

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

He Is Worth a Billion.

The only man in the world reported to be worth over \$1,000,000,000 is the Anglicized German, Alfred Beit.

One-Third for Uniforms.

When a man enters the United States service as a second lieutenant of marines he must expend more than one-third of his four-year salary for uniforms.

A Pointer for the W. C. T. U.

The utmost that the most active temperance worker has ever dreamed of the enormous sums of money yearly squandered in the beer trade has probably never equaled the following statement of cold, actual facts.

No Sunday Labor for Them.

Two clergymen of Beaver county, Pa., who were serving on a jury and were out balloting for a verdict refused when Sunday arrived to engage in further consideration of the case until 24 hours of the Lord's day had passed.

New Treasury Notes.

The treasury department is preparing to issue several millions of notes, \$1, \$3 and \$5 in denomination, and of a new and more artistic pattern than the present issues.

Force of the Growing Vine.

A London paper tells of a paving stone in that city which weighed 500 pounds and which, while wedged in on all sides by other stones, was lifted up by a mushroom. The United States department of agriculture has, by experiments, found that the force of a growing pumpkin was sufficient to lift 2 1/2 tons.

Americans as Coffee Drinkers.

The latest bulletin of the treasury bureau of statistics shows that we consume nearly twice as much coffee as does all Europe, with nearly five times our population.

Probably Untrue.

It is reported, and is probably untrue, that the wife of the president of the Transvaal republic not only does her own cooking, makes her own beds and waits on the table, passing the dishes even at state dinners.

They Are a Success.

The latest reports as to the condition of the school penny savings banks in Chicago show that considerable money was drawn out from them during and just preceding the last summer vacation.

Gigantic Capital in Colleges.

The 425 colleges and universities that have reopened their doors to the 175,000 American college students represent an invested capital of \$250,000,000 and give employment to 25,000 persons as teachers and officers.

The Free Seed Distribution.

Out of the \$131,000 appropriated for congressional free seed distribution Secretary Wilson has distributed \$59,000 this year to be employed in the introduction and distribution of useful seed and plants.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

Apprehension Felt in London Over the Situation.

THE VICTORY AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

It Was Productive of No Effect for the Relief of Glencoe—Kimberley Surrounded—Glencoe Attacked—Krugger Decides to Surrender.

London, Oct. 24.—No news yet received tends to dispel the apprehension caused by Lord Wolseley's brief summary of the situation.

It appears certain that the brilliant victory at Elandslaagte was productive of no effect for the relief of Glencoe and the very reticence and brevity of Lord Wolseley's communication are only too ominous.

It is expected that Commandant Erasmus has by this time joined Commandant General Joubert and that their combined columns amounts to some 10,000 or 11,000 men.

A dispatch to the Times from Colesburg, Cape Colony, says: "The situation to-day (Monday) is grave. The Boers are 350 strong and will be reinforced from Driekop. No defense is possible.

KIMBERLEY SURROUNDED BY BOERS. London, Oct. 24.—The Daily Mail says it understands a message was received in London yesterday from Cecil Rhodes dated at Kimberley, October 19, declaring in substance that the inhabitants of Kimberley desired to draw the attention of the government to the need of speedily sending reinforcements there.

THE BOERS ATTACKING GLENCOE. London, Oct. 24.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following from Ladysmith, dated Sunday at 8:10 p. m.: "The Boers, reported to be 9,000 strong and under the command of Commandant General Joubert and President Kruger in person, are to-day again attacking Glencoe.

GEN. CRONJE CAPTURED. London, Oct. 24.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Durban, Natal, says: "An official of the Bonanza mine, who has just arrived from Pretoria, declares that while there he heard that Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, had captured Gen. Cronje and 30 other Boers and had killed 500."

FAMINE ALMOST CERTAIN. Koopmansfontein, Oct. 24.—Parties of Kaffirs returning home from Jagersfontein to Kimberley are unable to obtain food. Already there is a scarcity of supplies throughout Bechuanaud and Griqualand West, owing to the total stoppage of the transport service.

THE BOERS STAGGERED. Cape Town, Oct. 24.—News has been received from Dundee to the effect that the Boer disaster at Elandslaagte staggered the Boers completely, rendering the attack upon Dundee feeble.

KRUGGER DECIDES TO SURRENDER. Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24.—The governor general, Lord Minto, has received a cablegram from South Africa, dated yesterday afternoon, to the effect that President Kruger has decided to surrender.

Fifty-Seven Deaths from Fever. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 24.—Key West reported nine new cases of yellow fever last night, making a total of 1,239 to date; total deaths, 57.

Promotion for Funston and Metcalf. Washington, Oct. 24.—Brig. Gen. Funston is to be breveted major general and Col. Wilder S. Metcalf, of the Twentieth Kansas, is to be breveted brigadier general.

FUNSTON BACK TO MANILA.

The War Department Offers Him a Brigade's Command to Return to the Philippine Islands.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Gen. Funston received the following telegram at noon Saturday:

In view of the recent increase of the volunteer forces it is now possible for the department to avail itself of your further services as a brigadier general.

It is characteristic of Gen. Funston that he exhibited no hesitation in this important, and, perhaps critical, incident of his life.

Mrs. Funston will not go to the Philippines with the general. After their visit to Kansas she will return to Oakland and live with her parents until her husband's return from the Philippines.

FUNSTON LECTURES.

The General Says That if the Friars Were Driven Out the Bottom Would Drop Out of the Insurrection.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—A special from Leland Stanford university, Cal., says: Gen. Frederick Funston, of Kansas, lectured to the student body here last night on the Philippines.

The general indignantly attacked the church, not, as he insisted, because it was the Catholic denomination, but for the influence it maintained upon that class of people.

DEWEY'S HOME.

House Purchased for the Admiral on Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, by the Money Popularly Subscribed.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The Dewey house committee, which has in charge the purchase of a home for the admiral from the money received by popular subscriptions, have selected the house at No. 1747 Rhode Island avenue, Northwest, known as the Fitch house.

Washington, Oct. 23.—By advice of his physician, Admiral Dewey has cancelled his proposed trips to Philadelphia and Atlanta and will accept no more invitations.

Headquarters Moved to Evanston. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 23.—In consideration of three important amendments to the constitution of the organization and in celebrating the silver jubilee of the society, the delegates to the W. C. T. U. convention departed the second day of the session.

Young Lady Found Drowned. Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 23.—The body of a young lady was found in the Des Moines river yesterday evening and identified as that of Mabel Schofield, of Macksburg, Ia.

Exercises at Princeton. Princeton, N. J., Oct. 23.—Commemoration day exercises of the 153rd anniversary of the founding of Princeton university were held in Alexander hall Saturday.

Separate Conference for Oklahoma. Emporia, Kan., Oct. 23.—The Kansas and Oklahoma conference of the Free Methodist church ended with the organization of the Oklahoma conference as a distinct body.

Convention of Universalists. Boston, Oct. 24.—The biennial convention of the Universalist church was opened here yesterday after nearly a week of preliminary meetings.

Andrew Carnegie's Generosity. Duluth, Minn., Oct. 24.—Through the efforts of the Evening Herald Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$50,000 to the city of Duluth to erect a building for the free public library.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

The Insurgents Driven from Their Trenches Near Calamba.

THE HOSPITAL CORPS AT MANILA.

Col. Woodhall, the Chief Surgeon, Makes a Report to Surgeon General Sternberg—The Filipino Peace Overture Reported by Gen. Otis.

Manila, Oct. 24.—The insurgents around Calamba and Angeles have bothered the Americans lately with their repeated attacks, consisting of shooting a lot of ammunition into their opponents' camp from long range.

Lieut. Ferguson, with 20 scouts of the Thirty-sixth regiment, reconnoitering near Labao, encountered a party of mounted Filipinos.

THE HOSPITAL CORPS AT MANILA. Washington, Oct. 24.—Surgeon General Sternberg yesterday received word from Col. Woodhall, chief surgeon at Manila, that he has at present 38 hospital stewards, 96 acting hospital stewards and 1,041 privates of the hospital corps.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Gen. Otis' account of the last Filipino peace overture is as follows: On October 24 a message was received at Angeles under a flag of truce expressing the desire of the honorable President Aguinaldo to send a commission to Manila to arrange the difficulties connected with the delivery of Spanish prisoners and to discuss matters of particular character.

A RAILROAD WRECK.

Thirteen Cars Break Loose from a Freight Train and Strike Another Train with Terrible Force.

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 24.—A frightful wreck occurred on the Wabash road about four miles from here yesterday evening by which two men were killed, and seven box cars and a new engine were completely wrecked.

The Money Order System. Washington, Oct. 24.—The annual report of the money order system of the post office department shows a total issue during the year amounting to \$24,958,363, an increase of \$20,364,492 over last year.

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"It is an Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good." That small ache or pain or weakness is the "ill wind" that directs your attention to the necessity of purifying your blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BOUND TO FAIL. The Loss of Football Players Sealed the College's Doom.

This promising young Detroit, six feet in the clear and trim as a racing spar, went into his father's office the other day and gave him a shock.

A Thrifty Damsel. A spirit of thrift was shown by a young woman who entered a car with sundry boxes and bundles.

"You shall pay dearly for this!" he hissed, and the person addressed did, for it was the coal man, who had just deposited a ton in the cellar, who made the remark.

An ounce of help is better than a pound of preaching.—Chicago Daily News.

A MAGNIFICENT WOMAN Holds Up Peruna as the Ideal Remedy For Female Catarrh.



Mrs. Clara Makemer, housekeeper for the Florence Crittenden Anchorage Mission, of Chicago, writes the following letter from 302 Chestnut street, Chicago:

Peruna is the best tonic I have ever known for general debility, a sure cure for liver complaint, and a never failing adjuster in cases of dyspepsia.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP Cures Croup and Whooping-Cough Unexcelled for Consumption. Gives quick, sure results. Refuse substitutes. Dr. Bull's Pills cure Biliousness. Trial, 30 for 5c.