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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Colonel John S. Mosby, the former confederate guerrilla, has been appointed special land agent for the state of Nebraska.

Hon. James A. Kasson has gone to Poland Springs, Me., where, according to his usual custom, he will remain through the season.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the First National bank of Salem, S. D., to begin business with a capital of \$25,000.

The fire loss of the United States for the month of June aggregated \$9,599,000, against \$21,281,000 for the same month in 1900.

Crown Prince Frederick received Lieutenant Commander E. N. Hughes of the Massachusetts school ship Enterprise at the palace in Copenhagen.

A large portion of the business section of Colebrook, N. H., was destroyed by fire which broke out on Main street. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Sixteen school teachers from Porto Rico were passengers by the Red D. line steamship Caracas which arrived at New York from Ponce and San Juan.

Epes Randolph, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company at Tucson, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of the present month.

Glascow Crews, colored, died at his home near Whiteville, Tenn. He was 110 years old and up to a short time ago he walked to town, a distance of two miles.

The pope has sent a letter to the superiors and generals of the religious orders and institutions, condemning the French exceptional legislation against the congregations.

Duke of Aosta, heir to the Italian throne, fought a duel with and severely wounded a Russian, presumably the Duke of Luchtenberg, who made a fighting remark about Queen Helene.

Rev. Peter J. Muldoon has been appointed auxiliary bishop to Most Rev. Archbishop Feenhan of Chicago. He has been for many years chancellor of the archdiocese and is rector of St. Charles parish.

Judge J. H. Baker of the United States district court at Indianapolis announces that he will not be a candidate for the vacant place on the federal court bench caused by the death of Judge Woods.

Delegates representing 8,000 workmen in all branches of the leather trade in this country and Canada, at a meeting in Philadelphia, formed the Amalgamated Leather Workers Association of America.

Herbert L. Bridgeman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, and head of the expedition to the north by which it is hoped to discover the fate of Explorer R. E. Peary, his wife and little daughter, has left New York for Sydney, C. B., which will be his sailing point.

Edward S. Martin, formerly lieutenant in the United States army, pleaded guilty before Recorder Goff at New York to a charge of passing a bad check for \$45 on the Gorham Manufacturing company. Martin was recently dismissed from the army on account of irregularities in his canteen accounts.

Prince Christian, eldest son of crown prince of Denmark, intends to visit the United States on board his yacht in the spring of 1902, unless in the meantime the king's age should bring about the accession to the crown prince. Princess and Princesses Charles of Denmark also contemplate a trip to America in 1902.

American and Danish capitalists propose to start a direct steamship line from Copenhagen and Christiania to Chicago. American capital will be largely interested.

Ex-Congressman A. N. Martin, democrat, died in the hospital at the Soldiers' home at Marion, Ind., of consumption. He represented that district in the national house of representatives three terms, 1888, 1890 and 1892, during which time he was chairman of the committee on pensions. He was 60 years old.

Franz Renz, leading circus proprietor of Germany, is dead.

Mary Elliott Lumbard, a prominent club woman and wife of Jules Lumbard, well known throughout the country as a lawyer and singer, died at Omaha, aged 69 years.

Hordeus department stores, consisting of eight-story buildings fronting on three streets, were practically destroyed by fire at Sydney, N. S. W. The damage is estimated at over £500,000. The insurance amounts to £394,000, mostly in local companies.

Mexico's delegates to the Pan-American congress have met and elected committees on international law, agriculture, industry and commerce, in mercantile law, patents and trade marks. Minister of Foreign Relations Mariscal presided.

THE DRY SPELL BROKEN

Crops Drink Up Brief Showers and Gratefully Look Up for More.

MUCH BENEFIT ALREADY SHOWN

Thousands Upon Thousands of Dollars Saved to the Farmers—Missouri and Kansas Sprinkled—Iowa and Nebraska Also Favored.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Relief for the heat-stricken corn belt tomorrow is predicted by the weather bureau tonight.

No general rains, apparently, are yet in sight, but thunder showers, with consequent lower temperature, are probable in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois and possibly Indiana.

There is a prospect of a continuance of these showers Wednesday in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and in the upper lake regions, bringing cooler weather for the time being.

Today the hot weather continued throughout the corn belt and over the lower lake region and upper Ohio valley, but temperatures fell considerably during the early evening over the latter district under the influence of local thunderstorms.

Thunderstorms also occurred in South Dakota, northern Illinois, portions of Ohio, Missouri and Arkansas and afforded some relief from the heat.

KANSAS CITY, July 16.—A portion of the drouth-stricken southwest has been relieved by rain during the past twenty-four hours. Great good has already resulted to crops and as there are prospects tonight of a further downfall, it is believed thousands upon thousands of dollars will be saved farmers on stock and crops. Nevertheless much greater quantities of rain must come before a lasting benefit is done. In the portions of central and western Missouri, western Kansas and the territories still untouched by rain conditions remain unchanged, the temperature ranging from 98 to 106, the latter at Hutchinson, Kas.

The rains, which come at the end of a drouth of from four to eight weeks' duration covered southwestern Missouri and portions of one-third of Kansas, taking in the southeast corner of the Sunflower state from Riley and Dickinson counties down to the Oklahoma line. The first break came last night when fairly good rains fell in Barton and Green counties, Missouri, and on the Oklahoma border in Kansas, in Cowley and Chautauqua counties, and along the Union Pacific railroad in Riley county. These rains while good were sufficient to place the burned crops out of danger. This morning a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Joplin, Mo., and traveling west, covered portions of Montgomery, Butler and Sedgewick counties, Kansas. Around Joplin there was a heavy fall for ten minutes. At 1:30 a soaking rain fell in Cherokee county across the line in Kansas, preceded by hail, benefiting pastures and small grains immensely and bringing relief to the crushing plants in the zinc mining district. During the afternoon a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Eldorado and Wichita, Kan. At Coffeyville the people held a jubilee on the streets during the rain. Two counties west from Kansas City, in Jefferson county, Kansas, a full inch of rain fell this afternoon, while in Kansas City a temperature of 101 prevailed and hardly a cloud was visible.

OMAHA MAN'S DUAL KILLING.

Robert Prange shoots Wife and Self at St. Joe.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 16.—R. Prange, whose business cards represent him to have been manager of the Schlitz hotel, Omaha, and manager of the Schlitz Brewery agency at that point, murdered his wife near Lake Conrady late yesterday afternoon and then committed suicide. He made careful preparations for the crime by destroying everything about his clothing that would lead to his identity. Prange came to this city yesterday morning from Omaha to look for his wife, who had left him several days ago because of his alleged dissolute habits and cruelty toward her.

Winnipeg is Storm Swept.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 16.—A terrific storm struck the Pleasant Point district on Carberry plains Saturday night, doing \$100,000 damage to crops and farm buildings. At Rat Portage and Norman a tornado scattered lumber in all directions.

Five Killed on the Rail.

PARSONS, Kan., July 16.—A head-on collision between two local freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad near Wymark, I. T., killed five men. Three others were probably fatally injured.

Another Carnegie Library.

LONDON, July 16.—Andrew Carnegie has offered £10,000 for the erection of a free public library in Annan, Scotland.

OBEY THE ORDER TO STRIKE.

All Members of Amalgamated Association Remain Aways.

PITTSBURG, July 16.—The strike of the members of the amalgamated association employed in the tin plate, sheet and hoop mills, which was ordered Saturday night as a result of the disagreement between the conference of the United States Steel corporation and the amalgamated association, was generally observed in the Pittsburgh district this morning. At the mills where the strike order extended the skilled workmen who are under the control of the union failed to put in an appearance, or, if they did go to the mills, it was merely as spectators and with no intention of working. Early reports received at the general offices of the amalgamated association were meager of details, but indicated that the strike order was being observed at all mills of the tin plate, sheet and hoop combines.

President Shaffer is in communication with lodge officials at all these plants and he is confident that the association will make such a strong showing on this preliminary suspension of work that a general strike of all the mills of the United States Steel corporation will not be necessary. This latter proposition is the strong card which the amalgamated president has up his sleeve and which he has threatened to play if an early adjustment of the difficulty is not made. This strike bears resemblance to the historical Homestead strike in 1892 in that it is not a question of wages, but of recognition of the amalgamated association. The association insists upon unionizing all the plants of the three companies in question. The manufacturers refuse to grant this demand and say that the individual contracts with workmen which are in force at a number of the plants must stand.

WILSON STILL OPTIMISTIC.

Thinks Reports of Damage to Crops is Greatly Exaggerated.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson hopes that the corn crop of the western states has not yet been ruined by the drouth, says a Washington dispatch to the Herald. He is disposed to believe that the reports as to the damage have been exaggerated. He is quoted as follows:

"I do not regard the corn crop as seriously damaged, notwithstanding the reports from the western states. On July 1 the condition of the corn crop was more promising than on the same date last year, and even if the press reports are not exaggerated, although I am inclined to think that they overstate the real conditions, there is not as yet cause for genuine alarm."

"Throughout the area of the great corn crop the drouth has not been severe enough to seriously affect the crop. Hot weather is not damaging to crops at this season. In fact, high temperature at this season is one of the requisites of corn development, and so I think that we had better wait a while before we say that the corn is ruined."

"For myself, I think that we shall have plenty of corn in this country. The reports from Kansas and Nebraska are, of course, discouraging, but the crop in those states is not great, except in the eastern portions. The great corn belt of this country is east of the Missouri river and west of the Ohio."

"I have not yet seen anything to indicate that there has been a large amount of damage to this area of country. I am going to wait, therefore, until I hear whether the drouth has been disastrous in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin before I become really alarmed."

Wrong Time of Year for Enlistments.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., July 16.—Lieutenant Johnson, in charge of the recruiting office recently established in the federal building, is not meeting with much success in the matter of applications to join Uncle Sam's army. In the three weeks he has received only eleven applications. Of these eight were unable to pass examination. Lee S. Craig and Donald G. Maddocks, who enlisted in the field artillery, have passed and has been sent to Fort Riley.

German Emigration Statistics.

BERLIN, July 16.—The emigration from Germany by way of Hamburg and Bremen during the first six months of this year reached 112,968, as against 117,930 for the corresponding period of last year.

Edison Protects His Name.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 16.—At the instance of Thomas A. Edison, Judge Bradford handed down a decree in the United States court enjoining the Edison Chemical company from using the name Thomas A. Edison or the term "Wizard" in connection with its business, unless setting forth that Thomas A. Edison is not connected with the company or its business. The company is chartered in Delaware and has offices in New York.

ROAST IN MANY STATES

Government Reports Eleven Sweltering in the Boiling Sun.

KANSAS CORN CROP CUT SHORT

Most Ship Cattle to Market Because Water is Getting Scarce—Pastures Dried Up and Fruit and Vegetable Crops Almost Ruined.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Reports to the weather bureau show that the hot weather continued yesterday in nineteen states and territories of the great corn belt, the Ohio valley and various portions of the south. There seems to be no immediate evidence of abatement, except in the south and southwest, where local thunderstorms may cause some moderation. The states affected include Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Michigan. It has become considerably warmer also in the upper lake region and in New England, Marquette, Mich., reporting today a record-breaking temperature of 102 degrees. Hope of rain today in the region affected by the heat was not fulfilled, only traces of it appearing in one or two sections, except at Galveston, Tex., where about two-thirds of an inch fell, and in eastern Texas, where there were local thunderstorms. The temperatures reported today show only slight variations from the extremes of the last few days, and these are due to local conditions entirely. In Des Moines, Ia., today the temperature was 100, in Kansas City 102 and in Omaha 102, while at Davenport, Ia., Denver, Colo., Little Rock, Ark., New Orleans, North Platte, Neb., St. Paul and Vicksburg, Miss., it was 96 or higher.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—No relief came yesterday from the heat. It was a repetition of the past two weeks, with reports from many places in western Missouri, Kansas and the territories of temperatures over the 100 mark. At most places the sun shone mercilessly with not even a fitful cloud to break its rays nor a slight breeze. In Kansas City last night proved more bearable, a breeze from the north alleviating the condition, but a day of intense heat followed.

Tonight there is a prospect of rain in Oklahoma, but there are no indications of a change in any other part of the southwest.

With no relief in sight the fears for the crops that have been expressed are fast becoming realities and the scarcity of water and generally dry most serious one. What the real damage to corn, the crop most affected, will be is problematical, but it is probably safe to say that half the crop will be lost. The supply of water is short in almost every direction and the shipments of cattle and hogs to this market to save them must continue. In Kansas City today the government thermometer reached 102 and at Marysville, Kan., 104 was recorded against 100 yesterday. There were three prostrations at Marysville.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—Nebraska again suffered from the heat yesterday. The highest temperature reported by the weather bureau was 102 degrees at 4:30, but the thermometer in the business district recorded 109. The mean temperature of the day was 90 degrees, the highest of the year. The reports show that no rain has fallen in the state during the last twenty-four hours.

Reports that reach Lincoln tonight indicate that rain falling within two days will yet save the corn crop. The wind shifted to the southeast this evening and the atmosphere is somewhat cooler.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 15.—The long continued drouth has resulted in the entire ruin of the corn and oats crop in this section of the country. Corn has commenced to tassel only a few feet high and no amount of rain would now be of any benefit to that cereal. The fruit and vegetable crops are also complete failures, and the pastures have dried up so that the farmers are paying enormous prices for hay and feed. Today was clear and hot, with no relief apparently in sight.

Minister Conger to Leave.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, has arrived, en route to Peking. Minister Conger will sail next Wednesday on the steamer Nippon Maru.

Stable Boy Made Desperate.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—A special to the Times from Newton, Kan., says: Last night Miss Oma Beers, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beers, was shot and killed by Herbert Shacklett, a stable boy formerly in the family's employ, who afterward shot himself through the heart. Shacklett became fascinated with the young woman, who did not return his infatuation. The bodies were found in the roadside.

OHIO BRYAN MEN BOLT.

Ten of His Democratic Followers in Cleveland Decide to Act.

CLEVELAND, July 15.—On July 31 Ohio democrats who believe in Bryan and the issues which he represents, which the recent democratic convention ignored, will assemble in Columbus and make up a state ticket. Ten men met this morning in a downtown office building in this city and decided that a bolt should be made and that a new party should enter the field of Ohio politics.

The attendance at the conference was larger and represented a greater area in the state than was expected by those who called the meeting.

A formal statement of principles was submitted to the conference and was adopted. This will be printed and sent throughout the state to those who are known to be faithful to the Nebraskan. A convention was decided upon to be held at the Great Southern hotel on the last day of July. To this convention may come all those who sign their name to the declaration of principles.

START OUT TO FIND PEARY.

Expedition on the Steamer Erik Sails North to Aid Explorers.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 15.—The steamer Erik left North Sydney this morning on its voyage to the frozen north. It is to call at Labrador and then at the various Esquimaux stations in Greenland West, reaching Etah under favorable conditions in about three weeks. At the various stations it will make inquiries as to news of Lieutenant Peary and the Windward.

The Erik took 350 tons of coal and is provisioned for at least a year. The members of the Peary Arctic club, who went on the steamer, are Dr. F. A. Cook, surgeon of the expedition; Herbert Stone and Herbert Berri, both of Brooklyn; C. F. Wikoff and L. C. Benedict of Ithaca, and L. C. Whitney Church of Elgin, Ill.

AMALGAMATED STRIKE IS ON.

President Shaffer's Orders to Continue Struggle Will Be Obeyed.

PITTSBURG, July 15.—From present indications it looks probable that President Shaffer's strike order, issued last night to the Amalgamated association members in the employ of the American Steep Hoop company, the American Sheet Steel company and the American Tinplate company, will be obeyed and the great struggle between the Amalgamated association and the steel companies will be on in earnest today.

In the union mills of the three companies against which a strike has been declared it is predicted that not a wheel will turn. An effort will be made also to close down some of the non-union mills of the companies and to cripple the rest. The Amalgamated people are very sanguine of success.

HAVE TO PROTECT THE WHEAT.

Farmers Around York Are Plowing Fire Guards Since Recent Blazes.

YORK, Neb., July 15.—For miles and miles along both sides of the Burlington, the Elkhorn and the Kansas City & Omaha railroads in this county are fields of winter wheat shocked and stacked and the long wheat stubble is dry, easily catching fire. Yesterday morning the Elkhorn train coming from Henderson, this county, set fire to wheat stubble in seven different places. The train stopped each time and the train crew with shovels put out the fires before doing any damage. Yesterday nineteen shocks of winter wheat were burned up on Hon. Andrew J. Sandall's farm east of York, supposed to have caught from engines on the Burlington. Nearly all of the farmers are plowing fire guards between fields and railroads.

CELEBRATE PERRY'S VISIT.

American and Japanese Speakers Dwell on Friendly Relations.

YOKOHAMA, July 15.—The ceremony of unveiling at Kurihama the monument to commemorate the landing there of Commodore Perry, July 14, 1853, was performed yesterday by Rear Admiral Rodgers, commanding the United States visiting squadron. Viscount Katsura, the Japanese premier, delivered the memorial address and a number of other Japanese officials of high rank were present. Three American and five Japanese warships saluted. Various speeches were made by Americans and Japanese, all dwelling on the close relations between the two powers.

Younger Brothers Are Out.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 15.—Coleman and James Younger, who were granted a conditional parole by the board of pardons on Wednesday last, were released from the Stillwater penitentiary at 10 o'clock this morning. For the present they will make their home in Stillwater, and it has not yet been decided where they will be employed. The men spent their first day of freedom upon a steambot excursion that went up the St. Croix river.

CORN IS SURELY KING

It Makes Another Big Advance on Chicago and New York Markets.

BROKERS SWAMPED WITH ORDERS

Farmers Become Bulls When Professionals Begin Realizing—Wheat Conspicuous By Giving Corn a Close Race in the Advance.

NEW YORK, July 13.—There was a scene of great excitement in both the wheat and corn markets at New York today, the trading aggregating one of the largest day's totals in a year or more, especially as to corn.

Prices jumped 2 5-8 cents during the day in corn, making 6 1/2 cents advance for the week. Orders poured into the market so fast that the brokers could scarcely execute them at the prices desired and the usually small crowd around the corn ring was increased to such an extent that at times it almost outrivaled that in the wheat pit. The farmers have taken the bull side into their hands and in the face of heavy realizing on the part of professionals have kept prices going until the cry is for 60-cent corn in Chicago. Where the present bull movement will end depends a great deal on weather conditions in the leading corn states.

Wheat also took an extraordinary jump today and from being in a position almost entirely friendless at once leaped into popularity with the bulls and gave corn a close race for leadership in the advance for the day. Prices in New York closed 2 and 3 cents higher than yesterday and practically at the top price. Professionals were caught in this bulge in wheat and some of them lost about all the money they have made by selling long corn to the bull public. For weeks and for months wheat has been hammered persistently by everybody in the belief that the crop would be a record one and more than enough to make up the foreign shortage. The result has been a huge short interest, part of which was caught in yesterday's big advance. The remainder is in a state of anxiety as to what the outcome will be, realizing that a much greater upturn must mean the covering of a big line of wheat. Today bulls were still further encouraged by reports that wheat in the Red river valley was being injured by excessive heat after recent wet weather.

CHICAGO, July 13.—Today's advices to the Board of Trade grain companies are to the effect that the heat and drouth in the southwest are unbroken. It is said that the damage outside of Kansas and Missouri is comparatively slight, but that unless there is relief within the next ten days the corn crop situation will approach a calamity.

A message from Topeka, Kan., says the prospects are for a crop of but 50,000,000 bushels of corn, although last year's crop was 163,000,000 and the year before 237,000,000 bushels. The loss of hay and potatoes is also great, second only to the loss of corn. It is estimated that the farmers of Kansas and Missouri have already lost \$50,000,000 by the torridity and drouth.

The straits in the corn crop is said to be owing to the intense heat and lack of moisture and is reflected in the course of prices of that cereal on the Board of Trade. Corn for September delivery at the opening today sold simultaneously from 52c to 52 1/2c, compared with the close yesterday at 51 1/2c to 51 3/4c; shortly afterward it was quoted at 52 1/2c, or 9 cents higher than the price one month ago shortly before the heat and drouth began to arouse misgivings as to the future of the crop.

El Reno Crowd Is Thinning.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Secretary Hitchcock said that reports from the Oklahoma registration showed the crowds in that country had digested thoroughly the president's proclamation and realized that there was no chance for speculators, intruders, trespassers or gamblers. "The people," said the secretary, "realize that the lands are being opened in good faith to everybody qualified and that what is given them is not transferable."

Hon. Richard Hubbard Dead.

DALLAS, Tex., July 13.—Hon. Richard B. Hubbard, a former governor of Texas and during President Cleveland's administration United States minister to Japan, died at his home in Tyler, Tex., today.

Its a Manageable Balloon.

PARIS, July 13.—M. Santos-De-mont's cigar-shaped balloon, driven by a motor, had a trial from St. Cloud across Paris, around the Eiffel tower and back to St. Cloud. The papers say the trip was quite successful and that the balloon ascended and descended apparently at the will of the aeronaut. Tomorrow he will make an official attempt to win the prize of 100,000 francs offered by Henry Deutch for a manageable balloon.