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Russian Officials Noted For Their Grafting Propensities in the Far East.

SOME REMARKABLE CASES

Vladivostok Official Who Was Short Causd Loss of Mythical Warship and Realized Fortune.

London Sketch: The far east has always been an Eldorado to the pecculating Russian official and the dishonest contractor, and the story that Dulny was, if possible, to be destroyed by the Russians. In order that no unsympathetic contrast should be made between the real value of the buildings and the sums paid for their erection is quite a likely one. Most of the stories of Russian pecculation I have heard have been told me by Russians themselves, who accept the fact with that calm pessimism which is one of the oriental traits of the nation. A story which I have heard once or twice from Russian lips and which is a typical one is that of the 50 wagons.

A contractor, an honest man in his way, was engaged to make some hundreds of wagons for the Russian government. The first 50 were completed, and the contractor took them to the commissariat yard. The official whose duty it was to receive the wagons, looked at them and then walked down the line, putting a number, from one to 50, on each. He then asked the contractor to lunch with him, entertained him nobly, and, after the meal, suggested that they should go and look at the other wagons. The contractor declared that he had no more ready to deliver, but the official told him that he was mistaken. They went together to the yard and walked down the other side of the line of wagons, the official marking them from 50 to 100. The official then suggested that the price of the second 50 wagons should be divided between the contractor and himself. "Did the contractor accept?" has been my usual question, and an astonished "Of course!" has been the invariable answer.

The most astonishing tale on this subject I ever was told was of the warship that was built at Vladivostok. Some great official at the port in the far east was some tens or hundreds of thousands of pounds short in his accounts. The money had gone in speculation and entertainments. One of his subordinates made a suggestion, which put matters right at once. A warship was built at Vladivostok (on paper); it was armed, provisioned and manned (on paper); it encountered a typhoon (on paper), went to the bottom of the sea (on paper), and the relatives of the crew received compensations (on paper). The great official found himself clear of his debts and with a nice little sum to the good, and all the minor fry, contractors and such-like, received nice little donations for the loan of their signatures to necessary documents. All that was known at St. Petersburg was that a locally built and manned warship sailed from Vladivostok and was lost at sea.

WOULD BAR IROQUOIS.

Former Death Trap Meets Severe Opposition to Reopening.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—An appeal to the clergy of Chicago to arouse a feeling of condemnation for the reopening next Monday of the Iroquois theater has been issued by the Iroquois Memorial Association.

The organization held a special meeting at which an open letter of protest was prepared. More than 3000 teachers last spring signed a similar petition and at the same time thousands of signatures of citizens were received.

While the association was preparing the protest, the theater building was inspected by city officials. Building

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Inspector Keeting will make a final examination today, when it is believed a license will be issued.

President Reynolds of the Memorial Association asked Acting Corporation Counsel Sexton for permission to have the association's architect make an inspection of the theater before a license is granted.

The clubs of children which are working for the Iroquois memorial emergency hospital fund have raised \$1860 in the last two months.

LAWMAKERS PLEASD.

How News of Birth of Italian Heir to Throne Was Received.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 17.—While en route back from Cripple Creek to this city, the attention of the Italian delegation of the Interparliamentary union party was called to the birth of an heir to the Italian throne. The members of the party had not seen a paper and so were unadvised of the all-important event. They cheered repeatedly and the Italian coach was a bedlam of sound for several minutes. Great joy was expressed by all. There were 15 members of the Italian house of parliament in the party and they decided to send from the Rocky mountain region a cablegram congratulating the queen of Italy and the people of that country on the birth of an heir. The cablegram will be sent from Denver.

STOCKS AVERAGE LOWER.

Transactions Average a Million Shares a Day.

New York, Sept. 17.—Unfavorable conditions for the crops and the rising tendency of money rates have placed the long interest in stocks which had become of an unwieldy proportion, at a disadvantage and the market has been affected by heavy realizing. Sturdy resistance was offered at times and some effective recoveries were made, led by United States Steel stocks, the trunk lines and some of the cotton carriers. Transactions have run to over a million shares a day. With the exception of the points of special strength which helped to cover the profit taking in Pittsburg, the average of prices for the week is lower.

IRISH GIRLS EN MASSE.

Influx of Irish Mostly Young and Feminine.

New York, Sept. 17.—An unusual influx of Irish immigrants in the last two months is reported by the immigration authorities. The records show that in the last seven days nearly 1500 Irish immigrants have arrived at Ellis Island. Of these nearly 70 per cent were girls, and only a small percentage of the total were over 23 years old.

A small fraction of an ounce of radium properly employed would provide good light sufficient for several rooms and would not require renewal during the present century.

The good results of administering potatoes in certain forms of diabetes are affirmed by a French physician, Dr. Mosse, who states that he has effected cures by this means.

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

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The demands for sleeping car space in the Denver & Rio Grande's popular through tourist excursions have been so great, three such excursions will be run on the next and last selling dates—October 3, 4 and 5. On each of these days special tourist excursions will be run from Portland without change of cars over the "Scenic Line of the World." October 3 there will also be run a special Pullman excursion. These cars will make stops en route at Salt Lake City and Denver, affording excursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about those cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies—God's art gallery of nature—is the grandest across the American continent.

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