

MR. ALGER'S REPORT.

Head of the War Department Asks for an Increase in the Army.

Urges the Revival of the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel—Wants More Cadets at West Point and an Increase in the Engineer Corps.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—In his first annual report Secretary Alger makes many recommendations for the betterment of the administration of the war department, based upon the conclusions of his subordinate officers. He asks favorable consideration for the proposition to add two regiments to the artillery branch, pointing to the valuable fortifications now being erected, which, he says, should not be manned by a corporal's guard. He says of Alaska that as many as 100,000 people will be gathered there next year and a military force should be sent to the territory and large emergency powers should be granted to the president to repress lawlessness. Probably the creation of additional military reservations, like that of St. Michaels, may be the best means to meet the problem. A boat for the patrol of the Yukon is also asked for, as well as increased pay for the enlisted men serving in Alaska.

Secretary Alger recommends the revival of the grade of lieutenant general, saying that all the nations give their officers much higher rank than does the United States. He indorses the recommendation of the superintendent of the military academy, that the number of students at West Point be increased by allowing each senator to nominate a cadet. As an alternative, he suggests that the president be authorized to appoint ten cadets-at-large each year. Favorable comment is made upon the work of the military colleges of the country, but it is suggested that the law be amended so as to authorize details of army officers only to such colleges as have at least 150 pupils actually present.

In the opinion of the secretary an increase in the engineer corps in officers and enlisted men is indispensable. He points to the immediate value and extent of the work now in the hands of this corps and contends that it could be better supervised and improved in quantity and quality by the assignment of more officers, which is now impossible.

The estimates for the next fiscal year aggregate \$96,258,445, as against \$92,832,417, the amount of the appropriations for the current year. The principal items of increase are in rivers and harbors, where the estimate is \$48,728,160, as against the appropriation of \$23,278,028; fortifications and sea coast defenses, \$13,378,571, as against \$9,517,141, and military posts, parks and cemeteries, \$2,558,630, against \$889,807.

METHODIST CONGRESS.

Meeting at Pittsburgh Called to Consider Momentous Questions of Religion.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 22.—Pittsburgh has, perhaps, never been the scene of a more notable religious gathering than the Methodist Episcopal church congress which began a six days' session at Christ church yesterday. In conception, purpose and treatment, it is unique in ecclesiastical annals, and marks an epoch in religious history. The call for the congress, which was signed by Bishop Vincent, Ninde and Fitzgerald and many prominent Methodist educators, says:

The congress does not propose to invite or favor destructive criticism of existing institutions, but simply to bring out from persons representing different phases of intellectual activity a frank expression as to whether the church can meet any more fully than it does the demands of our times, and, if so, wherein its activities may be modified or directed to advantage. The congress will not concern itself with questions of church policy, but with issues bearing upon the relation of the church to the thought and life of the people as affected by current scientific and literary teachings. The congress will aim to secure an adequate presentation of the tendencies of current scientific and literary teachings and also suggestions as to the best service to be rendered by the church in interpreting those tendencies for the spiritual and intellectual advantage of its followers.

THEY MAKE POOR SOLDIERS.

The War Department Gives Up the Scheme to Have Red Men in the Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The government has decided to make no further experiment with Indians as soldiers. The young Sioux have all been discharged. The original scheme was to recruit eight troops of cavalry and 19 companies of infantry from the Indian tribes of the west to form an Indian contingent as part of the regular establishment of the army. The officers of the army who were assigned to command the Indian troops made every effort to bring the Indians to obey military discipline, but the plan was a failure, and it was found practically impossible to make them good soldiers. Hereafter Indians will be used only as scouts.

Had Fire in Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Nov. 22.—This city was again visited with a very destructive fire Saturday afternoon. Eleven buildings, north of Minnesota avenue between Third and Fourth streets, all but two of which were dwellings, were completely destroyed, while four dwelling houses were more or less damaged. Only for the assistance rendered by the fire department of Kansas City, Mo., the bulk of the city might have been a mass of blackened ruins.

IS IT A FAKE?

Contradictory Reports Concerning the Alleged "Disappearance" of a Kansas Town.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 20.—The story sent out from Larned, Kan., to the effect that the Santa Fe station at Rozel, on the Larned-Jetmore branch of that road had been swallowed by the earth last night is according to the statement of the Santa Fe officials in this city wholly without foundation. There has been no depot building at Rozel for some time, the building having been moved to another point and no agent was ever stationed at that point. They say the regular train on that branch came through as usual this morning, indicating that the roadbed was all right.

A special from Larned Kan., says: The excitement over the disappearance of Rozel increases as the news of the remarkable phenomenon spreads. Hundreds of people visited the scene yesterday. Many theories are advanced to account for the occurrence. Some contend that the earth dropped into an immense cave; others that it was caused by the underflow of the Arkansas river, which is now, for the first time for more than a year, bank full at this point, and threatens an inundation of the low lands. But the most plausible theory is that advanced yesterday that this entire section of Kansas is underflowed by an immense river or inland sea.

A THEIVING POSTMASTER.

Virginia Federal Appointee's Dual Life Revealed by His Violent Death.

NEWBURN, Va., Nov. 20.—Col. J. L. Jordan, a rich farmer, hired two men to watch his storehouse, which was being regularly robbed, and one recent midnight they ordered a man to halt who had just taken a bag of wheat and some apples, but he refused, and they shot him dead. The corpse appeared to be that of a negro, but the black was washed from the face and it then appeared that the dead man was John M. Teagler, the postmaster. The community was shocked, because Teagler had stood exceedingly well. He had held the post office under Harrison and McKinley had reappointed him. In his room were found wigs, false beards and many costumes as well as burglars' tools, about a hundred keys and dynamite.

A NOVEL CONTENTION.

Attorney Holds That Stealing Decoy Letters is Not a Federal Crime.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—A motion for a new trial in the case against ex-Letter Carrier Lawrence J. O'Neill, convicted of the theft of letters from the St. Louis post office, was argued before Judge E. Adams in the United States district court yesterday. His attorney bases motion chiefly upon the contention that the decoy letters which caused O'Neill's conviction were never intended for delivery to the persons to whom they were addressed, and hence their theft, under numerous supreme court decisions, constituted no violation of the federal statutes.

LONG TERMS FOR BANDITS.

Two Train Robbers Get Sentences of 45 and 50 Years.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 20.—In the district court here I. W. Fisher and Felix Wolf pleaded guilty to robbing the International & Great Northern train at McNeill, 12 miles above here, October 12, and were sentenced to 50 and 45 years, respectively, in the state penitentiary. They were expecting very light sentences if they pleaded guilty, which actuated them to do so. There were four charges against them.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Indiana Supreme Court Says Money Lost at Gambling Can Be Recovered.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 20.—The supreme court held that the statute making it the duty of the prosecuting attorney to sue for and recover in the name of the state for the benefit of his wife or minor children all sums of money lost by any personal gambling, for which he neglects to sue within six months, is constitutional. The court says the title to money won at gambling never vests in the winner.

TERRIBLE DUEL AT WACO.

The Texas Town the Scene of Further Trouble Over the Brann Affair.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 20.—J. W. Harris, editor of the Waco Times-Herald, and W. A. Harris, his brother, on one side, and Judge G. B. Gerald, a prominent citizen, fought a duel to the death on the street yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. W. A. Harris was shot dead, J. W. Harris wounded fatally, his body being paralyzed, and Gerald was shot in the side and may die. The trouble was the outcome of the mobbing of W. C. Brann, publisher of the Leonoclast. Gerald was an ex-county judge and one of Waco's most prominent citizens.

Will Work for Statutory Prohibition.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The conferences of the general officers of the national W. C. T. U. adjourned yesterday. The keynote of the work for this year, it was announced, is "statutory prohibition in the states." Miss Helen L. Hood, of Chicago, was appointed superintendent of literature and convener of the next convention. About 10,000 local unions actively at work were reported.

Nebraska Gold Fields.

JOPLIN, Mo., Nov. 20.—L. C. McCarn, editor of the Joplin Globe, has just returned from the Saline county, Neb., gold fields, and gives a glowing account of the great finds of the precious metal there.

MAN WHO WORE A DAISY.

Girls Laughed Because It Was of Cloth, But They Repented.

They were giddy girls of the kittenish age, and, being out on a lark without chaperons, they spoke their thoughts aloud and made game of everyone and everything they saw, on the principle that all was fish that came to their nets.

One passenger on the elevated railroad particularly amused them, from the fact that although it was the month of bleak November he wore a white daisy in his buttonhole, a fine specimen of the ragged edge variety. It was conspicuous from its size, and the girls regarded it as a legitimate object of sport. Not being deaf nor blind, the man who wore the modest flower with the yellow heart grew embarrassed over the attention he received. At last one of the girls made a discovery.

"It isn't genuine," she suggested to the others, in a loud whisper. "W-h-a-t?" they trilled in chorus. "It's a base counterfeit."

"No! Never!" "Yes, it's a cloth daisy."

By this time the man upon whom all eyes were focussed was ready to leave the car. Before he went he touched his hat to his tormentors.

"Yes," he said, pleasantly, "this is a cloth daisy. My little daughter, who is an invalid, made it and pinned it on. She asked me to wear it, and I had not the heart to refuse her. I hope I have your permission?"

A group of shamefaced girls sneaked out of the car at the next station.—Chicago Times-Herald.

HE CONQUERED IT.

Awful Struggle with a Monster That Finally Yielded.

All was silence for a moment. Then a loud, shrill shriek rent the startled air. There was the sound of a heavy body falling, a crashing of timbers, a noise as of sinful spirits wailing in despair. A chain crashed dismally and then parted with a dead, metallic snap. Staggering backward, he fell against the washstand. The bowl and pitcher fell in a confused mass of broken crockery upon the floor, while the water flooded the room.

Again he advanced to the attack, and the black-browed monster bent slightly forward and cast him full length upon the floor. Blood gushed from his wounds, but he leaped again to the attack. With loud curses he grappled with the demon. His garments were torn in a hundred places. One eye was black and blue! The other was blue and black! But still he kept up the fearful combat. At length, when nearly exhausted, with his life blood slowly oozing from a thousand wounds and his breath coming in short, painful gasps, he won! The dread monster lay wide open before him.

"There!" he said, as he wiped the drops of perspiration from his brow. "There! It's a cold day when I can't open a folding bed!" —N. Y. World.

A Mean White Man.

Rev. Aminda Bledso, of the St. Louis Blue Light tabernacle, met Jim Webster a few days ago near the Grand Union depot and asked him how he was off for firewood.

"I reckon I has got erbout five cords laid up for de winter." "Dat oughter las' yer er long while," said Parson Bledso, who was figuring to borrow some of Jim's fuel.

"Hit ain't gwine ter las' so werry long," replied Jim, "bekase de white man in whose yard 'at wood is burns it up jess as if it didn't cos' him er cent." —N. Y. World.

Misery by the Wholesale.

Is what chronic inactivity of the liver gives rise to. Bile gets into the blood and imparts a yellow tint, the tongue fouts, and so does the breath, sick headaches, pain beneath the right ribs and shoulder blades are felt, the bowels become constipated and the stomach disordered. The proven remedy for this catalogue of evils is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine long and professionally recommended, and sovereign also for chills and fever, nervousness and rheumatism.

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Stockers	3 15 @ 4 35
Native cows	1 75 @ 3 65
HOGS—Choice to heavy	3 30 @ 3 45
SHEEP	2 85 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	91 1/2 @ 92
No. 2 hard	84 @ 85
CORN—No. 2 mixed	23 1/2 @ 23 3/4
OATS—No. 2	23 @ 23 1/2
RYE—No. 2	43 1/2 @ 44
FLOUR—Patent, per barrel	4 65 @ 4 70
Fancy	4 10 @ 4 30
HAY—Choice timothy	8 50 @ 8 75
Fancy prairie	7 00 @ 7 25
BRAN (sacked)	50 @ 51
BUTTER—Choice creamery	19 @ 22
CHEESE—Full cream	11 @ 11 1/2
EGGS—Choice	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2
POTATOES	45 @ 50

ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native and shipping	3 85 @ 4 85
Texas	3 60 @ 4 25
HOGS—Heavy	3 30 @ 3 45
SHEEP—Fair to choice	2 50 @ 4 25
FLOUR—Choice	4 00 @ 4 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	95 1/2 @ 96
CORN—No. 2 mixed	25 1/2 @ 26
OATS—No. 2 mixed	21 1/2 @ 22
RYE—No. 2	40 @ 40 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	18 @ 24
LARD—Western mess	4 12 1/2 @ 4 17 1/2
PORK	8 25 @ 8 50

CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Common to prime	5 00 @ 5 25
HOGS—Packing and shipping	2 45 @ 3 55
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 50 @ 4 70
FLOUR—Winter wheat	4 50 @ 4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	95 1/2 @ 96 1/2
CORN—No. 2	25 1/2 @ 27
OATS—No. 2	22 @ 22 1/2
RYE	47 1/2 @ 50
BUTTER—Creamery	15 @ 21
LARD	4 12 1/2 @ 4 17 1/2
PORK	7 20 @ 7 27 1/2

NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Native steers	4 25 @ 5 05
HOGS—Good to choice	3 60 @ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	98 @ 98 1/2
CORN—No. 2	31 1/2 @ 34 1/2
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BUTTER—Creamery	14 @ 24
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