

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Admiral Dewey has promised to visit Detroit in June. The Hutchison (Kansas) Salt company has increased the wages of its employees. The health of the mad king Otto, of Bavaria, is completely broken and the end is expected soon.

A SENSATION BY CLARK

He Reads His Resignation as United States Senator From Montana.

HIS OPINION OF THE INVESTIGATION

Considers That It Was Not Fair and Says the Committee Would Have Reached an Entirely Different Verdict Had All Irrelevant Testimony Been Excluded—Other Washington Matters.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator Clark of Montana today announced his resignation from the United States senate. The sensation was sprung in the senate today soon after the body convened. Scarcely had the routine business been concluded when Clark of Montana rose and addressed the chair on a question of privilege personal to himself. Clark said: "It had not been my intention to disturb the recognized traditions of this most honorable body by intruding my opinions upon any questions that might arise for consideration during the present session, but the question called up today for discussion so vitally concerns my own interests and the interests of the great state which I have the honor in part to represent, that I shall ask the indulgence of the senate, while I, as briefly as possible, submit some remarks referring first to the character of the investigation; second, to the majority report of the honorable committee on privileges and elections, which has submitted findings adverse to the retention of my seat in the senate; third, to the conditions existing in the state of Montana for a number of years prior to my election which justified my political action; and, lastly, a statement as to the course I deem best to pursue in the premises.

CONCENTRATE ON THE VALE.

Boers Will Make a Desperate Stand on the Border.

FINDS THE LAW GOOD

Supreme Court of the United States Upholds the Inheritance Tax.

IT IS UNIFORM IN OPERATION

Construction of the Statute by Justice White Full and Explicit—Applies Only to Individual Legacies—Estate as a Whole Not to Be Assessed as Such.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The supreme court of the United States today announced opinions in the case arising under the inheritance tax provision of the war revenue act and also in a case involving the applicability of the state inheritance tax law of New York to estates composed of government bonds. There were five decisions under the federal law and one under the state law, but two of the former class, as did one of the latter class, to the taxation of government bonds. The court held that neither under the state nor the national enactment were national bonds exempt from taxation. The validity of the general federal law was affirmed, but it was held to be purely applicable to legacies, and not to the entire estates of deceased persons, the court holding that the tax is on the passing of legacies or distributive shares of personality with a progressive rate on each determined by the sum of each of such legacies or distributive shares.

EARLY NEBRASKA DAYS

Looking Backward Forty Years and Indulging in Reminiscences.

THE ADVANCEMENT WE HAVE MADE

The Old Town of De Soto—The Want of Faith in Nebraska's Possibilities—Removal of the Capitol to Lincoln—Opportunities to Secure Rich Acres That Were Allowed to Escape.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 16.—Looking backward over a period of forty-three years T. P. Kennard of this city tells of an interesting incident connected with the removal of the state capitol from Omaha to Lincoln.

"Just forty-three years ago the 24th of April I left St. Louis by steamboat for Omaha. There were no railroads through Iowa or Missouri in those days with the exception of a short road of a few miles up the Missouri river. It took us fourteen days to make the trip to Omaha, which was then but a straggling village of only about 1,000 or 1,200 inhabitants. My recollection is that there was only one brick house in the city and that was located about where the Omaha bank building now stands. I wanted to go to De Soto, twenty-two miles up the river, and as I couldn't get a conveyance of any kind, I had to walk the entire distance. It will perhaps be interesting to the younger citizens of Nebraska to know that De Soto at that time contained three banks, ten or twelve stores and had a population of from 400 to 500 and was a county seat. Today the place is nearly vacated. In those days De Soto was by all odds the largest and best town north of Omaha and was looked upon as a village with most promising prospects.

"When I came to Nebraska nobody expected to live to see Nebraska a state. They thought this was a pretty good place in which to make something and then go back to civilization. It was the general impression that none of the upland or land lying away from the streams could be cultivated and I remember that when the capital was located here in Lincoln the old Omaha Republican referred to the place as being 'on the confines of civilization, uninhabited and uninhabitable, except for coyotes, Indians and prairie dogs.' I could have taken a homestead within three miles of where the capital now stands, but I was not sanguine enough of its possibilities to avail myself of the opportunity. We all thought the land west of the Blue river would never be settled. Today land 150 miles west of this city stands better from an agricultural standpoint than did anything in this vicinity when the capitol was located there. Taking this into consideration no man is warranted in placing a limit upon the agricultural possibilities in store for western Nebraska.

Nebraskans Killed in Alaska. FREMONT, Neb., May 16.—A report which was circulated here last November that Bert Horton and wife, former residents of this county, had been killed by some Indians not far from Skaguay, Alaska, has been verified by a letter received by C. F. Horton of Scribner from J. M. Tanner, deputy United States marshal at Skaguay. He writes that the unfortunate couple were killed by a band of Indians some time in October. Their bodies were not recovered until March 15, but were in such condition as to be easily recognized and were buried under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Pension for Wm. Lewis' Mother. OSCEOLA, Neb., May 16.—Judge T. H. Saunders has received a telegram from Congressman Stark at Washington that the house of representatives had passed a bill for the relief of Lydia Strang of Osceola allowing her a pension of \$12 per month. Mrs. Strang is the foster mother of the late William Lewis of company E, First Nebraska, killed in the Spanish war, and the first soldier from Nebraska to give up his life.

Hastings People Pleased. HASTINGS, Neb., May 16.—Hastings people are pleased that this city has secured the G. A. R. reunion for the next three years, and will pledge themselves that the veterans and their friends will receive a royal welcome and the best of treatment during the period of their annual gathering.

Reception to Commander Reese. BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 16.—Judge John Reese, who was elected commander of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of the state at its encampment at Beatrice was tendered a reception in honor of the distinction conferred by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies of the Woman's Relief corps and citizens of Broken Bow.

Child Drowned in a Bucket. EDGAR, Neb., May 16.—Clyde Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of this city, was drowned in a large bucket sitting on the ground at the edge of the back porch. The little fellow, about 1 year old, was crawling about on the porch. He crawled to the bucket and slipped in head first. When found life was extinct, although he had not been with his head under water three minutes.

Hoetfelter Pleads Guilty. FREMONT, Neb., May 16.—In the district court Henry Hoetfelter pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling \$2,100 of the public funds of Dodge county and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. In answer to the usual question if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, he asked the court to be lenient and said that the cause of his troubles was the heavy losses he sustained in the Dodge fire the previous year. He appeared wholly unconcerned at his sentence.

PLANS FOR GERMAN NAVY.

European Country Will Probably Heed the Warnings Given.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: It is the belief of well informed department officials here that Germany will heed the warnings given her by Secretary Root and Senator Lodge by more strongly urging the passage of the bill providing for the increase of the navy desired by the German empire.

It is understood that the administration expects Germany to try to block, diplomatically, every plan which may strengthen the position of the United States, as in the case of the Danish West Indies, but it is not supposed for a moment that she will go to the extent of hostilities. It is thought to be her policy to continue the colonization of Central and South America and Asia Minor because they are undeveloped places in which immigrants may live without restrictions.

VOTES TO EXPAND THE NAVY.

Senate Passes Naval Appropriation Bill After Five Days' Discussion.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—After a discussion lasting five days the senate today passed the naval appropriation bill. Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor plate proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported by the committee with the exception that the secretary of the navy is authorized to make contracts only for such armor as may be needed from time to time.

The secretary of the navy is authorized to procure armor of the best quality at \$45 per ton, but if he be unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$55 per ton for the armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and proceed to erect an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available. The committee's proposition carried by a vote of 32 to 19.

EIGHTH DIVISION ADVANCES.

Greenfell and Brabant Closely Following the Boers.

THABA N'CHU, Sunday, May 13.—The Eighth division with its front extending thirty miles was yesterday moving forward. General Greenfell and General Brabant followed the Boers, reaching Newberry's Mills and capturing great quantities of flour and grain. General Brabant's main force with Campbell's brigade of guards and General Boye's brigade have cleared the country.

The Boers are splitting up and retiring in the direction of Clocoland.

Money for Big Muddy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The senate committee on commerce today ordered favorable reports on amendments to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$250,000 for an emergency expenditure on the Missouri river and the same amount for the mouth of the Columbia river.

No Decision in Kentucky Case.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The supreme court today adjourned for a week without announcing a decision in the Kentucky governorship case.

UNVEILS SHAFT TO FARRAGUT.

Admiral Dewey Dedicates a Memorial to His Old Commander.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 16.—The final day of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey's tour was spent at Low's Ferry, thirteen miles west of Knoxville, the birthplace of Admiral Farragut, under whom Admiral Dewey served in the civil war. The admiral and party, accompanied by various reception committees and members of the Daughters of the Revolution and many citizens, left the city early today by boat for the birthplace and arrived there at noon. The site of the old Farragut homestead was visited and Admiral Dewey formally unveiled the marble shaft erected to mark the birthplace of the first admiral. Upon it is engraved: "Birthplace of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, born July 5, 1810. Erected by Bonnie Kate Chapter, Daughters American Revolution, Knoxville, Tenn. Dedicated by Admiral George Dewey, May 15, 1900."

Following the unveiling Admiral Dewey made an address in which he paid a high tribute to Farragut and recounted his associations with him. Addresses were also made by Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel L. D. Lyson and Judge O. P. Temple. The latter presented Admiral Dewey with a handsome miniature of Admiral Farragut done on ivory in a case upon which is engraved: "Presented to Admiral Dewey on the occasion of his visit to Farragut's birthplace, Knoxville, Tenn., May 15, 1900."

Chicago Has a Riot.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16.—Several workmen were injured in a fight which took place today in front of a building in course of construction at 20 Seelye avenue. A riot call was turned in and upon the arrival of the police the crowd scattered, leaving M. L. Brown, a non-union worker, on the ground suffering from a wound in the head. He was removed to the hospital, but the police were unable to make any arrests. Half a dozen others received wounds from flying bricks and scraps of iron, but left the scene unassisted. The trouble arose over the employment of some non-union men on the structure.

President's Summer Plans.

NEW YORK, May 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: After the adjournment of congress President and Mrs. McKinley will go to their Canton home to remain the greater part of the midsummer.

Bank President Sentenced.

BOSTON, May 16.—In the United States court here today Charles H. Cole, former president of the now defunct Globe National bank of this city, who recently pleaded guilty on several counts of an indictment charging him with misappropriation of funds of the institution, was sentenced to serve eight years in Greenfield jail.

Klopsch Aids Sufferers.

BOMBAY, May 16.—Louis Klopsch of New York, publisher of the Christian Herald, has arrived here and is starting on a tour of the famine districts. He has handed to the international missionary committee three lacs of rupees, about \$145,000, for distribution among the famine sufferers.

Philadelphia Has the Cash.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—At a meeting this afternoon of the finance committee of the citizens' national republican committee the announcement was made that all of the \$100,000 pledged by this city to the national republican committee for convention purposes has been raised.

"OLD GLORY" ON EIFFEL TOWER.

Largest American Flag in the World to Float in Paris on the Fourth.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Ferdinand W. Peck, United States commissioner general to the Paris exposition, recently requested the loan of the large flag which hangs in the pension office. It was the intention, he said, to float it on the Eiffel tower on the Fourth of July. Secretary Hitchcock has decided to grant the request. This is the largest American flag in the world, measuring 26x50 feet.

Bristow to Take Charge.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The postmaster general, after a protracted interview with the president, announced that Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, will proceed to Havana Wednesday to take charge of the postal affairs of the island of Cuba. The postmaster general declined to say whether or not Director General of Posts Rathbone would be suspended. It is said, however, that the fact that General Bristow will assume these duties does not necessarily indicate that Mr. Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service. General Bristow outranks the director of posts and the latter might operate as a subordinate.

Proceed on Government Job.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The Tribune says: Work on the postoffice building is to be resumed immediately, regardless of the demands of Chicago labor unions or of the existing labor troubles. Contractor J. A. Pelree, so Architect Henry Ives Cobb announces, will employ any capable man, regardless of his affiliations with labor organizations. The federal government will be depended upon to protect such workmen.

No Evidence of a Strike.

KANSAS CITY, May 16.—Street car strikes continued to lose strength and today there was hardly a semblance of a strike on the Metropolitan lines. In every part of the city full complements of trains are being operated without the least friction. The strikers' threat yesterday to pull the crews off their cars had fallen flatly and today not even threats were in evidence.

No Increase for Freight Handlers.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 16.—The general superintendents of both the Erie and New York Central railroads in New York have absolutely refused to treat with the striking freight handlers here on the subject of an increase of wages.

Nesley Leaves for New York.

MUNICE, Ind., May 16.—Charles F. W. Nesley departed for New York late this afternoon to be present at his preliminary hearing in the Cuban postal embezzlement case Thursday.