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ing, he said that the legations already slated for Chinese service, those now in China and those now afloat, amount to 19,500 of all arms.  
Secretary Root said that in view of the small standing army of the United States, or its insignificant force of field artillery as compared with that of the great European powers and of our lack of territorial interests in China, this 19,500 men represented more than the United States' pro rata share of the international force which is to operate against Peking. The War department, he said, so far has responded in full to every demand made upon it by the joint conference of foreign commanders in China. The situation has changed so rapidly from day to day as to alter the estimate of the foreign commanders several times. It is possible that the estimate of troops needed for Chinese service will be again increased. If so, the United States will respond. By securing this country and denuding it of all regular troops, except a very few heavy artillery units in charge of valuable sea coast guns, and by making still further demands upon forces in Cuba and Porto Rico, we might possibly gather together between 3,000 and 4,000 additional troops. This would be the limit unless the War department disregarded a recommendation of General MacArthur and drew still further on the available troops in the Philippines. This, however, was a future contingency which would not have to be met until it arose. Secretary Root expressed the hope that the first reports of the disastrous battle of the Ninth at Tien Tsin might prove to be exaggerated, but the War department, it was stated, had no official information beyond that transmitted in Admiral Remy's cablegram of this morning.  
General Miles was called upon by Secretary Root during the afternoon to counsel with him as to the projected troop movements. He favors the prompt dispatch of a large force to China.  
A good deal of annoyance has been caused here by the complete misunderstanding that has been conveyed to the European nations as to the attitude of the United States government regarding the settlement of the Chinese troubles. The government, it can be stated authoritatively, never has thought of compromising for money or any other form of indemnity. Indeed, the subject of money indemnity or an apology have never been thought of or mentioned by the government of the United States. The government will insist on justice and retribution, according to the highest authorities.  
The War department officials were unable to say who commands the Ninth infantry since the death of Colonel Liscum. The impression prevails that the lieutenant colonel of the regiment is ill at Manila and that the regiment, or what is left of it, will find its senior, and consequently commanding, officer in one of the captains. Incidentally it may be mentioned that through Colonel Liscum's death Captain McCalla of the Newark, if a score, is the ranking American officer.

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## TEXAS TOWN IS WIPED OUT

Fifteen Lives Are Known to Have Been Lost at Coleman, Texas.

## CITIZENS ROUSED FROM SLEEP BY FLOODS

Two Men Drowned While Making Heroic Attempt to Save the Lives of Four Helpless Little Children.  
COLEMAN, Tex., July 16.—Fifteen lives are known to have been lost in a cloud-burst here today. The bodies have been recovered, but only two were identified. They are: JOSEPH SPATH, leading merchant of the village. JOHN FULLESTINE.  
It is feared that many lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The cloud-burst, which followed three days' unprecedented rainfall, caused Ford's creek to burst its banks and rush through Coleman, a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants.

## ARMY MEN ARE INTERESTED

Believe the Effective Strength of the Army Will Be Raised to Two Hundred Thousand Men.

Officers at army headquarters are very much interested in the report of the intention of the president to call an extra session of congress and a general belief is that the effective strength of the army will be raised to at least 200,000 men. When the report of the engagement of the Ninth regiment was received yesterday there was much anxiety to see the list of the killed or wounded officers, as many of the officers stationed at army headquarters were acquainted with those of the Ninth, having served with them in the west and in the Philippines. Of the officers at Omaha Captain Armstrong was at one time messmate of Captain Bookmiller, reported wounded. This was while both captains were lieutenants in the Second infantry at Fort Omaha. Major Bradner D. Slaughter, paymaster of the United States army, reported at headquarters yesterday to relieve Major Baker, who has been ordered to Jefferson Barracks. Major Slaughter is looking in the best of health and spent the morning hours greeting friends who called to congratulate him on being stationed at Omaha. This week Major Baker will turn the office over to his successor and will leave for St. Louis Saturday.  
Charles N. Fitzsimmons, private company K. Tenth infantry, has been sentenced to one month in prison and to forfeit \$10 of his pay for an infraction of the articles of war. His sentence was approved by the general yesterday.

## HAVE NO SOLDIERS TO SPARE

Army Posts of the Department of the Missouri Are Already Depopulated.

Army officers connected with the Department of the Missouri are of the opinion that the effective strength of the Missouri army is available for service in China. The different posts have been undergoing a process of depopulation for some time past, until now there is but one company left at each post, with the exception of Fort Riley, where a fourth company of West's regiment is stationed. The total number of men in the whole department is less than 1,000 at present.

## HURL MISSILES AT CHINAMAN

Lee Wah Assaulted by a Volley of Brickbats When Crossing a Street.

An incident occurred near Thirteenth and Howard streets Sunday afternoon which may be significant as indicating a spirit of hostility against the Chinese residents of Omaha. Suddenly there was a yell. "Kill the Boxer!" and at the same instant a shower of tin cans, bottles and bricks rattled about the fleeing Chinaman. Wah ran on, apparently paying no attention to his assailants, and in a moment all was quiet.  
Sergeant Whelan, who happened to pass the spot a half hour later, learned of the incident from a second-hand clothier. In the officer's opinion the missiles were thrown by some half-drunk men congregated in a saloon, and the incident has given to the matter, they simply wanted to stir up a little excitement, he thinks.

## BLANKETERS STILL ARE UGLY

Solve Indiana Given Until Tuesday Night to Quit Dancing and Settle Down.

SOLWAY, Minn., July 16.—Agent Mercer has returned from a visit across the lake, where he has been with Indian Agents Shears and Morrison in the hope of inducing the Blanketers to desist in their war against the Indians. The agent has given the Blanketers until Tuesday night to come to terms and by that time some definite understanding will be reached. While settlers near here are resuming their regular occupations.

## GRAIN RATES FORCED UP

Railroads Add Five Cents to Tariff from Missouri River Points to Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Grain rates from all southwestern Missouri river points to the east, north and south were advanced today an average of five cents per hundred pounds. By the arrangement that has caused the western roads to increase the grain carrying charges the rate from Kansas City and contiguous districts to Galveston will be much lower than to Chicago and St. Louis. This is expected to divert much grain to the gulf points.

## FORGING LINKS ABOUT NEELY

Officials Summoned from Cuba to Add Their Testimony Against Alleged Embezzler.

HAVANA, July 16.—In reply to a request received from Washington for definite information respecting the amount of money deposited by C. W. P. Neely, late financial agent of posts, with the treasury and the North American Trust company, Treasurer Ladd and the assistant cashier of the company left this evening for Washington by the United States transport McClellan. Since May 5 the salaries of the post employees throughout the island have been withheld pending the investigation into the postal frauds. Before his own departure General Wood gave instructions that payments should be made this week, and the disbursement will begin in Havana tomorrow.  
The local representative of the Fidelity and Trust company has protested against a further withholding of salaries and has threatened to withdraw the company's bonds until payments are made regularly hereafter.  
La Lucha has begun a strong campaign against judicial corruption. It said today: "At the very outset of the intervention of America a great failure attended their organization of the personnel of the tribunals. The judges they appointed lack legal capacity and honesty. Ninety per cent of our people would rather not appeal from a decision, as the appeal would mean no satisfaction and the loss of more money."  
The Board of Education has initiated a subscription among the municipalities of the island in behalf of a memorial to Harvard university to commemorate the visit of the Cuban teachers to the university.

## REPUBLICAN CLUBS TO MEET

National League Will Be Called to Order at St. Paul Today.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED

Between 1,500 and 1,800 Delegates Will Be There When the Convention Falls to Start the Convention's Business.

ST. PAUL, July 16.—All is in readiness for calling to order at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the national convention of republican clubs. Between 1,500 and 1,800 delegates will be present. The sessions will be held in the auditorium. Governor Roosevelt will arrive early tomorrow morning and will look on at the production at the opening session. After the usual session a recess will be taken until afternoon.  
Colonel George Stone of California, president of the league, will call the evening session to order. United States Senator Davis will preside and will make the address of welcome to the guest of the evening. Governor Theodore Roosevelt of New York. The governor's reply is expected to be the feature of the convention.  
Wednesday's session of the convention will be a business affair strictly and will conclude with the election of officers. Colonel Stone says he will not accept a re-election. Isaac Miller Hamilton of Chicago probably will be chosen in his place. The other officers, probably, will be re-elected.  
Many delegates are already here, but the morning trains are expected to bring many more. Almost the entire Michigan lower peninsula delegation arrived today. Its president, Mr. Fenton, predicts that his state will give the republican ticket 75,000 majority next fall, that a full delegation of twenty republicans will be returned to congress, and that Senator McMillin will be returned practically without opposition.  
The New Jersey delegation has opened headquarters and there is an active hustling committee to see that the league convention in two years hence goes to some eastern city.  
Colonel George Stone, president of the National League and chairman of the California delegation, has been much interested in the commercial treaty with Germany. Speaking on the subject today he said: "The partial non-recognition of the commercial treaty between the United States and Germany, as shown by President McKinley's proclamation, must be considered a step in the direction of fair play.  
"Some people seem to think that there is a wavering among our German-American citizens in their allegiance to the present administration, but I do not think the Germans are going to take the bait cast to them by the hysterical statesmen at Kansas City. They must see that it is a device of the enemies of sound money and gives promise of no substantial results.  
"In my opinion no class of our people will be more loyal to the republican party than our German citizens."

## MAY SPLIT ON SENATOR

Fusionists of Idaho May Draw Apart on Question of Selecting Successor to Shoup.

POCATELLO, Idaho, July 16.—The state conventions of the democratic, silver republicans and populist parties will assemble tomorrow. It is claimed a fusion will be effected and that all three parties will support the same candidates for state offices and the same electors for Bryan and Stevenson. There are, however, several delicate questions at issue, principal among them being that of nominating a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Shoup. Governor Stevenson, who is a candidate for the senate, opposes the plan.  
The democratic supporters of ex-Senator Dubois and all the silver republicans are urging that a senator be named. The fight is very close and both sides claim they will win. Dubois confidently expects to be nominated if that plan is adopted. His silver republican supporters claim there will be no fusion if the plan fails. Other questions are overshadowed by this one, but the Governor's fusionists have declared there shall be no fusion if Stevenson is not denounced. John T. Osborne, democratic national committeeman from Wyoming, D. C. Dunbar from Utah and General J. B. Weaver of Idaho are here, it is said, in the interest of Dubois.

## CROKER RAISES NEW WAR CRY

Tammany Chief Discovers That Young Men Have No Chance Under Present Administration.

NEW YORK, July 16.—The executive committee of the Tammany hall met in the wigwag tonight, Richard Croker presiding, and took action relative to endorsing the democratic national ticket. The general committee of 6,000 members will meet July 23, when resolutions will be adopted and the ticket ratified.  
Mr. Croker, speaking at the meeting tonight, advised all speakers in this campaign to denounce the administration, as opposed to the administration of McKinley. Eighty per cent of the country, he said, were governed by 20 per cent. He pointed out that the chances of the young men for advancement in life were becoming less and less, and that a continuation of the policy of the republican party would cut off all chances and make things hopeless for the young men of this country. He said it was the duty of the democracy to point out the real interests of the young men.  
Mr. Croker said he had a word on imperialism or silver. The report that Senator Jones of the democratic national committee would be in this city some day this week to establish eastern headquarters of the democratic national committee here could not be verified.  
Beckham Will Control Convention.  
LEXINGTON, Ky., July 16.—The democratic state convention, which convenes here next Thursday, selects only a nominee for governor.  
The question as to who will be temporary chairman is the all absorbing question. The indications are that Governor Beckham will control the convention, but Governor Beckham men favor a platform looking toward amending the Gobel election law, the organization of the convention is uncertain. Governor Beckham has never yet taken a positive stand in favor of this amendment. If the Beckham forces organize the convention, it is practically settled that Judge J. E. Robbins of Graves county will be supported.  
The anti-Beckhamites will probably put forward R. F. Peake of Shelby county. Governor Beckham controls about 540 votes, but the anti-Beckhamites control about 450.  
FRANKFORT, Ky., July 15.—The returns received here tonight from the democratic county conventions held throughout the

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LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—W. J. Bryan divided his time today between political visitors and work of preparation for the campaign. A delegation of populists from Kansas, Chairman Taylor Ridley of Marion, Mayor C. C. Goodlander of Fort Scott, T. F. Scott and Hugh Bone, a representative of the miners of southeastern Kansas, called today to invite Mr. Bryan to be present at the fusion convention to be held at Fort Scott on July 24 and make an address. The delegates discussed the political situation in Kansas, telling Mr. Bryan he could rely on carrying that state. Mr. Bryan gave a definite answer to their invitation, but would not say what it was in advance of their return home. It is thought he was obliged to decline.  
Mr. Bryan has not positively accepted the invitation to be present at the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Chicago, but will attend if he can.

## ROOSEVELT SPEAKS TODAY

Candidate for Vice President Will Give His Ideas About Democratic Leaders.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Governor Roosevelt of New York, the republican vice presidential candidate, arrived in Chicago this evening from the east and left over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul for St. Paul, where he speaks tomorrow before the annual convention of the National League of Republican Clubs. He was accompanied north by a select coterie of republican leaders. Before leaving he said: "I expect to begin my part of the campaign about September 10."  
"What do I think of Bryan and Stevenson and the democratic party? Wait until after my speech of tomorrow night and then you will know. I am sorry, but there is nothing I can say tonight but what I am going to say in my St. Paul speech."  
While in Chicago the governor met many personal and political friends, who called at his apartments for a handshake.

## SOME ADVICE FROM HEARST

Public Ratification of Nomination of Bryan and Stevenson Strongly Urged.

NEW YORK, July 16.—W. R. Hearst, president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, has issued an address to the clubs, in which he calls on them to "publicly ratify the nomination of W. J. Bryan for president and Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president and prepare to defend the republic against the corrupt and corrupting spirit of imperialism."  
The address argues the republican party for its attitude toward "imperialism" and trusts.  
Kentucky Republicans Today.  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 16.—The republican state convention, which will meet here tomorrow, will probably nominate John W. Yerkes of Danville for governor, finish its business in three hours and adjourn.  
Named to Succeed Bailey.  
M'KINNEY, Tex., July 16.—The fifth congressional district democratic convention today nominated C. B. Randall of Sherman to succeed J. W. Bailey.

## OMAHA INDIAN SUPPLY DEPOT

Embarrassment as to the Superintendent Delays Establishment of the Institution.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(Special Telegram.)—There is a hitch in the establishment of an Indian supply depot at Omaha, due to several nominations having been made for superintendent. Commissioner Jones stated today that the depot will be opened and work of distributing begun.  
A petition for the establishment of rural free delivery west and south of Dakota City, Dakota county, has been referred to the special agent in charge of the western division, W. J. Annin, for investigation and report.  
Bids for the Winnebago school building authorized by the last Indian appropriation bill, will go upon the market in a few days, authority having been received by the commissioner of Indian affairs to advertise for the same.  
W. B. Stewart was today appointed postmaster at Pelix, Crook county, Wyo.  
An order was issued discontinuing the post-office at Rescue, Saunders county, Neb. Mail will be sent to Prague. Also at Grant, Brookings county, S. D.; mail to Argo.

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