

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lineman of Cleveland, Ohio, are on a strike. The labor strike in Philadelphia is practically ended.

Germany has a paper trust which publishers propose to fight. Senator Quay has announced his candidacy for re-election to the senate.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago will not be a candidate for governor of Illinois.

Omaha has an ice trust that makes the product come much higher than formerly.

Dr. L. C. Mead has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Secretary Wilson says there are great opportunities for beef production there in the south.

The San Francisco board of health has adopted a resolution declaring the tubercle plague exists in San Francisco.

Leon G. Sutton of Clinton, Ia., has been appointed a messenger in the weather bureau outside of Washington.

A civil service examination will be held on July 11 at Fort Dodge, Ia., for the position of clerk and carrier in the postoffice of that place.

The Stockholm correspondent of the London Daily Press says: "A rumor is abroad here in pro-Boer circles that King Oscar's declaration of sympathy with Great Britain may cause him to abdicate, as it has embittered his relations with the cabinet. The crown prince's birthday, June 26, is mentioned as the occasion for a public announcement."

A. C. Bergub, a military prisoner at the Presidio, was shot and instantly killed while trying to make his escape with several other prisoners. The guards ordered the men to halt, but Bergub continued his run for a clump of woods and was just on the edge of the thicket when he was shot, one bullet passing through his hand and another through his lungs.

The fastest mile by a harness performer this year, and probably the fastest ever paced or trotted so early in the season, was witnessed a few days ago at Pleasanton, Cal., when John Blue, Tom Keating's assistant, drove the pacer Anaconda, 2:03 1/4, a mile in 2:07. The gelding reached the half mile post in :17 and came the last half in just one minute.

Secretary Gage, after the recent cabinet meeting announced that he would issue a call at once for the redemption of the \$25,364,500 of outstanding 3 per cent bonds of the funded loan of 1891, interest to cease on September 1, next. During the last ten and a half months of the present fiscal year the treasury receipts have exceeded the expenditures by something over \$58,000,000.

The supreme court of Massachusetts has just decided that under the existing statutes no person may sell tobacco or cigars in that state on Sunday without physician's prescription. The decision is aimed directly at the druggists of the state, and its enforcement would mean that nowhere in Massachusetts could a person purchase a cigar or a pipeful of tobacco on Sunday.

The senate today, by the decisive vote of 32 to 16, laid on the table the whole proposition relating to the transportation of mail by the pneumatic tube system. An effort was made to secure the adoption of an amendment to appropriate \$225,000 to carry out existing contracts for the service in New York, Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia, but no action was taken upon it, special orders superseding the appropriation bill.

The meeting of the executive board of the foreign missionary society of the Methodist Protestant church, in annual session at Muncie, Indiana, elected the following officers: President, Mrs. F. A. Brown, Urichville, O.; vice president-at-large, Mrs. M. A. Miller, Kansas City; recording secretary, Mrs. Henry Huphnes, Baltimore; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Kansas City; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Anderson, Pittsburg; Mrs. Emma Stephens, Kansas City, was elected editor of the Record.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Lon E. Foot of Ariz. Colo., to be registrar of the land office at Hugo, N. D., to be receiver of public moneys at Rampart City, Alaska; Thornewell Hoyes of South Carolina, to be consul at Rouen, France.

Mansion house (London) fund for the relief of the victims of the Ottawa fire has reached \$250,000.

Francis Truth, who advertised himself as a "divine healer," was indicted by the United States grand jury at Boston on seven bills aggregating twenty counts for alleged fraudulent use of the mails.

Lady Georgian Curzon's relief fund has exceeded £10,000, including £100 from the Prince of Wales.

The secretary of the treasury has issued a call for old two per cent bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000, the amount outstanding, interest to cease September 1.

The car has ratified all the articles agreed upon at the plague peace conference.

Joseph Mullet and James Fitzharris, the two men recently liberated from life imprisonment for the Phoenix park murders, are on their way to America where they hope a fund will be raised in their behalf.

New York Democrats have started a boom for Senator Cockrell of Missouri for president.

The invitation committee of the Fourth of July celebration at Canton, O., has received a telegram saying that President and Mrs. McKinley will be the guests of that city that day.

Sonsa's band is going to make a tour of the German cities.

Seven students of the Wisconsin State university who engaged in the recent hazing episode were suspended, art of the number were suspended for the balance of the college year, the others for terms extending from two weeks into the next college year.

CHINA GETS A NOTICE

United States Government Tells It What Must Be Done.

WILL HAVE TO SUPPRESS BOXERS

This Country Takes a Hand in the Grave Situation There—Harm Shall Not Come to Americans—Action is on Parallel Lines With All the European Powers

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The United States government has taken a hand in the suppression of the "Boxers" in China.

Minister Conger has been instructed by the state department to inform the Chinese government that the government of the United States expects it to stamp out promptly and thoroughly this society and to provide proper guarantees for the maintenance of peace and order and the protection of the life and property of Americans in China, all now threatened by the operation of this anti-Christian organization.

There is no indication in the instructions as to the course that would be pursued by the United States government in case the Chinese refuse to follow the warning. Minister Conger is acting on parallel lines with the representatives of every European power at the Chinese court, but has not joined in any concert of action.

It is realized here that the Chinese government in dealing with the "Boxers" will encounter much difficulty, as the society claims to be purely patriotic. Its contention is that the teachings of the Christians are in their results absolutely destructive of the Chinese system of government. The "Boxers" now are not attacking foreign missionaries, but are killing the Chinese who allow themselves to be converted to Christianity.

This phase of the matter is difficult to deal with, as it heretofore has been a well recognized right of a nation to deal with its own subjects at its pleasure. This rule does not contemplate excesses such as are ascribed to the "Boxers," and there is believed to be reasonable ground for foreign intervention, which would include the participation of United States war ships, should this be necessary.

Conger's latest advices indicate that this troublesome society is waxing strong in the very heart of Peking, and it was evident from the tone of his dispatch that a crisis was approaching, which would either cause drastic action by the Chinese government or a hostile demonstration by the powers in the near future.

PEKIN, May 25.—(via Shanghai, May 26.)—A force of Chinese cavalry that was attacked by the "Boxers" lost a colonel and seventy men killed and wounded.

Li Hung Chang has been confirmed in the viceroyalty in Canton. Tan Chun Lin, the former viceroy, has been ordered to remain in Peking to await employment.

Talmage on the Trouble. LONDON, May 26.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Rev. Dr. Talmage, in an interview with the Chronicle representative, spoke of America's attitude on the South African war thus: "I have personally gathered from the president and cabinet that they have no intention whatever of interfering. Apart from every other consideration America at present has her hands full enough of her own troubles."

Rusa's Becomes Warlike. ST. PETERSBURG, May 26.—A plan for the defense of Manchuria has been drawn up. Six fortified posts will be erected. For the purpose of strategical study, General Sarachoff, chief of Russian general staff, will start for Manchuria at the end of the month, accompanied by eight high Russian officers, to prepare for a possible conflict with Japan.

Majority for Bryan. NEW YORK, May 26.—The following are statistics concerning the delegates to the New York state democratic convention: Total number of delegates, 450; necessary to instruct, 226; elected to date, 306; for Bryan, 171; uninstructed, 129; to be elected, 150.

CHASE AFTER AGUINALDO. Battalion of Thirty-Third Pursues Trail of Filipinos.

MANILA, May 26.—Major Peyton C. March, with a battalion of the Thirty-third infantry, and Colonel Luther R. Hare, with another part of the Thirty-third infantry, while scouring the country northeast of Benguer, report that they have struck the trail of a party of Filipinos traveling in the mountains and believe they are escorting Aguinaldo. Major March is continuing the pursuit across an exceedingly difficult country beyond the telegraph lines.

Sergeant Berry and four privates of Company B of the Twenty-seventh regiment have rescued the daughter of the president of San Mateo from some Ladrones who had abducted her. Afterwards twelve Ladrones ambushed them, killing the sergeant. Three privates stood off the band while the other secured reinforcements. Seven Ladrones were killed.

Lieutenant W. P. Elliott of the United States cruiser New Orleans died recently at Cavite of apoplexy, resulting from sunstroke.

An "Irregular" Elevator. CHICAGO, May 26.—The directors of the board of trade today declared irregular the Wabash elevator of the Chicago Elevator company, of which Russell Sage is president and George Gould a director.

Cordial Relations With France. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Resolutions expressive of the cordial relations between the United States and France have been agreed upon by the house committee of foreign affairs in connection with the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette in Paris, July 4, next.

ENVOYS' TIME LIMITED.

Not Possible to Accept All the Invitations Received.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The following statement was issued today by the Boer envoys, who are at present in this city:

"Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans, who are representing the South African republics in this country, have received many pressing invitations from most of the large cities of the United States to visit them, but owing to the short time they have to spend in this country it will not be possible to accept all of the invitations received. It is their intention to return as soon as circumstances permit to their own country, staying in Europe sufficient time to carry out their instructions, but before leaving they have concluded to yield to the great demand on the part of the American people to spend a few more days in America and they have concluded first of all to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston during the next week. After visiting these cities they are in hopes of being able to spare the time to extend their visit to several cities in the middle states, timely notification of which will be given with invitations. The common councils and mayors of a number of cities are urging them by resolutions to make them a visit and it may be possible that their stay in this country may be prolonged a few days to meet their wishes. The envoys regret exceedingly that they cannot meet the great number of people who are so anxious to greet them, as they would like to do. They express themselves as very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy heard on all sides of the cause that is so dear to them and they trust that the fact that they cannot visit all who wish them to do so will in no way interfere with the full and free expression of sympathy and good will on their part."

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Queen Thanks the President. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Ambassador Choate at London has cabled the following message from Queen Victoria to the state department: "American Ambassador: Pray express my warm thanks to the president of the United States for his kind congratulations for my birthday. V. I. R."

Too Late for One Army Bill. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Chairman Hull of the house committee on military affairs stated definitely that owing to the lateness of the session it would be impossible to consider the bill to increase the efficiency of the army.

TALK IN THE SENATE

The Islands Possession Subject Creates a Heated Discussion.

SENATOR ALLEN TAKES A PART

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SIMPLY A BOER HUNT.

British Army Spread Out in Form of a Great Crescent.

LONDON, May 25.—Lord Roberts' infantry advance is delayed at the Rhenoster river for a day or two by depth of the stream, which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge constructions are under way.

A dispatch from Rhenoster, dated Wednesday, May 23, 7:45 p. m., says: The general opinion is that we will arrive at Pretoria as fast as we can march, though the Boers announced to all the countryside that they intended to fight to the death.

The railway has not been damaged to any great extent between Kroonstad and Rhenoster. The Transvaalers have destroyed their splendid bridges when retreating to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on the retreat to Rhenoster, but now they are destroying the railroad and bridges almost completely north of the Rhenoster.

The British troops are in the form of a crescent, with horns thirty miles apart, with General French's cavalry on the west within twenty-three miles of the Vaal and General Hamilton's mounted men on the right within thirty miles of the Vaal. The center of the crescent is about forty miles from the Vaal. Boer telegrams say that the 3,000 British with ten guns are near Vredefort, close to the Vaal and close to Parys.

One correspondent refers to the advance as a "promenade." Another describes it as a "Boer hunt."

The Free States are pictured as "bolting like hares" at the first sight of the British. The latter, according to one writer, do not even find women and children, as the fleeing farmers take their families with them in consequence of the reports current among the Transvaalers that the British kidnap all children over 12 years of age.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDS THE MILITARY AND ACADEMY BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The military affairs committee of the senate today concluded consideration of the military appropriation bill. The bill was amended by adding those sections of the army reorganization bill giving the major general commanding the army the rank of lieutenant general, and the present adjutant general the rank of major general. The number of cadet appointments allowed the president was increased from thirty to fifty.

Advance Price of Sugar. NEW YORK, May 25.—All grades of refined sugars have been advanced five points except coarse granulated and extra fine granulated. Offers for soft sugar are taken at Saturday's full prices. All undelivered balances on contracts expiring May 31 will be canceled except Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 16. Arbuckle Bros. and the Doosher Refining company have followed the advance in refined made by the American Sugar Refining company.

Clark's Case is Postponed. WASHINGTON, May 25.—An agreement was reached today between the friends of Senator Clark of Montana and the senate committee on privileges and elections to postpone any action upon the senator's credentials until Wednesday, May 30. In the meantime the credentials of Magannis will be presented and the papers in both cases will be considered together.

Minor Officers Went In. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 25.—When the court or appeals meets today the attorneys for the minor democratic state officials will move to affirm the judgment in the case of the appeal of the republican minor officials. The circuit court recently rendered judgments in favor of the democrats and from this the republicans appealed.

English March to Ambush. LONDON, May 25.—It is officially announced that Colonel Bethune has reported that while marching in the direction of Newcastle, Natal, yesterday, he was ambushed by a party of Boers six miles west of Vryheid, in the Transvaal, and that very few of his force escaped. His casualties numbered sixty-six men.

Will Deliver Addresses. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Those who have been closely identified with the Boer delegates since they have been in Washington and who conferred with them today on their plans, say that as a result of the statements of the secretary of state, the delegates will not remain long in Washington, but will attend a series of meetings, to be held throughout the country.

Officials to Attend Reunion. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The president, members of his cabinet, General Miles and Adjutant General Corbin will attend the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac at Fredericksburg, Va., tomorrow. The party will leave here in a special car tomorrow morning and will return to the city that evening.

President Congratulates Queen. WASHINGTON, May 25.—Secretary Hay has sent a cable message to Ambassador Choate at London asking to "convey through the appropriate channels the congratulations and best wishes of the president to her majesty, the queen, on the occasion of her birthday."

TURNING OVER THE OFFICES. Republican Auditor Not Waiting for Mandate of Court. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 25.—Republican Auditor Sweeney sent for Democratic Auditor Coulter this morning and notified him he was ready to turn over the state records and possession of the office in the state house without waiting for action by the court of appeals. The transfer was effected today. It is understood the other republican officials will do likewise in the next day or two and that by next week the state house will be offered exclusively by the democrats.

MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

State Treasurer Meserve Gives Out the Figures on Apportionment.

LINCOLN, May 25.—The apportionment of the temporary fund for the support of the public schools of the state for the next half year will be made on a basis of \$1.07 per pupil. There are 372,794 school children in the state and the amount to be divided is \$400,321.99. This is divided between the various counties as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, No. of Scholars, and Amount Due. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding scholar counts and amounts.

Fatal Work of Lightning. HARVARD, Neb., May 26.—William Wadsworth, a prosperous farmer living four miles northwest of this city, was killed by lightning. The same bolt also killed a span of horses and set fire to the barn. Wadsworth was at work in his barn, taking apart and putting away his corn planter, during a heavy shower of rain. He stepped to the barn door to close it, when he saw young man working with him saw what looked like a ball of fire coming down through the barn over a span of horses standing in a stall. One of the horses dropped as he fell. Wadsworth he turned toward Mr. Wadsworth he saw the fall, killed instantly by the lightning, which had turned and passed out at the door. The deceased leaves a widow and three daughters, the oldest 13 and the youngest 8 years of age.

Horses Killed by the Cars. CHADRON, Neb., May 26.—An overland train of immigrants by the name of Faxon from Hayes county, Nebraska, bound for North Dakota, had a bunch of fifty horses frightened at a train at Dakota Junction on the Nebraska-Dakota line Sunday night and many were badly lacerated in the wire fences. In the mad run the herd attempted to cross the track ahead of the train and the double-header killed five outright and crippled several others. The shock and sight of the disaster prostrated one of the ladies, who had to be taken from the scene, and the party pulled on without filing a claim for damages.

Farmer Loves by Fire. CREIGHTON, Neb., May 26.—John Criswell, a farmer living a few miles south of town was a very heavy loser on account of fire, which burned his barn, cribs, and bins, one cow, and a double set of harness, a saddle, and many other things of a smaller value. His insurance only partially covered the loss which will go far up into the hundreds of dollars. It is not positively known how the fire was started.

Wymore Retains the Reunion. WYMORE, Neb., May 26.—It has at last been decided that the Nebraska veterans' association will be held in Wymore, Fairbury and other competing towns having notified the commander that they have withdrawn in favor of this city. It is the intention to make the reunion a big thing this year and already applications for concessions are pouring in.

Stabbed by Woman. PLATTSOUTH, Neb., May 26.—Hattie Harkins, a young woman, was arrested and placed in jail for severely cutting Frank Katison with a knife. The Harkins woman it is claimed has centered her affections upon Katison for the time being and resents any attention he may pay to other women. Katison is a married man and keeps a shoe repair shop on Fourth street, and according to the police his place is invested by several women well known to the authorities.