

BLOWN UP BY OREGON

CAUGHT TRYING TO RUN THE BLOCKADE AT SANTIAGO.

One of the Big Warship's 13-inch Shells Hits the Spanish Destroyer and She Goes Down With All Hands on Board.

First Blood for the Oregon.

News has been received from Port Antonio confirming the report that the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror, or the Furor, sister ship, had been sunk by an American warship. It appears that the Oregon saw the craft sneaking close to shore and heading toward the harbor of Santiago. She signaled the craft to turn to, and her signals were improperly answered, whereupon the Oregon opened fire upon her.

Another dispatch Tuesday morning says the above cannot be confirmed, but that it is believed that the destroyer has been sunk. The boat was fired on by three of our warships and a shell from the Massachusetts is supposed to have sent her down.

SANTIAGO BOMBARDED.

Dispatch from Havana Tells of the Attack.

Havana, June 6, 7 p. m.: At 8 o'clock this morning, twenty-four vessels of the American fleet opened fire upon the forts at the entrance to Santiago harbor and along the coast line. The firing ceased about 11 o'clock. Further details are not yet known here.

There are also dispatches from Cape Haytien that tell of the attack, but do not give any particulars.

A DOUBLE LYNCHING.

Suspected Negro Murderers Strung Up—Two More Likely to Die.

An excursion boat from Quincy, Ill., and Hannibal, Mo., arrived at Clarksville, Mo., Sunday with about 300 negroes. They got into a free fight, and City Marshal Meloon went on board to quell it.

Another big sham battle was the event of the day Monday at Chickamauga. Between regiments comprising the First division of the Third corps. Ten thousand men participated. Regimental and company drill kept the men of the other divisions employed.

BIG SHAM BATTLE.

Ten Thousand Men Take Part at Chickamauga.

There was a severe earthquake in northern Kentucky between 1 and 3 o'clock Monday morning. At Paris persons were thrown from bed. At Millersville many people were panic stricken and fled from their homes, the shock lasting two minutes.

Row at an Irish Demonstration.

Great excitement was caused at Belfast, Ireland, Monday by a national demonstration in honor of the revolution of 1798.

Repos from Dewey.

The navy department says Dewey reports that insurgents have won several victories over the Spanish at Cavite province and taken 53 officers and 1,800 men prisoners.

Damage by a Flood.

The dam of the Hickerson Milling Company at Grantsburg, Wis., broke Monday, causing a great flood. The water is the highest in forty years. No particulars as to damage.

Texas Cattle Quarantine.

Gov. Culberson of Texas issued a proclamation Wednesday declaring that from and after May 31, 1898, no cattle in Groer County, Oklahoma, shall be moved into any portion of the state of Texas west or north of the state quarantine line prior to November 15, 1898.

Mississippi's New Senator.

Gov. McLaurin of Mississippi has appointed Congressman William V. Sullivan to the United States senate to succeed the late Senator Walthall.

SPIES MUST LEAVE.

Carranza and Du Bose Will Have to Get Out of Canada.

Steps have been taken by which it is expected that Lieut. Carranza, who has conducted the Spanish spy system from Montreal, with his associate Senor Du Bose, former first secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington, will be expelled from Canada within the next few days unless they adopt their own means to leave before an international inquiry is raised as to their presence in Canada.

CUPID CHOPPERS ARE FREE.

Omaha Exposition Decides Not to Prosecute Statuary Destroyers.

Misses Mauer and McCormick, arrested at Omaha for mutilating undraped statuary at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition grounds, have been released for want of prosecution. The company concluded this was the easiest way out of the matter.

CAPT. GRIDLEY DEAD.

Commander of Admiral Dewey's Flagship Dies in Japan. Capt. Charles V. Gridley, commander of the cruiser Olympia and one of the heroes of the brilliant victory at Manila, is dead. The announcement of his death was received by the navy department Sunday afternoon in a cablegram from Paymaster Galt of the navy.

DESTROYED A DESTROYER.

A dispatch from Port Antonio says: "A vessel that has arrived here from Santiago de Cuba reports that the American ship on Friday night the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror." The assumption, based upon dispatches from Madrid, has been that the Terror, after leaving Fort de France, went to Porto Rican waters, and it is probable that the Port Antonio dispatches confuse her with her sister destroyer, the Furor, as has been several times the case in dispatches from other points.

Stage Coach Held Up.

The mail stage on route between Santa Inez and Santa Barbara, Cal., was held up near Red Gate by a masked man with a shotgun. Two passengers were relieved of \$55. The robber did not disturb the mail. Sheriff Hicks and posse went in pursuit of the robber with blood hounds with good prospects of capturing him.

Armour Gives Another \$500,000.

Philip D. Armour has added \$500,000 to the endowment fund of the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago. Armour is the founder of the institute and the original endowment of \$1,500,000 was intended to be sufficient. The rapid growth of the school, however, has rendered necessary this source of income.

Fatal Accident on a Cruiser.

A fatal accident occurred on the cruiser San Francisco, at Provincetown, Mass., Sunday. By the fall of one of the whaleboats from the davits Klaus Wisselt, Coxswain, was drowned, and Seaman Severson sustained a fractured leg. Wisselt was 39 years old.

Snow Storm in Colorado.

A late touch of winter was felt in the Rocky Mountain country Saturday. At Sherman, Wyo., where the Union Pacific crosses the divide, five inches of snow fell. It also snowed heavily at Central City, Colo., and many other mountain towns.

Minnesota State Lands Sold.

The state land sale held at Mora, Minn., was very successful. 2,200 acres being sold at from \$5 to \$6 per acre. The sale was largely attended and bidding sharp.

Are Believed to Be Spies.

José Castellanos and Frank Miller, believed to be spies, were brought and locked up at Atlanta, Ga. Castellanos is a Spaniard, and has travelled all along the Atlantic coast. Miller is English. No papers were found on them.

Ex-Congressman Morse Dead.

Hon. Elijah Morse died at his home in Canton, Mass., aged 57 years. Mr. Morse was elected to the Fifty-first congress in 1888. He served four terms in congress, retiring in 1895.

Camp Alger Not Unhealthy.

The board of officers to investigate the alleged unhealthfulness of Camp Alger, Va., reported the place healthy, but recommended that no more troops be sent there.

Chicagoan Suicides in California.

C. M. Charnley, Jr. of Chicago, committed suicide at Los Angeles, Cal., by shooting himself in the head. He was despondent through illness.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Shocking Fate of a Negro Outrager in Louisiana.

A thousand people gathered at Doyleine, La., to witness the burning at the stake of William Street, a negro, who attempted the ruin and murder of Mrs. Parish. The crime was committed on the evening of May 30. The people erected a post near the railroad track near the town, quietly piled the light wood and kindling saturated with coal oil, preparatory to chaining Street to the post. He confessed the crime to a colored minister, but said a negro minister named John Rhodes was implicated. He was tied to the stake and uttered not a word as the great crackling flames shot up in succession above his head. It was a shocking sight, which lasted ten minutes, when Street was a charred mass. The woman whom Street assaulted is in a most critical condition and could not identify Street when caught until a doctor held open her eyelids.

WILL ALL BE EXECUTED.

Dominican Revolutionary Expedition Marches Into a Trap.

A Porto Plata, Dominican Republic, dispatch says: A revolutionary expedition was landed at Monte Cristo from Hayti, under the leadership of Senor Jimenez, who was formerly a merchant in New York. The government had been advised of the movement, troops were in waiting for the party, and all were captured. The leader, Jimenez, was reserved for examination, but a subordinate, Gen. A. Gustin Morales, was shot without delay. It is almost certain that the whole party will be executed.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

The Tug Record Sinks in the Ship Canal at Duluth.

The tug Record sank in the ship canal at Duluth, Minn., Saturday. Three of the crew were drowned. They were: Capt. John Bricklet, M. R. Cook, Steward; George Richards, engineer. The Record was meeting a steamer as she entered the harbor. Just as she got alongside and was making fast the steamer's line the strong current setting out into the lake swung the tug broadside against the steamer's stern and the Record went down like a shot.

TO REMOVE VAN WYCK.

Such Action, It is Said, Will Be Taken by New York's Governor. Mayor Van Wyck of New York will be removed pending an investigation into his action in removing Police Commissioners Hamilton and Phillips. Senator Platt has urged the governor to take this step, and he believes that he will do it. Gov. Black will call a special session of the legislature, to convene about June 27.

Lets Up on Censorship.

The government censorship on cable dispatches has been modified to the extent of allowing commercial houses to send code messages to Brazil and Venezuela. The only restriction on these messages is that they shall not pass through Spanish officials. The modification was due to requests from commercial houses having large communications with Venezuela and Brazil. The censorship not only interrupted their communication, but subjected them to expense in not being able to condense messages. General Greeley felt that the modification would not prove disadvantageous to the government.

Miners Need Help.

The United Mine Workers' Union at Hazelton, Pa., have adopted resolutions appealing to congress for an appropriation to relieve the people of that region, who are in great want owing to the dullness in the anthracite coal trade. They also petition the government to use anthracite coal wherever it may be practical to do so.

\$200,000 Fire at West Superior.

The Webster Chair Factory at West Superior, Wis., was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The factory is five miles from the center of the city. The loss is \$200,000 partly insured. The building was struck by lightning.

Sporting Editor Dead.

Charles Baird, a well known writer on sporting topics and an authority on cycling and golf, died Saturday in Chicago of injuries received in a bicycle accident two weeks ago.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.00 to \$1.11; corn, No. 2, 3c to 3c; oats, No. 2, 2 1/2c to 2 1/2c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c; butter, choice creamery, 15c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, common to choice, 50c to 65c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 90c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 white, 33c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 90c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.00 to \$1.08; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c; rye, 55c to 57c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, \$4.40 to \$4.60; clover seed, \$3.20 to \$3.50. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, \$1.11 to \$1.13; corn, No. 3, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 46c to 48c; barley, No. 2, 43c to 49c; pork, mess, \$11.25 to \$11.75. Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.06 to \$1.08; corn, No. 2 yellow, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 33c to 34c; butter, creamery, 13c to 17c; eggs, Western, 10c to 11c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Counsel for Sureties in the Engene Moore Case File Their Brief with Supreme Court—Claim to Be Liable Only for His Official Acts.

The Moore Case. The counsel for the sureties in the Engene Moore bond case have filed their brief with the clerk of the supreme court. After reciting the wording of the bond the brief says:

"It is clear from the language quoted that the sureties upon the bond bound themselves only to make good the loss of money received by the principal by virtue of his office and by authority of law. They did not guarantee the honesty of this conduct, nor undertake to indemnify persons dealing with him outside his official capacity, for the consequences of his acts. They did not extend or limit his authority as auditor. They bound themselves solely to make good the loss of money received officially.

"It is obvious that so far as the sureties on the bond are concerned, there is not to be any question of honesty, morality or fair dealing; and that the contract of such sureties is to be strictly construed." After quoting a number of authorities to show that there could be no conviction or judgment where the receipt of the money embezzled was unauthorized by law, the brief takes up the question of estoppel, as follows:

"It is finally urged that the sureties are estopped to deny the constitutionality of the law under which the fees were received. The best answer to this argument is that the sureties do not deny the constitutionality of that law. They merely aver that since the adoption of the present constitution that law, so far as it touches the right of the auditor to receive fees, has been non-existent. Here is no question of a law to be upheld until declared unconstitutional, but a simple case of no law at all. There is no principle or precedent by which a party to a suit can be estopped to aver the non-existence of a law."

Asks an Injunction.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad has applied to the district court for an injunction to restrain the village board of Wilber and the county commissioners of Saline County from levying or collecting any tax to pay the principal or interest on the bonds issued for the construction of the waterworks, alleging that they were illegally issued in excess of the 10 per cent. of the assessed valuation of the village at the time of their issue in 1891. Judge Hastings granted a temporary order and the case will come on for hearing at the October term of district court.

Wreck Near Blair.

A freight train broke down in a cut on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad, just west of Blair, the other day, blocking the track. The Black Hills express, which was following, dashed into the wreck at top speed. The engine, baggage cars and mail cars were derailed. The dead and injured are: Lucien S. Cook, engineer passenger train. Injured: Fred Owens, fireman passenger train; Will die; Charles Hissard, mail clerk; James N. Mason, mail clerk. None of the passengers were injured seriously. All the injured men live in Missouri Valley.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Ernest Krause, aged 18 years, son of Gottlieb Krause, a prominent farmer living near Columbus, was very badly injured in a runaway accident the other day. He was coming into town on the running gear of a wagon after lumber and when near the city limits on the north a team following him became unmanageable and ran away, jumping squarely onto his wagon and onto him, trampling him badly and running over him. He suffered a fracture of the skull, beside other injuries about the head and face. The chances are against his recovery.

Shooting Scrape.

News has been received of a murder committed about thirty miles south of Hay Springs in the sand hills. Three ranchmen by the names of Kinkaid, Sylvestor and Chase had some difficulty over fencing pasture land, and the result was Kinkaid was killed. Columbus was a great excitement. It is not known which one of the two men did the shooting, but it is said to be Chase. There is great excitement over the affair, as there are supposed to be several ranchmen implicated in it, as they wanted to get Kinkaid out of the country. There is expected to be more trouble.

Discovers a Shortage.

Early last December the board of commissioners of Cass County contracted with E. P. Hovey, an expert accountant of Lincoln, for a thorough and systematic examination of the records of the county treasurer's office during the period between January 9, 1891, and February 21, 1893. Mr. Hovey has submitted his complete report to the board. Surprising as may seem, when considering the fact that the books have been examined regularly by the state examiner, shortages of over \$5,000 were brought to light.

Baggageman Killed.

Al McKune, who until recently was employed by the Burlington road as baggage man at Nebraska City, was killed in a railroad accident at St. Joseph last week. He went there to work for the Maple Leaf road a short time ago. He leaves a wife and two children.

New Postmaster.

S. H. Steele, the newly appointed postmaster at David City has taken possession of the office. Alfred H. Etting, ex-deputy county treasurer, has been appointed deputy postmaster and will have charge of the business of the office.

Boy Drowned.

A party of boys were swimming in the river above the city of Fairbury, and one of the number, Claid Morris, about 15 years old, waded into deep water and was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

Got the Wrong Bottle.

John A. Westberg, living at Lincoln, drank corrosive sublimate the other day, mistaking it for alcohol and died from the effects of the poison. He had gone into a dark closet to take a drink from a bottle of alcohol and by mistake drank from the wrong bottle. Medical aid was of no avail and he died in great agony.

Mercer Renomahed.

Hon. David H. Mercer of Omaha received a unanimous renomination for a fourth term in congress from the Second Nebraska district Republicans.

MAXIMUM RATE CASE.

The United States Supreme Court Amends the Former Ruling.

The supreme court of the United States on application of the attorney general of Nebraska, modified its decree in the maximum freight rate case as prayed. The opinion was by Justice Harlan. The motion was to strike out the words "And below those now charged by said companies," and also the words "And particularly from reducing its present rates of charges for transportation of freight to those presented in said act," in the case of Smith against Smith.

In granting the application to eliminate the court says:

"The general question argued before us on the original hearing was whether the rates established by the Nebraska statute, looking at them as entire, were so unreasonably low as to prevent the railroad companies from earning such compensation as would be just, having due regard to the rights of both the public and the companies. In our examination of that question it was appropriate and necessary to inquire as to the earnings of the respective companies under the rates established by them, looking at such rates as an entirety. We do not intend by an affirmation of the several decrees to adjudge that the railroad companies should not at any time in the future, if they saw proper, reduce the rates under which they were conducting business at the time the final decrees were rendered, so that the State Board of Transportation should not reduce rates on specific or particular articles below the rates which the companies were charging on such articles when the decrees were entered. We did not pass judgment upon the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the rates on any particular article prescribed by the statute or by the railroad companies. If the state should by statute, or through its board of transportation prescribe a new schedule of rates the question will arise whether such rates, taking into consideration the rights of the public as well as the principles announced by this court, of course the reasonableness of a schedule of rates must be determined by the facts as they exist when such schedule is put into force."

The Decree, as originally entered, not only enjoined the State Board of Transportation from enforcing the maximum rates, but also enjoined the officials of the railroads from making rates lower than those in force at the time the decision was rendered.

Prisoner Escapes with Plunder.

The negro who stole some goods at Duncan was apprehended at Silver Creek and the Duncan parties were notified to come up and prosecute. On the arrival of the prosecutors they were escorted to the lockup to see the prisoner, but all that remained to show such a party had been there was a window screen to show where he had made his last break for liberty. The stolen goods and grip were left on a table in the room adjoining the cell while he was a prisoner. When he left he took everything with him except a coat, two vests and the grip.

Big Increase in Deposits.

The sworn statements of all banks doing business in Butler County have been recently published. The returns show a total amount of deposits of \$935,918.24, an increase in deposits over the report of two months ago of nearly 31 per cent. Fully 90 per cent. of the deposits in that county are those of farmers. Loan agents report but little demand for money, and the records of the county clerk's office show mortgages were being paid off and released in a way that bids fair to wipe out a vast amount of farm loans.

Silver Forces will Fuse.

The Democratic and free silver Republican state committees in session at Omaha decided to hold convention at the same time and place to be settled after a conference with the committee from the Populist state committee which meets June 14. W. J. Bryan was present at the session of each committee and advised steps looking to fusion.

Newsboy Painfully Hurt.

A. C. Cohen, an Omaha newsboy, received a painful injury in attempting to board a moving street car in that city. The car struck the curve as he grasped the rail and he was thrown beneath the wheels. He was quick enough to save himself, however, with the exception of his foot, which was caught by the wheel. Two toes were badly crushed and amputation was necessary.

Raising Recruits.

Judge Jesse T. Davis and Don C. Van Deusen of Blair have secured seventy-five signers for Company E, Third regiment, and have requested Gov. Holcomb to send a man to examine and muster the boys in so they can commence drilling.

Sneak Thieves at Shelton.

Sneak thieves made their appearance at Shelton the other night. The cellar of J. W. Webber was entered and a quantity of eatables were taken. The cellar of Rev. C. C. Wilson was visited and two large baskets of dishes taken.

Woman is Burned to Death.

Mrs. Ella Symonds was burned to death at her home in Omaha by the explosion of coal oil, which ignited her clothing. Her injuries did not prove immediately fatal and she lingered in terrible agony nearly twenty-four hours.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The town of Arcadia is going to put in electric lights. The Craig creamery will start up again in the near future. W. W. Havins of Lorrette, Boone county, has lost a number of cattle from black leg.

The Minnea's church was blown half way off its foundation during the wind storm the other day.

The Elkhorn Valley district reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Plainview June 12 to 15. The Banner County Stock Association is issuing a brand book containing the brands of the members of the association. The sheep men in the vicinity of Bayard report great luck with their lambs this spring, as high as 100 per cent. in some cases being saved.

The best fields near Stanton are in good shape this year and the acreage about one-third of last year. There is every prospect for a large yield.

Reports from over the state indicate that a large part of the corn is now planted and much of it is up. As a general thing a good stand is reported.

There was only one criminal case on the Merrick county docket at the present term. The defendant pleaded guilty and will go to the penitentiary.



Most of the day Saturday was spent by the Senate in discussion of the war revenue bill, several Senators being heard upon different features of the measure.

A proposition was made to vote upon the amendment offered by Mr. Gorman of Maryland limiting the excise tax upon railroad, steamboat, electric light, telegraph, telephone, express and other corporations to those whose gross receipts exceed \$250,000 annually and making the tax one-half of 1 per cent. Mr. Aldrich moved to lay upon the table the amendment offered by the committee for which Mr. Gorman's amendment was intended as a substitute. This brought on the most important vote yet taken in the Senate upon the bill. The vote resulted in yeas 41, nays 27.

The Senate remained in secret legislative session for three hours on Tuesday. The entire time was given to a rather free discussion of the Hawaiian question based on a motion declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the question of annexation should not be discussed in open session. At the conclusion of the debate the Senate voted viva voce not to pursue the subject further except behind closed doors. Consideration of the pending war revenue measure was continued in open session, but no real headway was made. The House passed a bill authorizing the construction of a railway bridge across Lake St. Francis, near Lake City, Ark. A concurrent resolution, directing the commission now codifying the criminal laws to prepare and submit a code of civil law and procedure for Alaska, was also approved. A number of private bills were passed and the House, in committee of the whole, passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to keep open during June and July this year such life-saving stations on the Atlantic and gulf coasts as he might deem advisable.

Wednesday's session of the House was given to the consideration and passage of a bill called up by Mr. Jenkins (Rep.) of Wisconsin to remove all political disabilities incurred by the third section of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution. The debate gave rise to notable speeches from Mr. Grosvenor (Rep.) of Ohio and Mr. Settler (Dem.) of Kentucky, upon the oblation of all section feeling and the reality at last of a reunited country. Incidental to the debate several members reviewed the conclusion that a member of Congress could not hold simultaneously a military and civil office. Upon its passage the bill received a unanimous vote. Marked progress was made by the Senate toward the final disposition of the war revenue measure. The committee amendments on nearly sixty pages of the bill were passed upon. The interest of the session centered in the action taken upon the amendment of Mr. Gorman (Dem.) of Maryland, levying a tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent. upon the gross receipts of all corporations doing a business exceeding \$250,000 a year. By a direct vote upon it the amendment was rejected—27 to 34. The Gorman amendment so modified that it levies a tax of one-quarter of one cent. on all corporations engaged in the refining of sugar or petroleum was passed: Yeas, 33; nays, 26.

The Senate continued its consideration of the war revenue bill through its session of Friday, completing everything but the bond provision and the amendments proposed by the Democrats to take its place. The speech of the day was made by Mr. Butler (Populist) of North Carolina. The House, practically without debate, passed the urgency deficiency bill providing for emergency expenses of the army and navy departments incident to the war.

Two very important votes were taken Friday in the Senate. In lieu of the emergency amendment offered by the majority of the Finance Committee, Mr. Wolcott (Rep., Colo.) proposed an amendment directing the Secretary of the Treasury to coin the silver bullion in the treasury and to issue silver certificates against it. The amendment was agreed to, 48 to 34, several Republicans voting for it. Mr. Aldrich (Rep., R. I.) then pressed the amendment of the Finance Committee providing for the issue of \$100,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness and \$200,000,000 of bonds, to be used exclusively for the payment of the expenses of the war. After an extended debate the question was brought to an issue, and by the decisive vote of 45 to 31 the bond amendment was incorporated in the bill as a substitute for the amendment to issue legal tender notes.

Germany's Puzzling Law Systems.

No less than five systems of law are in use in Germany. In moving from one place to another tourists are often greatly puzzled when they find that an act perfectly allowable in one State is a crime in another. A still greater confusion often results when the right of property is considered.

The Barn Owl a Good Provider.

When the barn owl has a young family it hunts diligently and brings to its nest about five mice in an hour. As both of the parent birds are actively engaged both in the evening and at dawn, forty mice a day is a low estimate for the total capture.

Well Qualified.

Recruiting Officer—I'm afraid you are not heavy enough for a cavalryman. We want men who can ride right over anything, if necessary. Applicant—That's all right, sir. I've been a London cab-driver for seven years!

This and That.

In France bicyclists use a whistle instead of a bell.

Dried apricots are now sent from California to London.

The word squirrel is from two Greek words which mean shadow-tail.

The first life boat station in Great Britain was established in the year 1824.

Truffles will soon be cultivated on scientific principles and are likely to become cheaper.