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ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA.

Brief Telegrams

J. M. Hagaman, the founder of Concordia, Kas., is dead at the age of 74 years.
Adjutant General John S. Saunders of the Maryland national guard is dead at Annapolis.

IN THE FAR EAST

OUTLOOK THERE SAID TO BE LESS HOPEFUL.
JAPANESE LANDING AN ARMY
Russian Does Not Regard Situation Serious Enough for Hostile Action

THE PANAMA TREATY.

Discussion Will Be Continued in Senate This Week.
WASHINGTON.—The senate has no program for the week beyond a continuation of the debate on the Panama question.

A TORNADO SOUTH

AT LEAST THIRTY PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO BE KILLED.
AN INCREASE IN LIST LIKELY
Entire Northern Portion of Alabama Swept by High Winds—in Addition to Less of Life Great Damage Results to Property.



When Somebody Said That One of the Powers Would Help Japan to Defeat Russia. —From the St. Paul Globe.

EXPRESS HELD UP

TRAIN ROBBERS LOOT THE SUNSET LIMITED.
DISPLAY RED DANGER SIGNAL
Trainmen are Overpowered and Express Car is Forced Open—Officials Assert that Amount Taken by the Robbers is Small.

PURE FOOD BILL.

Measure Passed in House by Rising Vote.
WASHINGTON.—The house passed the Hepburn pure food bill Wednesday on a rising vote, 201 to 63, its opponents being unable to secure a roll call.

COLD MADDENS AN ELEPHANT.

Almost-Kills Keeper and Does Much Damage.
ST. PAUL, Minn.—Maddened by the intense cold, which had frozen his ears and trunk, an elephant belonging to an animal show which had been exhibiting at a local theater, Sunday almost killed its keeper, Conrad Castens, and partially wrecked the Milwaukee freight house.

COTTON REACHES WAR PRICES.

Dr. Brown Springs a Little Surprise on the New Orleans Ring.
NEW ORLEANS.—Dr. Brown surprised the ring at the Cotton exchange Friday by telling traders to go to his brokers and give them everything they had for sale for May delivery at the market price.

IRRIGATION COMPANY LOSES.

County Has Right to Fix Rate for Water.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The decision of the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of California in the case of the county of Stanislaus against the San Joaquin & Kings River Canal and Irrigation company was reserved in the supreme court Monday.

FIRE CHIEF MUSHAM REPORTS

Diamond Management and Builders for Iroquois Fire.
CHICAGO, Ill.—Upon the management and builders of the Iroquois theater has been placed the responsibility for the fire horror, in a report rendered to Mayor Harrison by Fire Chief Musham.

Pope Sends His Blessing.

ROME.—Monsignor Sorano, the new apostolic delegate in Mexico, has been received in farewell audience by the pope and was entrusted by his holiness to express to President Diaz and the Mexican government his satisfaction with the measure of liberty granted under President Diaz to Catholicism in Mexico, which resulted in the prosperity of the church there.

Crushed by an Elephant.

LONDON.—George Lockhart, the well known elephant trainer and circus proprietor, was accidentally crushed to death Sunday by an elephant while he was attending the unloading of the circus animals at the Hoe street railway station at Walthamstown.

Hurricanes in Fiji Islands.

MELBOURNE.—A disastrous hurricane has blown over the Fiji islands, resulting in great loss of life and property.

Rosebud Reservation Lands.

WASHINGTON.—The house committee on Indian affairs ordered a favorable report on the bill to open for settlement 400,000 acres of the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Term of Service Increased.

WASHINGTON.—The war department has ordered that hereafter all details of staff officers for Philippines duty shall be for three years instead of two years as at present.

Socialists to Meet.

OMAHA, Neb.—The executive committee of the national socialist party, in session in Omaha, issued a call for a national convention to meet in Chicago May 1. The call, after stating the result of the referendum vote on place of meeting, says the basis of representation shall be one delegate for each hundred members in good standing and one delegate at large from each state. The building in which the convention is to be held will be announced later by the local committee.

BLAIR OWED HALF A MILLION.

He Carried Life Insurance on the Sum of \$1,000,000.
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The policies held by the late James L. Blair, former general counsel for the world's fair, who died at Eustis, Fla., last Saturday, are rapidly being paid by the insurance companies.

Engage in Pitched Battle.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Fifty non-union bridge workers employed on the Union Pacific Railroad company's bridge across the Kansas river, and about a hundred members of the Structural Iron Workers' union engaged in a pitched battle at the new Union Pacific bridge in Kansas City, Kan., Tuesday, during which thirty revolver shots were fired, hundreds of bricks were thrown and several men injured, two seriously. It was thought for a time that more serious trouble would result.

Island Trade Is Increasing.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Philippine trade statistics of the insular bureau of the War department show that the imports of those islands during the eight months ended August, 1903, aggregate \$22,266,581 and exports \$20,867,313. These figures are exclusive of coin and government supplies. The aggregate of exports and imports is an increase of almost \$6,000,000, over four-fifths of which may be credited to shipments from the archipelago, the hemp and copra output being especially large.

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SIoux CITY-ASHLAND LINE.

Slender Prospect of Building It This Year.
LINCOLN, Neb.—The Journal says: It may be said on the authority of a Burlington man well known in Nebraska, and now enjoying a position where he should know when the company intends building, that the Sioux City line, projected to run from Ashland to a connection with the Great Northern in Iowa, may not be built this coming season.

Mischief Makers in Korea.

WASHINGTON.—The early advices received over night at the state department from the east are from Minister Allen at Seoul. Minister Allen reports that Seoul is in a panicky condition and that there is apprehension of a riotous outbreak at any moment. The intimation is conveyed in the dispatch that interested foreign emissaries are at the bottom of these disturbances, the result of which may be to afford an excuse for intervention and the piling of large forces in Korea.

RESOLUTIONS AGAINST SMOOT.

Lincoln Ministers Take Action in Case of Utah Senator.
LINCOLN, Neb.—At the meeting of the Lincoln Ministerial association the ministers passed resolutions and will send the following instructions to the Nebraska senators to present to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections: "Resolved, That, as the Ministerial Association of Lincoln, we protest against Senator Smoot retaining his seat in the United States senate, provided if it be found by the senate committee that the oath of loyalty to the Mormon church on the part of the apostle Smoot subordinates his allegiance to the government of the United States and interferes with a loyal support of the institutions of the government." The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Explorer Hubbard is Dead.

QUEBEC.—Word was received here from Chateau Bay, Labrador, that a courier had arrived there Friday from Northwest river with the information that Leontidas Hubbard, jr., of the exploring party sent out by the magazine Outing of New York, had died from starvation in the wilds of Labrador on October 18. The remains are on their way to Quebec, so the report says, by dog train, with the other members of the expedition.

Thompson Will Return.

LINCOLN, Neb.—D. E. Thompson, United States minister to Brazil, now on a leave of absence, is expected to arrive in Lincoln about February 8. The steamer Tonysaan, on which Mr. Thompson sailed from Rio Janeiro January 2 is due to arrive at Brooklyn on Wednesday, January 20. Immediately after landing Mr. Thompson will go to Washington to report to the state department. From Washington he expects to go to Michigan to visit relatives, and soon after to come to Lincoln.