

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Peruvian Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution censuring the cabinet by a majority of one vote.

The secretary of the treasury purchased \$20,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at 113.000 and \$1,020 3s at 108.444.

Extensive forest fires are raging in three districts of the government of Nijni Novgorod, central Russia, and several villages have been destroyed.

The most serious forest fires known in five years are raging in several parts of the great timber belt lying west of the Cascade mountains in Washington.

Troubles of a domestic nature caused Mrs. Mary McGuire of 816 Monroe street, Topeka, Kan., to send a revolver bullet through her heart, ending life instantly.

The general feeling of discontent prevailing at Madrid has reached the royal kitchen and the principal chef and five cooks at the king's palace have gone out on a strike.

The United States Fidelity and Guarantee company has caused the arrest of A. L. Adams, charged with the embezzlement of \$400 of the funds of the Singer Sewing Machine company.

Pernod's absinthe factory at Pontarlier, one of the largest in France, was struck by lightning during a violent storm. The factory was completely destroyed. Damage, 8,000,000 francs.

The Culter & Proctor stove works, of Peoria, Ill., the largest in the state outside of Chicago, resumed work after a four weeks' shutdown. One hundred and fifty iron workers are employed.

A Chinese gambler by the name of Ah Woocay, at Vancouver, B. C., was committed for trial for the murder of four Chinese who were hacked to death with an axe by Quong, another Chinese, last month.

Twenty-six residents of Chicago have sold their bodies in advance of death, according to Dr. L. C. H. E. Zeligler, a surgeon with an office in McVicker's theater building. The sales have been made to Dr. Zeligler.

Miss Estelle Reel, national superintendent of Indian schools, has completed a uniform course of instruction in the Indian schools. The course treats of thirteen subjects designed to make the Indian self-supporting.

The manufacturers' association at Fall River voted to reduce the price of weaving from 19.8 to 17 cents per cut, which is practically a cut down in wages of 14 per cent. The vote taken on the matter was unanimous. The cut goes into effect on September 1.

Eben L. Boyce was executed at Tacoma, Wash., for wife murder. He collapsed when summoned for the march to the gallows, but was revived, and, as he stood on the scaffold, said: "I am a soldier still." The execution was perfect, his neck being broken by the fall.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway will tap the upper Michigan iron country. It has surveyed a line from Cumberland, Wis., to Rice Lake, where it will connect with the Birch Lake branch now building. This will be the western terminus for the present. The line will be 125 miles long.

Takahiko Ofuji, professor in the University of Kioto, Japan, and his brother, J. Ofuji, a civil engineer, of Kioto, accompanied by Yasosko Okio, the Japanese acting consul in New York, are visiting the different public improvements and institutions of New York, including the bridges and the rapid transit system.

George M. Rogers of Topeka, son of the assistant postmaster at that point, has been appointed to a \$900 place in the interior department for the civil service eligible list.

The Cincinnati Price Current in its weekly crop review says: "Corn crop situation cannot be definitely stated. Previous indications of 1,500,000,000 bushels likely to prove 100,000,000 or possibly 200,000,000 too high. Spring wheat advances somewhat more assuring. Outlook for total crop fully equal to recent calculations."

General Mel has returned to Tien Tain and professes to have killed or dispersed hundreds of Boxers and brigands. The harvest prospects in the southwest districts of the province of Chi-Li and in the province of Ho-Nan are excellent.

The law passed by the Wisconsin legislature last winter, appropriating \$30,000 to pay innocent purchasers of county orders, issued under the Keeley cure law of 1895, declared invalid by the supreme court, is declared to be unconstitutional.

The Havana Discussion says that the order for the enrollment of a Cuban artillery corps by only one permitting whites to be enrolled will sow seeds of discord between the whites and black and establish a precedent both dangerous and unjust.

THE PACE SET FOR ALL

Crescens Scores a New Mark for Ambitious Trotting Steeds to Emulate.

ABBOT MAKES FAITHFUL EFFORT

Champion Stallion Covers Mile in 2:03 1-4 Before an Immense Crowd—in Spite of Recent Illness the Abbot Animal Makes a Sturdy Showing.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The trotting interests of the Empire City have not received such a boom in a quarter of a century as were developed today at the Brighton Beach track, when under the auspices of the New York Trotting association the champion stallion and champion gelding, Crescens and The Abbot, came together for a purse of \$12,000. The Abbot, with his record of 2:03 3/4 of last season, and Crescens, with his mark of 2:02 3/4, made at Columbus, were to decide the question of which was the one to go down in history as the fastest trotting horse now living.

There was a larger crowd present than ever seen on a New York trotting track. The grand stand was simply packed and this despite the fact that reserved seats with admission cost \$4, while boxes holding four persons were all disposed of at \$30 each in addition to the regular admission. While the seating capacity is but 3,500, it was undoubtedly a fact that close to 5,000 persons were jammed into the structure.

Every available space between the stand and the track was packed to its utmost capacity, and the paddock, infield and cheaper admission field contained a legion of people. It was estimated that fully 15,000 people were present. The weather was simply perfect for the great trial and the track was like velvet, though probably a second slow. Several times during the afternoon both horses put in some preliminary work, and each time they passed the crowd there was great enthusiasm.

Coming down the stretch it was a battle royal, with The Abbot very close up, but Crescens with his bulldog grip kept on with nostrils extended and just managed to beat his opponent by a half length in 2:03 3/4, the world's trotting record in a race. To say that the announcement created tumultuous applause only faintly conveys the meaning of the expression.

A little over half an hour had expired when the two grand horses came out for their second trial and were started under the same conditions that existed in the first heat. They were sent away beautifully, but The Abbot had not traveled a hundred yards before he made a disastrous break and before he could recover his gait Crescens was in front. The Abbot, once settled, made a grand effort to overtake his opponent, but the son of Robert McGregor was out for victory, and kept on, passing the quarter in 31 3/4 seconds; the half in 1:02 1/2; the three-quarters in 1:35, and came rushing home the last quarter in 31 3/4 seconds, doing the mile in 2:06 3/4, with The Abbot back of the flag.

As the race was best three in five, Ketcham consented that Crescens go another heat. This he did shortly before 5 o'clock, accompanied by a runner for the first half, where he was joined by another runner, and he did the mile in 2:05, the quarter in 30 1/2, the half in 1:01 1/4, and the three-quarters in 1:34.

Commission Has an Easy Task.

MANILA, Aug. 16.—The United States Philippine commission was prevented by the weather from landing at Iba, province of Zambales, and arrived at San Fernando, province of Union, today. The commissioners met with an enthusiastic reception.

Joaquin Origas has been appointed governor.

The residents of the province are unanimous as to the advisability of establishing a civil government in that district.

Thompson is Convicted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has received a cablegram from Inspector General of Posts in Cuba Fones stating that the trial of E. P. Thompson, formerly postmaster at Havana, has been concluded and Thompson convicted. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$400 or serve six months in prison. Thompson was accused of causing to be issued money orders in his own behalf.

Canal Business Closed Up.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—In the house of commons, Mr. Perks (liberal) sought information regarding the course of the Nicaragua canal negotiations, but the under secretary of the foreign office, Lord Craunborne, was only able to confirm the dispatches of the Associated Press on the subject. He said that unofficial communications were passing between Washington and London, through Lord Pauncefoot, but no formal reply was received.

GRANT MAKES GOOD CAPTURE.

Leader of Insurgents in Province of Batangas Surrenders.

MANILA, Aug. 16.—Second Lieutenant Walter S. Grant of the Sixth cavalry, while scouting with a detachment near Taal, Batangas province, has made what the military authorities consider to be the most important capture since Aguinaldo was made prisoner. Grant captured Colonel Martin Cabrera, his adjutant and six other insurgents. Cabrera had been growing in power for some time. He controlled all the insurgents in southern Batangas and also those west of the city of Batangas.

Colonel Panganiban, a captain and twenty men, with twenty-six rifles and considerable ammunition, have surrendered to Lieutenant Smith of the Twentieth infantry near Luzon. They formed a portion of General Malvar's command. After taking the oath of allegiance they were released.

Captain Policarpio, a lieutenant and five men from the Sixth company of Malvar's command also surrendered to Colonel Baldwin, refusing at the same time payment for their rifles and revolvers, saying that they surrendered for peace and not for money.

Lieutenant Evans reports that he has not seen or heard of any insurgents recently on the island of Mindoro. He reports the burning of a camp, however, and succeeded in capturing thirty tons of rice. He says the people in the valley of Rjan reside in the fairest farming country of the islands. The district is thickly settled and plentifully supplied with cattle and rice.

General Chaffee is greatly pleased by these accounts from the province of Batangas and the island of Mindoro.

THE STRIKE COMES WEST.

Three Thousand Joliet Workmen Vote to Obedy Shaffer's Order.

JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 16.—The four lodges of the Amalgamated association employees of the Illinois Steel company at the Joliet mills by a unanimous vote decided to obey the strike order of President Shaffer. The conference was in session from 3 o'clock in the afternoon to 9 o'clock at night before the decision was reached.

The steel mills were closed at noon to enable the members of the association to attend the meeting which was called by National Assistant Secretary Tighe after his arrival here. He was accompanied by Vice President Davis of the Fourth district. Both men presented the side of the association to the local members. It was argued that in order to secure the organization of non-union workers in the east it was essential that the western men would have to join the strike movement.

Mr. Tighe also appealed to the fealty of the men to the association. He urged them to be men and stand by their union. His remarks were received with enthusiasm and caused the vote that followed.

This action will close the entire steel plant here, throwing out of employment nearly 3,000.

BRISK FIGHTING AT PANAMA.

Rebels Are Gradually Closing in on that City and Colon.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 16.—The British steamer Darien has arrived here from Colon and brings reports of heavy fighting Monday on the outskirts of Panama and Colon. The rebels were steadily advancing on the towns proper. A large number of men had been wounded.

A large number of wounded men belonging to the government troops were taken to Colon Monday. This is regarded as an indication of the persistency of the rebel attacks. The converted cruiser Namouna has been found practically useless, owing to the bulging attempts to mount heavy guns on her.

The Darien brought forty passengers who were obliged to leave Colon in order to escape the danger and to avoid conscription. The British consul at Colon has entered a protest against the Colombian government to fight against the rebels.

Power Have Signed Protocol.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Chief Postoffice Inspector Cochran was notified by telegraph that Inspector Houck of the St. Louis division has caused the arrest of Walter Stratton for complicity in the holdup of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas train on Wednesday morning near Caney, I. T.

Stubbs Places Steamship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—J. C. Stubbs has selected T. M. Schumaker to be traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line. This is the first of the prominent appointments that Mr. Stubbs has made since he took traffic management of the Harriman lines. Mr. Schumaker had the general freight agency of the Union Pacific on the coast and will in all probability be succeeded by Chas. Clifford, general agent of Union Pacific in Cincinnati.

TWO CHARTERS TAKEN

Western Amalgamated Lodges Refusing to Quit Work Are Disciplined.

SHAFFER HAS NO HOPE OF THEM

Says Since They Disobey Him Expulsion Must Follow — They Won't Agree, Though Their Aid Was Expected in Crippling Mills.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—There will be no strike of the employees of the steel mills in South Chicago. This point was settled last night when the men refused to reconsider the action taken Saturday night, at which time they decided to stand by their contracts with the mills and refused to join the strikers. After they had declined to reconsider, Assistant Secretary M. F. Tighe, of the Amalgamated association, who came to Chicago with the intention of securing a revocation of the action of Saturday night, if possible, declared that he revoked the charters of both lodges of the Amalgamated association in the South Chicago mills and declared the men outside the organization. The men greeted his announcement with laughter and cheers. Mr. Tighe arrived in the city Wednesday and spent the day arranging for a secret meeting of the two lodges of the Amalgamated association to be held last night. The men gathered at the appointed time, but there were so few of them in the hall that the end of the matter was a foregone conclusion. By far the greater number of the members of the two lodges had gone to work instead of coming to the meeting and only a handful was present. Mr. Tighe made a long address to the men, giving them the story of the strike from the standpoint of the Amalgamated association and asking them to help the men in the east by quitting the mills in South Chicago. Several speeches were made by the local members of the association in reply to Mr. Tighe, the general trend being that the men considered themselves bound by contracts with their employers and that they did not think that it was their duty to turn their backs on these contracts at the bidding of the association. At 11 o'clock a vote was taken on the question of reconsidering and by an overwhelming majority the men refused to reopen the question. Mr. Tighe then announced that the charters of both lodges were revoked and the meeting dissolved. After leaving the meeting Mr. Tighe expressed himself as greatly disappointed at the action taken this evening and said that he will go to the Bayview mills at Milwaukee and also to those at Joliet. He will repeat the program at these places, explain to the men the causes of the strike and if they then decline to reconsider their action in refusing to join the ranks of the strikers he will declare the charters of all their lodges forfeited and rule the men out of the association.

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CONDITION OF IOWA CROPS.

Rains Have Helped Late Corn in All but the Southeastern Portion.

United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Section, Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, Crop Bulletin for Week Ending August 12, Des Moines, Ia.—The temperature of last week was about normal, with increased humidity of the air and fairly well distributed showers that came in a manner to be very beneficial to all growing crops. Drouthy conditions of some severity still prevail in a number of counties in the southeastern and east central districts, but in the larger part of the state the supply of moisture has been ample to cause considerable improvement in pastures, late corn, potatoes and gardens. Reports indicate that late corn has eared sufficiently to give promise of a better yield than has been anticipated if September is normally fair and frostless. The early planted portion of the crop is greatly damaged and the ears generally show defective fertilization. The crop as a whole will be very valuable in quality of the fodder and grain that matures and much more than the usual acreage will be harvested with binders.

Following are the estimates of crop reporters as to the average condition of crops: Corn, 55 per cent; spring wheat, 84; oats, 75; barley, 83; flax, 74; millet, 62; potatoes, 34; pastures, 45; apples, 35; grapes, 70.

The threshing returns thus far received indicate that the oats crop is generally better than the estimates made August 1.

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HE HIMSELF CAN TELL

Navy Department Declines to Give Names of Schley's Witnesses.

HACKETT SAYS ALL HE INTENDS TO

He Issues a Statement Reporting the Arrangements Already Made and Declaring that Hereafter He Will Answer No Inquiries Whatever.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Acting Secretary Hackett of the Navy department gave out this statement today in regard to witnesses to be summoned before the Schley court of inquiry:

"There have been numerous inquiries by the gentlemen of the press as to who are to be witnesses before the Schley court of inquiry. I recognize the intense public interest that attends the convening of this court. I also take into account and respect the professional zeal of the press and the earnest desire of each gentleman to obtain early and full information for his particular newspaper.

"It has been found necessary, however, to say something to put an end to daily inquiries on the subject. This is done with no purpose or desire to keep anything from the public.

"The court will convene on the 27th of September. What witnesses will be brought before the court in behalf of Admiral Schley is for the admiral himself to say. No one can possibly know what witnesses the court is going to summon before it.

The judge advocate of the court on the 22d of July addressed a letter to Admiral Schley requesting the admiral to communicate with him in regard to the witnesses, if any of them were located at a distance from Washington, whom he might wish to have appear before the court. This was done because it was taken for granted that most of them were officers of the navy. It was highly important that they should be within reach when wanted to testify.

"Admiral Schley responded with a partial list of those whom he thought he would be likely to want present, stating that there would doubtless be others. He was told that he would have a right to call others as witnesses and also informed that some of the persons named by him might possibly be called by the judge advocate.

"The whole thing is in the preliminary stage, but the department will see to it that the officers of the navy who are cognizant with the facts can be reached in season to attend as witnesses if needed."

Beyond this statement Mr. Hackett declined to answer specific questions as to the particular witnesses, especially as to whether Admiral Sampson was on the list prepared by the judge advocate of the court, and he further announced that hereafter he would decline to answer all inquiries regarding matters relating to the Schley court.

Judge Tedford Resigns.

CRESTON, Ia., Aug. 14.—Judge W. H. Tedford of the Third judicial district has tendered his resignation, to take effect August 25. He resigns because of failing health. Several candidates are after the appointment to succeed the judge, among whom are Harry Evans of Wayne county and R. L. Parrish of Decatur county. Hon. James G. Bull of this city will also be a candidate for the seat made vacant by the resignation.

Get More Gold from Hay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—It was stated at the offices of the Selby Smelting company today that a force of divers under the management of the Pinkertons had today taken \$65,000 worth of gold from the spot where it was hidden by Winters, making nearly \$200,000 already recovered. It is expected that the remainder of the stolen treasure, amounting to \$80,000, will be recovered inside of twenty-four hours.

Story of a Resurrection.

LARNED, Kan., Aug. 14.—The five-year-old daughter of Samuel McPrease of Hanston, twenty miles from Larned, apparently died Sunday morning. Funeral services were held yesterday. On the way to the graveyard a bolt of lightning struck the metallic coffin and opened it, whereupon the child sat up and called for her mother.

Big Cattle Deal.

EL PASO, ex., Aug. 14.—The Riverside Hereford company of Ashland bought 12,000 head of Mexican cattle and sold 100 Hereford bulls. The deal involved \$200,000.

Japanese Will Be Disappointed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 14.—The Japanese press and statesmen, according to special dispatch from Vladivostok, anticipated good results from the far eastern journey of the Russian finance minister, M. DeWitte. They hope he will also visit Japan, believing that his presence in that country will soften the anti-Russian feeling. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns definitely that M. DeWitte will not go abroad this year.