can of Turpentine in Austrian Building Results in Serious Injury to Painter.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- 1. A Feature of the World's Fair. Ticket Privilege With Each Share. 2. Supreme Court Refuses to Oust Terminal Railway. 3. Painter Saved by Awning. 4. The Republic's Daily Racing Form Chart. 5. Baseball Scores. 6. Editorial. Society News. Visitors at St. Louis Hotels. 7. Consul Rescues American Girl. Daring Will Set Aside. Feed Warehouse Destroyed by Fire. 8. World's Fair News. 9. Financial News. Summary of St. Louis Markets. 10. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations. 11. Republic "Want" Ads. 12. Republic "Want" Ads. 13. News From Near-By Cities. 14. Bankers' Supreme Council Has a Stormy Session. Roosevelt's Plans for the Summer.

TO AID ST. LOUIS STRIKERS.

Rochester, N. Y., May 11.—A resolution extending aid to the St. Louis union in the strike that threatens the Exposition city was unanimously adopted to-day by the Convention of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League. It is believed that the strike will start next week and that every hotel and restaurant in St. Louis will be tied up. A committee will be sent to St. Louis this week to take charge of the situation there. The delegates drew the color line at today's meeting by introducing a resolution prohibiting colored bartenders from belonging to the union in the following States: Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma Territory and Indiana.

WILD RIDE THROUGH STREETS.

Dispensary Physician Ordered Patient to City Hospital and Chauffeur Did His Best While Policeman Held Dying Man.

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