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NEBRASKA.

A generous rain fell in a good portion of Nebraska on the 10th.

A new flouring mill will be built at Sutton by George Webber and Son.

An elevator of 20,000 bushels capacity is to be built at Madison.

Two hundred school children of Oakland took a day off and visited the Trans-Mississippi exposition.

Charles Beindorf, a well known architect, died in Omaha suddenly a few days ago.

Leo Garrett, a switchman, was killed by the cars at South Omaha a few days ago.

State Treasurer Meserve has called for \$23,000 worth of general fund warrants. The call is for October 15.

Timothy Murley, a railroad man, was adjudged insane by the insanity commission of Richardson county and taken to the asylum.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Grain and Elevator company at Hooper a dividend of 20 per cent a share was declared.

Hog thieves have been operating near Geneva. Fortunately some of them have been arrested and are in durance vile awaiting action of the courts.

After trailing the harness thieves from Tecumseh over 100 miles into Iowa with bloodhounds the officers gave up the chase and returned without their men.

During an electrical storm Otto Epkes was struck by lightning and almost instantly while unhitching his team at his home near Glenville. The team was also killed.

The governor issued a requisition for the return of A. M. Dell, alias O. M. Carroll, who is wanted at Omaha for larceny as ballee for converting a piano to his own use. Dell is under arrest at Kansas City.

Miss Genevieve Timbill, who was stopping in Hastings at the Gibout house, attempted suicide by taking a large dose of laudanum. She became hysterical and as soon as her condition was learned a physician was called, who saved her life.

Nelse Rasmussen of Company M, Second Nebraska, was seriously injured at Chapman. Rasmussen was returning to Omaha and while passing through Chapman had his head out of the window and was struck by the point of the hook on the mail crane. The skull was fractured. He will probably die.

Miss Kittie Thompson attempted to commit suicide in her room at the St. Elmo hotel, Lincoln, by taking a dose of chloroform. She took nearly an ounce of the poison, which took effect at once. Two people, who were in the room when she took the chloroform, saw her do it, and they immediately notified a physician, who came and found her in great agony. He succeeded in saving her.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pickett of Wahoo celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The Order of the Eastern Star prepared everything and perpetrated a surprise upon the venerable people. An excellent supper was spread. There were about seventy-five guests present. Some beautiful presents were received, among them a handsome cane for Mr. Pickett and a beautiful chair for Mrs. Pickett.

J. H. Wilkins, a well to do German farmer, who has been living in Columbus the last two years, has mysteriously disappeared. He was at a neighbor's Sunday only two blocks from home, and since leaving there nothing has been heard of him. He collected several hundred dollars as rent from his property on Shell creek and it has been learned that he deposited \$100 in the Commercial bank. He probably had \$500 or \$800 with him.

At a meeting of the city council of Columbus a petition was presented by the officers of Baker Post, No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic, asking permission to erect a monument in Frankfort park. The monument will be in memory of the soldier dead and will cost several hundred dollars. The petition was referred to the committee on public property which means that just as soon as a few minor details are arranged permission will be granted and the monument built.

The Northern Nebraska Construction and Developing company filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The company is incorporated by the same people who incorporated the Atkinson & Northern Railway company. The company starts with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000. Its object is to construct and operate railways, telegraph and telephone lines, creameries, breweries and mills. The company will have headquarters at Atkinson, Neb.

John L. Gregg, private in the First Nebraska regiment, arrived at home in Dorchester the other day from Honolulu on a sick furlough. He says there were eighteen of the boys unloading in San Francisco and that no arrangements whatever had been made for taking care of them for two days. Had it not been for the kindness of the Red Cross society they would have suffered severely. He states that there is a great deal of sickness in his regiment and that there is much dissatisfaction among the boys at the treatment they received at the hands of the medical attendants and the commissary department.

The mortgage record of Polk county as shown by the county clerk's office is \$1,697.84 less for the month of September than that of August, but though it is being cut down every month, there is still an increase in filings over releases to the amount of \$6,195.70.

Lightning struck the barn of Dr. A. P. Ferguson of Nebraska City, tearing a hole in the shingles of the roof from top to bottom, running down the side of the barn, striking a window. There it changed its course and went inside, killing one cow instantly. There were two horses in the barn that were not injured.

FOR FIFTEEN NEW WAR SHIPS

A Great Naval Programme to Be Recommended to Congress.

FOR BEST CRUISERS AFLOAT.

Among the Vessels to Be Asked For Will Be Three Swift Battleships and Three Armored Cruisers of the Longest Steaming Radii.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The board of experts, which includes the chiefs of all the bureaus of the navy department, has agreed upon a general program and made recommendations to the secretary of the navy, which will doubtless be approved and forwarded to Congress soon after the reassembling of that body. The program embraces the construction of fifteen sea-going fighting vessels, of which three are to be first class battleships of greater dimensions and tonnage than any now in the navy. The battleships are each to have a displacement of 13,000 tons, a minimum speed of 18½ knots when loaded to the deepest draught, and an average speed of nineteen knots under ordinary cruising conditions.

In determining the speed, due consideration was given to the new conditions that have arisen in the Pacific ocean, and the board decided that speed should be sacrificed to secure steaming radius and coal capacity. All the vessels, however, will be as fast as any war vessels now being constructed abroad. The battleships will be capable of sailing 8,000 knots, or the distance between San Francisco and the Philippine islands. Their main batteries will be composed of four 12-inch rifles in turrets fore and aft, similar to those of the Iowa. The secondary batteries will mount from fourteen to sixteen rapid fire 6-inch guns. The auxiliary batteries will be composed of a number of guns of assorted calibers, both quick fire and semi-automatic.

In addition to the three battle ships the program provides three first-class cruisers, each of 12,000 tons displacement and a speed of twenty-two knots which will be covered with heavy armor from stem to stern, and armed with four 8-inch rifles in turrets, and ten or twelve 6-inch rapid fire guns in broadside. In their armament it is proposed to make these vessels superior to any afloat of the cruiser class.

There will also be nine cruisers, of which three will be the second class, protected and armored, and six protected cruisers of the third class. All the vessels will be copper sheathed. One of the important lessons of the war with Spain is the importance of sheathing our naval vessels to protect them against marine growth, the accumulation of which in tropical waters is very rapid, reducing the progress of the vessel fully 25 per cent, and frequently 50 per cent. It is unnecessary to say that all the vessels will be supplied with the most advanced machinery and engines.

The board has under consideration plans for the construction of troop ships, at least four of which will be needed in connection with the West Indies and Oriental territorial acquisitions. It is in contemplation to at once construct three ships, each of which will have capacity for carrying 1,200 troops, with all their supplies and equipment. Ships will also have to be especially designed and constructed for carrying artillery and cavalry with their mounts. Aside from the Philippine islands it is definitely settled that the United States must at once prepare for taking care of its colonies in the West Indies, the Hawaiian and the Ladrones islands. Transports will be required to carry men and supplies, and these must be immediately constructed.

700 A WEEK DIE IN HAVANA.

Colonel Waring Finds the City Festering in Garbage—An Epidemic Feared.

HAVANA, Oct. 17.—Colonel Waring's first inspection of Havana has filled him with surprise. The conditions are much worse than he had expected. Everything is favorable for an outbreak of fever. Garbage remains in the streets sometimes for days, though the Spanish authorities are making every effort to keep the fever in check. The streets, in many places, are filled with festering matter. Last night hundreds of bushels of rotten potatoes were dumped at the foot of Obispo street.

Dr. Wilson told Colonel Waring that the city was never before in a condition more favorable for a yellow fever epidemic. In normal times the deaths in Havana number about 300 a week. They are now averaging fully 100 a day. The deaths mostly result from pernicious fever, which in many ways resembles yellow fever.

The Prince of Wales Still Limp.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Prince of Wales is now able to walk with comparative ease, but he limps perceptibly. His knee cap was injured in a fall down stairs last summer. His Royal Highness will shortly begin a round of the country houses.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster to Stump Kansas.

TOPICKA, Kan., Oct. 17.—Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, national president of the Woman's Republican league, will spend a week in Kansas, making speeches for the Republican state ticket. Her first appointment will be at Eldorado, October 19.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The steamer Astor arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama via Honolulu today. The steamer landed 723 laborers at Honolulu and her purser says that 1,300 more are en route and will arrive there shortly.

WHY LOWE CONFESSED.

His Pals Deserted Him After He Was Arrested, Says Prosecuting Attorney.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 17.—County Prosecuting Attorney Frank M. Lowe places implicit confidence in the confession of W. W. Lowe, the self-confessed train robber, at the same time he declares there is very little chance to convict any of the accused men. He bases his claim on the theory that train robbery is such a common thing in Jackson county that every intelligent and law-abiding citizen disqualifies himself for jury duty in such cases by keeping thoroughly posted on all the details of every robbery.

"The consequence is," said Mr. Lowe, "that when the jury is selected to try these cases every man on it will either have gotten on by deliberate perjury in order to befriend the accused or will be so ignorant he cannot be made to understand the evidence."

"There have been many theories advanced as to why Lowe made his confession," continued the prosecutor, "lots of people asserting that he had been bribed to make it. I will tell you just why he made it. He had been engaged in a train robbery with a crowd of men whom he supposed were his friends. He was arrested and held for ten days and no move was made by them to come to his assistance. Several times he was on the verge of confessing, but each time held back in hopes they would do something for him. Finally he became satisfied that they had deserted him and were going to let him be made the scapegoat and railroaded to the penitentiary while they enjoyed the money he had helped to steal. Then he concluded to try and save himself and he made his confession. Just note the difference between his case and that of Jesse James. As far as anyone knows Lowe had always been an honest man and his father before him had been honest, yet no one rushed to his assistance when he was arrested and no one tried to have him released on a writ of habeas corpus."

"The court house crowd has raised \$5,000 to defend Jesse James and swear he shall never go to the penitentiary. They have hired a lot of detectives and have set them to work looking into the facts connected with Lowe's confession, and claim that when the case comes to trial the city and railroad detectives will not dare to press it. It will be pressed fast enough, but as to securing a conviction that is another thing. There are plenty of deputy marshals and deputy clerks to go into court and swear to alibis for John Kennedy. Kennedy and James are warm friends and when the former was out of jail he spent most of his time hanging around James' cigar stand in the court house."

ANARCHISTS FOILED.

Officials Believe That the Kaiser Was in Danger.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Oct. 17.—The Alexandria police have arrested nine Italian anarchists, and have thereby frustrated a plot against Emperor William, now on his way to the Holy Land, to be present at the consecration of the Church of the Savior at Jerusalem.

The first to be arrested is a cafe keeper, a well known anarchist, in whose house the police discovered two wire-bound bombs of great strength, full of bullets.

The arrest was made in consequence of a notification from the Italian consul general at Cairo that two anarchists had left Cairo for Port Said.

The police investigation showed that the arrested cafe keeper had bribed the steward of a steamer sailing from Alexandria to Port Said and Syria to take on board a box of bombs. Apparently, the anarchists originally intended to use the bombs at the Palais Abidin, at Cairo, while Emperor William and the khedive were there.

When the kaiser decided not to visit Egypt, the anarchists changed their plans and decided to attack him in Palestine.

The liveliest satisfaction is felt over the smart captures, and the German consulate has expressed his warmest thanks.

The two Cairo anarchists who left for Port Said have not yet been arrested.

Three Tramps Killed.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Oct. 17.—A collision occurred between a north bound freight and a gravel train on the Pittsburg & Gulf road about eight miles south of this city, near Decatur, Ark., yesterday. Three tramps stealing a ride on the freight train were killed, and Engineer Palmer of the gravel train had one leg and one arm broken. Traffic was delayed several hours on account of the wreck.

Famous Bareback Rider Ill.

MEXICO, Mo., Oct. 17.—James Robinson of this city, the champion bareback rider of the world, is critically ill at Lake Delevan, Wis. Mr. Robinson has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, and his physicians, who held a conference a few days ago, pronounced him in a critical condition.

London.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York city, gave birth to a son Thursday.

Visalia, Cal.—An earthquake felt here rocked houses on their foundations, broke crockery and aroused many people. The door of a heavy safe was closed by the shock.

Chicago.—Former Vice President Adlai Stevenson has accepted the invitation to respond to the toast "The President" at the banquet to be held in honor of President McKinley during the peace jubilee next week.

TO HOLD TANNER TO BLAME.

The Coal Company Will Try to Implicate the Governor.

FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

A Grand Jury May Be Asked to Indict the Chief Executive for the Virden Tragedy—The Coroner's Inquest Drags Slowly Along.

VIRIDEN, Ill., Oct. 17.—Attorney William Patton of the Chicago-Virden Coal company is authority for the statement that no further attempt will be made to bring the Alabama negroes whose coming resulted in the loss of so many lives. There is under consideration, according to Attorney Patton, an attempt to fix the responsibility for the tragedy upon the governor of Illinois. The lawyer declares that it is the intention of the coal company to press the matter and it will be for the grand jury of Macoupin county to say whether Governor Tanner shall answer in court.

J. Franklin Eyster, manager of the company store, who was nearly killed by the mob, Wednesday, is recovering. The militia commander, Colonel Young, has placed a guard of soldiers at the house to which Eyster was taken.

The authorities at Springfield are considering the advisability of sending another Gatling gun here to be placed inside the stockade. Colonel Young, however, does not consider additional artillery necessary.

Coroner Hart to-day resumed the inquest into the death of the victims of the fight at the Chicago-Virden Coal company's plant inside the stockade. Three witnesses were examined, all ex-guards of the company. They admitted that they were present during the fight, but denied having taken part in the battle. One witness swore that he, together with about twenty-five others, were sworn in by Sheriff Davenport as deputies. In the cross-examination Attorney Mooney, representing the Miners' union, brought out the fact that the witness had never received a written commission or had never filed a bond.

Lawyer Mooney said: "Have you a copy of the statutes?"

"No, not with me," replied Mr. Patton.

"I am sorry," said Mr. Mooney, "as I would like to show you my authority."

One of the jurors then spoke up and asked: "Mr. Mooney, do I understand you to say that it is necessary to file a bond and have a written commission to create a legal deputy sheriff?"

The miners' attorney assured him that such was the fact.

"Then," said the juror, "I can say there have been lots of papers served in Macoupin county that are illegal, as I have served as deputy sheriff numberless times for years and have never given a bond or received a written commission."

The mine officials have yet given no intimation regarding the number of witnesses they expect to present, but from the leisurely manner the inquest was conducted to-day it may be prolonged a week. It is the evident intention to bring out as much testimony on both sides as possible. Lawyer Mooney is apparently trying to get testimony tending to implicate the inmates of the stockade and the train guards in the battle while the company attorney is drawing out detailed individual statements of personal experiences of the guards.

PANA, Ill., Oct. 15.—Quiet prevails here to-day, the excitement over the reported coming of the Virden negroes having abated to a considerable extent.

Major Butler is in full charge of the city and has a guard watching every railroad entrance. Many of the Panamint miners who were at Virden during the riot have returned.

St. LOUIS, Oct. 15.—The fifty-seven negro men, with the fifteen women and children, who were brought to St. Louis last night after being driven out of Virden, Ill., are cared for by the city temporarily. The negroes desire to be taken back to Alabama, but they have no transportation. Mayor Zeigenthal says that he will demand that the Chicago, St. Louis & Peoria Railroad company, which landed them here penniless and hungry, take them out of town again.

Veteran Editor Retires.

SEDALIA, Mo., Oct. 17.—General John H. Rice, in yesterday morning's issue of the Capital, announced his retirement as editor of that newspaper, explaining that he had sold his interest to Dr. T. T. Clifford and Homer V. Rice. General Rice retires on account of physical infirmity, being threatened with the loss of one eye and possibly total blindness. Otherwise he is as active and aggressive as he was half a century ago. Fifty years ago yesterday he wrote his first editorial, when he assumed charge of the Cassville, Ga., Standard, and since then he has been continuously in the editorial harness, with the exception of a few years when he was engaged in railroad building.

Mrs. Lee in a Critical Condition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Major General Fitzhugh Lee telegraphed Major General Greene to-day that the condition of Mrs. Lee was so critical that he could not talk business. He asked General Greene to take command of the First Division and General Greene will leave to-night for that duty.

Two Distinguished Ill Ones.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Sir Henry Irving is ill and unable to act and Mme Calve has postponed her departure for America on account of sickness.

WAR INQUIRY TESTIMONY.

A Doctor Complains About the Porto Rico Commissary Supplies.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Dr. Louis S. Seaman was the principal witness before the war investigating commission yesterday. He complained that the commissary supplies furnished the troops in Porto Rico were unsuited to the demands of a tropical climate, and that they were especially unfit for hospital use. He said he had been in charge of the 300 convalescents brought North on the Ogdan, and had been unable to secure suitable supplies for them from the government depots. He confessed, however, that he had made no formal written requisition, but had acted upon statements made to him informally to the effect that no commutation of rations would be allowed, and also admitted that the Red Cross furnished all needed supplies, so there was no suffering. He refused to reply to some questions, declaring that he had been misrepresented by the press, and saying he would not reflect upon his superior officers while he wore the shoulder straps of a United States officer.

Tanner Defends Himself.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 17.—Governor Tanner last night gave out an interview regarding the situation at Virden and his attitude on the importation of miners into the state. He said:

"My position has been from the beginning, and I am now more positive in that position, emphatically against the importation of labor into Illinois, not from the Southern states alone, but from all other states, because such a pernicious system, as I have said before, necessarily brings to our state and dumps upon society an undesirable class of citizens, and I do not propose, if I can help it, that the state of Illinois shall be used as a dumping ground for the criminal and idle classes of other countries or other states."

"The Chicago-Virden company has been an intentional law breaker, has sent an agent to Alabama and by false pretenses induced negroes to come here, loading them on the trains like cattle, locking the doors of the cars, feeding them like stock, and procuring the services of armed guards from a detective agency, and invading the state in an illegal manner."

He says if he had been apprised of the coming of the train he should have had it met at the state line with the national guard and disarmed and made prisoners of every man bearing arms.

Spanish Much Concerned.

BAYONNE, France, Oct. 17.—According to advices received from Madrid, a rigorous censorship has been revived there since yesterday.

Senor Sagasta and his colleagues are said to be greatly concerned regarding the demands of the United States government, which, they assert, not only refuses to assume any of Spain's colonial debts, but wants to take the heavy artillery in Cuba and the floating dock recently sent to Havana.

The same advices say the Madrid Imperial announces that the government has cabled General Blanco not to turn over any further territory to the Americans until the peace treaty has been definitely signed.

New Yorkers Mutinous.

CAMP MEADE, Pa., Oct. 17.—The men in the Twentieth New York regiment are in a state of semi-mutiny, and threaten trouble if they are not given better treatment. They complain that they are not properly fed, and that they were given nothing for dinner yesterday but meat and coffee. The men have had no bread for twenty-four hours because there is nobody in the regiment who knows how to use the field ovens, and the chief commissary officers insist that each regiment must bake its bread for its own men. The New Yorkers have not been paid since they reached here, the officers being afraid they will take "French leave" and go home to visit their friends.

Shafter at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 17.—Major General William R. Shafter was accorded a most generous welcome by Omaha yesterday. When his train arrived in the morning a large number of people had gathered at the station to greet the hero of Santiago. Later, upon the exposition grounds, the manifestations of love and respect for the general were everywhere in evidence. General Shafter was asked in regard to a statement from Lexington attributed to Colonel Breckinridge concerning a scene at Santiago. General Shafter said: "I do not believe Colonel Breckinridge ever made the remark, and therefore I have nothing to say."

Thieves Refuse a Reward.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 17.—It has just leaked out that a week ago burglars broke into the office of the Consolidated Milling and Hardware company, and, after breaking open a safe, escaped with \$56,000 in United States bonds of a recent issue.

President George Christian received a letter offering to return the bonds if a reward were advertised in one of the local papers. Twenty-five dollars was offered. Another letter followed saying that this was too small and that though the bonds were worthless to their present possessors, they were worth a good deal to Mr. Christian.

To Avenge Her Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The wife of the late Professor William Beard of Philadelphia is here preparing to start for a trip into Alaska. Her husband was sent to the Klondike for the North Star Mining company of Philadelphia. It was reported that he perished in a snow slide on the Valdez glacier. His body was never recovered. Mrs. Beard believes he was murdered by his companions and she is going to Alaska to try and get evidence against those she believes his murderers.

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Dr. Andrew Wilson, of London, writes thus: "I have received several letters of late reiterating a question I might well be tired of answering, 'Do tomatoes cause cancer?' But for the fact that one takes pleasure in stamping one's foot on a misleading statement calculated to prejudice people against a vegetable food which is entirely healthful and safe, I should grow weary of stating that not a jot or a tittle of proof has ever been offered in support of the outrageous statement noted above. One might as well allege that cabbage causes cancer, for there would be no more proof to be had concerning the tomato myth."

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