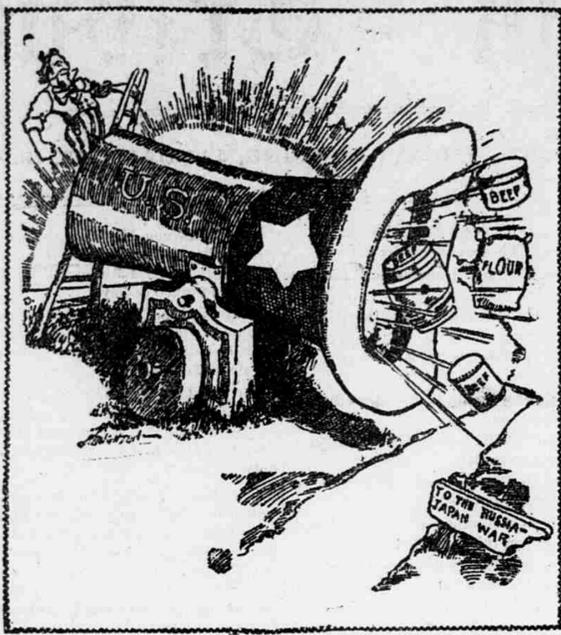


News in Brief

T. P. Shonts was elected president of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad. It is officially announced that peace has been declared in Damaraland, German Southwest Africa, and that the hostile Hottentots have surrendered. The state department has been informed of the recognition of the republic of Panama, by Guatemala. The Episcopal bishops of the Sixth district, now in session at Kansas City, voted to hold the next missionary convention at Omaha in January, 1905. It was announced at Baltimore & Ohio headquarters that George F. Randolph has been elected first vice president and traffic manager of the system. Mrs. Leland Stanford is said to carry a larger amount of insurance than any other woman in the world. Her policies amount to more than a million dollars. "Chicago day" at the St. Louis exposition will be October 9, 1904, and Mayor Harrison has been directed to notify the exposition authorities to that effect. A charter was granted at Topeka to the Denver & Kansas Northern Railway company, capital \$100,000,000, which purposes to build six short lines in Northwest Kansas. News has been received at Manila that the United States gunboat Quiros, which recently went ashore on the coast of Borneo, has been floated with little damage to the vessel. Proof of the padding of registration lists of Denver county previous to the late charter convention was unearthed at a joint meeting of the supervisors and the aldermen. The directors of the American Sugar and Refining company re-elected the officers, with the one exception that W. R. Thomas was chosen to succeed C. H. Senn as vice president. John Hazeltine, known throughout Central New York as a philanthropist, has announced plans to take a colony of 1,000 Syracuse people to Montana for the purpose of establishing a town. The paper mills about Mexico City have formed a combine with an aggregate capital of \$5,000,000. The organization now effected is for the purpose of still further controlling the market. The National Business league began a movement at Chicago to amend the constitution of the United States so as to fix the presidential term at six years and make the president ineligible for re-election. The Eastern Ship Building company announced that the launching of the steamship Dakota for the Great Northern railway's Pacific carrying trade will take place at New London, Conn., Saturday, February 6. The senate committee on Indian affairs reported favorably on the bill to provide for the opening to settlement under the homestead law of the remaining portion of the Colville Indian reservation in the state of Washington. After having been friends and partners in business for over thirty-five years, William Smith and George Tinker, two pioneer brewers of St. Louis, are dead. Mr. Smith died Friday and Mr. Tinker was buried the day before. Delegate Wilson of Arizona appeared before the house committee on territories and made an argument for the Arizona statehood bill. His argument was devoted to the legal and statistical rights of Arizona to be admitted as a state. The house committee on foreign affairs heard a delegation, including B. F. Trueblood and Robert Treat Paine, in favor of the establishment of an international congress where questions of common interest to the nation would be discussed. The French government has presented the Vatican with a note in the nature of an ultimatum, regarding the appointments of bishops to five vacant French sees, subsequently saying that either the pope must approve the selections of the French government or they will be announced without the approbation of the holy see. The closed Windham county national bank of Danielson, Conn., has been ordered to resume. It is solvent. Orders have been issued at the war department for the manufacture of forty 9-inch rapid fire guns 1903 model. Dr. Henry L. Tolman, who had a national reputation as a microscopist, is dead at Chicago, aged 55 years. Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie museums, is making extensive preparations to send out an expedition next spring, composed of prominent ethnologists, for the purpose of making a collection of the work of the early Indians of the plains. The senate committee on foreign relations authorized a favorable report on an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill providing for the appointment of a consul general at Mukden and a consul at Ontung at \$4,000; also a consul at Dalney at \$3,500 a year.

THE FIRST GUN



—Minneapolis Tribune.

READY TO FIGHT

PANAMA WILL MEET PROPOSED COLOMBIAN INVASION.

TROOPS ARE BEING PREPARED

Conscription Has Been Completed and 12,000 Fighting Men Can Be Placed in the Field—Fever Among U. S. Marines.

NEW YORK.—Authentic information from the frontier is anxiously awaited here, as the belief is widespread, cables the Herald's Panama correspondent, that the Colombians have already started to march upon the isthmus. The Panamanian troops are ready to leave on a moment's notice. The conscription has been completed, and 12,000 fighting men can be placed in the field.

There is great bustle in the army in preparation for the shipment of rifles and ammunition to the Indians of the interior, who have agreed to join against the Colombian forces Colonel Parete of the Panamanian army said: "We, who were Colombians until yesterday, cannot be deceived by any tactics the Colombians may employ. We are deeply grateful for the aid the Americans have given us, especially as we are now prepared to fight our own battles on land with the utmost confidence of victory."

"Four to five hundred men, stationed in the only three passes available, can defeat an army. We have all the men we actually need, for the fighting will be done in the mountains. "We expect to repel the invasion without calling out all the available troops. The Indians will certainly fight on our side. The San Blas Indians, who are Colombian allies, will not fight at all."

Many light cases of fever are reported to already exist in the camps of the United States marines, especially among those who have been scouting along the trails. There is some yellow fever in Panama now, but none has appeared in the army. WASHINGTON.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass, dated Panama: "Collier Nero at Panama has been injured by the Concord going alongside. Damage is not serious and temporary repairs will be made at Panama. Grounding the Nero at high water so as to be able to work below the water line."

TOURING THE WORLD ON FOOT. Roumanian Has Eight Years in Which to Make Trip.

WASHINGTON.—Baron Sternberg, the German ambassador, presented to the president Dr. Oskar Radvaner, a Roumanian, who is making a tour of the world on foot. He is a representative of athletic societies of Bucharest, having been selected to make the trip from 200 candidates. He has been on the road four years, visiting in that time all of Europe and Asia. He will visit all of the countries of North and South America and then will go to the Transvaal and Australia. He is obliged to complete his trip in an aggregate time of eight years. President Roosevelt chatted with him briefly and inscribed his name in the autograph book of Dr. Radvaner.

Tell Cause of the Advance. CHICAGO, Ill.—Representatives of large companies, testifying before the interstate commerce commission Tuesday in regard to an advance in freight rates on grain from Missouri river points to Chicago by western railroads, contradicted statements made before the commission by railway traffic managers. The railroad men decided that the reason for the advance in rates was on account of the heavy advance in the price of railroad material.

GOVERNOR HUNT'S MESSAGE.

Says American Occupation Lifts Up Patriotism.

SAN JUAN.—Governor Hunt's message, which will be read to the legislature Tuesday, opens with words of encouragement. The message will urge that the future be looked forward to with courage and will point out that Porto Rico leads in demonstrating to the peoples of the West Indies that American occupation lifts up the patriotism of people. The governor will advise strict economy and that only the liquor and tobacco taxes be increased. The message recommends the adoption of the American code of civil procedure, a special appropriation for the eradication of tropical anaemia, the creation of election inspectors, a trial of the contract system for the building of roads, the immediate creation of a special tribunal for the prompt settlement of all questions between the Catholic church and the government, leases and not sales of government lands, the repeal of measures by which roads are built by convicts and an increased appropriation for Porto Rican representation at the St. Louis World's exposition. The message urges surveys of lands and the advancement of education by industrial schools.

SPENCER'S CURIOUS WILL. Wants Loose Lid on His Coffin and No Religious Ceremony.

LONDON.—Herbert Spencer's will is a curious document. It directs that his body shall be placed in a coffin with a loose lid and cremated and the ashes buried, all without any species of religious ceremony. All the rights in his book and investments are given to the trustees, Hon. Auburn Herbert, Dr. Henry Charlton Bastian and David Duncan, with instructions to employ the yearly revenue in "resuming and continuing during such period as may be needed for fulfilling my express wishes, but not exceeding the life time of all descendants of Queen Victoria, who shall be living at my decease and of the survivors of them and for twenty-one years after the death of such survivor the publication of the existing parts of my 'Descriptive Sociology' and the compilation and publication of the fresh parts thereof followed in the parts already published."

WORD COMES FROM COGHLAN. Reported Colombians a Band of Un-organized Marauders.

WASHINGTON.—Admiral Coghlan cabled the navy department from Colon as follows: "Report of the appearance of a Colombian force between Colon and Chiriqui lagoon was due to men now in that vicinity who belonged to Colombian forces, who would not join Panama men, but took to the mountains behind David and are now un-organized marauders. There were originally about 200 men. Some unarm-ed have been seen about Santa Fe and Coolet river, committing depredations."

South Dakota Gold Production. TOKIO.—Owing to a clerical error in the figures furnished the Associated Press on January 2, the amount representing the gold production of South Dakota for the calendar year 1903 was given as \$2,889,137, instead of \$6,889,137, the actual estimate.

Japan Considers Response. TOKIO.—The final conference before the throne to decide upon the response to Russia began at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. It was attended by all the members of the cabinet, five of the elder statesmen, Admirals Ito and Ijima, and General Kodama. Previous to the conference Admiral Yamamoto, representing Premier Katsura, who is indisposed, had a private audience with the emperor. Foreign Minister Komura and Marquis Ito also conferred privately.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

BIG PRICE FOR BEETS.

Great Encouragement for Farmers to Grow Them.

NORFOLK.—Farmers who raise beets in and about the territory of Norfolk during the season of 1904 will receive for their crops the highest price per ton that has ever been paid by the American Beet Sugar company. It is the highest price ever offered, with the exception of the year during which a bounty was offered, and that was never paid by the state of Nebraska. Contracts were issued for the new year and offer \$4.50 per ton flat. Last year the guaranteed price was \$4 per ton and more was paid in accordance with the amount of sugar in the beet. This year, regardless of the sugar percentage, the farmers will receive \$4.50 per ton. The factory pays the freight from all shipping points, according to the new contract, and extra money is allowed local farmers for hauling and siloing.

SAYS HE MADE GOLD COINS.

Officer Arrests Farmer on Counterfeiting Charge.

CAMBRIDGE.—A United States deputy marshal arrived here and upon investigation a warrant was issued for the arrest of Enoch Perkins, a well-to-do farmer of the vicinity of Earl, a country postoffice about fifteen miles north of Cambridge. Perkins is charged with having counterfeited \$10 gold coins and with passing the same. Mr. Perkins was taken to Holdrege by the deputy United States marshal to await a hearing.

Wants a Complete List.

LINCOLN.—S. Finley of Beaver Crossing wants to know what legislators are responsible for certain provisions of the revenue law. He has sent the following letter to the secretary of state: "BEAVER CROSSING, Seward County, Neb.—Secretary of State, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: Please give me full names and full addresses of those persons that presented the application and got the law changed to make personal taxes come due November 1 and delinquent December 1 of the same year. Yours truly, S. FINLEY."

Co-operative Concern Profitable.

EDGAR.—The Farmers' Commercial association, composed of 100 farmers, held its first annual meeting. The association was incorporated nearly a year ago, but did not get into operation for buying grain until after the past summer's harvest. The affairs of the association proved to be in a very satisfactory condition. About 125,000 bushels of wheat had been bought and 50,000 bushels of corn, besides some other grain, and in addition the association had enjoyed a liberal coal trade.

Creditors Close Store.

WISNER.—It was learned that the general merchandise store of Thomas Dugher had been closed by his creditors. Mr. Dugher has been in Wisner a little over five years and was considered in fine financial condition and has been doing a fine business.

Fire Escapes on Oakland Schools.

OAKLAND.—The school board at its meeting decided to put in a fire escape at the High school building. Prof. W. H. Meyers was instructed to prepare a new catalogue and course of instruction, as many changes have been made in the course since the last one was issued.

Farmer Hangs Himself.

GRAND ISLAND.—Morris C. Black, a farmer residing one mile east of Doniphan, was found dead, hanging to a rafter in his barn. Coroner Sutherland investigated and found an in-quest unnecessary, as it was plainly a case of suicide. Black was 54 years old, a bachelor and had been renting the farm, his sister keeping house for him. He has been dependent for the past few weeks.

Bank Robbers Get Scared.

PLATSMOUTH.—From Wabash, in this county, comes the report of an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Farmers State bank of that place. The tool chest at the railroad section house was broken open and a spike, maul and pinch bar was taken, and at the blacksmith shop a sledge hammer and a shoeing hammer were stolen. Soon after the burglars went to the bank and pried open the windows and then, for some unknown cause, hurriedly took their departure. Some one raising a window in a house nearby frightened the robbers, who hurriedly left the place.

Expensive Lawsuit Over Dog.

YORK.—One of the most noted cases being tried in the county and district courts of this county is what is known as the Brigham dog case, which started first before Justice of the Peace Snodgrass and was bitterly contested. Now the plaintiffs ask for a new trial. Mr. J. Brigham is agent for patent medicines and made a house to house canvass in the country. At E. F. Grass' farm he was met by a dog belonging to Grass, who took a bite out of Mr. Brigham's ankle.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

A good deal of scarlet fever is prevalent in Nebraska City and a number of families are quarantined.

Dr. J. W. Youngman of Elm Creek slipped on an icy sidewalk and fell, dislocating his left arm at the elbow. York contractors claim that more new residences for the coming months are being contemplated than at any previous time in the history of the city.

The Omaha Paraphernalia house has filed articles of incorporation. The firm will manufacture and sell badges, flags and decorations. The capital stock is \$10,000.

Roberts Bros. of South Omaha have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The firm has a capital stock of \$50,000 and will do a live stock commission business.

Oscar Smith, suspected of being insane, was brought to Lincoln from his home in Firth and placed in the city hospital. During the day he escaped, and no trace of him can be found.

William Henderson was arraigned in county court at Chappelle on a complaint sworn out by H. I. Babcock, cashier of the Commercial bank, charging him with selling mortgaged property. He waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds.

The contest instituted by Joseph Spiekler against William McCray for the office of supervisor of the second district was tried before Judge White in the Richardson county. A recount of the votes gave McCray four majority, the same as originally returned. Spiekler thereupon dismissed his contest.

At a regular meeting of the Cass county commissioners the salary of C. S. Wortman, county superintendent of education, was raised from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year. The appointment of assistant assessors for the county was also made, giving one for each precinct and village and three for Plattsmouth.

The city council of Plattsmouth has instructed Attorney Travis to take an appeal to the supreme court in the case of Hugh Murray against the city of Plattsmouth. This is a suit in which the plaintiff secured judgment in the district court for \$500, which he claimed was due him for paving work done for the city.

Mike Mostek, who escaped from the Platte county jail last August, was recaptured by Sheriff Carrig and is again in jail. He was found at his home at Tarnoy, a small Polish village about twenty miles north of Columbus. Since his escape he has not been far away, but has been working on farms in Boone and Antelope counties.

Frank Dickson, a prominent business man of Weeping Water, died very suddenly at his home at that place. He got up in the morning and did his chores and at his breakfast, but as he was not feeling very well, sent for a physician. While talking with the doctor he drew a short breath and said, "I feel faint," and fell back in his chair dead. His brother died on the same day at Elmwood.

The Nebraska Mutual Life Insurance company, which has headquarters in Stromsburg, held its annual policy holders' meeting last week. J. B. Steward, H. C. Graves and J. A. Frawley were elected to succeed themselves as directors of the company. A number of amendments designed to benefit the policy holders were passed. The company has made a rapid advance during the past year, and now has close to \$1,000,000 of insurance in force.

The board of county commissioners of Dakota county accepted the proposition of T. C. Cannon, an expert accountant of Sioux City, to make an examination of the clerk's and treasurer's offices of this county for the past eight years, which covers the period of George C. Bille as county clerk and J. F. Leamer and John Boler as treasurers.

An accident which will probably result in death, occurred near Clay Center. A man by the name of Secora, living near Deweese, was driving out of town on his way home with a spirited team. Another team coming up behind and attempting to pass at a short turn in the road caused a runaway, throwing Mr. Secora out and striking his head against a post.

From Omaha comes the news that Miss Ollie Holbrook, the young lady who had her scalp torn from her head in Nebraska City on Christmas by a fast revolving shaft, against which she put her head while trying to reach a loaf of bread, is getting along nicely and the physicians have been able to graft skin over a greater portion of the head. The skin being used in the grafting is taken from the young lady's back and shoulders.

The county commissioners of Lancaster refused to allow County Treasurer Knight to have seven assistants. Mart Howe was recently hired to look after work caused by the new revenue law provisions, but the county board declined to make any appropriation for his salary.

The furniture for the new court house at Grand Island has arrived and is being put in place. It is all of quartered sawed oak. The railings, jurors' and witness' boxes and screen and rostrum for the court room are particularly fine pieces of furniture.

ALL DONE OUT.

Veteran Joshua Heller of 706 S. Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: "In the fall of 1899 after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I told the readers of this paper that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, dislocated a lame back with pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which has elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when I noticed warnings of an attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I just as emphatically endorse the preparation to-day as I did over two years ago."



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General Miles' Savings Deposit.

In his speech at an Evacuation day dinner in Boston the other evening General Miles mentioned that while working in that city before the civil war he saved up a dollar and deposited it in a savings bank. He had not thought of it for many years, but his visit to Boston recalled the matter. The officials of the bank looked over their books and sure enough found that the dollar was there in the name of Nelson A. Miles. Unfortunately for him however, no deposit of less than \$3 draws interest, so he might as well have had his treasure hidden in a stocking.

Cruelty in the German Army.

Cases of cruelty to privates in the German army multiply daily. The most recent are that of Franzski, a non-commissioned officer in the Eighty-fifth infantry, who was tried on 1,520 counts of cruelty and convicted on 100 of them. He got ten years. The interesting point of the case was that Franzski had left the army and was serving as a policeman in Hamburg when the accusations were made. Another interesting case is that of a private who was tried for desertion in Koeln'sburg and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. After he had begun to serve his sentence the case was reopened. It was learned then that he had deserted through fear of his life. Once a non-commissioned officer had threatened to run him through with his sword. The original sentence was quashed and the soldier restored to duty. No less than ten "non-coms" of his regiment are being tried for cruelty.

Words of Algonquin Origin.

Alexander F. Chamberlain has discovered that there are 131 words of Algonquin derivation in the English language. The Algonquins occupied a considerable section of this country before they were asked to move on, and some of the verbal heirlooms they left are: Chipmunk, hickory, hominy, menhaden, moccasin, moose, muskump, musquash, pemican, persimmon, pappoose, pone, porcy, possum, powwow, raccoon, sump, skunk, squash, squaw, succotash, Tammany, tauog, terrapin, toboggan, tomahawk, totem, wigwam, woodehuch.

Let us hope the winter will be a failure instead of the coal crop.

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