

WIDE WORLD NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF VITAL INTEREST.

A Brief Summary of Events in Which People are Deeply Interested—Short Sentences Conveying a World of Information to Our Readers.

Thursday, July 20.

All Cuba is suffering severely from drought.

The 600 longshoremen at Cleveland, O., are still out on a strike.

Signor S. Costantini, Italian under-secretary of public instruction, is dead.

The agricultural department is asking for an exhibit of cotton products for the Paris exposition.

The national museum at Washington has received from California the entire collection of Indian basket work.

A combine of the bicycle manufacturers became effective yesterday; 45 manufacturers, representing 536 plants, and a capitalization of \$40,000,000 compose the combine.

United States Consul Jenkins at San Salvador, has reported to the state department by cable that San Salvador is in a state of siege as the result of revolutionary plotting.

A dispatch from Havana says: The truth regarding the recent proclamation issued in Matanzas shows that a regular revolutionary party has been established, with headquarters in Havana, its object being to incite Cubans throughout the entire country.

The strike at Brooklyn has reached the riot stage. A clash occurred yesterday between rioters and policemen and several of each side were injured. At Cleveland there is no disorder, but the cars run irregularly. A strike began yesterday on the Second Avenue line of the Metropolitan street railway company in New York.

According to the London Daily Mail's Rome correspondent absolute confirmation has been obtained that ex-King Milan of Serbia himself planned the assassination attempt on his life recently made, for political purposes. The correspondent says that the Austrian government has decided to invite Milan to voluntarily exile himself from Serbia in order to prevent further trouble.

The Detroit street car company has gone back to 5c fares. The price has been 3c.

Brooklyn strikers fail to make any headway and the situation is practically unchanged.

The opening session of the International Epworth League assembly opened with two large overflow meetings at Indianapolis.

Schwartzchild & Sulzberger's Kansas City packing house are again running the trouble with its 1,000 men having been adjusted.

At Salt Lake City, Angus M. Cannon pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation and was fined \$100. Cannon is a polygamist.

There is a good prospect of a clash between white and black men at Lake Village, Ark. The trouble is over the conviction of a negro for crime.

The grand jury in New York has again indicted Roland B. Molineux, charging him with having caused the death of Mrs. Catharine Adams.

Judge Thompson of the United States district court at Cincinnati, O., has confirmed the recent sale of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern R. R.

Through the efforts of Senator Thurston Colonel Mulford of the First Nebraska has been appointed by the president as a captain in the 23d infantry.

August Williams, an aged Chicago man, was beaten to death by Mrs. Lulu Gretzelman at whose husband Williams was shooting. The affair was the outcome of a dispute over rent.

Guatemala is fairly quiet.

An epidemic of anthrax prevails on the island of Gothland, adjacent to Sweden. It is spreading.

The danger of a race war at Pine Bluff, Ark., has been averted. The fellow responsible for inciting the blacks was made to leave town.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, the noted orator and unbeliever, died at home, Watson-on-Hudson, near Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., from heart disease. His wife was the only person present.

Near Idaho, Clay county, Ala., John Turner and his wife beat Mrs. Meszies, a white woman, to death. There is talk of lynching the pair. Mrs. Turner is in custody and the husband is being pursued.

Five Italians were hanged by a mob at Tallula, La. They were strung up to one tree for supposed connection with a plot to murder Dr. Hodges, a prominent physician of the place who was shot and fatally wounded by one of the Sicilians.

One thousand miners are stranded in the Klondike and must have early help.

The militia has been called out at Cleveland. The strikers are hard to control.

England triumphed in the international athletic contests, by a single point, the final event, the three-mile race.

Italy is likely to protest against the hanging of the five Italians at Tallula. Secretary Hay has asked the Louisiana authorities for the facts. Governor Foster has asked the sheriff of Madison county for the details.

Cars are running regularly in Brooklyn with new men, and it is believed the strike is nearly at an end.

Fire destroyed a portion of the town of Vuleau, Col. The Vulcan hotel burned and four lives were lost.

An explosion on the British torpedo boat Solent during its trial trip killed nine men and wounded four others.

The strike at Cleveland of the street car employes has reached a critical stage. A dynamite bomb wrecked the company's big barn.

The first sunrise prayer meeting of the Epworth League convention at Indianapolis, Ind., was held, two thousand delegates attending.

RETURNS FROM MISSISSIPPI PRIMARIES

indicate the election of Governor McLaurin as United States senator. Geo. Morgan of Wichita, Kan., got on the trucks of the Burlington flyer at McCook, Neb., and rode to Benkelman, a distance of 50 miles, leaving one foot behind him in the McCook yards, it having been cut off when he got on the trucks. At Benkelman his injury was attended to.

Monday, July 24.

Police officers at Lead, S. D., raided a Chinese opium joint. It is said that Colonel Wetmore of St. Louis will finance a Bryan daily in Chicago.

The steamer Rosalia has arrived at Vancouver, B. C., with 300 passengers and \$110,000 in gold.

Mrs. Mary Lovelace, aged 83, once the sweetheart of Lincoln, died at her home in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll is unable to attend to the funeral arrangements of her husband, being overcome with grief.

The total Epworth League delegates to the convention at Indianapolis numbered 20,000. Fully that many visitors were present.

Governor Tanner of Illinois is wanted by Colorado authorities for killing a four pronged buck out of season. The deer season doesn't open until August 15.

Rioting still continues at Cleveland. Several serious outbreaks occurred yesterday, but so far there has been no clash between the strikers and troops.

One of the boilers of the Austrian torpedo boat Alder exploded, killing a lieutenant and four members of the crew. The explosion occurred at Pola, Austria.

Three negroes were lynched at Safford, Ga. They are charged with the crime of binding and robbing J. E. Ogletree and assaulting his wife in his presence.

Tuesday, July 25.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 coat makers in Greater New York went on a strike yesterday.

At Wilnot, Ark., Chick Davis, a negro, was lynched for the murder of Wm. Grin, a respected farmer.

The revolt of Kentucky democrats against Goebel has assumed large proportions and may be big enough to knock him out.

The several posses that are searching for the outragers of Mrs. J. E. Ogletree near Safford, Ga., have lynched three negroes and caught two more.

Three days of intense heat in Minnesota has caused much suffering. One death is reported from Black River Falls. The mercury registered 100 degrees in the shade.

The street car strike situation at Cleveland still remains serious. The first fatality occurred yesterday when Conductor Ralph P. Hawley shot and killed Henry Cornweit, a seventeen-year-old boy, who was worrying him.

The funeral of Robert G. Ingersoll was held today at his beautiful home, Walton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Dr. John Clark Ridpath, who was for many years a personal friend of Col. Ingersoll, conducted the ceremonies, which were simple.

George V. Penwell of Chicago, president of the Pana mines, has ordered the mines there closed down indefinitely. He claims that to grant the demands of the locked-out miners would cause him a greater loss than the abandonment of his mines.

It is feared the Nez Percés Indians will murder the workmen engaged in laying track through the reservation. The young bucks are objecting.

Russell Hogan, aged 14, whose home is in Canton, O., was up in the juvenile court at Chicago. He says he saw Mrs. Anna George shoot George D. Saxton. He was afraid he would be called as a witness, and left town. He has been wandering around since then.

Wednesday, July 26.

At Gallon, O., masked burglars forced David Miller, an aged man, to give up \$1,000 to save his life.

The bolting Kentucky democrats may name John Young Brown to run for governor against Goebel.

Ten thousand delegates are expected to attend the convention of the Young People's Christian Union at Pittsburg, Pa.

It is stated that the Cubans are getting restless and want the United States to declare its intentions in regard to the islands.

The messenger boys of New York City have struck; also those at Cincinnati. At the latter place the news boys joined in the strike.

Edna Perkins, Minnie Curtis, and Millie Rothrock, daughters of prominent Caldwell, Kan., citizens, were drowned at Drury, a fishing and boating resort.

The situation at Cartersville, Ill., is of such an unsettled character that the troops are to remain there. The coal mine operators declare they have a sufficient force to work their mines or resist attacks.

The presence of troops at Cleveland has a good effect, but the trouble is still on. Hawley, the non-union conductor, who killed Henry Cornweit, has been released from the charges of murder in the second degree and held without bail.

Mrs. Augusta Styles of Chicago was declared not guilty of the murder of her mother Mrs. Catherine Schultz. Mrs. Styles killed her mother while temporarily insane over the fact that Mrs. Schultz had told Belle Styles a lot of stories about her mother being a bad character. The little one told her mother what her grandmother had told her and it made Mrs. Styles frantic.

Elaborate preparations are being made at Greenock for the cup-challenger Shamrock's voyage across the Atlantic. Every precaution will be taken to get her across without injury and in shipshape.

Thursday, July 27.

Dewees, N. B., July 24.—A threshing machine engine blew out on John Finney's farm, four miles south of this place, and seriously injured four men. Roy Norwood, who was feeding the thrasher, was hit by the large engine whistle, which knocked him nearly 10 feet and inflicted injuries that will cause his death.

ROOT, COLONIAL SECRETARY

What the New Cabinet Officer's Main Duty Will Be.

HIS WORK PARTLY OUTLINED.

The Establishment of Civil Government in Cuba to Receive First Attention—Head of the New Department If It is Established.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Elihu Root, the new secretary of war, will spend his first evening at the White house as the guest of the President to-night. Tomorrow he will dine with the President and discuss with him, and probably some members of the cabinet, the duties which will devolve upon him as the new head of the war department.

It is not improbable that the near future will see Mr. Root in the position of colonial secretary and a new man at the head of the war department. The entire colonial policy will doubtless be gone over at this conference, but Cuba, contrary to expectations, will probably receive more attention than the war in the Philippines. Of course Mr. Root will have a voice in all matters relating to the conduct of this war, but the President desires him to give particular attention to the many complicated legal questions involved in the change from the military to the civil control of the dependencies. The President will continue to give close personal attention, with the assistance of Adjutant General Corbin, to the purely military work connected with the campaign in the Philippines.

The question of the future of Cuba will receive the immediate attention of Mr. Root. The President considers that the time has come for doing something in the direction of establishing a civil and independent government in Cuba. He wants to have a policy well defined, so that he will be able to tell Congress in his forthcoming annual report what the future attitude of this country toward Cuba should be.

The President believes the time has come to give the Cubans a trial at self-government and he wants Mr. Root to take hold of this matter and formulate plans whereby the Cubans will have an opportunity to establish some kind of government which this country can recognize. It is this class of work, involving a knowledge of constitutional and international laws, which influenced the President in the determination to have a lawyer instead of a soldier at the head of the department.

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ALGER TELLS A WAR STORY.

Originated the Plan of Sending the Spanish Soldiers Home.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Secretary Alger has always felt a pardonable pride in the success with which the war department met the tremendous problem thrust upon it by the necessity with which it was suddenly confronted during the war with Spain of suddenly disposing of the thousands of Spanish prisoners captured in Santiago province. The history of that time has not been fully told, and it remained for Secretary Alger to supply the need by the following bit of reminiscence:

"On the night of July 9, 1898, the President asked me what, in my judgment, we should do with the Spanish prisoners of Santiago after their capture. The matter had received very much thought from the President and myself, but no definite conclusion had been reached. I then suggested that Galveston, Texas, would be the best place in the United States, in my judgment, where we could send them; that it was away from the coast line travel; a good harbor; that there would be plenty of room for camping them, and that its climate would be as nearly similar to that of Santiago as we could probably select. This seemed to meet his approval, as it was only a question of time, of course, when their capture would be effected. I went to my home, as nearly as I can remember, about 2 o'clock in the morning and, being too tired to sleep, I lay awake for a while, but finally dozed off. I awoke at daybreak and my first thought was concerning the Spanish prisoners, and the new idea came into my head, 'why not send them back to Spain?' This thought so deeply impressed me that I formulated my plan, and, on the morning of July 10, instead of going to the department direct, I went to the White house and laid the new plan before the President, saying that it would be an unprecedented procedure and a most gracious act; that to transport the prisoners to Galveston would be half the distance; that we should have to clothe, shelter, guard and feed them there, and no doubt have to ship them back to Spain in the end. I also stated that I believed that it would be a great inducement to the Spaniards to surrender, which General Shafter afterward assured me was the effect. The President readily approved the plan and on the same day I called General Shafter as follows:

"Should the Spaniards surrender unconditionally, and wish to return to Spain, they will be sent back at the expense of the United States government."

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