

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The senate and house will both hold night sessions this month. Col. Albert Hartsuff, assistant surgeon general, has been retired. The Colorado house has passed a bill providing for the electric chair. The Princeton (Ind.) Elevator company's elevator was totally destroyed by fire. Tom O'Brien, the Pittsburg club's first baseman, died of consumption at Phoenix, Ariz. The cut nail pool announced an increase in prices of 5c a keg, to go into effect at once. The Belgium King is said to be in danger, a man having been arrested who had designs on his life. A dispatch from Cincinnati says that hope of making the Jeffries-Rubin fight have been nearly abandoned. Prof. Salisbury, for a quarter of a century an authority on Sanscript in Yale college, is dead in his 87th year. The blast furnaces of the Lorain, O., Steel company have resumed operations after an idleness of over six months. Edward Hopkins, who was organist of the Temple church, London, from 1845 to 1898, is dead. He was born in 1818. Mrs. Jacob Yocum, aged 50, and her son William, aged 19 years, were found dead in their bed rooms by the police at Fostoria, O. Thomas P. Fenlon, one of the most prominent lawyers and politicians in Kansas, died at Leavenworth of heart disease, aged sixty-five. Adjutant General Partridge of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic, says the death rate among old soldiers is at the rate of 3 per cent. Lord Wantage is quoted as saying that the queen's last words were: "Oh, that peace may come." Those few words were characteristic of her life. Edward D. Cornell, a retired hat manufacturer and for many years president of the Hatters' union, committed suicide by hanging at Philadelphia, Pa. Assemblman Lotter and his son have been arrested and jailed at Uitchage, charged with aiding the Boers. It is alleged dynamite was found in Mr. Lotter's house. Colonel E. P. Clandon, aged 75 years, was found dead in his bed at Galveston, Tex. Claudon was French consul at San Antonio and was well known throughout the south. Eugene I. Gowell visited detective headquarters in Chicago and announced that he was the long-sought-for Charlie Ross, who was kidnaped from Germantown, Pa., in 1874. Chamberlin & Co. of Chicago offer to raise the wreck of the battleship Maine for nothing and give the government 3 per cent of the sales of the material in the form of souvenirs. Under special orders from the navy department the cruiser Lancaster left St. Vincent, West Indies, for La Guira. The gunboat Scorpion arrived at Curacao yesterday from La Guira. The body of Judge N. Pearl of Port Gibson, La., was found in the Mississippi river near that place with heavy weights tied around the hands and ankles. He had been missing about two weeks. The steamship Duke of Pife brings news that owners of Japanese oil wells are organizing a strong company to compete with the company formed by the Standard Oil company to develop the Echigo oil fields. Senator Alonzo Smith of Indiana, former lieutenant governor of that state and a leader of the democratic party there, says Indiana democrats want David B. Hill of New York state to head the ticket in 1904. James J. Corbett and his wife had a war of words in their apartments at the Hotel Navarre, Thirty-eighth street and Seventh avenue. The end was that the pugilist walked out vowing he would never return. Jefferson Long, a negro, who thirty years ago represented the Macon district in congress, died at Macon, Ga. The war department is informed that Capt. Raymond Sulzer, of the volunteer quartermaster's department, died on the transport Pagling, which arrived at San Francisco. Speaker Henderson is opposed to the movement for an extra session of congress. A sensational suicide shocked Paterson, N. J., when John Deritter, a wealthy contractor and mason, ended his life by drinking carbolic acid after having a violently jealous quarrel with his wife. It is reported from Kiel that Siegfried Hess, a local banker, has fled to the United States after embezzling 300,000 marks. Addison Comack, aged 74 years, at one time one of the most prominent speculators in Wall street, died at his home in New York city. Twenty fresh cases of small pox and nine deaths from that disease were reported at Glasgow. There are now 433 cases in the hospital. A car of the Adams Express company attached to the train which left Philadelphia at midnight Saturday for New York, was rifled by robbers en route. The big battleship Wisconsin, built at San Francisco, has been placed in commission. In view of the possibility of a Boer raid all the ammunition surrendered by burghers at Komatipoort has been loaded on lighters and moored in the bay. The annual meeting of the Iowa Association of County Treasurers will be held in Des Moines at the Kirkwood House on Feb. 13 and 14. The senate in executive session made the following confirmations: Franklin Moses of Alaska, to be registrar of the land office at St. Michael; Also several army promotions.

WILD RUMORS AFLOAT

Reports Go Round London That Chamberlain Is Reconsidering.

TALK OF THE RECALL OF MILNER

Round Table Conference with Liberal Leaders in Contemplation—The Tories Denied—The Mouthpiece of Colonial Secretary.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Public attention has again turned to South Africa by the dispatch of reinforcements and the publication of Lord Roberts' mail dispatches.

Rumors have been in circulation that Mr. Chamberlain has reconsidered his South African policy and was contemplating a round-table conference with Mr. John Morley and Sir William Harcourt and the recall of Sir Alfred Milner. The Daily Mail says it is able to assert, on Mr. Chamberlain's authority, that the story is a fabrication and that the government retains the most absolute confidence in Sir Alfred Milner.

"Mr. Chamberlain flatly denies," says the Mail, "that he has had any communication with any member of the opposition on the subject of the war."

Lord Roberts' dispatches are not regarded as giving any further elucidation of the conduct of the war, but they are interesting, as proving that throughout the campaign he never had sufficient men, horses or supplies to cover such a vast field of operation.

Lord Roberts asserts deliberately that the permanent tranquillity of the republic "depends on the complete disarmament of the inhabitants, a task difficult, I admit, but attainable with time and patience."

Looking at all the circumstances, Lord Roberts says the campaign is "unique in the annals of war" and he pays the highest tribute to the gallantry and worth of the troops, declaring that "no flatterer ever took the field under the British flag."

There is a general idea that the dispatches have suffered considerable excision at the hands of the war office. They do not throw any further light on the summary retirement of General Colville or any other matters regarding which the public is anxious to hear.

The appearance of bubonic plague at Capetown seems likely to add to the difficulties of the situation. The authorities there have decided upon a wholesale extermination of rats. Should the disease spread it will necessitate changes in the military arrangements.

Today Sir Alfred Milner makes another earnest appeal to employers to allow as many men as possible to enroll in the colonial mounted defense force.

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OUTLINING THE KING'S SPEECH.

British Cabinet Council Holds Session to Frame the Document.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The cabinet meeting today will presumably settle the terms of King Edward's speech at the opening of his first parliament, February 19, which may be expected to partially repeat his majesty's speech to the privy council on accession day, expressing thanks for the condolences and expressions of loyalty, referring to his deep sense of the responsibility of his new position and announcing his determination to work for the welfare of all classes.

Recommend Wyoming Men. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Senators Warren and Clark and Representative Mondell of Wyoming have recommended for appointment as officers in the regular army under the new reorganization act, all the Wyoming men now in the volunteer service. They are: Lieutenant L. L. Dietrick, Cheyenne; Lieutenant Charles H. Burrill, Buffalo; Captain George R. Shannon, Laramie; Captain Thomas Miller, Buffalo; Captain Loren Cheever, Sheridan; Captain Ira L. Frenshell, Cheyenne. Of these officers, Dietrick, Burrill, Miller and Cheever are in the Philippines, Shannon is in Cuba, and Frenshell in China.

Union Pacific's High Figure. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A new high figure was scored by Union Pacific common today, when 129,400 shares sold up to 95, a rise of three and one-eighth. In addition to the buying banking interests considerable stock was taken by traders on the notion that in some way the stockholders would receive valuable rights in connection with the Southern Pacific purchase. Halle & Steglitz bought heavily all day.

Another Railroad Combine. CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The Tribune tomorrow will say that according to reports received here today a new Milwaukee & St. Paul deal is being planned, with President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern left out. According to this story the Pennsylvania, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Northern Pacific are to be merged into one system.

Another Harriman System. Missouri Pacific, "Katy," Rio Grande and Two Other Roads. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The Tribune tomorrow will say: A scheme is under consideration whereby the Missouri Pacific, the two Rio Grande roads, the Colorado Southern, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the St. Louis & San Francisco are to be grouped in one system. The proposed plan would mean the formation of a Harriman southwestern railroad system.

FINANCING BY UNION PACIFIC.

Plan for New Acquisition Is Agreed on by the Executive Committee. NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A plan for financing the acquisition of controlling interests in the Southern Pacific on behalf of the Union Pacific was today agreed upon by the executive committee of the Union Pacific, which will make an official announcement tomorrow.

Semi-official admissions made tonight are already directly in line with what has already been published. The Central Pacific will be taken out of the Southern Pacific system and annexed separately to the Union Pacific. The directors do not want to assume any direct burden on behalf of the Union Pacific, so will issue debenture bonds secured by the Southern Pacific stock purchased, the bonds being redeemable at par at the company's option or exchangeable for Union Pacific stock at par within a limited period. It is also said that two Southern Pacific bonds may be exchanged for one Union Pacific.

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WILL OPPOSE SENATE BILL.

Republicans Discuss War Revenue Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The republican members of the ways and means committee met this afternoon to formulate a plan of action relative to the war revenue bill, but no definite conclusion was reached beyond the decision to nonconcur in the senate amendments.

The action of the senate in substituting entirely new bill for the bill as it passed the house, is looked upon as a distinct invasion of the prerogative of the house to initiate revenue legislation and at the meeting today some of the members favored radical action to sustain what they consider the constitutional rights of the house to originate revenue legislation. The plan was to ignore the bill in its present form and to pass another entirely new revenue bill. But this was regarded as entirely too radical.

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NO MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Wait Awhile for Creation of a Vacancy in the List of Generals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—It is said at the war office that no more general officers of the army will be appointed until the senate has acted on the bill sent in on Tuesday. One reason is that there will be no vacancy in the list of generals unless General Miles is advanced in the higher rank. Unless a vacancy occurs in that manner, it is predicted that it will be filled by the appointment of Colonel C. Bates, who was yesterday nominated a brigadier general. Such an appointment would prevent the appointment of Brigadier General Wade or Merriam to a major generalship for some time.

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FOR BRANCH MINT IN OMAHA.

House Committee Will Favorably Report the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures decided to report favorably the bill establishing a branch mint at Omaha and appropriating \$100,000 therefor. Sutherland of the Fifth district of Nebraska was the member of the sub-committee that took initial action.

Attacks Status of Virginia. LONDON, Feb. 7.—Hilberand de Britto Lyra, a relative of the president of Brazil, Dr. Campos Salles, was incarcerated in an asylum for the insane today after committing a sacrilegious outrage in a Roman Catholic church at Mallock Bath, a place a few miles south of Mallock, in the county of Derby. Lyra suddenly appeared in the church this morning during service, jumped over the altar rails and attacked a statue of the Virgin Mary.

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TEN SOLDIERS CRUSHED

Men of Tenth Infantry Met Death on the Rail.

WETE ON THEIR WAY TO NEBRASKA

Five Bodies Taken from the Debris and More Believed to Be Buried—Locomotive Jumps the Track While Running at a Very High Rate of Speed.

GREENVILLE, Pa., Feb. 8.—Train No. 5, the New York-Chicago limited, on the Erie railroad, was wrecked this morning within the town limits. Five passengers were dead when taken from the wreck, several are missing and there are many seriously injured. Dead: SERGEANT MAJOR HARRY A. HART, Fort Wood, N. Y. GEORGE W. PATTERSON, Philadelphia, private, Company I, Tenth United States infantry; carried card of Iron Molders' union. PETER J. CURRY, Cuboco, N. Y.; private Tenth infantry; aged 21. UNKNOWN MAN, aged about 35. UNKNOWN MAN. Only papers on person was a postal card that had been sent to the Adams Produce company, Rushville, Ind., and a ticket from New York to that point. His face was literally torn into shreds. Hardly a passenger escaped without some injury.

The ill-fated train was composed entirely of vestibule Pullmans, three sleepers, a day coach, combination smoker and baggage and mail car, and was drawn by one of the new Atlantic type of engines. It was on the smoking compartment that death laid a ruthless hand, for not one of the sixteen occupants escaped being killed or injured. This car was completely telescoped by the steel mail car ahead, which went through it as though it were paper, tearing, crushing, maiming and carrying death. The only wonder of the occupants was that they were not all killed outright.

The scene of the wreck is on a sharp curve. On one side, forty feet below, flows the Shenango river; on the other is a steep bluff. The engine left the track at the curve and before it had gone two car lengths plowed into the steep hill, where it fell on its side and was half buried. The train was running about two hours late and the accident happened at 7:10, just about the time when the occupants of the sleeper had finished dressing.

After the terrible crash the uninjured passengers set about the rescue of the dead and wounded. Surgeons were summoned and within a few minutes the dead and dying were being cared for as fast as they could be discovered beneath the wreckage. It was several hours before the victims had been removed and placed in the two rear Pullmans.

The scenes inside the telescoped cars were terrible. The men begged to be released and screamed in agony. They were all heaped in a corner of the car, dumped there by the irresistible impetus of the mail car. The injured were placed on a special train and taken to the Spencer hospital, Meadville, about noon.

A party of soldiers, nine in number, on their way from Fort Porter, N. Y., to Fort Crook, Neb., in charge of Sergeant Major Harry A. Hart, of New York, occupied a part of the smoker. Of the number three were killed and two seriously injured. They were under orders for the Philippines and would have sailed in a short time.

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THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

UNION STOCK YARDS, SOUTH OMAHA—CATTLE—The supply of cattle fell considerably short of the number received the last few days, and as the demand was of quite liberal proportions, the market on good stuff ruled active and a little stronger all around. There were many good to choice beef steers offered, and as there was considerable competition on such grades, prices were stronger than yesterday. Where the cattle just suited buyers they paid fully a nickel more than yesterday and in some cases looked better than that. The situation, however, is best described by calling it a good strong market. Common and half-fat stuff did not improve and in fact sellers found it difficult to dispose of that class of cattle. Packers do not want them and will take them only at their own prices. The cow market was also active and stronger on good stuff, the situation being much the same as on fat steers. As the supply was limited the more desirable bunches were out of first hands early in the morning. Bulls, calves and stags could be quoted just about steady with yesterday, no particular change being noticeable. The demand for good stock cattle was equal to supply this morning and prices remained stationary. There was not much offered in that line and consequently sellers had little difficulty in disposing of their holdings.

HOGS—There was not as liberal a supply here as yesterday and the market opened 5/16c higher. The first sales were mostly at \$3.25 and as high as \$3.25 was paid for prime heavyweights. The hogs however, did not move toward the scales very rapidly as packers did not like to pay the advance and were slow about taking hold. After about thirty loads had changed hands the feeling seemed to be a little easier and not much was done for a time.

SHEEP—There were only about three cars of sheep included in today's receipts and consequently hardly enough to make a good test of the market. The few bunches offered, though were bought at just about yesterday's prices. Lambs sold as high as \$5.00 and ewes brought \$3.50. The light supply of wethers continues, the bulk of the receipts being ewes and lambs, which naturally make the wethers bring strong prices. Feeder may be quoted practically steady, both for the day and for the week.

CATTLE—Beef steers, including Texas and western, steady to the high; others steady; native beef steers, \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.75; cows, \$2.00; mixed calves, \$3.00; canners, \$2.25; bulls, \$3.00; 4-5; calves, \$3.00.

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