

## PORT IN A PANIC

SENSATIONAL NEWS AT LONDON FROM PORT ARTHUR.

## CONDITIONS IN BAD SHAPE

GENERAL STOESSL REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED HIMSELF

Wild Rumors From the Port Reach St. Petersburg—Preparations to Attack Liao Yang August 20.

CHE FOO.—The firing of heavy guns, at intervals of one minute, has been distinctly heard in the direction of Port Arthur since the atmosphere being unusually favorable.

LONDON.—According to the correspondent of the Morning Post at Shanghai it is reported there that there are 10,000 sick and wounded persons at Port Arthur, and that the Russians are negotiating with the Japanese to send the hospital ship Mongolia away full of sick.

It is reported, the correspondent says, that Lieutenant General Stoessel, in command of the military forces at Port Arthur, has committed suicide, and that panic prevails at Port Arthur.

Marquis Oyama, commander in chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has proceeded north and expects to attack Liao Yang August 20.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The city is full of wild rumors that Port Arthur has fallen, due to reports from Che Foo of another assault in which the fortress was taken by the combined land and sea forces, though the Japanese lost three warships, including the protected cruisers Chiyoda and Itsukushima. There is not the slightest confirmation of these rumors. It is believed that the Japanese are still unable to capture the outer works much less the fortress.

The engineer, six men and pilots belonging to the submarine boat Fulton have arrived from the United States and are engaged in preparing the boat for her trials at Cronstadt. It is said that the engineer was shadowed as far as Berlin by two Japanese spies.

Lieutenant General Sakharoff reports that up to a recent date there has been no change in the Manchurian army's sphere of operations.

## Senator Vest Passes Away.

SWET SPRINGS.—George Graham Vest, ex-senator of the United States, died this morning. Senator Vest was born at Frankfort, Kentucky, December 6, 1830. In 1853 he removed to Missouri to practice law, and was soon prominent in public affairs. He was a member of the Confederate congress during nearly all of the rebellion, but at the close of the war he accepted the terms of peace gladly and unreservedly and was ever after a loyal and patriotic citizen. In March 1879 he took his seat in the United States senate and was a prominent member of that body continuously until last year. Senator Vest was an honest man and was always true to his convictions. He was also generous and was respected and loved by his colleagues. For some time he has been in poor health and his death this morning was not unexpected.

## Trying a New Tack.

CHICAGO.—The union teamsters are to be the principal weapon which the labor leaders propose to use to win the stock yards strike. Orders were issued to drivers of ice wagons to deliver no more ice to butchers who buy of the big packers or to any of the branch houses of the packing plants where the men are now on strike. A list of more than 200 retail dealers who have been buying meat from the so-called trust packers and hauling it away with their own wagons has been compiled, and according to the claims of the strike leaders the ice supply will be cut off from every one of these places tomorrow noon. Arrangements have been made to have pickets stationed at all the retail markets which have been placed under the ban of the union, to see that the boycott is forced to the limit.

## More Bodies Found

PUEBLO, Col.—Organized searching parties scoured the Fountain river for miles in the hope of finding the remaining bodies of the victims of Sunday night's wreck at Eden. Seven more bodies were recovered and a number identified.

## Found Floating in Lake

ST. LOUIS.—The body of S. B. Aigg, editor of the Girard Anchor, of Girard, Ill., was found floating in Lily lake, in Lafayette park. From a letter to his wife, found in the dead man's pocket revealing his identity, it is believed that he committed suicide. He was despondent because of a fear that he was losing his reason. The deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodman and Odd Fellows.

## DEAD BY THE SCORES

WRECK ON RIO GRANDE ONE OF THE WORST IN HISTORY.

Train Falls Into Torrent, Bridge Gives Way Under Weight of the Engine, Tender and Cars Follow.

PUEBLO, Col.—The wreck of the world's fair flyer on the Denver Rio Grande railroad near Eden, seven miles north of Pueblo, proves to have been one of the greatest railroad disasters in the history of the country. Two crowded passenger cars and baggage cars were engulfed in the torrent that tore out a trestle spanning Steeles hollow, otherwise known as Dry Creek, and so far as known, only three occupants of these cars escaped death. Fortunately two sleeping cars and a diner completing the train, remained on the track at the edge of the abyss, and none of those on board were killed or injured.

How many perished probably will never be definitely ascertained, for the treacherous sands are drifting over the bodies. Searching for the dead was begun about midnight on an extensive scale and still is in progress. All corpses found were brought to Pueblo and placed in four morgues here. At present seventy-six bodies have been recovered and of these fifty had been identified.

During the day bodies were recovered all the way along Fountain river from the scene of the wreck to this city. Two bodies were taken from the stream at First street, Pueblo, more than eight miles from the point where the disaster occurred, and it is probable that some may be recovered even further down stream. None of the bodies are badly mutilated and all are in such condition as to be recognizable. Many identifications have been made by articles found on the bodies, no person who viewed them recognizing the features.

Two car loads of human freight plunged into the raging torrent that destroyed the trestle over the usually dry arroya known as Steele's hollow near Eden. Two sleeping cars and the diner stopped at the brink of the hungry chasm filled with boiling seething current that quickly snuffed out probably one hundred lives. So quietly had the catastrophe been enacted that the occupants of the three cars remaining on the track did not realize that an accident had occurred until they alighted from the train.

Then they were utterly powerless to render assistance to the victims, who had disappeared in the rushing waters.

On the lookout for danger, warned by the squally clouds and heavy rains to the north, Engineer Charles Hinman was running cautiously, about fifteen miles an hour, as he approached the arroya, which was spanned by a bridge ninety-six feet in length.

The condition of the bridge was not known until the locomotive, one of the passenger type, had nearly crossed. Fireman Frank Mayfield, with a torch that the engineer and fireman had burning to ascertain the condition of the track was in the gangway. When Engineer Hinman felt the tremor in the great machine and caught a glimmer of the water he shouted his last words: "Put out that torch," evidently thinking that in the accident he felt certain was coming the flames would serve to spread fire.

But before Mayfield could obey, while the words were still on the lips of the doomed man and his hand seeking the mechanism controlling the air, the bridge gave way as if it had been a stack of kindling wood and the locomotive dropped with the hissing of steam thirty feet to the bottom of the arroya, crosswise to the track.

## Arrest The Bomb Thrower.

NEW YORK.—A bomb thrown in to a crowd of Italians in East One Hundred and Fifty-first street injured a score of more persons and led to the arrest of Vincenzo Donneto, who, the police believe, is a member of the "black hand" society, which for some time has terrorized residents of the Italian districts here and extorted money from them by threats and acts of violence.

Donneto was himself more severely injured by the bomb than any of the others, one leg being badly torn from the hip to the ankle but as he managed to escape at the time he was later arrested at his home.

## Lives Lost Near Trinidad.

TRINIDAD, Col.—A cloud burst in Fisher canon, three miles north of here caused the loss of two lives and flooded mines and other property in and adjacent to the canon. William Haigh, general manager of the Trinidad Coal company, which owns several mines in Fisher canon, his son George Haigh, and an employe, William Richardson, while driving up the canon were caught in the flood caused by the cloudburst.

## LAW IS VIOLATED

STRIKERS DECLARE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE HAND

## EFFORTS MADE TO SETTLE

UNION STOCK YARDS AND CATTLE SHIPPERS WANT PEACE.

Men Are Paid From the Strike Fund for the First Time Since the Commencement of Hostilities.

CHICAGO.—That the federal government is preparing to take an active part in the stock yards strike was indicated when International Secretary Call of the butcher workmen divulged the fact that he had been in conference with an emissary of the United States Department of Labor Commerce. Who this agent is, or what his immediate plan, Mr. Call refused to say, but the strike leader made this significant remark: "In everything the packing trust is doing they are violating the law. Their very business combination is in restraint of trade and there is not one of them that is not amenable to the federal laws. A sample of their operations came to my knowledge after stories had been printed in the newspapers telling of the importation of immigrants from foreign lands to take the place of American workmen who are on strike. One of our pickets found in the street an immigrants' receipt showing the immigrant had been paid \$5.70 for passage to Chicago. At the bottom of the printed slip was the sentence 'We hereby agree to rebate the bearer \$5.70 on presentation of this receipt at our Chicago office.'"

I showed this document to an official of the United States Department of Labor and Commerce and inadvertently allowed him to keep it. Recording Secretary Shanahan of the packing house teamsters' union announced today that orders would be issued immediately to teamsters to stop the removal of meats from the several cold storage warehouses in the city. The allied trades executive committee, he said, would act upon the teamsters' proposition and a report favoring sympathetic action by teamsters who have been distributing meat from warehouses would mean the immediate issuance of a strike order to those drivers.

President Donnelly, the strike leader, who has been on a trip to Kansas City and other packing centers, has arrived.

Lost In The River. ALTON, Ill.—While bathing in the Missouri river, Michael Riley, his daughter and six of the latter's little girl friends were drowned. One child, who was in the party, was rescued. Riley lived near the river, in the southern part of the city, and was accustomed to bathe on the beach in front of his home after his return from work. The little daughter begged to go with him, and Riley took her and seven of her little girl friends to the beach with him. When they entered the water, Riley bade the children join hands, and they all waded into the river and walked along a sand bar which stretches out into the stream at that point. They had gone some distance from the shore, when suddenly the whole party disappeared beneath the water, having in the darkness stepped from the sandbar into the deep channel.

## Will Stick To Claim.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—William McCormick, who was lucky enough to draw prize No. 1 in the Rosebud lottery arrived here with his agent, Samuel Herrick. McCormick gives his home as Lincoln, Neb., and is now in the employ of the treasury department. He says he is here to pick out the best claim on the reservation, near a townsite and that he will resign his position in the department and farm his claim. He denies absolutely having made arrangement with his agent or anybody else regarding the disposition of the claim. Several people are here preparing to contest his claim. In fact there is an organized gang of claim-jumpers here, whose method is to accost a lucky drawer on the train, get him to make a proposition to relinquish before witnesses and then contest his claim. The government officials who will have charge of the filing arrived here with five Washington clerks.

## Work For The Grand Jury.

DENVER.—Judge Samuel L. Carpenter charged the grand jury to investigate fully the causes of the failure of the Fidelity Savings association which recently closed its doors owing nearly one million dollars to three thousand depositors.

"If reports are true the depositors of this institution have been most cruelly robbed," said Judge Carpenter. If there has been criminality here it is your duty to find it out.

## IT MUST FALL IN TIME

DOOM OF PORT ARTHUR CONSIDERED SEALED.

Reaches Che Foo and Described Conditions in Besieged Fortress—Fragrantary Details of Fighting.

CHE FOO.—"Port Arthur certainly will fall inside of one or two months, depending how fast the Japanese move."

This opinion was expressed by an educated Russian who as just arrived here from Port Arthur by junk. He had fifteen companions, but they left the Russian stronghold six days ago. They suffered much hardship on the trip over the lack of food.

The Russian who voiced the foregoing opinion occupied an important semi-official position at Port Arthur and his views are regarded as valuable. He says that while the Japanese constantly received reinforcements, every Russian casualty decreases the defensive efficiency of the garrison, as the Russians cannot be reinforced. General Stoessel, commander-in-chief at Port Arthur is compelled to husband his ammunition. He can manufacture shells, but it is impossible to make proper explosives. The necessity of protecting the men for the final stand explains the retreat of the Russians from the strong outpost position, where their losses were far less serious than those sustained by the assailants.

According to this Russian General Stoessel is in daily communication with General Kuropatkin. The three days' fighting of last week was done chiefly with artillery.

## Bodies Are All Recovered

ALTON, Ill.—All the bodies of the seven children who were drowned last night with their swimming instructor, Michael Riley, while bathing in the Mississippi river, have been recovered and preparations for their funerals are being made by sad-hearted friends and relatives.

The number of hearses in the city of Alton is not nearly adequate to accommodate the demand which has been so suddenly made. Owing to the nature of the casualty it will be necessary to bury all the victims as soon as possible and a conference of undertakers was necessary to make arrangements for the use of the hearses at the time desired.

An inquest was held over the four bodies first recovered by the deputy coroner of Madison county, in the city hall at Alton. While this was in progress the bodies of Ruth Marshall, Ella Pates and Marie Brun were found and were carried down to Alton by an electric launch.

## Runs Into Work Engines.

BOZEMAN, Mont.—The special train of Superintendent Boyle of the Montana division of the Northern Pacific railway crashed into the work engines in the east end of the Bozeman yards. Thomas McQuigal of Cedar Rapids, Ia., traveling engineer for the Northern Pacific, was killed and his body is now beneath the wreckage of the engine of the special.

William Crast, of Helena, engineer of the special and his fireman, Charles Pepper, were both fatally scalded and their deaths are thought to be a matter of but a few hours.

The Boyle special was taking President Elliott's special car from Bozeman to Livingston to be ready for Mr. Elliott, when he shall have completed his tour of the Yellowstone park. The work train engines had been switching in the yard. Evidently the two engines were not aware of the time of the arrival of the special as they were both on the main line when the special arrived.

Both Hayes and Nugent, with their firemen, jumped when they saw a collision was inevitable, and all escaped.

## Falls From Hotel Window.

DENVER, Col.—M. W. O'Connell, former marshal of Victor, Col., came to his death by falling from a fourth story window in the rear of the Markham hotel.

There is doubt as to whether O'Connell met with an accident, committed suicide or was murdered. The police hold to the suicide theory, on the ground that an accident would be almost impossible, as the window in the toilet room from which O'Connell fell was not more than two feet wide.

## Negroes Being Run Down.

LAUREL, Del.—Word was received here that in the pursuit of the twelve negroes who escaped from the Georgetown jail one of them, who gave his name as Smith, was shot and fatally injured by a citizen. Three of the escaped convicts were discovered making for a ticket three miles from Laurel. They were shot at, but it is not known whether any one was hit. The negroes in general.

## DISCUSSES STRIKE

DONNELLY SAYS BUTCHERS ARE SURE OF VICTORY.

## AID FROM LABOR UNIONS

CHICAGO FEDERATION TO GIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Three Hundred Thousand Men in Chicago Leaned Upon to Defeat the Packers—What the Packers Say.

CHICAGO, Ill.—All the labor unions in Chicago have endorsed the stockyards strike. After listening to the strikers' side of the controversy which was presented to them by Chief Michael J. D. Donnelly, president of the striking butchers union, the Chicago federation of labor, which is composed of every labor union in Chicago and has a membership of nearly 60,000, adopted resolutions pledging the moral and financial support of the federated body as long as the strike continues. Each member of the central body will be assessed a small sum per week and the whole amount will be turned over to the striking unions to help in the support of the strikers and their families during the struggle with the packers. The exact amount each member is to be assessed was left in the hands of a committee with orders to report the result. While the officials of the federation of labor were unable to give an exact estimate of the amount of money the strikers would secure from this source, it was stated that the total sum would be well up in the thousands each week.

After a fight which lasted for nearly four weeks, a settlement of the stockyards strike seems to be as remote as at any time since the struggle for supremacy began. Neither side to the conflict, during all this time has shown any signs of weakening.

The packers, while claiming that they will soon have their affairs in normal condition again, so successful have they been in securing non union men still admit that so far they have been able to get but 550 of their old employes back and that the majority of their men are unskilled workers. In the last statement given out by the packers, it was said that not half as many men are at work now as before the strike began. These men have been brought to Chicago from all parts of the country, the majority of them never seen a meat packing plant before coming here. With these men, the packers have succeeded in accomplishing a great deal of work, but according to the strikers, every animal that has been slaughtered since the strike was called has been at a financial loss to the packers, as in the majority of cases a lack of skilled workmen has made it impossible to operate the by-products department and this source of revenue which under normal conditions is a clear profit to the packers, has been allowed to waste.

## Arrange To Build Town.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—The only important event that has transpired in Bonesteel since the gamblers and grafters were forced to leave town was at the city hall during a meeting held by C. J. Conner for the purpose of effecting a townsite organization. About three hundred enthusiastic people participated in the meeting and everything was harmonious. Officers were elected without contest, except C. J. Conner, for whom it had been prematurely arranged to elect to fill to offices, secretary and treasurer. This caused considerable comment and after discussing the advisability of consolidating the two offices Mr. Conner was elected without a dissenting vote. He addressed the meeting and advised that the law governing townsites be respected. Hon. Charles Warner, state representative of Lincoln, Neb., was elected chairman of the meeting and took an active part in the organization of the townsite.

## Oppose The Model Saloon.

WARSAW, Ind.—At the closing session of the national reform association at Winona Lake, a number of speakers took occasion to censure Bishop Henry C. Potter for his action relative to dedicating the "model saloon" in New York.

## Turns Over Hidden Loot.

MISSOULA, Mont.—Fifty thousand dollars' worth of securities, cash and diamonds were received which had formed part of the loot of the Bear Mouth robbery. John Christie arrested in Hope, N. D., guided Special Agent McFettridge to the place where the cache was made, eight miles below the scene of the robbery, and on the same side of the river. The securities filled a flour sack.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

The state war cry at present is "Down with the weeds."

The Falls City Commercial club starts out with a good strong membership and bright prospects.

The Cambridge concrete company has started operations, making cement brick for building purposes.

The editor of the Gordon Journal has quit the newspaper profession to become an osteopath physician.

At Juanita the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Alves got hold of some arsenic and swallowed enough the other day to cause sudden death.

The county board of supervisors, at its last meeting, decided to erect a new steel bridge across the Elkhorn river at a point three miles below West Point.

During a recent storm the high school building at Falls City was struck by lightning, breaking windows, burning two holes in the belfry and tearing many shingles off.

Two hundred and ten acres of unimproved land five miles northeast of Kearney was sold recently for ten thousand five hundred dollars, or an even fifty dollars an acre.

Wayne people believe that they have one of the best towns in the state, both artistically and commercially, and have decided to keep the population growing till there are ten thousand people in town at least.

A telegram has been received from Harry Bowly, of Crete, that he has arrived in New York and will be home soon. Harry has been absent for several years in Ecuador, where he has been engaged in civil engineering.

John Carman of Litefield, had forty-five acres of fine wheat cut and in the shock. A heavy rain came, flooded his land and carried every shock to an unknown destination down stream.

The adage, "Let the women do the work," was exemplified at the Havlock M. E. church when the ladies of the missionary society tore up the old boards, laid new, nailed down the boards and ricked the old lumber in the church basement to be used as kindling next winter.

Work on the new passenger depot of the Northwestern road, in West Point is progressing rapidly. It is expected that the building will be completed by November 1. All the workmen employed in the construction will be residents of the place.

The harvesting is all done in Valley county and threshing is being done. The yield of fall wheat is above the expectations of the farmers in many instances and will average right around 35 bushels per acre. The hot weather is doing wonders for the late corn and it is a certainty that the crop will be excellent both in quality and quantity.

The fad of vertical writing which has had quite a vogue is being abandoned in many schools. The Blair school board has just ordered it discontinued. Pupils who have commenced to learn the vertical system will have an opportunity to finish the course, but all new pupils will have to take the slant system study.

Last week Policeman Trindle, of Kearney, received a telephonic communication from Lexington requesting him to locate a woman accompanied by a little girl. He said he had her already located as she had inquired of him the direction to a house in the first ward when she alighted from a train about an hour before. The husband of the woman arrived on another train an hour afterwards, and together with officer Trindle went to the first ward house and there found his wife and child. After talking their differences over, the wife and child returned to their home at Lexington with the husband and father. The time consumed in the runaway, the arrival of the husband and the return home was less than four hours.

At Humboldt a gang of boys from 10 to 18 years of age has been caught who have for several months been looting a brewer's warehouse. A window had been broken from the warehouse which would admit the smallest members of this youthful band and he would hand out abundant supply to those upon the outside. Close to this building is another brewer house which is used as an ice house. Here the stolen beverage was carefully concealed close to the ice and drank at leisure. One of the youngsters was nipped and by the usual sweating process, soon gave a detailed account of the affair.

Although the expected consignment of lamps failed to arrive, the current was turned on by the Loup Valley Electric company and regular service has since been maintained. The light is all that had been expected, being steady and very brilliant, and there is no reason to doubt that its popularity will increase with age. The plant is declared by experienced electricians to be one of the best ever installed in a town of St. Paul's size.