

ARE READY FOR WAR.

TRAINS BEING LOADED AT FORT RILEY.

The Shipping of the Guns Prove That the Forces are Not to Man Coast Defenses—Similar Orders are Expected at Fort Leavenworth.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., March 15.—Sunday was a very busy day at Fort Riley. The three artillery batteries here will be ready to move east Wednesday, under orders from Washington, Battery B of the Fourth, Captain H. R. Anderson commanding, will go to Jackson barracks, New Orleans, La.; Battery F of the Fourth, Captain S. W. Taylor commanding, will go to Fort Monro, Va.; Battery F of the Fifth, Captain H. J. Reilly commanding, will go to Fort Oglethorpe, Savannah, Ga.

The train carrying these batteries will be made up in three sections, a section to each battery. They will come to Kansas City as sections of a special train and not separate until they get to St. Louis, when they will go their devious ways. Each battery will require: Three flat cars, on which the guns and caissons will be loaded; seventeen horse cars, three baggage cars, two tourist sleeping cars and one Pullman sleeping car.

All day the packing of effects was going on. The men were looking over their accoutrements and putting them in order. The officers "strikers" were packing their personal and camp equipage. The guns and caissons were being put in readiness to load.

Each battery is composed of four guns, four caissons, battery wagons, horses, sixty men and the officers. The absence of these three batteries will leave Fort Riley in the possession of cavalry only.

At the post headquarters commanding officers, adjutants and quartermasters and a host of clerks and orderlies were busy with the official work looking to the removal. The side tracks of the Union Pacific railway at Fort Riley station were full of cars, waiting for the loading of guns and baggage. The train room is somewhat limited and each section of the train will have to be loaded separately. The loading began this morning.

Colonel Wallace E. Randolph, commanding officer of the artillery sub-post at Fort Riley, was in his office nearly all day yesterday arranging for the removal of his forces. It is likely that Colonel Randolph will remain at the post to receive new batteries of artillery now being enlisted, which will be sent there for selection. Regarding the removal of the artillery, Colonel Randolph said:

"The order removing the artillery to the coast has been expected for some time. These batteries will take their guns, which means that they go with the possibility of fighting. If they had not taken their guns it would mean that they were going to man the new guns and for coast defense purposes only. The move is a permanent one, and the places left by the batteries will be taken by the new men. The families of the officers will remain here until their quarters are needed by the incomers."

"Is it generally supposed among officers that this concentration of troops on the coast means fight?" Colonel Randolph was asked.

"It certainly looks that way. The fact that the President has withheld the information to be conveyed by the Maine board of inquiry is significant. If a war is unavoidable the regular army will have to be reinforced by volunteers. To get volunteers with enthusiasm and dispatch it is necessary for the people to realize fully that the necessity is there, and for a certain amount of popular indignation. The American people are now properly indignant, and if war were to be declared there would be no difficulty in enlisting enough volunteers for the purposes of the war department. I think the army generally is looking for a scrap, and hopes it will come. I think everything tends to that at present."

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 15.—Brigadier General Graham, commanding officer of the military department of the Gulf, this morning ordered Light Battery K, First artillery, to proceed at once to Galveston and take station at the fortifications there. Light Battery K has been at Kerrville, seventy-five miles north of here, for several days, engaged in target practice, and will proceed from there to its new station by train, reaching Galveston Wednesday morning. The battery consists of four 3.2-inch guns and seventy-five men.

Sedalia May Be a Lead Town.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 12.—The finding of additional large deposits of lead in Northwest Sedalia in the past two days has resulted in unusual excitement in mining circles. It is impossible to obtain leases on land in that vicinity. New shafts are being sunk and lead is found everywhere. Seven tons of ore were taken out of the various mines yesterday. A large number of men are now employed, and within a short time it is believed the industry will employ as many men as the railroad shops.

Would Send Out Privateers.

MADRID, March 15.—The view in official circles is that Spain will not provoke a war, because, if she does, she would find herself isolated, but if America gives the provocation Spain will not be alone in the struggle. The general opinion is that in the event of war Spain will not need to attack American territory. It will suffice her to pursue a war of privateering. As America's commerce is seven-fold greater than Spain's, American interests would suffer most. War would benefit neither nation, and good sense, therefore, counsels peace.

TWO WARSHIPS BOUGHT.

Each Sam's Cash Gets Them From Brazil—The Contract is Signed.

LONDON, March 15.—The Brazilian minister confirms the report that the warships Amazonas and Admiral Brea have been sold to the United States government. The contract is to be signed to-day and the Brazilian officers and crew now on board the Amazonas will return to Brazil by the next mail steamer sailing for that country. The Press association says Spain has purchased the battleship O'Higgins, built by the Armstrongs for Chili. The Chilean charge d'affaires does not confirm the report. He says a Chilean crew for the vessel is expected here next week to take the O'Higgins to Chili.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The reported sale to the United States of the two Brazilian cruisers Amazonas and Admiral Brea, now receiving their finishing touches in an English shipyard, was confirmed here this afternoon.

A problem that confronts the recruiting office is to secure the necessary force of enlisted men for manning the two ships purchased from Brazil. The officers of the navigation bureau are making all arrangements for the speediest possible delivery of the ships on this side of the Atlantic. It probably will require about 250 men for each ship, and the question is whether these men shall be hired abroad in England under special arrangements for the one trip or whether a regular crew shall be sent out from the United States to bring them home. The first method is undoubtedly the quicker, but it will not be available in case there should be an open rupture before the completion of the two ships.

New York, March 15.—A dispatch to the New York Herald from Tokio says: "The Herald correspondent visited Marquis Ito yesterday and asked him whether the Japanese government would sell the cruisers Kasagi and Chitose to the United States. The premier hesitated a moment and replied: 'I will make inquiry of my naval colleague, but I think I may say that Japan prefers to get possession of all the ships building for her as soon as possible. Officers have already been ordered to bring the Kasagi and Chitose to Japan, and the builders have been requested to hasten their completion.'"

"After a pause the marquis continued, slowly and impressively. The news of the last few days indicates a certain critical state of affairs elsewhere than on the Western continent, and we consider it only prudent to continue our preparations for the national defense, which we had the forethought to begin a long time ago. I hope the people of the United States will not take offense at Japan's unwillingness to part with these cruisers. I have always appreciated their kindly feelings for Japan. The United States is the nation above all others where public sentiment absolutely controls the national policy. For that reason I wish to have the people there understand that Japan retains the Kasagi and Chitose, not from a lack of willingness to oblige the United States, but because she needs them herself."

"In case of war between the United States and Spain, your excellency, the correspondent asked, will Japan allow the warships of both belligerents to take coal at Japanese ports, or refuse it to both?"

"That opens a long vista of possibilities," he replied. "Some authorities contend that coal, and even provisions, should be contraband of war, as both are necessary to maintain hostilities at sea. Whenever war is declared between two or more powers, Japan, if neutral, will bear in mind in deciding the coal question the manner in which her decision will affect all the belligerents and her own interests."

More Time to Conquer Cuba.

LONDON, March 15.—The Madrid correspondent of the London Morning Post says: "I am able to assert on the best authority that United States Minister Woodford originally intimated that the United States hoped and expected that Spain would establish peace in Cuba before March 1 of this year. Recently, in response to Spanish representations, the United States extended the time to May 1. Both governments refuse to describe this intimation as an ultimatum to Spain."

MRS. THURSTON IS DEAD.

Wife of Nebraska's Senator Expires While in Cuba.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A dispatch to the Evening World from Havana says:

A telegram received by General Lee from Consul Barker this afternoon says the wife of Senator Thurston died today on board the yacht Anita, in Sagua harbor.

Mrs. Thurston's death was caused from apoplexy, due to the rough passage down the coast.

Just as a letter was being read in a Farmington Me. household from a daughter in California announcing her good health and well being a telegram came announcing her death.

Senator Proctor Back.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator Proctor and his companion, Colonel Myron M. Parker, who have been spending some time in Cuba, returned to Washington last night at 10:35. Senator Proctor was met at the station by friends and was driven at once to his residence. Senator Proctor said that he did not desire to discuss his trip at present, and that, further than to commend the good work Miss Clara Barton was doing in Cuba, he had nothing in the way of an interview.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN.

Most Important Events of the Past Six Days Carefully Collected and Condensed—Foreign and Domestic Doings Chronicled for Busy People to Read.

At Toronto, Ont., fire destroyed a block of warehouses, causing \$125,000 loss.

The French chamber of deputies has adopted the postal arrangement assigned in Washington last June.

The Spaniards in Havana are sullen because of the arrival of the cruiser Montgomery in Havana harbor.

Night agent Cutten of the Adams Express company at Orville, O., has absconded with a package containing \$10,000.

Wm. I. Hutchins, of Providence, R. I., one of the best known manufacturing jewelers in the east, was shot by a burglar.

John Dougherty, a life prisoner in the Newcastle jail at Wilmington, Del., for murder, escaped from jail and is still at large.

The Dayton, Tenn., Coal and Iron company announces that on April 1, they will advance their 1,100 miners' wages 10 per cent.

Blanche K. Bruce, colored, register of the treasury, and ex-senator from Mississippi, is seriously ill at his residence in Washington.

William J. Calhoun, of Illinois has been nominated by the president for interstate commerce commissioner to succeed Wm. Morrison.

The Bowers mission lodging house, 105 Bowery, New York was destroyed by fire and eleven lives lost. The property loss is \$15,000.

After being out on a strike five weeks the 1,100 operatives of the Whittemore cotton mills of Taunton, Mass., returned to work.

The report that the British government had contracted with the Carnegie company at Pittsburg for 5,000 tons of armor plate is incorrect.

The tinware and japanning establishment of Keene & Hagerty, Baltimore, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$150,000; covered by insurance.

Representative Henderson of Iowa has introduced a bill in the house to prevent the use of the United States flag as a business advertisement.

Fairbanks post G. A. R. of Detroit, of which Gen. Alger is a member, tendered their services to the government in the event of war with Spain.

Vice President Hobart gave a reception and dinner to Prince Albert of Belgium at Washington. Between two and three hundred guests were present.

Lieutenant-General Rosecrans, who was thought to be in a dying condition, is somewhat better, but his physicians hold out little hope of recovery.

The Murphy Cattle company of St. Paul has purchased between 12,000 and 15,000 head of cattle from Ryan Brothers of Leavenworth, Kan., at \$9 per head.

Mabel Keating, known from New York to San Francisco as the "queen of pickpockets," was shot and fatally wounded by Jerry Sullivan at San Francisco.

Advices from Colon state that the work of the United States Nicaraguan commission is almost completed, but it is not expected a report will be possible this year.

At Chicago, John Mullen shot and fatally wounded Detective Daniel J. Hartnett while the latter was attempting to arrest him for being drunk and disorderly.

Andrew S. Draper, president of the university of Illinois, has declined to accept the position of superintendent of schools of Greater New York at a salary of \$8,000.

Henry W. Viets, a laundry proprietor at LaCrosse, Wis., was informed that he is to receive from the estate of his uncle, Amos R. Eno, late of New York, \$200,000.

Final arrangements were completed at Philadelphia for the manufacture at the mint of the souvenir medals that will be used at the Omaha Trans-Mississippi exposition which opens June 1.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says advices from the Orient by steamer Empire of India tell of the almost total destruction of Manila, Philippine Islands, by fire, and that \$15,000,000 worth of property was destroyed.

General John B. Gordon, commander of the Confederate Veterans of America, while lecturing at Owosso, Mich., received the following significant telegram: "One hundred and fifty thousand of your comrades stand ready to follow your lead in the protection of our national honor."

General Fitzhugh Lee, Consul-General at Havana, is credited with saying: "If Spain wishes to declare any or all of us persona non grata it is her privilege to do so, but if we must leave town we will leave with the American flag flying and a brass band at the head of the procession."

General Brooke, commanding the department of the Missouri, has ordered a court-martial in the case of Captain Charles T. Witherell, stationed at Ft. Wayne, Detroit, Mich. Captain Witherell is charged with duplicating part of his company's pay rolls.

The big cruiser Columbia has been taken out of the dry dock at Philadelphia. It will begin taking stores at once. Ammunition will be taken on at Fort Mifflin. The Columbia and Minnesota will sail south in a few days. Their destination is not known. For a cause not known, Thomas Robb, aged 19, at Robbstown, Ky., went to the home of Mrs. Rosa Bond, called her to the door and shot her dead. He then killed himself. The government reindeer expedition which will go into the interior of Alaska from Pyramid harbor has left Seattle on the bark Seminole in tow of the tug Rescue.

Isaac Thomas, colored, was legally hanged at Sparta, Ga., for having outraged a negro girl.

Warren Beckwith, son-in-law of Robert T. Lincoln, has been secured to pitch for the Dubuque, Ia., ball club.

The gunboat Machias has arrived at Norfolk, Va. The vessel has just concluded a three years' cruise on the Asiatic station.

Senor Luis Polo y Bernabe, successor to Senor Dupuy de Lome, has arrived and presented his credentials to the president.

The Deadwood and Delaware smelter at Deadwood was recently burned to the ground. The loss is \$200,000; insurance, \$100,000.

Serious plague riots have occurred in Bombay and other points in India. Many European officers and police were severely handled.

Edna Wallace Hopper has filed divorce papers in New York. She is seeking a divorce from the well known actor De Wolf Hopper.

General Rosecrans, the hero of many battles, died at his home near Los Angeles, Cal. His death has been expected for many days.

It is altogether probable that the United States will secure the Brazilian government the two ships that are now under construction.

The street car lines of Saginaw, Mich., are tied up by a strike of conductors and motormen. The public sympathy is with the strikers.

At San Francisco Andrew Schuller, a financial broker perhaps fatally shot his wife and then killed himself. No cause is assigned for the deed.

Hess Smith, marshal of Morley, Mo., was locked up in the calaboose for being drunk. He set fire to the building and was so badly burned he cannot live.

In a fit of jealousy Lee Van Arsdale, a railroad man, murdered Mary Harris, an inmate of a house of ill repute in Louisville, Ky. He then cut his own throat.

The Hawaiian legislature adopted resolutions extending its deep sympathy to the United States in the great loss of life sustained by the Maine explosion.

George Hutzer, an old man who lived alone near Keota, Ia., was found dead in his home. It is thought he was murdered for money. No clue to the perpetrators.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, for shooting of strikers at Lattimer, Pa., on September 10, 1897.

A fire of mysterious origin at St. Louis destroyed the excursion steamer Grand Republic. Loss, \$20,000. The captain and his family had a narrow escape from death.

Kid McCoy has announced that in view of the failure of Fitzsimons to cover his forfeit of \$5,000, he claims the championship of the world and is ready to meet all comers.

Just before the close of the performance Miss Lillian Kennedy, the actress, playing in the "Charity Girl" at Utica, N. Y., was stricken with paralysis. Her condition is considered serious.

The Spanish torpedo boat destroyers Osada and Andosa, are ready for use, having recently been launched from the Clyde ship yards at Glasgow, Scotland. They have a speed of thirty knots.

Judge Townsend of the United States court at New Haven, Conn., recently decided that the Dingley tariff bill did not become a law until President McKinley had affixed his signature to it.

Governor Leedy of Kansas has denounced in unmeasured terms the decision of the supreme court on the Nebraska maximum freight rate case. He terms it an unclean victory for the railroads.

The senate committee on military affairs has decided to recommend for passage the bill to revive the grade of lieutenant-general of the army. The bill is in the interest of General Nelson A. Miles.

Two freight trains collided near Midway, O., badly damaging both engines, derailing eight cars and slightly injuring Engineer Van Schaird, and seriously injuring an unknown tramp.

Colonel M. M. Parker of Washington, who was in Havana with Senator Proctor of Vermont, says that every one in Havana knows that the Maine was blown up; that Spaniards no longer deny it, and seem to be glad.

Major-General Leo J. Kadeski, commander of the Catholic Knights of America, says the Knights are for America first, last, and always. There are 25,000 of them, and 10,000 could be put in the field in twenty-four hours.

The submarine boat Holland was given a trial at Perth Amboy. The boat moved out a short distance from the pier, disappeared beneath the waters, remained down at a depth of fourteen feet half an hour and then reappeared.

Mayor McKisson has announced that he will contest the election of Senator Hanna when the latter attempts to take his seat for the long term. McKisson was the candidate of the opposition for senator at Columbus last January.

At Chicago recently, under the impression that her husband's parents had persuaded him to desert her, Mrs. John S. Boyd, daughter-in-law of Millionaire Francis Boyd of Milwaukee, attempted to commit suicide. The wound may prove fatal.

Mrs. Lizzie K. Spalding, wife of former Bank President Spalding, who is now under sentence for embezzlement, secured a divorce in five minutes in Chicago. The divorce was granted on the charge that Spalding had been convicted of a felony.

Pittsburg, Pa., school children have started a movement to erect a monument to the sailors who lost their lives in the Maine explosion. The scheme is to have every child in the public schools of the country contribute one penny for the monument, which is to be erected in the cemetery at Havana where the sailors are buried.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER THE STATE.

A Complete Review of the Past Week's Happenings in the Tree Planter's State— Succinct Summary of the Most Important News.

Governor Holcomb has appointed Lee Heedman as a member of the Omaha board of fire and police commissioners.

Abuhen is after a beet sugar factory and has hope of securing one. A committee of citizens has been appointed to look after the matter.

During an engagement between the town boys of Fremont and the boys of the normal, one belligerent on each side had a head split. The matter is now in court.

Ella Brownell, daughter of W. T. Brownell of Fremont, fractured her arm in several places. She was playing in the yard of a neighbor and fell over a bicycle.

The young son of R. E. Baker of Gordon, while at play with some companions, received a blow behind the ear from a chunk of coal. The blow caused a painful injury.

At Ansley, Joseph E. Moore, a clerk, stabbed James Baker twice with a jackknife. The wounds may not prove fatal. Baker was drunk and assaulted young Moore, dealing him two blows on the face and knocking him down.

Frank Murphy has appealed to the supreme court for a judgment of \$925 against the city of Omaha. The amount represents special assessments for paving grade damages on a certain street which Mr. Murphy paid, but wants returned.

The copy of the United States court decision in the maximum rate case was received Monday by Attorney-General Smyth. It came late in the day and the attorney-general did not get even a glimpse of it that day.

C. J. Wineinger, who some time ago was arrested on a charge of bastardy preferred by Mary Chzek, a domestic who worked for the family, was found not guilty by the jury which had the case in the district court of Lancaster county. The progress of the case has shown the devotion of Mrs. Wineinger, who stuck by her husband throughout the trial.

The Union Pacific freight service is getting a smell of the approaching battle through the preparations for war by the war department. For some time past heavy shipments of artillery have been passing through Omaha westward bound for the fortifications on the Pacific coast and the armament of war vessels in the Pacific ocean.

A severe snow storm driven by a fierce northwest wind raged recently at Gordon. It was destructive to stock interests, thin range cattle and cows with young calves being in most danger. The snow is very deep and the wind was penetrating. Up to this time the cattle have come through the winter in remarkably fine condition.

Miss Kate Conway, employed at the lothier house, Columbus, met with a very serious accident while in the discharge of her duties. She accidentally turned a pan of boiling hot grease upon her right hand and face arm, burning and scalding her in a frightful manner. She was attended by a physician, who says he can save the member, but it will be several weeks before she will be able to resume her duties.

Bird day will be observed by public schools if State Superintendent Jackson's instructions are followed, notwithstanding the legislature failed to pass a bill establishing bird day. Mr. Jackson will recommend Friday, April 22, which is Arbor day, as the date for observance. He is preparing a printed program for use in schools. The program will have a handsome lithograph cover bearing a picture of the American quail commonly called "bob white."

State authorities will make no move under the decision of the United States supreme court until the full opinion of that court is before them. Attorney-General Smyth and the board of transportation have sent for the opinion in full. As published in newspapers three courses may possibly be open under the decision. The attorney-general may have authority to move the United States circuit court to dissolve the injunction which restrains the board of transportation and the railroad from enforcing the maximum rate law. The second course is for secretaries of the board of transportation to order certain rates enforced by the railroads. The third and last course is the calling of an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of enacting another maximum rate law. If the attorney-general files a motion for dissolution of Judge Brewer's restraining order it is believed that the case would have to be retried so far as the reasonableness of rates is concerned. Rates that were not reasonable in 1893 may be reasonable now under changed conditions. If the board of transportation fixes rates it may devolve upon railroads to show that such rates are not reasonable.

H. L. Ham, agent of the B. & M. at Bradshaw, while splitting kindling, was struck in the eye by a flying splinter, which cut an ugly gash about one-eighth of an inch long and nearly the same depth in the ball of the eye. The doctor thinks the eye can be saved.

Andlor Cornell has chartered the Nebraska Mutual Life insurance company of Stromsburg. T. J. Bromfield of Lincoln is president and C. D. Stoner of Osceola is secretary. This is the fourth company of this kind that has been organized under the state mutual life insurance law of 1897.

The Industrial Iron works of Omaha has incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.

A call for \$14,000 of general fund warrants has been issued by State Treasurer Meserve. It will become effective March 18.

Miss Anna Burket of Exeter has been appointed matron of the asylum for the chronic insane at Hastings to take effect March 15. She succeeds Miss Larson who resigned some time ago.

A. L. McKennis, a farmer living southeast of York, lost his large barn, together with several head of thoroughbred cattle, a lot of hay, and other material. The total loss is \$2,000 with only \$300 insurance.

Information has been received at Omaha that the last rail to complete the Port Arthur line from Omaha to the gulf has been laid and that trains will be running between there and Port Arthur within the next ten days.

A Swede giving his name as Pete Davis, in trying to get on the blind baggage of the west bound passenger train while it was leaving Oakland, fell under the wheels, both of his legs being crushed. He says he worked in Omaha and has no relatives.

Wayden Leiddigh reports 334 convicts at the penitentiary. Eleven prisoners went out during February and seven were received. The sentences of six expired, two were paroled, one was returned for a new trial and the sentences of two were commuted.

At a recent mass meeting in Wahoo \$125 was raised for the Cuban relief fund and a soliciting committee was appointed to canvass the county for cash and provisions. About \$250 in cash is reported already and a large amount of provisions promised.

A small barn belonging to Henry Niceman of Nebraska City, was burned. The loss is less than \$100, and Mr. Niceman was overcome by heat and smoke while making an effort to rescue his horse and cow, but was discovered by the firemen in time to save his life.

A group giving his name as William Bush, while riding between two freight cars at Nebraska City, had his feet caught between the bumpers and quite badly mashed. He was cared for by the county physician and sent by the commissioners to the county infirmary.

At Sidney a Swedish stonemason by the name of Beckman accidentally shot himself in the left arm and will probably die from the effects of the injury. He was riding along in a cart carrying a heavy loaded shot gun and it is supposed that while driving along the hammer caught on the foot of the unfortunate man and was discharged. When found he was insensible and his clothes were soiled.

The house of H. C. Harris, four miles southwest of Plainview, burned down. Mr. Harris and his wife were asleep in bed and were awakened by the barking of their dog. They had only time to get out of the house and failed even to save their clothes. The couple were married a week ago and lost everything. There is no insurance on the house.

Jennie Keeler and Katie Ross, two little girls aged seven, living at Hastings, gathered a lot of stramonium pods after school and ate the seeds. Shortly afterwards they went into convulsions and by the time a physician arrived had lapsed into unconsciousness from the effect of the poison. They were given emetic and each vomited up nearly a handful of seeds. Prompt administering of antidotes saved them.

The sisters of the Home of the Good Shepherd at South Omaha and the sisters of the Poor Clare at Benson have been collecting cancelled postage stamps in South Omaha business houses by means of contribution boxes. The former send their stamps to Lucerne, Switzerland, for sale to collectors, while the sisters at Benson send theirs to missionaries in China, where it is claimed, 1,000 cancelled stamps buys a Chinese baby which the missionaries thereafter rear.

The decision of the referees in the matter of Gates and Norfolk colleges has been received at Norfolk. The findings, which cover several typewritten pages, give the right of way to Gates as the college which has had and did not lose its continuity as a Congregational college. Norfolk will cease to claim Congregational recognition, and at the close of the present college year will go out of business as a Congregational college. What disposition will be made of it remains to be seen.

Robert Parsley, a student in the high school of Chadron, was set upon by a crowd of his fellow students and nearly lynched on the school grounds. Parsley, whose mother is a Spaniard, and who inherits the traits and disposition of the race, in a dispute which arose during recess defended his mother country against the reviling of the patriotic American lads to the extent of saying that if the Spaniards had blown up the Maine he was glad of it. His remarks so incensed the boys that they set upon him and after giving him a severe beating, dragged him with a handkerchief about his neck to a nearby post, and if he had not been rescued by some of the older boys he would have fared badly.

State Treasurer Meserve has called for \$17,000 of warrants on the fund for the support of the institute for the feeble minded. There is \$700 interest payable with the warrants. The call becomes effective March 21 and the interest will cease on that day.

George Kulthart, who has been on trial at Blair for arson, charged with having burned his own goods with the intent to defraud the insurance companies, and also for burning the Union building, was found guilty on both counts. Sentence has not yet been pronounced.