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The government has begun an investigation into the alleged fertilizer trust, the proceedings taking place in the Federal Court at Nashville, Tenn. If the result amounts to no more than like movements in other cases, it is hardly worth while to regard it seriously.

Olson defeated the "Terrible Turk" in the wrestling match Tuesday night. We are told that he used the Gotch lock the first fall and the hammerlock the second. These terms are sometimes very plain English to residents of the mountain metropolis, but are Greek down here.

France is in the throes of a gigantic strike movement that threatens the majesty of the law in some sections. The situation is apparently most serious. Rev. J. R. H. Arnold, associate pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, has filed suit for divorce from his wife. He charges her with deserting him to live with a band of colored believers in "holiness" in Chicago.

We confess to a feeling of disappointment over the condition of affairs reported from the canal zone by Mr. Woodworth Clum. We are convinced that he is writing only facts, yet we had hoped that he would find things in better shape than has been reported.

It appears that the free alcohol bill, which passed the House almost unanimously is to have opposition in the Senate, due to the wood alcohol and Standard Oil interests. One can hardly believe that so meritorious a measure should be opposed, unless, perchance, he recall the fact that the Southern fast mail item passed by only one vote, most of the opposition coming from the South itself—that is from the men who are charged with representing the South.

J. Kornblum, an oculist of Pittsburgh, who examines ex-President Cleveland's eyes once a year, is quoted as saying after his recent visit to Princeton: "I have never seen Mr. Cleveland looking better. His eyes remain in the best of condition. I am surprised that a man of his years should have such good eyesight."

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WANTED. WANTED—A salesman to travel South Carolina for an established hardware house. Address, stating salary expected, experience and enclose recommendations, "Hardware," care this paper, Charlotte, N. C.

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