

MILITARY ACTIVITY

UNITED STATES IS NEAR A WAR FOOTING.

Will Be Prepared for Trouble if It Comes—New York Is Guarded as Never Before—Great Guns Are Manned and Ready for Use.

Nation Near a War Footing.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22: A special Washington dispatch to the Chronicle says: The United States is nearer a war footing than it has been at any time since the civil war.

Gen. Merritt, acting under orders from Gen. Miles, has ordered Lieut. Lang of the Second Artillery to proceed at once with a command to Willett's point to take charge of the coast defense batteries and the magazines.

The war department makes no secret of its activity, but seeks to temper the public mind by designating the present stir as "the execution of a long standing plan."

BARRED FROM THE RESERVE

Woman Who Married a Pagan Brave Excluded by Maj. Fuller.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 22: Maj. Fuller, agent of the Black Feet Indians, has issued an order prohibiting Mrs. Garrett White from living on the reservation.

SAM JONES A CANDIDATE.

Evangelist Announces He Will Run for the Governorship.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 22: Sam Jones, the evangelist, who is well known over all the United States, has announced his candidacy for the governorship of Georgia.

FIRE IN PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.

Johnson Hotel Destroyed and Many Guests Injured.

PRESCOTT, Arizona: A disastrous fire occurred here about midnight Tuesday, resulting in the total destruction of the Johnson Hotel.

Daughters of the Revolution.

WASHINGTON: The seventh continental congress of the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution began Monday.

Missing Fishermen Are Safe.

MARINETTE, Wis.: The twelve fishermen who started from Green Island for Marinette during the blizzard have been located.

Cheaper Feed for Stock.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.: The board of railroad warehouse commissioners has succeeded in inducing the Union Stock Yards at Chicago to reduce the price of corn to consignees of stock to figures considered satisfactory.

Schaefer and Ives Matched.

CHICAGO: Jake Schaefer and Frank C. Ives had a lengthy conference in this city and decided to settle their differences by a 600-point game.

Rich Strike on American Soil.

DAWSON CITY: News has reached here of a rich strike on American Creek, 150 miles down the Yukon river.

Knocks Out Luke Stevens.

BUFFALO, N. Y.: Oscar Gardner, the Omaha Kid, knocked out Luke Stevens of this city in the ninth round.

Empress Alexandria of Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG: Empress Alexandria Fedorovna is suffering from a slight attack of the measles.

Jamaicans Stop Cuban Filibusters.

KINGSTON, Jamaica: A filibustering expedition destined for Cuba has been intercepted by the authorities and a quantity of arms and ammunition seized.

Drowned in Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO: Michael Lutkoski and John O. Fisky who were shooting ducks on the lake off South Chicago were drowned by the capsizing of their boat.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE LEE.

Conspiracy to Blow Up the American Consul General.

TAMPA, Fla.: The Havana horror and the suspicions it has aroused shows up a bitter proclamation secretly circulated in Havana some time ago of a plot to blow up Gen. Lee and the consulate.

MISS WILLARD'S WILL.

Estate Will Eventually Pass Into the Temple Fund.

CHICAGO: By the terms of the will of Miss Frances E. Willard, late president of the W. C. T. U., her estate will pass into the temple fund after the life interests of her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary B. Willard, have expired.

WAS NEVER IN THE WAR.

Prominent Chicago G. A. R. Man Confesses Himself a Fraud.

CHICAGO: David Burnham, who for nearly twenty years has been a leading member of the local post of the G. A. R., and a respected citizen of Elgin, Ill., has confessed that he had no right to be called a veteran.

W. H. H. MILLER IS ILL.

Attorney General Under Harrison Has a Congestive Chill.

W. H. H. Miller, attorney general of the United States under President Harrison, was taken suddenly ill with a congestive chill at Indianapolis, Ind., and much alarm is felt over his condition.

Knocks Out Plumbers' Law.

MILWAUKEE: Judge Sutherland of the superior court handed down a decision knocking out the plumbers' license law passed at the last session of the legislature.

Bread Riot in Sicily.

PALMERO, Sicily: Three hundred villagers made a demonstration in the village of Strouna, demanding succor.

Troops Leave for Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash.: Companies A, G and F, Fourth United States Infantry, left here Saturday afternoon on the steamer Queen for Sagway, Alaska.

Farewell Audience to Polo.

MADRID: Sunday the queen regent gave a farewell audience to Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new minister to the United States.

Pierce Duel in Prussia.

VIENNA: A fierce duel has been fought between Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, husband of the Princess Louise Marie of Belgium.

Filibusters' Sentence Affirmed.

PHILADELPHIA: The United States court of appeals has affirmed the verdict in the case of John D. Hart, sentenced to two years' imprisonment on the charge of aiding the steamer Laureda in a filibustering expedition to Cuba.

Mahoney Beats Tommy White.

PHILADELPHIA: Tommy White of Chicago, and young Mahoney of this city, fought fifteen rounds at the Olympic club at Athens Thursday night.

Paris Expo Appropriation.

WASHINGTON: Representative Hitt of Illinois has introduced a joint resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 for the representation of the United States at the Paris exposition in 1903.

Kindergarten Convention.

PHILADELPHIA: At Saturday's session of the International Kindergarten Union the officials of last year were re-elected.

Schaefer to Play Ives.

NEW YORK: Champion Jake Schaefer has formally accepted Frank Ives' challenge and names Chicago as the place in which the games shall be played.

CONGESTION AT DYEA.

Men are Pouring In, and Freight Cannot Be Moved.

SEATTLE: N. E. Stelle, who arrived from Dyea, Alaska, on the steamer Queen, says: "For the past month men have been pouring into Dyea by thousands.

ZOLA NEARLY LYNCHED.

Riot Occurs at the End of Saturday's Session of the Trial.

PARIS: A riot occurred at the close of Saturday's session of the Zola trial. Zola narrowly escaped being lynched by a mob.

TO GUARD THE VIZCAYA.

Spain's Warship to Be Protected by New York Authorities.

NEW YORK: Every policeman in the city was on duty Saturday under a special order from Chief McCallagh.

Bulgarians Murdered in Macedonia.

LONDON: The correspondent of the Daily News at Constantinople tells a terrible story of the murder and torturing in the most horrible fashion of the Bulgarians in Macedonia villages.

Gale on Atlantic Coast.

NEW YORK: Peril on land and sea followed the heavy gale which swept New York and the Atlantic coast the past week.

Buy New Guns.

LONDON: Both the German and French armies are busily replacing old field guns with new quick firers at an enormous expense.

Miss Willard's Successor.

CHICAGO: Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, national vice president of the W. C. T. U., will become the head of the movement.

For a New Battleship.

WASHINGTON: A bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to provide a battleship to replace the Maine was introduced in the house Friday afternoon by Mr. Foster of New York.

Norway's New Cabinet Completed.

CHRISTIANIA: Ex-Premier Sleen, who was entrusted with the task of forming a new ministry, has completed the cabinet and submitted the names to King Oscar.

Russian Troops for Vladivostok.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Russian auxiliary cruiser Tamboff passed through the Bosphorus Friday with 2,000 soldiers and sixteen cannon, bound for Vladivostok.

Exposition Superintendent.

OMAHA: A. C. Foster has been appointed general superintendent of the Trans-Mississippi exposition by a vote of the executive board.

\$125,000 Fire in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG: A fire Saturday afternoon damaged the National Wall Paper Company's building and stock to the extent of \$125,000.

British Battleship Still Aground.

PORT SAID: The British battleship Victoria, which on February 14 went ashore outside the bar here, is still aground.

Sir James Stomsfield Is Dead.

LONDON: Right Hon. Sir James Stomsfield is dead, aged 78.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.03 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 50c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 15c; potatoes, common to choice, 50c to 65c per bushel.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Attorneys for the Alma Banker Make a Plea for Mercy Before the Supreme Court—Formal Application for a Rehearing of the Case.

Wants a Rehearing.

The attorneys for B. D. Miles, the Harlan County banker who is in the penitentiary for assisting in the embezzlement of county funds, have filed an application in the supreme court for a rehearing of the case.

MOORE GOES FREE.

Supreme Court Reverses Decision of Lower Court.

The supreme court has handed down an opinion reversing the decision of the trial court, in the case of ex-Auditor Eugene Moore, and dismissing the case.

Will Be at the Exposition.

Senator L. M. Graham of Stockville will prepare Frontier County's exhibit for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

Want a New School House.

At a special meeting of the school board of Columbus it was decided by a vote of 4 to 2 to call a special election for bonds in a sum not exceeding \$25,000 with which to build a new school building for that city.

Refuses to Dismiss the Appeal.

The supreme court has overruled the motion of Attorney McCoy to dismiss the appeal in the Shoup police case at Omaha.

Homes for Waifs.

They arrived at the Palace House in Schuyler the other day B. W. Rice of New York City and Miss A. Bogardus of Elmira, N. Y., accompanied by Rev. J. W. Luce of Wahoo, all representatives of the Children's Aid Society.

Goes to the Pen.

The trial of the criminal case of the state against Otis Anselm was brought to a close at St. Paul by the defendant changing his plea of not guilty to guilty and throwing himself on the mercy of the court.

Murderer Commits Suicide.

Joseph Holecbeck, who murdered his wife at the Holecbeck farm near Humboldt, on the night of December 4, 1897, hanged himself in the county jail at Falls City last week.

Bank Changes.

The appointment of Hon. George R. Colton to the office of national bank examiner has caused several changes in the officers of the Central Nebraska National Bank at David City, of which he was cashier, to be made.

Large Class Initiated.

At the regular meeting of the Plattsmouth chapter of the Ancient Order of United Workmen 109 candidates were admitted.

Organize a Uniform Rank.

Several members of Garfield lodge No. 6 of Blair and Trinity lodge No. 23 of Herman, Knights of Pythias, organized a uniform rank a Blair last week.

Small Boy Badly Hurt.

Little Frankie Currie of Shelby is in a critical condition. The lad claims that several of the larger boys ran him down and then kicked him and hit him with ears of corn.

Mysterious Disappearance.

Charles Frohman, a young married man, has disappeared from Sterling and no account can be given for his sudden departure.

Shot in the Arm.

Daniel Muirhead of York got in front of the loaded end of a rifle while he and his brother were hunting and surgeons were called to search for the ball in his right arm.

WESTERN UNION'S BUSINESS

Officers of the Company Testify to Its Extent in Nebraska.

The hearing of the telegraph case on the Feltz complaint was taken up before the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation in Lincoln the other day.

May Be Impeached.

Efforts looking to the impeachment of Mayor Frank A. Graham and Exciseman Harvey B. Vaile of Lincoln have been commenced.

Hustle for Farm Lands.

The yearly hustle by renters for farm lands has commenced in Johnson County and it is more vigorous than ever this year.

Sterling Morton as Editor.

Nebraska City is to have another daily newspaper with ex-Secretary Morton as editor. The capital stock of the new company is \$25,000 fully paid.

Bridge Goes Out.

Two hundred and forty feet of the Platte River wagon bridge at Schuyler was taken out last week by a sudden rise caused by the breaking up of Loup River.

Nebraska Short Notes.

Hardy is agitating the advisability of erecting a creamery.

A Young Men's Christian Association has been organized at Valentine.

Alliance has resolved to make another try to secure the county seat of Box Butte County.

Will Wagner of Wood Lake got his foot in a hay press, which crushed the bones at the ankle.

The champion checker players of Teacumseh and Table Rock are trying to get up a match game.

Counterfeit coins of the denominations of 5 cents and 10 are reported to be plentiful in and around Alliance.

The receipts of the Pierce postoffice during the month of January eclipse any month in the history of the office.

Sheriff Looy of Madison County is negotiating for a pack of trained bloodhounds to use in tracking criminals.

The village board of Plainview, at its last meeting, instructed the marshal to enforce the curfew ordinance on and after February 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austing of Loup City, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage at the opera house a few nights since, at which were present about 200 of their friends.

Charles Mayfield, the man arrested at Valentine on the supposition that he was Paul Miller, wanted at Brookfield, Mass., for murder, has been released.

The Hartington city council has contracted for the erection of an electric light plant.

Charles Galster of West Point committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

Rev. A. W. Davis has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Christian Church at Falls City.

The Neligh creamery on last Friday shipped seven cases of butter to Coatsworth, Hussen & Co. of Hull, England.

Eighty-four rats in eighty-minutes is a record T. P. Jarman of Springfield made last week in killing these troublesome rodents.

Will the sleet injure the fruit crop this coming season? is a question that is being asked by a great many.

Some farmers are of the opinion that it will injure the crops, while others claim there is an old saying that "after a heavy coat of sleet look out for a big crop of apples."

B. & M. depot at Merna was completely consumed by fire together with all the contents except the books of the office.

The annual bean dinner of the Richardson County Pioneer Association was held at Verdon last week and, as usual, those present had a good time.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Hebron an ordinance providing an occupation tax of 50¢ per annum for the sale of cigarettes or paper for their manufacture was passed.

O. W. Davis, manager of the Salem Chautauqua, is hard at work on the program for this year's Chautauqua, which is to be held from July 30 to August 7, inclusive.

The noted lecturer and preacher, Robert McIntyre of Chicago, is to open the program.

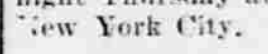
MISS WILLARD DEAD.

THE NOTED TEMPERANCE WORKER PASSES AWAY.

The Great W. C. T. U. Leader, After a Valiant Struggle for Life, Dies at the Imperial Hotel, New York—Her Life and Works.

A Noble Life Ended.

Miss Frances E. Willard died at midnight Thursday at the Imperial Hotel in New York City. A fatal termination of her illness had been expected for several hours.



Miss Willard had suffered some years with profound anemia, and on several occasions had been given up to die. Last summer she seemed to take on a new lease of life and gained strength so that she went through her conversion work at Toronto and Buffalo, which was most arduous.

Francis Elizabeth Willard was born Sept. 28, 1839, in Churchville, near Rochester, N. Y.

Up to her fifteenth year she had never seen the inside of a school room save for an hour or two at a time, and then only as she visited the classes of her girlhood friends.

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