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DELEGE IN ARKANSAS. Untold Damage Done by Waterspouts and Tornadoes. RIVERS STILL ON THE RISE. Arkansas Four Inches Higher Than the 1892 Record—Railroads Blocked by Washouts—Many Persons Believed to Have Been Drowned.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—During almost the entire session, Thursday the senate has been engaged in consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. The measure carries \$86,224,300, being very much the heaviest of all the appropriation bills. The most important action taken upon the measure was the adoption of an amendment offered by Tillman (S. C.), reducing the number of deliveries of mail in all cities of the country to a number not exceeding four each day. The amendment was sharply antagonized as a blow to business interests in the large cities, but the measure was passed, notwithstanding the vigorous opposition it prevailed by a decisive majority.

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MAJ. SMITH BEHEADED. American Officer Captured by Spanish While Trying to Reach Gomez. FATE OF OTHERS UNCERTAIN. Several Newspaper Men Were With Him. News Comes From General Lora and Is Authentic—Captain Dorst En Route to Washington.

TAMPA, Fla., May 7.—A telegram from General Lora, received here tonight, gives the information that Major Smith, who on April 24, landed at Caribaris to escort a party of newspaper correspondents to General Gomez's camp, has been captured by the Spaniards and killed. The message was signed by a Cuban officer named Lora. He has been with Captain Dorst, the Spanish cavalry, who, with two other officers, was sent by General Miles to confer with the insurgents. Captain Dorst reached America today and is due in Tampa tonight, en route to Washington, where he will lay before the president and his advisers the information he gathered.

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READY TO EMBARK FOR OUBA. Appearances at Tampa Indicate Early Invasion of the Island. TAMPA, Fla., May 6.—Tampa and Ouba are now in readiness for the loading of the troops. The Florida has already taken on a full supply of coal and a large force of carpenters was put to work today erecting stalls for horses and pack mules. The Whitney, Comal, Berkshire and Allegheny are tied up at the docks taking on coal, and this finished, the work of making alterations necessary for their use as transport ships will be rushed. As to the time of sailing there is still great uncertainty. It is not probable that the long look-out for orders to break camp will be given before a decisive action between the Spanish and American fleets. "The time of sailing will be made known to everybody," said General Shafter to-day. "This is not to be a hurried departure in a hurry. When the time comes everybody will be notified."

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START IN ON THE GUARDS. Physical Examination of the Nebraska Militia Is Very Strict. LINCOLN, May 6.—Today the weather has been the most favorable the soldier boys have experienced since Camp Saunders was laid out. The physical examination of the men was taken up this morning, company G, the Omaha Guards, being the first taken up. The examination is so rigid that some men who have hitherto appeared as the pink of physical perfection, are rejected, and this is causing great anxiety throughout the camp. One of the old members of the militia said today that fully 25 per cent would fail to pass.

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