

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Paul Alexis, the French novelist, is dead.
The broom trust will raise prices 25 to 50 cents per dozen.
Acting Adjutant General Warren has received a cable announcing the death of Major William E. Almy, Porto Rican regiment at San Juan, from appendicitis.
People who are in close association with Mr. Kruger say that up to the present it has not been decided that the Boer statesman will visit the United States.

Bishop John Moore was buried at St. Augustine, Fla. The funeral was largely attended and dignitaries of the church from all over the United States were present.

Prussian officials take seriously the statement from St. Petersburg that Russia will forbid Russian farm laborers to cross the frontier for summer work in Prussia.

Commander William Swift, commanding the gunboat Yorktown, has been ordered to relieve Commander Seaton Schroeder as naval governor of the island of Guam.

The bureau of admissions announces the attendance at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo during the first three months ending at midnight on July 31 as 2,724,908.

Former Congressman Blount is not critically ill. He received a slight touch of paralysis some days ago, affecting the muscles of his face and limbs, but he is steadily improving.

Myron A. Decker, a well known New York piano manufacturer, is dead, aged 83. Mr. Decker was born in the Catskills and began the manufacture of pianos in New York about forty years ago.

The navy department is about to establish a private school for children on the Samoan island of Tutuila. The naval commander, Chaplain Tilly, has made an urgent recommendation to this effect.

At Marlin, Tex., Porter Sawyer, aged 18, shot and killed his father and was overcome by heat while trying to escape and died. The boy is said to have become angry at his father for whipping a horse.

The president has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death pronounced by court martial upon James W. Allen, private, Company F, Forty-sixth infantry. Allen was convicted of rape at Humlingan, Luzon.

The Cincinnati Price Current in its weekly review of the crop situation says: "Important relief to corn by rains, but indications not above 60 per cent, or 1,500,000,000 bushels. Wheat threshing maintaining expectations."

Court martials are to be held in Manila on Lieutenant Preston Brown and Captain Francis P. Fremont, Second infantry. The lieutenant is accused of killing a native who refused to recover the body of a soldier from the river.

Dr. Henry B. Horlbeck, for many years health officer of Charleston, S. C., is dead. He was a confederate surgeon of ability, a former president of the American Medical association and an eminent authority on yellow fever.

The weekly crop report shows that in the great corn states late corn—and, fortunately, a much larger proportion than usual of this year's crop was planted late—has experienced a general and in some cases a decided improvement, but the early corn has been practically ruined.

Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member of the republican national committee, is dangerously ill in Berlin.

Shares in some of the Texas oil companies are selling as low as 5 cents each, with a splendid chance of losing even that amount.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the First National bank of Dysart, Ia., to begin business with a capital of \$50,000.

President McKinley has sent the following message to Emperor William of Germany on the death of his mother: "I learn with deep sorrow of the death of your majesty's beloved mother, the dowager empress and Queen Frederick. Her noble qualities have endeared her memory to the American people, in whose name and in my own I tender to your majesty heartfelt condolence."

Wall street is greatly alarmed at the loss of the coarse grain crops and its probable effect on the railroads.

The president has made the following appointments in the navy: William P. White, lieutenant commander; Alfred A. Pratt, lieutenant.

An offer of \$25,000, made by H. M. Hanna, president of the Cleveland Driving association, for Elieata (2:08%), who won the M. & M. stakes at Detroit, was refused by the Hon. Frank Jones of Portsmouth, N. H., owner of the mare.

T. Dabney Marshall, recently pardoned by Governor Longino of Mississippi from serving a life sentence in the state prison for the killing of Dinkins, has announced his candidacy to succeed Judge Anderson as representative in the lower house.

SUSPECTED GOLD THIEF

John Winters, Former Employee of the Shelby Co., Under Arrest.

DETECTIVES HAVE SOME EVIDENCE

Cap. Lath and Tacks Found in Tunnel Under the Smelter Correspond With Winters' Cabin Content—These Things He Will Have to Explain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Captain Seymour of the local detective force has disclosed the identity of the man whom the police department has in custody on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of \$280,000 worth of gold bullion from the Selby Smelter works at Vallejo Junction. The suspect is John Winters, 37 years old, a former employe of the smelting company. Captain Seymour also outlined the evidence on which Winters is being held as follows:

"A man's cap, which was found in the railroad tunnel last Tuesday morning, has been positively identified as a head-covering worn by Winters, and to strengthen this fact there is the further one that the suspect has been wearing a new cap ever since the time of the robbery. He explains his loss of the old one by saying that it blew away."

"The cover of the tunnel excavated by the thieves was constructed of laths, upon which some cloth was fastened with tacks of a peculiar pattern, and tacks similar to these were found today in Winters' cabin. Portions of laths similar to those composing the framework of the cover have been found at the same place."

"A pistol owned by Winters and found in his cabin is covered with mud, which corresponds exactly with the earth taken from the tunnel."

"In the tunnel were found several pieces of peculiar chalk, which had been used to smother the grinding sound made by the drill by which the floorplates had been bored, and pieces of chalk exactly like them were found in Winters' residence. In the cabin was also found an implement designed to cut gaspise, a small electric battery and tiny electric bulb, the latter being covered with dirt similar to that in the tunnel under the vault. Winters had been seen late at night in the vicinity of the railroad tunnel six or seven times by persons who had occasion to pass that way."

Winters stoutly claims that he knows nothing whatever about the robbery. The theory upon which the detectives are now working on is that the robbery was executed by one man only. It is thought that the two bars of gold found at the water's edge were placed there designedly for the purpose of creating the impression that the gold had been carried away in a boat. On this hypothesis a strict search is being made near the vicinity of the robbery for the stolen gold."

TO INVESTIGATE MARKETS.

Agricultural Department Will Guarantee Sales to Dealers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Mr. Tracewell, the comptroller of the treasury, in a letter to the secretary of agriculture, held that the Agricultural department may as suggested enter into comparative estimates with dealers of fruit, whereby the government shall guarantee to them a definite net return per acre on fruit packed and shipped and sold under the direction of the promulgator of the department through the ordinary channels of trade.

The purpose of the department is to investigate the foreign market condition with the view of increasing the American sales in Europe. Under the proposed arrangement the exporter would receive the net proceeds of sales, that is all proceeds after deducting freight and other charges. If the net return should be less than the guaranteed amount the difference between the net proceeds released and the guaranteed return would be paid the exporter out of the appropriation for "pomological investigations."

Shot by a Woman.

DENVER, Aug. 9.—Mrs. Philip Hitchcock, wife of a prominent railroad man, shot and seriously wounded James W. Roberts and his wife in their candy store on Sixteenth street.

The woman was shot in the face and the man received two bullets, one in the middle of the forehead. It was at first thought the man was killed, but at the hospital he revived and the physicians hope for the recovery of both.

More Steamers For Fruit.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 8.—At a meeting of influential merchants and representative fruit growers today the preliminary steps were taken for the formation of a company with a capital of \$200,000 to establish a line of fruit steamers between Jamaica and American ports, not named. This action was taken in consequence of the great supply of fruit, which cannot be handled by the lines trading with the United States and Europe.

THE LAST FROM M'ARTHUR.

War Department Receives Report of Affairs in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The annual report of Major General MacArthur, dated July 1, 1901, the day he relinquished command of the Philippines, has been received at the War department. The period covered by the report is from October 1, 1900, when the last report from General MacArthur was dated. He says: "With the abandonment of the insurgents' field armies the Filipinos organized desperate resistance by banding the people together in support of the guerrillas. This was carried out by means of secret committees which collected contributions, inflicted punishments and carried on a considerable opposition to the Americans." General MacArthur says he hopes the policy adopted will, in time, conciliate the natives and make them friendly to the United States. The education of the people in times past made them suspicious of any governmental beneficence and they evidently looked upon the lenient attitude of the United States as indicating weakness. General MacArthur says the proclamation issued on December 20 firmly declaring the intention of the United States to hold the islands and have the laws obeyed had a good effect and the secret resistance was much abated.

General MacArthur gives the following statistics from May 5, 1900, to June 30, 1901 (during which time there were 1,062 contacts between American troops and insurgents), which show the casualties on both sides:

Americans—Killed, 245; wounded, 490; captured, 118; missing, 20.
Insurgents—Killed—284; wounded, 1,193; captured, 6,572; surrendered, 23,095.

During the same period the following material was captured or surrendered from the insurgents: Rifles, 15,693; ammunition, 296,365 rounds; revolvers, 868; bolos, 3,516; cannon, 122; cannon ammunition, 10,270 rounds.

FACTS ABOUT CUMMINS.

Is One of the Representative Republicans of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 9.—A. B. Cummins of Des Moines, who was nominated at the republican state convention, is one of Iowa's representative men.

Born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, 51 years of age, of Scotch-Irish parentage, he worked his way through the common schools and the Waynesburg academy, and then, when his education was completed, followed the advice of Greeley and came west.

It was in 1869 that he located in Elektor, in Clayton county, Iowa, and there secured a clerkship in the recorder's office. Some time afterward he engaged in carpentering and still later he was express messenger.

In 1871 Cummins went to Indiana and was deputy surveyor of Allen county, a short time afterward becoming division engineer of the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne railroad. At the age of 23 Cummins decided to study law, and two years later was admitted to the bar in Chicago.

NO CHANCE FOR MEDIATION.

'Frisco Strikers Want All Demands Met, or Nothing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—The strike situation is practically unchanged. Governor Gage has not been asked to act as mediator, though he is willing to do what he can to settle the trouble by arbitration. The City Federation has extended the strike so as to include the ports of San Francisco and Redwood City. The San Francisco board of trade has undertaken the task of enlisting all the retail dealers' associations of the city in a united effort to bring about a compromise.

The labor leaders, however, state that the struggle is not likely to be ended for some time. A mass meeting to consider the situation has been called for tomorrow night.

CUMMINS ON FIRST BALLOT.

Republicans of Iowa Nominate Him on First Ballot.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Aug. 8.—For governor, A. B. Cummins, Polk.
For lieutenant governor, John Herriott, Guthrie.
For supreme court judge, S. M. Weaver, Hardin.
For railroad commissioner, Ed C. Brown, O'Brien.
For superintendent, R. C. Barrett, Mitchell.

This is the ticket given birth by the republican state convention here yesterday. The nomination of Cummins was a foregone conclusion since the break up of the Herriott forces, which culminated in a release by Herriott of his own Guthrie county delegation. The fight was none the less a pretty one and close enough to be interesting to the end.

The anti-Cummins combination managed to capture a majority of the district caucuses to the extent of controlling the credentials committee and securing from it a report seating anti-Cummins contestants in Carroll and Jackson counties.

Col. Breathitt Dead.

MARSHALL, Mo., Aug. 9.—Colonel Cardwell Breathitt died suddenly at his home near Nelson yesterday, aged 82. He was a son of Governor John Breathitt of Kentucky and father of John B. Breathitt, former railroad commissioner.

Iowa Firm Bankrupt.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 9.—J. F. Lindeman & Co. of Lime Springs have filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are \$40,000 and the assets \$6,000.

Roosevelt is Overstaying.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 9.—Vice President Roosevelt and party who left Colorado Springs Monday afternoon for a horseback ride and coyote hunt through the southeastern part of El Paso county and were to have been back this afternoon has not been heard from. This is taken to mean that they are having an enjoyable and successful hunt. The proposed trip to the Cripple Creek district has been postponed until Friday.

STRIKE SO FAR IS EVEN

Close of Wednesday Finds Each Side With Something Gained.

THE NEWCASTLE PLANT IS CLOSED

Manufacturers Retaliate by Breaking Strike at the Clark Mills—Both Shaffer and Schwab Say that the Other Must First Suggest Peace.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 8.—In the big steel strike honors are even in this section tonight. The Amalgamated association succeeded in closing down the big steel plant at Newcastle and the manufacturers partially broke the strike at the Clark mill in this city. Neither side is exulting, nor is there any expression of discouragement.

Up to this hour not the slightest trouble has occurred at any point in this immediate territory and the Amalgamated men are correspondingly happy, because this condition would seem to be the carrying out of the association's departure in the handling of strikes. The quiet waiting of the strikers may be one of the surprises hinted at by the national officers. From one or two points the strikers are reported as restless and eager for action, but so far they have kept faith with their leaders and refrained from committing any breach of the peace.

The United States Steel corporation it was learned today from an official source, will at once proceed in a systematic manner to start its closed sheet mills, making the non-union plants of the Klekimineta valley the cradle where strike-breakers will be trained and then sent out to the mills that are closed.

So far as President Schwab is concerned no overtures will be made to the workers. In a talk with a Pittsburgh man in New York yesterday he said: "We have made our last proposition to the Amalgamated association and will now proceed to start our works."

President Shaffer makes this counter statement: "The next proposition must come from the United States Steel corporation officials."

Thus the two officials stand. It seems as if only outside efforts can bring them together. The trust officials have decided to go ahead slowly in the matter of starting mills and to do so with as little publicity as possible.

The strongholds of the sheet company are the mills at Vandergrift, the largest in the country, Leechburg, Apollo and Scottdale. It has been decided to take as many skilled men away from these places as possible without retarding operations there and start the mills where there is the least danger of an outbreak. The places left vacant at the mills mentioned will be filled with men desiring of promotion and they will be given better positions. This move will be undertaken slowly and with caution. The plan further contemplates that after a time many of the strikers will return when they see one after another of the closed mills resuming. This plan was tested and was found to be feasible so far as the mills at Hyde Park and Weisville go, and it has been decided to adopt it so far as the sheet and hoop mills are concerned.

CONDITION OF IOWA CROPS.

Rains Have Helped Corn Except Where It Was Too Far Gone.

United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Section, Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, for Week Ending August 6, Des Moines, Ia.—The week averaged from 1 to 5 degrees daily above the normal, though as compared with the preceding week there was a fall of about 12 degrees in the daily mean temperature. The cooler weather, increased humidity and copious rains of July 27 and 28 broke the drouth effectually except in quite limited areas, where the rainfall was very light.

The reports generally indicate fair improvement in the condition and prospects of the corn crop, though in a considerable portion of the early planted area it is damaged beyond recovery except for fodder. Much of the late planted corn is earing, with healthy show of tassels, and the yield of sound ears will depend upon favorable weather for the balance of the season without frosts to the end of September. With normal conditions it may yet bring forth more merchantable grain than has been estimated and if the fodder is all saved the value of the entire crop will fall but little, if any, below the amount realized from the grain alone in some recent seasons.

FIRST CLAIM IS ELONGATED.

Wood of Weatherford Chooses Cheapest Acres Along Townsite.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 7.—A special to the Star from Fort Sill, Okla., says: John Wood of Weatherford, Texas, who drew No. 1 in the Lawton land district, created a sensation at the land office when, in filing his claim, he chose 160 acres running the entire length of the townsite on the south. According to the government plat the two most valuable sections in the whole reservation were made to adjoin the townsite on the south. Miss Mattie Beals, the Wichita, Kan., telephone girl, who had drawn No. 2 from the wheel, had counted on selecting one of these, but when Wood made the selection noted she had to content herself with a tract south of Wood's and two sections away from the townsite. Wood's claim is valued at about \$50,000.

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Will Enlarge Prison Posts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Extensive improvements are contemplated at the important military posts at Fort Monroe, Va., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Fort Sheridan, Ill., and San Francisco. Since the transfer of the military prison at Leavenworth to the general government the posts named have been used for the imprisonment of general military prisoners. Under general plans of the department prior facilities will be enlarged.

REPORTS ON CROP CONDITIONS.

Superintendent Calvert of the Burlington Makes Encouraging Statement.

OMAHA, Aug. 7.—General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington road has received from General Superintendent T. E. Calvert a crop report covering all divisions of the line for the week ending August 3. It is in the main very favorable, corn being estimated at from two-thirds of a crop down to one-third in different sections. Hay and wheat reports are most favorable. Detailed summaries of the yield per acre and other facts are given for each division.

On the northern division, extending from Plattsmouth to Kearney, the chief trouble is, that there are either too few ears to the stalk or that little corn has formed on the cobs. This is true of corn that tasseled during the heated spell. Later corn will yield from ten to twenty bushels to the acre. In some places the crop will make from one-half to two-thirds of an average one. The general average for the district will be, it is estimated, slightly less than one-third of a crop.

Winter wheat on the northern division is threshing out well, with good quality. It is ranging from twenty to twenty-five bushels to the acre. Spring wheat and oats are scheduled as "poor" and potatoes are considerably damaged. The pastures are reviving somewhat since the rain and the cooler weather.

Corn conditions along the southern division are similar to those in the northern, although they are more favorable in places. This section extends from Blue Hill to Atchison, Kan. The yield will be from fifteen to twenty-five bushels per acre and in many places, constituting a considerable section of the whole territory, there will be from one-third to one-half a crop. In other spots nearly all the corn will be cut for fodder.

Wheat in the southern division is proving all that it promised. Pastureage is not in very good condition and needs frequent heavy rains to make good fall feeding. Hay is a little short and the potato crop is poor, while apples and peaches are badly damaged by the dry weather.

LUCKY ONES FILE ON CLAIMS.

Last Act of Government in Disposing of Indian Reservation Lands.

EL RENO, Okl., Aug. 7.—The last act in the opening of the Indian lands in the Kiowa-Comanche reservations began today, when the winners in last week's lottery were permitted to file on their claims. The filing began in El Reno for the El Reno district and at Fort Sill for the Lawton district. At each place 125 of the lucky ones were permitted to file in the order that their names were drawn from the wheels. The filing at the rate of 250 will continue daily until the entire 13,000 claims have been disposed of. It is estimated that at least 2,000 or 3,000 claims drawn at the lottery will never be filed on. There will undoubtedly be a lively scramble for them by the thousands of people who did not win in the lottery. Today also the auction sale by the federal government of town lots at Anadarko, Hobart and Lawton began. At each place thousands of people have awaited for days the opportunity to purchase lots and begin business.

Can't Use Chinamen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor received telegrams from ship owners and masters of vessels lately arrived in San Francisco, stating that, owing to the strike there, they are unable to unload their vessels and asking that Chinamen employed on the ships be permitted to unload the vessels, the masters and owners guaranteeing to the government that they would not be permitted to go beyond the wharves and prevent their escape.

Hite Civilians Hard.

MANILA, Aug. 7.—Secretary Root's order cutting off the use of commissary supplies by civilian employes is causing consternation among the minor clerks, whose expenses are thus doubled. Many of them claim they had an absolute understanding before leaving the United States that they would be entitled to use commissary stores. The order became effective August 1. Unless the salaries are raised many resignations are likely.

ISSUES STRIKE ORDER

President Shaffer Mails the Decisive Word to the Vice Presidents.

MEN TO BE CALLED OUT SATURDAY

Adjustment, if Any, Must Be Made Before This Week Ends—One Hundred Thousand Men Made Idle—Are Expected to Fight It Out.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 7.—After weeks of preliminary skirmishing at last the great battle between the gigantic steel trusts and the thousands of men marshalling under the banners of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, is fairly on. The long-talked-of general strike order was issued by President Shaffer this evening, to take effect after the last turn of the mills on August 10.

What the result will be no man can foretell, but judging by the expressed determination of both parties to the controversy the battle will be waged to the very last ditch. Much money will be lost, thousands upon thousands of men will be idle, great suffering is looked for and even bloodshed and death are possible and feared.

The text of the call follows: Brethren: The officials of the United States steel trust have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striving for the right to organize. The executive board has authorized me to issue a call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join in the movement to fight for labor's rights.

We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties.

You will be told that you have signed contracts, but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel corporation. Its officers think you were sold to them just as the mills were, contracts and all.

Remember, before you agreed to any contract you took an obligation to the Amalgamated association. It now calls you to help in this hour of need.

Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, August 10, 1901, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day.

Brethren, this is the call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come and help us and may right come to a just cause. Fraternal yours, T. J. SHAFER.

President Shaffer added this statement: "The call goes to the vice presidents of the districts in which there are mills owned and operated by the National Steel, National Tube and Federal Steel companies, as well as to the officials of the lodges in the mills. No notice is being sent to the managers of the mills. We think their notice has come from the other side and that they have had warning of this ever since the inauguration of the strike. That ought to be sufficient."

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VIENNA, AUG. 7.—AT A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING OF SHOEMAKERS HERE IT WAS DECIDED, IN SPITE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AN AMERICAN FIRM WOULD NOT OPEN A BRANCH IN VIENNA, THAT THE SHOEMAKERS WOULD CONTINUE THE ANTI-AMERICAN CRUSADE, WITH THE VIEW OF GUARDING AGAINST A RE-CRUCIDENCE OF "YANKEE SCHEMES." NO DEFINITE DECISION WAS ARRIVED AT AS TO WHAT FORM THE NEXT ACTION OF THE SHOEMAKERS WILL TAKE.