

**BRIEF TELEGRAMS.**

Omaha is endeavoring to make the Texas contribution \$10,000.

A Georgia clergyman avers that the Galveston calamity was the work of the devil, not God.

George Washington of Montgomery county, Kas., is seeking a divorce from his wife Martha.

The torpedo boat O'Brien was successfully launched at the Nixon ship yard at Elizabethport, N. J.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt is to be married to Miss Elsie French, daughter of the late Francis Ormond French of New York.

George F. Chester, clerk of the courts of Duluth, Minn., was found dead in bed at the West Superior hotel.

Congressman Charles A. Russell was renominated at the republican convention of the Third Connecticut congressional district.

At Sumpter, Ore., Fred Kane, in a fit of temporary insanity, shot his wife and stepdaughter, and burned the body of the latter by setting fire to their cabin home.

Dr. Nansen and the duke of Abruzzi, according to a dispatch to the London Daily Express from Christiania, have agreed to take a joint expedition into North Polar regions.

The emergency ration board of the War department began in Kansas City the preparation for a test to determine what shall be the new emergency ration for the United States army in the field.

The August statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that during that month the receipts from all sources amounted to \$25,595,716, an increase over August of last year of \$1,174,751.

The September statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 reserve, in the division of redemption shows available cash balance, \$138,119,649; gold, \$74,586,759.

Dr. Issachar Zacharie of London, the fashionable chiropract, is dead. He was a New Yorker, and during the civil war won advertising by trying to be appointed chiropract-in-chief of the Federal army.

The steamer Valencia arrived from the north with reports of a terrific storm at Nome harbor September 5. Several lives were lost and the beach strewn with wreckage. The stampede to Blue Stone continues.

The London Standard says it understands that the British government has already received offers for underground mining rights in the Transvaal which will go a long way towards meeting the cost of the war.

Near Enfield, Ill., John A. Fields, an old soldier, was run over and killed by a Louisville & Nashville east bound train, which caught him on the end of a bridge and dragged him across, mangled the body almost beyond recognition.

At St. Joseph, Mich., Prof. L. J. Kahler, the young aeronaut who has been making daily ascensions at the street carnival, was hurled from his balloon in the presence of 5,000 people and dashed head first to the pavement below.

The Boston Journal today announces that former Governor Roger Wolcott will not accept the post of ambassador to Italy, tendered him by President McKinley. He has notified the state department by cable from Europe, and also by letter.

Burglars recently entered the house of Dr. Wrede in Berlin and secured twenty thousand marks in cash and securities to the value of 3,000,000 marks. Within a day the police had recovered all the stolen property except 15,000 marks worth.

It is feared the Illinois pure food law was dealt a severe blow by a decision rendered by Judge Smith at Chicago. He ruled that there can be no conviction unless it is shown the seller had guilty knowledge of selling impure food in his place of business.

Seventy-two new coal mines have been opened in Prussia this year, increasing the output for 1900 by 2,500,000 tons.

As a culmination of the ascendancy the American jockeys it is announced that the Prince of Wales has engaged Ted Sloan at a large retainer for 1901.

The democratic national convention at Quincy, Ill., nominated Judge J. Ross Mitty of Macomb.

A Hitchcock (Tex.) dispatch says the distress in the vicinity is appalling. Fifty per cent of the buildings in the coast country were destroyed. The mainland dead in this section will number 500 persons.

The Galveston fund being raised at Paris has reached 100,000 francs.

James Francis Smith, the American district messenger, who delivered to President Kruger of the Boer republic a message of sympathy from the school boys of Philadelphia, arrived on the steamship New York from Cherbourg.

Judge J. M. Bonner, a banker and capitalist of New Orleans, died of heart disease while conversing with friends at Los Angeles, Cal.

At Beloit, Wis., Frank Mauret, aged 80 years, founder of the French settlement near Beloit, died yesterday after a residence there of forty-nine years.

The body of Albert Ruidt, who disappeared from Mendota, Minn., has been found in the river. The right eye was pierced by a bullet, the left wrist broken and the right thumb dislocated, indicating that deceased had a struggle before the body reached the river.

W. B. Dunton, whose extravagances are said to have caused the suicide of George S. Forbes, teller of the First National Bank of Chicago, who, out of friendship for Dunton, is said to have assisted the later in misappropriating \$20,000, was captured at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, and will be brought back to Chicago.

**PRESIDENT MITCHELL IS EVASIVE**

Labor Leader Says Ten Per Cent Wage Increase Would Be a Great Victory—Probable Plan of Settlement Outlined in Dispatch from Hazleton.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 29.—Notwithstanding the rumors of settlement and of concession upon the part of the operators there was no change in the great coal strike situation here today.

It was probably the most inactive day that President Mitchell and his official staff have spent since the strike began. That President Mitchell was waiting for information from New York cannot be denied, as he intimated several times during the day that something might develop before night. In the forenoon he had two lengthy conversations over the long-distance telephone and between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon he was at the wire for more than half an hour. To whom he talked he declined to say. When he was pressed to say something on the general strike situation he said:

"This has been the greatest industrial contest between labor and capital in the history of America. If the 10 per cent increase mentioned in the newspapers is correct, while far from satisfactory, it is the greatest victory ever achieved by organized labor and won under the most adverse circumstances. I, of course, have nothing to say as to what action will be taken as to the acceptance or rejection of any proposition; this must be determined by the whole body of anthracite miners themselves. Our organization will not make the mistake which has wrecked many other organizations of assuming the power to determine through its officers the happiness or misery, the weal or woe, of the 500,000 men, women and children dependent upon the anthracite coal industry for a livelihood."

In discussing the reported 10 per cent advance offered to the men by the operators, Mr. Mitchell said:

"Under the sliding scale such an increase would practically amount to nothing; what the men would gain in one day they might lose the next."

By the sliding scale it means that the wages are fixed according to the market price of coal. If there is an advance in the price the miners share in it, and should there be a decrease the miners correspondingly share such a decrease.

If an increase of 10 per cent in wages is offered the miners it will probably be done by means of posted notices and the personal visitation of representatives of the mine owners and not to the United Mine Workers, because the operators will not recognize the organization. If the men so informed desire to consider the proposition they would have a meeting of their union called for the purpose of having the officers of those bodies notify the three district presidents. These presidents would inform the national president. As Mr. Mitchell is not empowered to accept anything less than all the miners' demands, he said he could do nothing but instruct the men to refuse the offer.

If the strikers should still feel that they ought to entertain this proposition they can ask the national president through a local union meeting and then a district convention to call a joint convention for three districts. This request, however, would not be compulsory, the national president being allowed to use his judgment.

**GOOD ARMY MOVE BY MILES.**

Order Issued Intended to Increase Devotion to the Flag.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Lieutenant General Miles has issued a general order to the army intended to secure a general improvement in the morale and physical condition of the force. The order particularly directs the inculcation of patriotic principles, the celebration of national holidays by patriotic readings, strict attention to salutes, respect for the flag and attention to good martial music, especially vocal music. The importance of discipline is dwelt upon and loyal and cheerful obedience demanded. It is directed that the three arms of the service, whenever practicable be assembled for instruction in battle tactics, and it is ordered that there be frequent marches and sports calculated to develop the military spirit.

Knough Boers Left to Fight.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office under date of Pretoria, September 27, as follows: "The Boers attacked a portion of Paquet's force at Pienaars river station this morning, but were beaten off after three hours' fighting."

"Buller occupied Macmac river and the eastern side of Burgers' pass on September 26, after slight resistance. Helderbr, Beltz and Lindley have been recaptured."

New Ministry in Japan.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—"The Yamagata ministry has resigned," cables the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, "and Marquis Ito will probably succeed to the premier ship. Such a change would not affect Japan's policy in China. Marquis Ito favors hearty co-operation with Great Britain and strongly opposes the partition of China or Russian ascendancy there."

New Hard Coal Field Found.

VALLEY CITY, N. D., Sept. 29.—Judge J. M. Bennett has just returned from the Cascade mountain district of Washington, bringing samples and news of the location of vast fields of pure anthracite coal. In company with Prof. Burch, a mineral expert of Seattle, Judge Bennett penetrated into the Cascade range sixty miles from the railroad and after two days of prospecting located veins showing nineteen feet of coal and located on 640 acres of land. He estimates the quantity of coal in sight at 25,000,000 tons.

**CAPT. FREDERICK DENT SHARP.**

Well Known Ex-Officer of the Army Takes an Overdose of Bromide.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 28.—Captain Frederick Dent Sharp, U. S. A., retired, cousin of General Ullysses S. Grant, died today in this city from an overdose of bromide, taken for the purpose of relieving nervousness and pain. Captain Sharp was totally blind and it is supposed that he had been unable to properly gauge the quantity of the drug.

Captain Sharp was appointed to the regular army by President Grant during his first administration. His mother and Mrs. Grant were sisters. He saw hard service on the frontier and was stationed for several years at Fort Assiniboin.

In 1894 he was promoted to the rank of captain of company H, Twentieth Infantry, the regiment with which he served from the time he entered the army. During the later years of his military service he was stationed with the regiment at Fort Leavenworth, where his family lived.

Work at Galveston.

GALVESTON, Sept. 29.—The receipts of cotton today were 6,000 bales. The grain receipts are only moderate. Seventeen hundred men are working along the wharves and 1,400 are clearing away the debris. There is need for as many more. Corpses are being found daily and burned. The number discovered is twenty-five a day.

Foreign Forces in China.

VIENNA, Sept. 28.—The admiralty has received a dispatch from Teluk giving the strength of the forces landed there by the allied powers as follows:

Austrian 494, German 8,178, British 8,353, American 5,608, French 6,576, Italian 2,541, Russian 20,934, Japanese 12,570; total, 68,263.

Spokane Continues to Increase.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The population of the city of Spokane, Wash., as officially announced today, is: For 1900, 36,848; 1890, 19,922. These figures show for the city as a whole an increase in population of 18,926, or 84.96 per cent from 1890 to 1900.

Half the Coke Ovens Close.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 29.—Fifty per cent of the 500 coke ovens in McDowell and Meyer county have been put out of blast in the last week, throwing out of employment 1,500 men. This is said to be due to the dull market for the product.

Large Cattle Shipments.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Sept. 29.—The record of cattle shipments from the Black Hills has been broken by Curtiss Morse of this city, who is now considered the cattle king of this part of the ranges. On Sunday he shipped from Brennan thirty carloads of steers, on Monday sixteen, and on Tuesday twenty more carloads, making in all sixty-six carloads, or six trains. Morse owns the largest herds in this part of the Hills. His yearly income from his cattle is about \$100,000. A few years ago he was a cowboy on the ranges, working for a salary.

**AN OBJECTION TO PRINCE TUAN**

Imperial Government at Peking Notified That Appointment of Bloody Boxer Is Undesirable and May Result in Stopping All Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Minister Coger has been advised by the State department of the substance of the replies made by this government last Friday to the governments of Germany, Russia and China, respecting China, which clearly indicates to him the general nature of the instructions he is to receive. Moreover, by this time he is informed of the orders issued to General Chaffee to reduce his force to a legion guard. The note to China specifically pointed out the lines on which this government will issue its instructions to its minister. The document itself is in course of final approval. Acting Secretary Hill having completed the draft some days ago and forwarded it to the president. It was the belief of the State department late this afternoon that the actual transmission of the instructions would be carried out very soon, probably within the next twelve hours. It is said that the text of the instructions will not be given publicity at present for diplomatic reasons, but there is no concealment of the general scope of the document, which is on the lines laid down in the three notes.

In this connection it is said at the State department that Mr. Coger will put these negotiations in motion without any purpose of acting for any government other than the United States, although the government steadily keeps in mind that the United States is but one of the several nations mutually interested in obtaining a common end and it is hoped that the effect of Mr. Coger's making a beginning toward negotiations may be to induce other powers to follow. This government has never assumed to lay down any mandate as to the course to be followed by all or any of the other powers.

It is believed that the State department already has taken steps through Minister Wu to impress upon the Chinese government the undesirability of the appointment of Prince Tuan as grand secretary and the painful impression this appointment has created throughout this country. The effect of his appointment, if persisted in, it is said, might be to retard seriously the final negotiations, or in fact any negotiations at all.

The government feels that it is much reinforced in its present position by the note from Li Hung Chang, in which he gave positive assurance to the United States that he had sufficient authority to protect all American interests and would see that this authority was exercised. The government now looks upon this assurance as a guarantee which must be faithfully performed as a condition precedent to even the establishment of relations with Li and Prince Ching. If the appointment of Tuan promises to obstruct the performance of this pledge in any manner, then it would be clearly violative of the guarantee laid down and would warrant the immediate withdrawal of Mr. Coger from further relations with the Chinese envoys. So it appears that much more depends upon what Tuan does than upon what he has done.

Funeral of Gen. Palmer.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 28.—Under leaden skies and with cold rain falling the remains of General John McAuley Palmer, soldier, statesman, jurist and writer, were laid away in the cemetery at Carlinville. All the state offices were closed and flags on the state house and all public buildings floated at half mast. Funeral services at the residence were brief, consisting only of prayers, hymns by a quartet and the reading of Christ's sermon on the mount, which was a favorite passage with the deceased general.

Horses and Supplies for Manila.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—The transport Thyra sailed for Manila today with 500 horses and mules and a large cargo of hay and grain. The Thyra will touch at Hilo, where the animals will be put ashore for a few days' rest.

Lieutenant Danner Killed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—A dispatch from General MacArthur, dated at Manila, today, reports the death of Second Lieutenant James D. Danner, Twenty-eighth United States volunteer infantry, caused by the accidental discharge of a pistol.

Destroys an Iowa Town.

CLARINDA, Ia., Sept. 28.—A cyclone nearly destroyed Sharps, a small town east of here. The depot, two churches and half a dozen dwellings were all blown down. The storm also struck New Market, a larger town, demolishing a few small houses.

Siler a Bankrupt.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 28.—George Siler, the prize fight referee, and Lou M. Houseman, the boxing exhibition manager, both filed petitions in bankruptcy here today. Siler scheduled liabilities of \$6,130 and Houseman of \$5,753. Their combined assets were put at \$100.

Belgian King Will Abdicate.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—"From a source worthy of confidence," says the Courier du Soir, "we learn that the king of the Belgians intends to abdicate before the close of the present Belgian parliament, in favor of the prince of Flanders."

"King Leopold counts confidently upon the result of his action being the sinking of the quarrels of the rival parties, which would then unite to observe the conditions of the new regime."

**ORDERED TO FIGHT FOREIGNERS.**

Secret Imperial Decree Said to Have Been Issued.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The French consul at Shanghai cables under date of September 25 (Tuesday) that Tung Fuh Sian has just been appointed general of the western and northern armies. The consul adds that according to Chinese information the viceroys and governors have received an imperial decree instructing them to fight the foreigners and destroy them.

Crocker Brigade Officers.

KEOKUK, Ia., Sept. 28.—The Crocker Brigade association finished its session here this afternoon with a large campfire. The following officers were elected: President, H. H. Rood, M. Vernon; vice presidents, Colonel J. H. Monroe, Muscatine; W. M. Penn, Des Moines; Lieutenant, Daniel Embree, Ames; Captain, Mayes, Red Oak; corresponding secretary, D. W. Bushnell, Council Bluffs; recording secretary, Captain G. W. Kepler, Mount Vernon; treasurer, Peter Keine, Dubuque.

Muscatine was selected as the place for the next meeting.

White Gets Fancher's Place.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Sept. 27.—At a meeting of the republican state central committee today a letter was read from Governor F. B. Fancher, who was renominated, in which he withdraws from the ticket by reason of his bad health. He is now at Sacramento, Cal. The committee advanced Frank White of Valley City, the candidate for lieutenant governor, to first place and put David Bartlett of Cooperstown in his stead.

Ten Per Cent Increase.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 28.—The Associated Press late tonight secured from President Mitchell the admission that he believes the mine operators have agreed to make the mine workers an offer of a 10 per cent increase in wages. Further than this Mr. Mitchell declined to talk. He has been reticent all day on the subject and several times declared that he knew nothing of the rumors of a settlement of the strike.

Battleship Off for the Orient.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Of the six war ships which were last week ordered to proceed to the Orient to reinforce the Asiatic squadron the Albany and the Wilmington already have started on their long journey. The Albany sailed from Pieraues yesterday and today the Wilmington left Montevideo for Bahia, Brazil. Thence she will cross the Atlantic and proceed via the Mediterranean.

Congress of Good Roads.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 28.—The practical part of the program of the good roads congress, in session here, is an experimental road, a mile and one-half of highway near Washburn college. One-third of this road is to be paved with native limestone, the second third with the glacial stones commonly called "nigger heads," and the last section with flint tailings from the lead and zinc mines of Galena. Road-making machinery is on the ground, grading apparatus, ditching machines and stone crushers.

**ATTEMPT TO BURN STORE.**

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 29.—Fire was discovered shortly after midnight by Night Watchman Turner in the butcher shop of Shupback & Schoenholz on the north side of the park. The fire boys soon had the blaze under control and the damage will amount to less than \$100 on building and contents. The fire was of incendiary origin, as was clearly proven by tracks leading to a rear window, which had been forced open. Several bundles of wrapping paper had been placed on the floor and fired, the blaze being well under way in two different parts of the room. The members of the firm are new business men and are at a loss to know who could have been the author of the work.

Heavy Receipts Continue.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 29.—Heavy receipts at the stock yards continue, and from this time on there will be busy times about the yards, exchange building and packing houses. Receipts of range cattle are increasing and stock is coming here from competitive territory, which shows that south Omaha is one of the best markets in the country. The stock yards management has been doing everything possible to boom this market and to give the shippers the best possible price for stock of all kinds. The price is what tells, and that is why shippers in competitive territory are sending their stock here.

Found Dead at Saloon Door.

TILDEN, Neb., Sept. 29.—W. H. Ansen, a farmer living one mile south of town, was found dead in the alley in the rear of L. E. Carston's saloon by H. W. Davis and John Mahen. When found the dead man was lying on some refuse straw thrown from a near stable, face downward. The village marshal was notified, who, in conjunction with John Ashburn, justice of the peace, notified the coroner. He arrived on the eastbound passenger. A jury was impaneled and resulted in bringing in a verdict of paralysis of the heart, brought on from alcoholic poisoning.

Neighbors Come to the Rescue.

ARBORVILLE, Neb., Sept. 29.—York county farmers are made of the right material and are always ready to assist a neighbor who is in need or distress. Lew McKenzie, one of Arborville township farmers, has been quite sick and at present lies in the hospital at Stromsburg, where he is receiving treatment. His neighbors and fellow members of the Modern Woodmen club, have crowded and drilled in a large acreage of winter wheat and did other farm work, assisting his wife and family during his sickness.

Burglars at Coleridge.

COLERIDGE, Neb., Sept. 29.—Burglars Sunday night entered O. S. Grant's blacksmith shop, and, securing tools, went to O. G. Ritchie's general store and postoffice and, prying open the front door, drilled a hole in the safe, but before they could blow open the safe they must have been frightened away, leaving everything but the drills. They did not secure anything. The safe contained about \$250 and stamps.

Hurled by a Train and Escaped.

GREENWOOD, Neb., Sept. 29.—As No. 5 pulled in at 10 o'clock it ran into a team crossing the track, demolishing the wagon and throwing the driver, Alfred Bourelle, into the air about twenty feet, knocking him unconscious. By a miracle he was not seriously hurt. There were two other men in the wagon, but they jumped out just before the train struck it.

Fall Two Stories.

FORT CROOK, Neb., Sept. 29.—The little 4-year-old boy of J. W. Lowry pushed a loose screen out of the second story window of their hotel and fell to the sidewalk below, striking on the side of his face and head, rendering him unconscious. A doctor was immediately called, but was unable to say how great was the injury, as the brain may be seriously affected.

Cass County Land Valuable.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., Sept. 29.—Fritz Otto and wife have just filed a deed of sale of their quarter section farm in Elmwood precinct to Fred Ruge, receiving therefor the neat sum of \$9,400, or nearly \$60 per acre. This is considered one of the finest farms in Cass county.

Robbers Tap Jewelry Store.

COZAD, Neb., Sept. 29.—A daring burglary was committed here. The jewelry store of R. S. Thornton was entered, the safe blown and the entire contents, amounting to about \$1,500 worth of jewelry and \$40 in cash, taken. The postoffice, located in the same room, was robbed of a small amount of change. No clue as yet to the robbers. This is the second time this store has been robbed within the last few months. A concerted effort on the part of the business men of the town will be made to capture the thieves.