

Brief Telegrams

King Edward VII weighs 250 pounds and is 5 feet 7 inches high. Senator Quay has introduced a bill granting statehood to Oklahoma. George H. Siegle of Port Huron, supreme record keeper of the Macabees of the World, died at a sanitarium at Flint, Mich.

SOLDIERS' HEIRS

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS MUST LIVE ON HOMESTEADS.

A FORMER DECISION REVERSED

WASHINGTON.—To nullify attempts of cattle companies and others to obtain public lands in violation of the law the secretary of the interior overruled former decisions of the department to the effect that widows or minor orphans of soldiers or sailors do not have to reside on the land on which they make homestead entry.

LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

What Representatives Are Doing Early in the Session.

WASHINGTON.—The house authorized the committee on postoffice and post roads to request the postmaster general to supply the committee with information in connection with the recent investigation of the postoffice department. It was explained by Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee, that the purpose of the resolution was to supply the committee with information essential to the proper consideration of appropriation bills.

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REFUSED TO HOIST THE FLAG.

Italian Commander Who Orders it is Killed. ADEN.—Lieutenant Commander Charles Braban, an Italian officer commanding an armed ship, headed a party of friendly natives at Darbe, Somaliland, Africa, and ordered the Italian flag hoisted on the fort.

Witnesses Refuse to Testify.

PARIS.—Commissioner Ester of New York, accompanied by Messrs. Beekman, Tyde and Harper, went to Clermont to examine Mme. Hourde, wife of the porter before whose lodge Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair were killed in an automobile accident in August, 1902.

Prepare to Fepel Invasion.

PANAMA.—The Panama gunboat Padilla and the United States gunboat Concord left Tuesday morning for Chiriqui, The Boston and the Panama gunboat Chucuito have left for the gulf of Darien and Choco river, the Chucuito taking detachments of troops. It is announced that the entrance to the Atrato river at the head of the gulf of Darien is being closely guarded so that any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to send troops through this river will be ineffective.

CONGRESS OPENS

BOTH HOUSES GET TOGETHER IN REGULAR FORM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS READ

WASHINGTON.—The senate convened Monday in regular session and listened to the reading of the president's message, at which there was a unanimous approval of the message. The special session robbed the day of many interesting features incident to a new congress. The house having organized four weeks ago, the ceremony of the opening day comprised merely a roll call to develop the presence of a quorum and the customary notifications to the president and senate. No reference was made to the special session.

IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Transition From Extra to Regular Session.

WASHINGTON.—The senate Monday closed the extraordinary session and entered on the duties of the regular session, but the transition was so natural as to be scarcely noticed. The unusual features were the close of the called session by announcement of the chair and the offering of two prayers in the senate within half an hour of each other.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

HOW NEBRASKA RANKS.

Interesting Statistics Compiled From Census Figures. Secretary Jay A. Barrett of the state historical society has just made a compilation from the returns of the last census showing the relative position assumed by Nebraska among the states of the union. He finds that this state ranks as follows:

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

Beatrice printers have taken steps to organize a union. Cass county rural mail carriers have effected an organization. Plattsmouth women held a meeting in the interest of having Senator Samuel C. Utah ousted from the U. S. senate.