

News in Brief

Rear Admiral Greer, 72 years of age, retired, U. S. N., died at Washington. Three men bearing the name of Mudd are running for congress in one Maryland district. Congressman Robinson was nominated by democrats of the Twelfth Indiana district for a fifth term. The plating mill of the Rat Portage (Ont.) Lumber company and thirteen dwellings were destroyed by fire. G. A. Bobrik of Los Angeles, Cal., is a nephew of General Bobrikoff, the Russian governor general of Finland who was shot. The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Home National bank, Eureka, Kan., to begin business with a capital of \$25,000. The sultan of Morocco, in violation of promise to Raisuli, lands a new army in Tangier, which may result in the brigand executing his two captives. Azel D. Galbraith, a well known mining man of Central City, Colo., was found guilty of the murder of his wife and young son and sentenced to death. Henry D. Dorr of Rutland, Vt., who had been employed as an editor by the Springfield Republican and Boston Herald, died at Kansas City, aged 45 years. The 129th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill was celebrated in Boston, in Lynn and in many New England cities. Business was suspended in Boston. Oregon, Washington and Idaho will produce more than 60,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, according to R. M. Hall, representing the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company. J. A. Ebbig, who is being sued for \$188,458 for breach of contract by a Milwaukee company, charges the latter with forging the orders on which the alleged case against him is based. Postal officials who are investigating the wildcat insurance companies now in trouble are flooded with complaints concerning the operations of such concerns and with offers of evidence. Harry Smyth Cummings, a colored attorney of Baltimore, is booked to second the nomination of President Roosevelt at Chicago. Cummings is 38 years of age and a native of Baltimore. The dead body of a man, believed from papers found in the pockets of his clothing to be Anton Savan of Terre Haute, Ind., was found alongside the Rio Grande tracks near Red Cliff, Colo. The grand jury at Denver has returned twenty indictments for election frauds. The charges are based on alleged frauds committed at the election for supreme justice last fall and the several charter elections. Reports on target practice on the battleship Illinois off the Maine coast, show that one turret made twenty-nine hits out of thirty-nine shots with 11-inch guns, an excellent record. The 6-inch guns made 434 hits per gun per minute. The 13-inch turret of the Wisconsin made the phenomenal record of thirty-two hits out of thirty-six shots. This turret will get the navy prize. The Japanese under General Nozu won an important victory in a hard battle with the forces of General Stakeburg at Vafangow. The Russians retreated, leaving 500 men on the field, lost 300 prisoners and abandoned a considerable number of guns. The Japanese losses are estimated at 1,000 men, killed or wounded. Chicago banks report a total of \$117,617,415 savings deposits on June 9, an increase of about \$17,000,000 in a little more than a year. Miss Maude Faely of Denver, Colo., has signed a contract as leading woman with Sir Henry Irving for next season. It is rumored that Bourke Cockran will not remain a widower much longer. His name is being coupled with that of Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg, the handsome widow of the banker, but then the gossips find a suitor for Mrs. Ladenburg every few months. China has not made a protest against the erection of a wireless telegraph pole on the property of the Russian consul at Che Foo. Dr. James H. Dunn, a prominent physician and surgeon of Minneapolis, was found dead in his room at the Southern hotel in St. Louis. Mrs. May Wright Sewall of Indianapolis told the international women's congress in Berlin that physical training for girls in the higher educational institutions of the United States has created a new ideal for women—that of strength and health. The Vladivostok squadron sank two Japanese transports near Mogi, causing the loss of nearly 1,000 lives. The later whereabouts of the squadron is uncertain, rumors telling of its return to Vladivostok and of a battle in which three Russian ships are disabled by the Japanese. Moses Johnson, colored, of Portsmouth, O., was electrocuted at the Ohio penitentiary for the murder of Edward Test, an insurance agent. Five shocks were administered before the condemned man was pronounced dead.

DEAD LIST GROWS

AS NOW COUNTED 624 LOST THEIR LIVES. SEARCHERS RENE THEIR WORK Larger Portion of the Bodies Recovered Are Identified—Funerals of Nearly One Hundred Victims Held on Sunday. NEW YORK—Sunday's harvest of dead from the Slocum numbered forty-one, bringing the total number of bodies so far recovered up to 624. Of these 559 have been identified, while thirty-one of the victims now lying at the morgue have not been claimed by friend or relative. While the list of missing has been cut down somewhat by the identifications made today eleven new names were added to that roll, thus leaving the total of missing almost as it was on Saturday, something more than 300. Early Sunday morning the searches began anew the work of locating the Slocum's dead. Within an hour they had recovered thirteen bodies off the short of North Brother island. Three of the bodies were floating and it is the general opinion that many more will come to the surface during the week. At sundown, when work practically ceased for the day, thirty-six bodies had been added to the long list of dead that have been taken from the wrecked steamer and the water in its immediate vicinity. Most of these bodies were taken to the morgue and a majority of them were identified tonight. Of the bodies recovered during the first hour one was of a man, six of women, two of boys, four of girls and one was of an infant. A life saver, grappling from a raft, brought up a woman of 30 and a girl of 11 years locked in each other's arms. A few minutes later he brought the bodies of a boy 9 years old and a girl of 6, apparently brother and sister, clinging to each other. Divers who went to the wreck found the bodies of a woman, a girl and a boy and brought them to the surface. They were beyond recognition. The divers said there are more bodies in the wreck, thus bearing out the statement made a day or two ago after it was thought the wreck had been cleared, that many bodies remained under the entanglement of timber and machinery. One body was found floating in the river near Riker's island by the crew of a four-oared barge of the Metropolitan Rowing club, while nineteen were brought up from the bottom along the beach running from the island down to the channel in the river. Three men working with an improvised grapple, consisting of a block of wood to which many blue fish hooks were attached, drew up a section of the rail of the upper deck of the Slocum about thirty feet long. The bodies of four women were clinging to the rail, their fingers gripping the interlaced wire roping. This is part of the rail which gave way just before the steamer was beached, precipitating 100 persons into the water. While the rail was being brought ashore two of the bodies broke away from it, but were secured immediately; the other two were still clinging to the rail when landed. The funerals of nearly 100 victims of the disaster were held Sunday. In many instances two caskets were carried in the same hearse and, in some cases two dead and even three hearses bore away the dead of a single family. Of the bodies recovered during the day there were two women whose arms were locked around a life ring. These rings are made of canvas, filled with cork and are supposed to float four persons. The ring was not cut open tonight, so that it is not known what it is filled, but when it was thrown on the water it sank immediately. The ring was recovered by the police and will be turned over the coroner. THE ANTI-PARKER MEN. Mr. Bryan Says They Will Control at St. Louis. NEW YORK—William J. Bryan arrived in this city Saturday night. He said he did not expect to see Charles F. Murphy or any leader of the anti-Parker movement while in the city. Questioned as to the general situation, he said: "The men who are opposed to Judge Parker's nomination will be in control in St. Louis. They will nominate the candidates and prepare the platform, and it will not be the New York platform or the New York candidate." He added that he did not care to go into details in discussion of candidates or the contents of the platform. "I have already laid down for consideration fundamental principles as to the reasons for not nominating some of the men most prominently mentioned for the place in the east," he added. "Olney, Cleveland and Parker all come within this class." PEABODY SAYS WAR IS OVER. Denies the Statement Issued by the Miners' Federation. DENVER, Colo.—"I think the war is nearly over," said Governor Peabody Monday. "I have news from General Bell that the Cripple Creek mines are open and running today and there is comparatively little disaffection among the men. There is no news of further trouble or any likelihood of any. "I don't know how many more men will be deported or whether any will be. I have heard nothing on this point.

DESPERADO KILLS SHERIFF.

Shoots As He Is About to Handcuff Him. ST. PAUL, Minn.—Sheriff G. D. Harris of St. Croix county, Wisconsin, was shot and killed while attempting to make an arrest on an Omaha train near Fall Creek, Wis. The man who did the shooting, and whose name is unknown, jumped from the moving train and escaped. Sheriff Harris had gone to Eau Claire on business, and when about to board the train for Hudson was informed that a man suspected of burglary was aboard the train. The sheriff searched the train and finally located him in the smoking car. He placed him under arrest and was about to handcuff him, when the desperado drew a revolver and fired three times, shooting the sheriff through the head and killing him instantly. In the excitement which followed the shooting the murderer ran the entire length of the train, jumping from the rear coach while the train was going at a high rate of speed. He then stole a horse and buggy and made his way to Augusta, where the animal was found, but all further clew to the fugitive's whereabouts apparently is lost. UNCLE JOE REPEATS IT. He Would Not Accept Presidential Nomination. CHICAGO, Ill.—In view of a threatened revival of the movement to nominate Speaker Cannon for the vice presidency, charged this time to the New York delegation, Mr. Cannon authorized the Associated Press to quote him as follows: "After mature consideration, having in view the great compliment that the vice presidential nomination would be to any citizen, yet I am speaker of the house of representatives and have been a member of that body for nearly thirty years. I feel that my sphere of usefulness, if I have any, is in connection with the house. About a week after the close of the late session of congress, at the request of friends and perhaps others, I gave out an interview on this subject. This was done after full consideration, and I stand by the interview, which stated in substance that I considered the speakership the second highest office under the government, and if the next house was republican I hoped to succeed myself, and I do not cheerfully do duty on the minority."

SIX HUNDRED DIE

CHICAGO HORROR RIVALED BY BURNING OF A BOAT. EXCURSION STEAMER IN FLAMES Loaded with Women and Children on a Sunday School Outing—Disaster Occurs on the East River at New York City. NEW YORK—One of the most appalling disasters in the history of New York tragic in its intensity, dramatic in its episodes, and deeply pathetic in the tender age of most of its victims, took place today in the East River, within a short distance of the New York shore and within sight of thousands of persons, the majority of whom were powerless to minimize the extent of the catastrophe. By the burning to the water's edge of the General Slocum, a three-decked excursion steamer, the largest in these waters, more than 600 persons, the majority of whom were women and children, were burned to death or drowned by jumping overboard or by being thrown into the whirlpools by the lurching of the vessel and the frantic rush of the panic-stricken passengers. Approximately 483 bodies have been recovered and are now being tagged at the morgues of Bellevue hospital and Harlem. Divers were still busy at a late hour taking bodies from the hold of the vessel, which they say is choked with the remains of human beings, while the bodies of scores who leaped or were thrown into the river had been recovered. It is the season of Sunday school excursions in New York bay and the Long Island sound, the latter one of the most picturesque bodies of water in the country. Great preparations had been made for the seventeenth annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church, the congregation of which is drawn from the dense population of the lower East and West Side, and the General Slocum had been chartered to carry the excursionists to Locust Grove, one of the many resorts on Long Island sound. It is variously estimated that there were between 1,500 and 2,000 persons on the General Slocum when it left the pier at Third street, East river, though the Knickerbocker Steamship company, which owns the Slocum, officially states that the number of passengers was 873, that being only one-third of the vessel's capacity. It is thought, however, that there were several hundred children in arms, for whom fares are not usually charged on these trips. On board the decks of the steamer as it passed up East river the scene was one of merry-making. A mass of flags fluttered in the June breezes, the bands were playing and the children were singing, dancing and waving handkerchiefs and flags in answer to the salutations of those on shore or from passing steamers. At the extreme eastern end of Randall's island, off One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, there is a stretch of water known as the Sunken Meadows. At this point, just as the crowds were watching the gaily decorated steamer from the shore, the General Slocum took fire, and as the age of the vessel (it was built in 1891) had resulted in the well seasoning of the wood, with which it was almost entirely built, it was soon a mass of flame. The fire is said to have broken out in a luncheon room on the forward deck through the overturning of a pot of grease. The wind was high and all efforts to subdue the fire were futile. The Death List Grows. NEW YORK—With unceasing effort search is going on for the bodies of those who perished on the General Slocum. What the list of victims will total scarce any one dare venture a guess, but whatever the number may be there is hardly a parallel in the history of disasters where death came to so many in so brief a period of time. Police and health department officials have placed the number at a figure as high as 1,000 and more, but it would seem that the maximum fatality will not largely exceed 700. All day long, from sunrise until darkness, shut off even the melancholy satisfaction of watching for the dead, anxious searchers kept up their vigilance and at dusk there had been recovered 536 bodies, for the greater part women and children. Operating Towards Port Arthur. LONDON—A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Yinkow, in a dispatch dated June 17, says that General Kuropatkin left Liao Yang on Wednesday to assume command of the army operating toward Port Arthur. Attendance at World's Fair. ST. LOUIS.—World's Fair Grounds.—The following are official figures of attendance at the Louisiana Purchase exposition for the week ending June 18: Monday, 66,143; Tuesday, 75,143; Wednesday, 74,188; Thursday, 83,346; Friday, 87,994; Saturday, 87,024; totals, 475,187. The attendance during the week, while not quite equaling the total of preceding week, shows a substantial gain over each day save Wednesday. That was Liberty bell day, when school children attended.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

ASSESSMENT OF RAILROADS. Board Increases Total Value 70 Per Cent. The Nebraska state board of assessment announced officially an increase of 70 per cent in the assessed valuation of railroad property. Operating under the new revenue law the board increased the assessed valuation from \$27,077,353 to \$46,018,635. The manner of arriving at the franchise values of the roads will not be made public by the state board of equalization. The total assessed valuations were reached on a modification of the stock and bond theory and then the average per mile was obtained by dividing the total by the mileage. When the final figures are made known they will lump the tangible and intangible values, so that no one will be able to say just what the franchises were assessed at. Auditor Weston and Secretary of State Marsh have favored the valuation of franchises separately, but Governor Mickey, Treasurer Mortensen and Commissioner Follmer, who compose the majority, did not think it a good plan. Now that the grand total assessed valuation of railroad property in Nebraska has been finally decided upon by the state board of equalization, the members of the board are trying to adjust the average values per mile of the several systems. The entire session on Wednesday was given up to the consideration of Union Pacific property. It was decided to assess the Kearney & Black Hills branch at \$5,000 per mile and the Omaha & Republican Valley branch at \$6,700 per mile. This, with the \$16,000 per mile for the main line, will give the average valuation of \$11,000 per mile agreed upon. After disposing of the Union Pacific the Burlington was taken up. There are sixteen subordinate lines in the Burlington system and the members of the board disagree as to the mileage valuations to be placed on each of the branches. The assessed valuation of the Burlington main line will be \$17,000 per mile for a portion and the average on the entire system will stand at \$7,500. The average valuation of the Chicago & Northwestern will be \$6,500 instead of \$7,500, as agreed upon previously. Tax Commissioner Woodward of the Great Western interviewed the members of the board. For some reason the figures on the Great Western property in Douglas county had not entered into the previous calculations. Mr. Woodward stated that the property of his road in Nebraska had cost the company just \$140,000 and that it consisted principally of real estate, lots, etc. He thought that its assessed valuation should be \$28,000. Smallpox at Soldiers' Home. GRAND ISLAND—Three cases of smallpox have developed in one of the hospitals at the soldiers' home. Those afflicted are George Warrens, Harry Burchard, the hospital steward, and Mr. Lindley. A temporary building was at once erected on the prairie, a safe distance from all other buildings, and the sick, all of whose cases are very light, are there being cared for. Splendid Crop Prospect. WOOD RIVER—The prospects for all kinds of grain has never been better than it is this year in this vicinity. Small grain is looking fine and corn has made a remarkable growth in the past two weeks. The outlook for fruit of all kinds is very promising, and indications are that an extraordinarily large yield is in store. Potatoes will be very plentiful and of good quality. Assessment in Dakota County. DAKOTA CITY—The precinct assessors of Dakota county have completed their work and turned their books over to County Assessor Dorn. The total valuation of real and personal property of the county is \$1,595,419.72, an increase over last year of nearly \$149,000. Will Meet at Franklin. FRANKLIN—The members of the G. A. R. of this county held a convention at this place for the purpose of deciding where a county reunion will be held this year. Franklin secured the prize and the date of the reunion will be August 22 to 25 inclusive. Women Want Land. NORFOLK—Of the 400 inquiries being daily received at railroad offices with regard to the opening of the Rosebud lands, over 40 per cent of them are from women. Teachers, stenographers and business women who have heard of the success of a number of their sex in the Oklahoma rush, indicate a desire to register for the drawings at Bonesteel and Fairfax. Arrest of Robbers. SEWARD—Marshal Berry and Night Watchman Lawsha on Wednesday arrested three men who were wanted by the sheriff of Fillmore county for robbery. The men robbed a car at Exeter, Neb., occupied by section men. They then hustled on to a freight train and while the train was at Seward the officers here arrested them. The robbery occurred on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday the sheriff and marshal of Fillmore county took them to Geneva, where they will be tried. The postmaster at Lincoln will be allowed three additional letter carriers on September 1. Farnam is to have another bank. The corporation is organized and the charter applied for. The cash capital will be \$5,000. C. F. Wilbur of Beatrice sustained severe injuries by falling down an arway at the rear of his meat market on North Fifth street. From 250 to 300 Indians of the Sioux tribe are camped on the hill east of Chadron. Their kind Uncle Sam has just sent them \$5 per head. A company has been formed in Cambridge for the manufacture of hydraulic stone. Rankin Bros., local grain merchants, have purchased the county right. The receipts of the postoffice at Omaha for the month of May were \$42,090, against \$38,122 for the same month last year, an increase of \$3,968. The receipts of the Des Moines office were \$35,523, against \$33,313, an increase of \$2,210. Ernest Shurtleff, a young man living near Humboldt, was kicked in the face by a horse. One foot of the animal struck him squarely in the face, smashing the nose and reducing the flesh to a pulp, the other hoof striking a glancing blow on the chin and doing little damage. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Folden, old residents of Beatrice, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the presence of about fifty relatives and friends at their home in West Beatrice, quite a number being present from different parts of the state to assist in celebrating the memorable event. The Adams Lumber company of Beatrice has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$8,000 and the principal place of doing business is at Adams, Gage county. The incorporators are Bird Critchfield, G. W. Pickering, H. A. Reese of Lincoln and Walter Garrison of Adams. A levy of 19 mills was made for city taxes at the council meeting in Seward. The assessed valuation this year on city property, both real and personal, is \$365,251. Last year a 20-mill levy was made on an assessed valuation of \$214,425. On a 19-mill levy this year \$300 more will be raised than was raised on the 20-mill levy last year. The annual picnic of Sarpy County Old Settlers' association will be held at Bellevue, July 4. On that date there will be a celebration at Bellevue of the fiftieth anniversary of the first Fourth of July celebration ever held in Nebraska, which occurred at Bellevue, and the Old Settlers' association will merge their celebration with this. While in the act of turning on the battery to the cigar lighter at his billiard room, Edward Hamblin of Beatrice happened to strike his arm against a large needle which penetrated his right wrist to the bone, breaking the needle in two. In order to remove the piece, which was buried in the flesh, it was found necessary to use an X-ray machine. The assessment of York county for the year of 1904, which has just been completed by the assessor, is a large per cent more than the returns of one year ago. The valuation of York county is \$22,012,670, which is nearly \$7,000,000 more than what France received for its entire territory lying west of the Mississippi river. The value of real estate for the city of York, town and county is \$16,891,720, and the assessor found \$5,116,175 of personal property. According to the statement of Game Warden Carter, the pike is a naughty fish. The streams of Nebraska have been liberally stocked with pike and the fish have been devouring the small trout. On complaint of Libni Garriss, John Brillhart, a farmer and fruit grower who lives east of Tecumseh, has been brought into the county court on the charge of illegally selling vinous liquors. The complainant avers that his 17-year-old son, Willis Garriss, and two companions went out to the Brillhart farm last Sunday and bought two quarts of wine of Mr. Brillhart, and they proceeded to get intoxicated on the same. F. W. Samuelson, for many years we known in commercial circles of southeastern Nebraska and who was up to about year ago president of the First National bank in Humboldt, has filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy with the referee, James W. Eaton of Nebraska City and fixes his liabilities at over \$70,000, with assets of about \$50,000. The hearing of creditors has been set for June 21 at Falls City where Mr. Samuelson has been making his headquarters since his retirement from the bank here. The preliminary trial of E. C. Lewis, charged with shooting Ed Sharp with intent to kill, was held in Harrisburg before County Judge Hoke. Lewis was bound over to the district court and not being able to furnish the \$3,000 bond he was remanded to jail. Everett Long of Bellevue, upon the complaint of Miss Lucretia Gow of the same place, charging him with statutory assault, has been arrested. Long was arrested by the South Omaha officers and brought to Papillion, where he was released under \$700 bonds.