

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fire destroyed eight stores, the telephone exchange, opera house, town hall and Odd Fellows hall at Assumption, Ill. Loss, \$55,000; insurance, \$40,000.

Student riots have been renewed in Madrid. The tramways were attacked and attempts were made to set the cars on fire. Several persons were wounded.

Commander S. A. Staunton, flag secretary to Rear Admiral Sampson during the Spanish war, has been ordered to assume command of the United States ship Rainbow.

Attorney General Van Orsdell of Wyoming has brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph company to compel the company to file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

Mary Mark, who has been on trial at Wichita, Kan., for killing her baby, born out of wedlock, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Her mother is to be tried as participes criminalis.

The Woodbury (Conn.) Savings bank was visited by robbers. They blew open the cash safe with nitroglycerine and also damaged the strong box, out of which it is thought they secured \$200.

Col. W. R. Wallace, one of the best known mining men of the west, is dead at Whittier, Cal. He aided in operating the Coter d'Alene district in northern Idaho and founded the town of Wallace.

The Lokan Anzeiger of Berlin prints a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, asserting that Germany and Russia are together preparing a common circular note proposing an anti-anarchistic conference.

The arrangements are practically completed at Leavenworth, Kansas, for the consolidation of the gypsum, cement, plaster and stucco plants into one corporation, to be known as the United States Gypsum company.

John Burke, a well known gospel hymn writer and singer, for years identified with D. L. Moody, D. W. Whittle, Thomas McNeill and other evangelists, is dead at his home in Wheaton, Ill. Mr. Burke was the composer of the popular hymn, "Not I, but Christ."

The law passed by the last legislature of New York prohibiting ticket scalping was declared to be unconstitutional by the court of appeals. The decision was rendered in the case of Clarence Fleischman, a ticket broker of Buffalo, against Sheriff Samuel Caldwell of Erie county.

John Reusers and John Steubenvorch of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, charged in the federal court with having illegally secured naturalization papers for a number of foreign coal miners in order to vote them at the election in 1900, entered pleas of guilty and were fined \$400 each.

The first contract to be let by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company for the work that will eventually involve the expenditure of a sum approximating \$25,000,000, was awarded to R. H. Goodrich, of St. Louis, for the erection of 15,000 feet of board fence around a portion of the world's fair site.

Investigation shows that the rumors of a violation of Chilean territory by forces of the Argentine republic are completely unfounded. The foreign minister of Argentina, Dr. Alcorta, has given the Chilean government full assurance that nothing of that nature has occurred, and that there is no reason for alarm.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will deliver addresses at Chicago at the live stock exposition on December 2, and the following day before the National Live Stock association.

The president of the Montreal Corn exchange gives out the statement that since the government has refused to suspend the coasting laws, and since there are not Canadian bottoms enough to carry all the grain, the grain shipments from now on will have to be made from United States instead of from Canadian ports.

Secretary Jacob Solomon of the Ladies' Shirt Waist Makers' union, is authority for the statement that a great strike for union wages of shirt waist makers, involving 40,000 men and girls, is being prepared by the organization.

The directors of the Third National bank of Boston have voted to consolidate with the National Shawmut bank. Chicago police were shocked by the promulgation of an order forbidding them while in uniform from going into saloons.

The expected increase in the world's visible coffee supply this season is estimated at 1,000,000 bags.

An immense potato crop has been raised this season by irrigation in the Yakima Indian reservation in the state of Washington.

THE INDIAN QUESTION

Commissioner Favors a Policy that Will Effectually Settle It.

SELF SUPPORT IS THE BASIS

He Would Throw All Indians on Their Own Resources, Thus Solving a Difficult Problem Within a Generation—Present System is Bad.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A policy which, it is contended, will settle the entire Indian question within a generation, is announced by Commissioner of Indian Affairs William A. Jones, in his annual report. His plan is to give the Indian opportunity for self-support, the same protection of his person and property given others, throw him upon his own resources, and to enforce on him realization of the dignity of labor and the importance of building and maintaining a home for himself.

Mr. Jones says that, at the outset, the Indian must have aid and instruction, and necessities doubtless will have to be furnished him until his labor becomes productive. Until the Indian has become a part of the community in which he lives, day schools, the commissioner says, should be established at convenient places where the Indian may learn enough for ordinary business transactions. The key to the whole situation, the commissioner suggests, is the home. The larger and more powerful tribes, he adds, are located in the arid region, on unproductive reservations, often in a rigorous climate, where there is no chance to make even a living. In these cases something should be done quickly toward placing such Indians in a position where they can support themselves.

Commissioner Jones says the cutting off of rations from all Indians except those who are incapacitated from earning a support has had very gratifying results, and, if followed up, ultimately will lead to the abolition of the reservation and the absorption of the Indian into our body politic.

He makes the emphatic statement that the present Indian educational system, taken as a whole, is not calculated to produce the results that were anticipated so hopefully and may be added to the obstacles to independence and self-support, under which class Mr. Jones has placed indiscriminate issue of rations, periodic distribution of large sums of money and the general leasing of allotments. In the last thirty-three years, the report says, over \$240,000,000 has been spent on an Indian population not exceeding 180,000. Notwithstanding this, the Indian is still on his reservation, being fed; money is still being paid him, he is still dependent on the government for existence and he is "little, if any, nearer the goal of independence than he was thirty years ago, and if the present policy is continued he will get little if any nearer in thirty years to come."

IT COST THEM \$1,000,000

Vanderbilt Heirs Had to Pay Heavy Inheritance Taxes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—According to the World, heirs of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt must pay \$361,803.43 into the coffers of Uncle Sam. This is the total of the inheritance tax fixed by the federal government against the estate. The decision has just been reached in Washington by Solicitor Vlahard of the internal revenue department, and it has been concurred in by Commissioner Yerkes. News of the decision has been sent to the Vanderbilt attorneys in this city. The heirs have already been compelled to pay a state tax of \$320,998. The federal tax just fixed brings the total up to \$882,801. The legal expenses of fighting the tax will bring the grand total up to \$1,000,000.

BULL FIGHTING SEASON IS ON

Mexico Provides Entertainment for Pan-American Delegates.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 26.—The bull fighting season in Mexico opened this afternoon with Mazzantini, the famous Spanish matador, in the arena. Many prominent people in the social and political world of Mexico, including cabinet ministers, were present. Two boxes were occupied by some of the members of the United States delegation to the Pan-American conference. The South American delegations were also liberally represented. The fight was remarkable for the slaughter of horses, twelve being gored to death.

Grant of Fort Dodge Quits.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Nov. 26.—O. B. Grant, superintendent of the Fort Dodge division of the Chicago Great Western railway, has resigned, to become general manager of the Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern. His resignation will take effect on November 30. Mr. Grant was general superintendent of the Mason City & Fort Dodge railway before that road was merged into the Great Western system.

GIVES BOSTON AN ADVANTAGE

Railroads Offer Free Storage and Thereby Diversify Traffic.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The advantage that shippers of grain from Boston enjoy over those who ship from New York has been brought to the attention of Governor Odell by local grain interests, says the Journal of Commerce. They claim that as a result of contracts between the railroads terminating at Boston and the steamship lines between Liverpool and Boston the latter port has this year secured an immense advantage. It is asserted that the railroads offer free storage at Boston, but not at New York. This matter was the chief reason why a committee representing the grain trade went to call on Governor Odell and urged him to recommend in his annual message to the legislature that the powers of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners be so increased that they will have power to prevent any discrimination.

WASHINGTON IS IGNORANT

No Official News of Situation in Colon Has Been Received.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—If any dispatches from the naval or consular officials in Central America regarding the intention to bombard Colon have been sent to the government here, the responsible officials have deemed it best not to discuss them for publication. Inquiries tonight elicited replies to the effect that there had been no advices received today from the scene of trouble in Central America either by the state or navy departments or the Colombian legation.

It is probable that early tomorrow morning Secretary Long and Secretary Hay will hold a conference with the president on the situation as developed by the latest news and will decide upon the course to be pursued by the administration.

LINCOLN AND M'KINLEY.

Were the Only Presidents Who Understood the South.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Russell Sage and Helen M. Gould were honored guests at the seventh annual banquet of Mayflower descendants at Delmonico's. Senator McLaurin of South Carolina, one of the principal speakers, said: "There are only two men in our history who fully understood the south—Lincoln and McKinley. If Lincoln had lived there would have been an end of carpet-bagism among us, and if McKinley had lived he would have reunited the discordant sections of the south, for more than any one man, he understood them."

MATZ TO REMAIN A BISHOP

Vatican May Transfer Him, But Will Not Accept Resignation.

ROME, Nov. 26.—The Right Rev. Nicholas Chrysothom Batz, bishop of Denver, Colo., left Rome today. It appears that although he had often spoken of the disadvantage of his German nationality in a diocese largely Irish and has expressed a desire to resign, the vatican has never entertained the idea of asking him to retire. If at the same time he should persist in such a wish the vatican is willing to transfer him to another diocese or to nominate him as a titular bishop.

Goes to Arbitration

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—A final effort was made to adjust the dispute between the world's fair national commission and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company as to which body should have authority over foreign exhibitors, but without result, and the matter will now go to arbitration under the act of congress providing for the commission.

Virginia's Constitution.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 26.—In the constitutional convention an amendment was adopted providing for the compulsory education of children between 8 and 13 years old. A section providing for separate schools for whites and blacks was unanimously adopted.

Slain by Section Foreman.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 26.—Chas. Anderson and Carl Lentz, section men, were killed, and S. Smith, a section foreman, was injured in a collision between a hand car and a freight train on the Burlington railroad near Osage, Wyo.

Send your name and address to H. C. Cheyney, General Agent Chicago & North-Western R'y., Omaha, Neb., for a 1902 calendar.

To Exhibit Nebraska Sheep.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 26.—Robert Taylor, the sheep king, will have on exhibition at the international live stock exhibit sixteen head of fine Polled Angus steers and about eight carloads of sheep.

War Office Accepts.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The war office this afternoon announced that it has accepted Canada's offer of 600 mounted men for service in South Africa.

AMERICA'S GREAT NEED

Secretary Hitchcock Declares Irrigation of Paramount Importance.

HE RECOMMENDS EARLY ACTION

Conservation of Water Supply and Reclamation of Arid Lands Are the Vital Want of the United States—Our Other Interests.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The annual report of Secretary Ethan Allen Hitchcock of the Interior department was made public today. It endorses the conclusions submitted by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones regarding the present Indian educational system. The secretary says:

"The management of the Indian service in the field and in the schools, while satisfactory under existing conditions, is not deemed to be the best for the welfare of the Indians and different methods will hereafter be adopted. This policy, as hereinafter indicated, contemplates requiring the working by Indian allottees able to do so of a fair portion of lands allotted them and the contributing by their industry to their own support of all not entirely disqualified by actual disability, physical or otherwise; the discontinuance of the issue of rations to those known and determined to be able to support themselves and the extension to the latter of every possible aid for their well-being and encouragement; the inauguration of industrial training in all schools where not now established, so that such Indians of both sexes may be taught the trades or industries adapted to their circumstances."

The income of the various Indian tribes from all sources during the year aggregated \$5,338,880, a falling off of \$260,952, mostly due to the expiration of treaty obligations. In the future full leasing privileges will be confined to those whose disability or inability actually disqualifies them from working more than a small part of their allotments, those conditions to be clearly shown; all other allottees to be required to work at least forty acres of their allotment.

On the question of reclamation of the arid region the secretary says: "The investigations which have been carried on demonstrate that there is no one question now before the people of the United States of greater importance than the conservation of the water supply and the reclamation of the arid lands of the west and their settlement by men who will actually build homes and create communities." It is recommended that construction at once be begun as follows:

The San Carlos storage reservoir, reclaiming 100,000 acres or more of public land at an estimated cost of \$1,040,000; reservoirs in the Sierra Nevada in California, for reclaiming desert lands in Nevada, the diversion of St. Mary river into the headwaters of Milk river in Montana. An appropriation of \$200,000 is asked to carry on the hydrographic work of the peological survey.

The report says that the act of June 3, 1887, known as the timber and stone act, if not repealed or radically amended, will result ultimately in the complete destruction of the timber on the unappropriated and unreserved public lands. The time has arrived, according to the secretary, when reservoirs must be built and managed as a part of a national system of water conservation. They cannot be successful if maintained, however, without a thorough system of forest protection. The introduction of practical forestry on the forest reserves has now begun.

The general policy as announced in an outline memorandum to the commissioner of the land office is that additional forest reserves with boundaries drawn to liberate the small amount of script should be created during this winter, the good will of residents in the reserves should be gained, forest fires guarded against and the resources of the reserves should be made available for the conservative use of the people.

Mrs. Dole Critically Ill.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The body of little Emmeline Dale, whose death caused the arrest of her mother on a charge of murder, was today placed in the receiving vault of a cemetery. It will remain there until County Physician Converse issues a permit for its burial. This will not take place before the chemical and microscopic examination of the stomach has been completed by Dr. Schultz of Cornell college and Dr. E. E. Smith of New York.

Distilling Ship Aground.

MANILA, Nov. 25.—The United States distilling ship Iris has been aground on a reef near Iloilo for three days past. The United States cruiser New York and the gunboat Yorktown have gone to her assistance.

Manilla Steamer Lost.

MANILA, Nov. 25.—The local steamer Alerts, with 200 passengers, including some discharged American soldiers from Olongapo, Subig bay, to Manila, is believed to have been lost.

TRCOPS CAPTURE A FORT.

Captain Lawton Succeeds in Taking a Stronghold on a Cliff.

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 25.—Captain Edward P. Lawton's company of the Nineteenth infantry has attacked and captured an insurgent fort on Bohol island, south of Cebu, in the Vizayan group.

This fort was surrounded on all sides by a precipice and the only entrance to the higher ground was guarded by a stockade with a line of entrenchments behind it. Captain Lawton sent Sergeant McMahon and twenty men to climb the precipice and attack the fort in the rear. Sergeant McMahon's party accomplished their task after three hours' climbing through the thick undergrowth of brush and vines that covered the almost perpendicular cliff. They took the enemy by surprise and drove them from the fort. As the insurgents escaped they had to pass the remainder of Captain Lawton's company at a distance of 150 yards. There the enemy suffered terrible losses.

The insurgents defended themselves with both cannon and rifles. The cannon were captured, the smaller ones were removed while the larger ones were buried. Captain Lawton, in his regular report, makes special mention for bravery of Sergeants List and McMahon.

MORTON ON THE GROUT BILL

Nebraskan Is to Discuss This Measure Before Live Stock Congress.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—The committee in charge of the arrangements for the fifth annual convention of the National Live Stock association, which convenes in a four days' session here December 3, makes public the program. Secretary Wilson will make an address and take part in the discussions. Dr. Salmon of the bureau of animal industry will also have a prominent part in the program. Hon. L. G. Powers, chief statistician of the census office, will be present and announce for the first time the result of the live stock census in 1900. Hon. C. A. Prouty of the Interstate Commerce commission will talk on amendments to the interstate commerce law. The Grout bill will be discussed by Hon. J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska. The program provides for the discussion of a number of important measures which the association may advocate before congress.

TO FORM CENTRAL UNIONS

New Organization Contemplated by Federated Unions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—It was announced at a recent meeting of the Federated union that a new body of central unions in the building trades has been formed which will take the place of the board of walking delegates and the Building Trades' council. The new central body will represent a membership of 65,000 in the building trades. It will have all of the building trades' unions among its affiliated trades' unions in its organization and it is said strikes will not be ordered until every honorable means of settlement has been exhausted. A motion was carried to call on all unions in the new body to affiliate themselves with the Central Federated union.

PARK ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

Government Has Purchased Land East of Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 25.—During his recent visit here General Wood bought for the government the principal portion of the San Juan battlefield, including San Juan Hill, the site of the block house and the bloody bend. The track comprises 200 acres and cost \$15,000. It will be considered a United States reservation and the government intends to lay out a beautiful park on the old battlefield.

Leading Citizens Indicted.

MODENA, Utah, Nov. 25.—The grand jury of Lincoln, Nev., which convened at Poloché last Thursday, has returned indictments against seventeen of the leading citizens of Fayetteville, who, it is alleged, participated in the stringing up of George Ellis, colored, in an effort to make him confess to numerous thefts that had taken place in that vicinity during the last few weeks. All of the men indicted are now in jail, with the exception of Superintendent Gayford of the Horseshoe Mining company, Postmaster DeFries and H. H. Cooper, who were released on bonds. The trial jury has already been summoned and the case will come up before District Judge Talbot tomorrow.

Crowley to Try Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—By agreement of attorneys the hearing of the petition for injunction to restrain Father Jeremiah Crowley from entering the cathedral of the Holy Name or from worshipping there was continued by Judge Tuley until December 2. Father Crowley set up vigorous claim that no court could deprive him of divine worship and desired time in which to prepare a reply. Upon promises he was allowed continuance.

MIDNIGHT SUN ORDER

It Was Formed to Overthrow British Rule in Yukon.

THE PLOT HATCHED CUNNINGLY

Conspirators Had Planned to Take Dawson and Hold It For Several Months—Next Move Was to Loot the City and Pillage Property.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23.—The Times prints the following from Victoria, B. C.:

There was an organized conspiracy to seize Dawson, secure the barracks of the Northwest mounted police with their arms and ammunition, loot the banks and pillage the property of the rich northern gold fields. These facts are confirmed.

James Seely, formerly of this city, now head of the secret service of the Northwest mounted police, who is in this city, says that not only was there a conspiracy to overthrow Canadian rule in the Yukon and loot Dawson, but the scheme hatched by the conspirators was a very feasible one and had its existence not been discovered by the secret service of the Yukon and nipped in the bud, the conspirators could have accomplished their purpose and after taking Dawson could have held that place and the Yukon for six weeks or two months and by then they would be overwhelmed and each man of the raiders would be a fugitive from the avengers.

The conspiracy was born at Dawson and had a branch at Skagway, but no existence in any other point to the south of Skagway, although efforts were made to secure the assistance of pro-Boer sympathizers in Seattle and other points in the United States. It was at Dawson that the plot was made last summer. Several Americans who had drifted to Dawson got together and formed an organization which was called the Order of the Midnight Sun. A number of others were gathered in and the order grew until there were several hundred adherents in September when the members of the secret service in the Yukon became aware of its existence.

WORK DONE IN IOWA CITIES

Statistics of Capital Invested and Output Produced Are Given.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The statistics of manufacturing and mechanical industries of Iowa show the following for the state: Capital, \$192,733,103; establishments, 14,819; products, \$164,617,877, involving an outlay of \$4,486,117 for salaries of officials, etc., \$23,931,680 for wages, \$7,988,767 for rent, taxes and other miscellaneous expenses and \$101,970,357 for materials used.

The capital invested is an increase of over 32 per cent for the decade. Value of products increased over 31 per cent. The capital and value of products for the leading cities separately reported follow: Burlington, capital, \$5,235,624, products, \$5,334,196; Cedar Rapids, capital \$6,256,801, products \$12,715,897; Clinton, capital \$4,537,200, products \$6,939,473; Council Bluffs, capital \$1,176,408, products \$2,596,830; Davenport, capital \$10,774,707, products \$11,573,670; Des Moines, capital \$7,911,764, products \$10,488,189; Dubuque, capital \$8,117,368, products \$10,952,204; Sioux City, capital \$5,691,644, products \$15,469,702.

FAIR PLAY FOR IGLESIAS

Assurance that Labor Delegate's Rights Will Be Respected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Governor Hunt of Porto Rico and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had a talk with the president today about the case of Santiago Iglesias, the representative of the American Federation of Labor recently arrested on his arrival at San Juan on the charge of conspiring to raise wages. Mr. Gompers says he will stand by Iglesias, as the charge of the conspiracy to raise wages is the only one against him. Both Governor Hunt and the president assured Mr. Gompers that Iglesias would have a fair trial and that all his rights would be protected.

Savings Grow Cheap.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A movement is on foot among the savings banks of this city to reduce their rate of interest to depositors after January 1 from 4 to 3½ per cent per annum. Individual banks have been forced from time to time to drop to the lower rate, but never before has simultaneous action by all the 4 per cent banks been seriously contemplated.

Long Score Against Davis

WASHINGTON, Ind., Nov. 23.—Excashier R. C. Davis has returned from Indianapolis, where he was indicted on fourteen counts, charging him with embezzling \$75,000 of the funds of the People's National bank, making false entries and for other offenses. The general impression was that Davis would plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court, but his attorney said Davis would not plead guilty.