

## NEBRASKA NOTES

The teachers' institute at Falls City began on Monday.

A trace of frost was reported by early risers in the Eikhorn valley near Stanton on August ninth.

The Werman block at Plattsmouth has been sold to A. H. Rawster of Omaha for \$12,500.

John J. Novoty has been appointed regular rural carrier at Bruce and Alvin Novoty substitute.

The labor organizations of Nebraska City will hold a big celebration in the grove north of that city on Labor day.

Wallace Merchant of Mitchell found a porcupine on the creek near that place. The fretful porcupine is not common in Nebraska.

A telephone war at Emerson is giving the citizens the advantage of free service on two systems. They hope the war will be perpetual.

A valuable horse belonging to Kilpatrick brothers of Beatrice which had been driven to town dropped dead on the streets of sunstroke.

This year's improvements at Cambridge have amounted to sixteen thousand dollars so far, and several new buildings are in immediate prospect.

Rural free delivery service has been ordered established September 15, at Pauline, Adams county, one route; area twenty square miles; population 295.

Howard county has the best sweet corn crop in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Canning factories in different parts of the state are just beginning to work up the new crop.

A carload of strike breakers passed through Plattsmouth over the Missouri Pacific from South Omaha to Kansas City. Most of the men were negroes and had been working in the packing houses in South Omaha.

Martin Schleicher's blacksmith shop caught fire at Fremont and was badly damaged. Schleicher's loss is about \$150. The building was owned by Mrs. John Dodge; loss about \$200. Neither party carried any insurance.

P. Julian, general car foreman of the Union Pacific, was in Plattsmouth and succeeded in securing thirteen men to work in the freight car repairing department in the Union Pacific shops in Omaha. Most of the men previously worked in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth.

Floyd F. Mitchell, who was killed by a train on the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs was for some time a resident of Fremont, having recently removed to Council Bluffs. His two daughters, Mrs. George Ronin and Mrs. E. Hassett of Fremont were notified of his death and went to Council Bluffs. He was about 64 years of age.

Battery A of Wymore went to Seward and camped from Saturday until Monday, when they left for the encampment at David City. They traveled by train to Crete and from there to Seward they marched. There were fifty-two men and they had three 3-inch guns.

Speaking of Cumings county corn, the West Point Republican says: "Anyone looking at the cornfield of Anton Pasca, across the river, would naturally suppose that he had cut across an elegant piece of timber land. The free and unlimited use of the cultivator is given as the cause of a prospective yield of from seventy-five to a hundred bushels per acre."

Twenty-five years ago Bert Smith of Pender, fell upon a needle sticking in the carpet. It broke in two, and about half of it remained in the fleshy part of his abdomen. It gave him no trouble until a few weeks ago, when it began to give up an irritation which made it removal necessary. The needle had traveled four inches in twenty-five years.

A team belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Underhill became frightened on the streets of Seward and succeeded in making a wreck of a carriage and nearby trees, and injured Mrs. Underhill seriously. Her injuries are internal and the physicians say it is a miracle she did not meet her death. Frank Underhill in trying to get out of the carriage landed with his back to the team and sat on the doubletrees behind the maddened team and miraculously escaped injury. Charlie Underhill of Seward was also an occupant of the vehicle but fortunately received nothing but a shaking up.

Occasionally fruit growers have been mystified by finding that peach trees that used to produce frost-free crops this year bearing clings. The phenomenon is explained by the statement that the cold, wet weather has caused some peaches to ripen imperfectly next to the seed leaving the flesh of the fruit atached where it would be free in perfectly ripened fruit.

Shelton will have a harvest festival the second week in September.

## RUSSIA IN DESPAIR

ADMIRALTY SEES NAVY BEING GRADUALLY CRUSHED.

## NOTHING LEFT OF FLEETS

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON ADMITTEDLY OUT OF FIGHT.

Remnants of Port Arthur Cooped Up or Disabled—Scant Consolation Offered to Sailors.

ST. PETERSBURG.—A feeling almost akin to despair reigns in the much tried Russian admiralty. The official report of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, coming on the heels of the known losses sustained by the Port Arthur squadron in its desperate sortie of August 10, and the anxiety over the fate of the warships still unaccounted for, not only confirming the sinking of the *Rurik*, but showing that the injuries sustained by the *Grobool* and *Russia* in the fight with Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadron, was even greater than anticipated, completes the crushing nature of the blow to Russia's ill-starred naval forces in the far east. So far as the immediate future is concerned, the admiralty does not disguise the fact that the Vladivostok squadron is destroyed. The effect on the public is most depressing.

The only consolation found is in the words of praise bestowed on officers and men and the unequal character of the fight. Russian naval experts by the system of certificates flouting that inferiority of the Vladivostok squadron in armor and guns was sixty-nine to 200.

In some quarters of the navy there is also a disposition to censure Rear-Admiral Jessen for abandoning the *Rurik*, even though standing by her would have meant that the *Grobool* and *Russia* would have shared her fate. The chief mystery at the admiralty is why Vice-Admiral Kamimura drew off when Admiral Jessen's ships were at his mercy. The only explanation is that his squadron must have suffered such frightful damage that it could not continue the battle.

The weight of opinion continues to correspond with the foreign reports that the battleships are back at Port Arthur, but some of the officials at the admiralty cling to the hope that they are captured. One Foo reports received here apparently leave no doubt on this point and Emperor William's request that the German naval attaches at Port Arthur, Captain Hoffman and Lieutenant von Gigenheim, be instructed to leave the fortress is generally regarded as evidence conclusive.

Charge of Manslaughter. ST. LOUIS.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Mrs. Jennie Helms of New York, who died in a hotel here after taking a dose of what she supposed was cream of tartar, returned a verdict of manslaughter against Charles M. Farthing, the drug clerk who sold the preparation to Mrs. Helms's husband.

The jury also recommended that F. L. Right, the proprietor of the drug store, be held for allowing an unlicensed drug clerk to sell drugs. According to the verdict of the jury Mrs. Helms died from the effects of tartar emetic poisoning. Farthing has been in the custody of the police since Mrs. Helms's death.

Severe Storm in Manitoba. WINNEPEG, Man.—Reports of a disastrous storm have been received here from Pierson and Moosamin, but so far nothing has been heard from intervening country seventy miles wide.

At Moosamin, Archie Latimer, a well-known farmer, was instantly killed by lightning while working with a team eight miles north of here. The same bolt killed the team. For violence and velocity this storm surpassed anything ever seen in this neighborhood. It is impossible to state the extent of the damage to standing shops in the district.

Lightning struck in the town of Lyleton, causing a fire which totally destroyed five buildings. The loss will run into thousands. A heavy thunderstorm accompanied by hail passed over Melita. The house of the manager of the Union bank, was struck by lightning and almost totally wrecked.

Knapp Pays the Penalty. COLUMBUS, O.—Alfred A. Knapp, convicted of the murder of his wife, Hanna Goddard Knapp, and who confessed to five murders, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary a few minutes after midnight. In 1895 Ida Geppert was murdered in Indianapolis and Knapp claims to have killed her. Afterward Knapp returned to Cincinnati and in 1896 married Hannah Goddard with whom he lived six months.

## TWELVE ARE KILLED

PROPERTY DAMAGE WILL REACH ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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RUSSIAN CRUISER DEFEATED IN BATTLE WITH JAPS.

GENERAL STOESSEL FIRM REFUSES JAPANESE DEMAND TO SURRENDER PORT ARTHUR.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Death to twelve persons and destruction to property, both private and public, estimated at \$1,000,000 resulted from a screaming gale which tore down the valley of the Mississippi at about 1 o'clock at night from a point some where near the confluence of the Minnesota, and Mississippi rivers near Snelling. At about that point, the fury of the elements seemingly divided and, with a rear, descended upon the twin cities and their environs. Beginning at point below Fort Snelling there is the first known evidence that the storm struck with damaging effect. It came from the southwest and howling in its fury uprooted trees and demolished buildings in its pathway toward St. Paul.

It tore off two spans of High bridge completely. The bridge is there connected with the high bluffs at West St. Paul and is 180 feet above the river. This mass of steel was carried to the flats below where flying steel girders and heavy planks fell on several small frames houses of the flat dwellers and crushed them. Some of the occupants of these houses were hurt, they having seen the storm coming and taken refuge in the caves in the hillsides. The storm tore along the flats, uprooted trees on Harriet island and with a deafening roar and the hiss and splash of falling sheets of rain it struck this city at Wabash street bridge. Here were located at the bridge entrance on opposite sides of Wabash street, the Tivoli concert hall and Empire theater, both of which were fairly filled with men watching the performances. The full force of the tornado struck them. The buildings began to sway and rock and the audience became panic-stricken. Men and boys rushed over each other for exit. The lights went out and the sheet lightning flashes followed one another with undimmed rapidity, illuminated a scene of pandemonium which was intensified by the crash of glass and the tearing of timbers as the frame structure gave way before the storm.

Section 5 of the roof were blown through the air and landed east on Third street a block distant.

Driven From City. CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—Two thousand citizens of the city arrested F. J. Hanga, Attorney Eugene Engley, Attorney J. C. Cole, together with Mr. Hall, manager of the union store and some fifteen others. The crowd was divided into three squads, one taking their prisoners to Barnard Creek, about three miles on here, where they were told to save the district and not return, the other two squads taking their prisoners toward Canon City, where they were treated in a like manner. The greatest excitement prevailed in the district and the citizens declare that none of the deportees will be allowed to return.

Under guard of 2,000 men they were escorted to a point on the old Canon City stage road three miles from the city. There a spokesman stepped forward and said: "You men are not wanted in this camp and you are not going to be allowed to live here. You do not seem to be happy unless you can stir up trouble. We have had trouble enough. You are going on and you are not coming back. If you do there will be either a bullet or a rope for every one of you. Now go and keep going."

Returning to the city a part of the crowd made an attack upon the union store. The officers at first repulsed the attack, but they were overpowered and about twenty men entered and completely wrecked the stock. All the goods were thrown into the street. The stock was worth about \$3,000.

Rescued by Sheriff Bell. COLORADO SPRINGS, Col.—A special to The Gazette from Victor, J. L., says a mob took a man and tried to lynch him but Sheriff Bell and deputies rescued him.

Threaten Him With Death. NEW YORK.—An anonymous letter was received by Assistant United States District Attorney, Joel M. Marx, threatening the federal official and those connected with him with death if the prosecution and arrest of Italians for alleged naturalization frauds did not cease. Mr. Marx has, since his appointment as assistant United States district Attorney last January, caused the arrest of many Italians on those charges.

## WILL RISK THE MOB

DEPORTED MEN DENY ANY CONNECTION WITH FEDERATION.

## MUST STOP REPAIR

FORMAL NOTICE SERVED ON RUSSIANS AT SHANGHAI.

JOHN BULL TAKING HAND BRITISH CONSUL ACTS FOR THE CHINESE TAOTAL.

Orders Work to Stop on Cruiser Askold and the Destroyer—Time Limit Expires Without Compliance. WASHINGTON, —Consul General Good now at Shanghai cabled the state department that the Chinese taotal of Shanghai, through the British consul, has ordered that the repairs to the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi be stopped. The order was made through the British Dock company at Shanghai.

Acting Secretary of State Ade has cabled Minister Conger at Peking a request that the report as soon as possible the facts concerning the situation at Shanghai. A similar request has also been addressed to Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, and Consul General Fowler at Chee Foo. Although no admission on that point is yet obtainable, it is believed that instructions have neither been sent or will be sent to Rear Admiral Stirling to co-operate with the minister and the consuls in the protection of American interests in the treaty ports.

SHANGHAI.—The final time limit allowed by the taotal of Shanghai for the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi to disarm has passed without compliance with his order. A meeting of the foreign consuls was held this afternoon, but the Russian consul general M. Kleimeoff, was absent and no definite course of action was decided upon.

The taotal has requested Sir Pelham Warren, the British consul general, to order that the repairs of the Askold be stopped. The British consul general has taken no action as yet.

There is a Japanese fleet outside the harbor awaiting developments. A visit to the Askold shows that her hull is not in condition to go to sea. The repairs on the Russian cruiser's boilers and funnels have been rushed, but the replacing of damaged plates in her hull has been pursued in a desultory manner.

In view of the circumstances existing here certain prominent American firms made a request upon American Consul General Goodnow for the protection of cargo and wharves near the Askold. This request was forwarded by Mr. Goodnow to Rear Admiral Stirling, in command of the American fleet there, who has the matter under consideration.

No uneasiness is felt by the foreign residents of Shanghai, but the Chinese are excited.

Storm Wrought Great Damage. ST. PAUL, Minn.—Two million five hundred thousand is a summary of the damage wrought by Saturday's tornado in various sections of Minnesota. In addition to the fatally injured nearly two hundred persons sustained injuries of a minor character. The city government had a force of 300 men at work clearing the streets of the vast amount of debris with which they had been strewn; gangs of linemen were at work repairing damage to electric wires and the wholesale houses had their employes removing goods and making temporary repairs to their buildings and warehouses.

The municipality through the destruction of bridges, school buildings, parks, and other public property, suffered the greatest loss, its damage approximating a million dollars. The other losses, involving nearly 200 business firms and individual range from \$50,000 in the case of Finch, Young & McConville, wholesale dry goods, down to a few dollars for the breakage of window glass and the tearing away of awnings.

In Minneapolis, where the work of clearing away the wreckage and repairing the damage done had proceeded rapidly, the extent of the injury done is not so great as at first reported. The largest individual loser was Donaldson's glass block, an immense department store. The loss to building and stock is estimated at \$100,000.

Caught Robbing the Safe. SHERMANN, Conn.—Detected in the act of blowing a safe, it is believed, a man who gave the name of Herbert Schmidt when he was hired shot and killed William Taylor, another farm hand, at the summer home of W. H. D. Crittenden of New York in this town. Mr. Crittenden and his family had gone on an outing, leaving the two men behind. Taylor's body was found beside the well.

Fire Followed a Storm. CHICAGO.—Fire, the result of lightning, caused a loss of \$75,000 to the plant of the Nublan Paint & Varnish company, Fifty-first and Moffatt streets. Explosions of tanks of oil and varnish endangered the lives of firemen, five of them and a volunteer being overcome by the gas and smoke. The storage room and office of the company were destroyed and remainder of the plant had a narrow escape.

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Says None to the Japanese in Two Days' Attack Have Been Great—Troops Fight Heroically.

TOKIO.—The protected cruisers Chitose and Tsushima have defeated the Russian cruiser Novik and forced her ashore near Korsakoff.

WASHINGTON.—The state department received the following cablegram from Minister Griscom at Tokio: Japanese fleet sunk Novik off Sakhalin."

The following details of the attack on the Novik have been received at the Japanese legation: On the morning of the 21st the Novik, which had been heavily damaged, was stranded and partly sunk. The Tsushima was hit once in the coal bunker, but the damage has already been repaired. There was no other damage, nor was there a single casualty on either side of the Japanese vessels."

TOKIO.—After a severe engagement with the protected cruisers Chitose and Tsushima, the greyhounds of the Japanese navy, the fleet Russian cruiser Novik has been vanquished. After it the Novik in a sinking condition, was run ashore in Korsakovs harbor on the island of Sakhalin.

The details of the fight are not known here, but it is evident that the Chitose and the Tsushima caught up with the Novik and that a running fight ensued.

The contest was resumed and terminated early in the morning. Captain Sukechiro Takahashi, who was in command of the Chitose, reported the engagement in a brief telegram which reached the navy department here in the afternoon. He says he first attacked the Russian cruiser Saturday afternoon and that on Sunday morning he inflicted heavy damage upon her. The Novik nearly sank but she was beached at Korsakovsk. Temporary repairs rendered the Russian cruiser seaworthy and she continued the fight. The Japanese suffered no casualties.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following message from Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, dated August 16: "The Japanese made a two days' attack on our position on the Ublavala mountains near Louisa bay. All their attacks were repulsed."

A representative of the Japanese army, Major Yamacka, presented himself at our advanced post with a letter signed by General Nogi and Admiral Togo demanding the surrender of the fortress. The proposal was, of course, rejected.

"I have the happiness to report that the troops are in excellent condition and that they fight heroically."

Blame Railroad Company. PUEBLO, Col.—The coroner's jury that has been investigating the train wreck of Sunday, August 7, near Eden station on the Denver Rio Grande railroad, in which nearly one hundred persons perished, rendered a verdict finding that the appalling loss of life and property was due to the negligence on the part of the railroad company. Many reasons are given to show negligence on the part of the railroad, the principle one being that the bridge was not a first class one and should have been so constructed that it would have withstood all the water the Arroyo could accommodate.

Negro Murderer Lynched. CORDOVA, Ala.—Town Marshall McNeelson was killed and his slave, a negro named Avery, a short time thereafter was taken from the carcass by a mob and put to death with stones and pistol balls. A brother of the negro lynched made threats against members of the mob and now is being pursued. Fearing that another lynching will occur when he is captured Governor Cunningham wired Sheriff Moore at Jasper to order out the militia if he thought it necessary.

Tragedy on Fair Grounds. ST. LOUIS.—Frank Schram, formerly employed as a cowboy in the wild west show on the Pike, is in the emergency hospital fatally wounded, and Charles Higley, chief of the cowboys there, is under arrest charged with shooting him. The shooting occurred late at night in front of the wild west show. It is claimed by Higley that Schram began the shooting, but this is denied by the latter's wife.