

STUDENTS DROWNED.

Three Young Women Lose Their Lives While Bathing.

TRAIN ROBBERS WILL BE CAUGHT.

The Men Who Dynamited a Train at Wilcox, Wyo., Closely Pressed by Their Pursuers—Victims of Lightning—Run Down by an Engine.

Lebanon, Ill., June 6.—Miss Ruth Jepson, of Lebanon; Miss Florence Spies, of St. Jacob, and Miss Helene Jack, of Beaumont, Ill., students of McKendree college, were drowned in Silver creek, two miles north of here, yesterday afternoon. The young ladies were members of a party of six, who had planned a trip to Blue Bend, on Silver creek, about two miles north of Lebanon. They were in bathing when Miss Jepson got beyond her depth. The other two girls went to her rescue and all were drowned. Miss Annie Smith, another of the party, made a heroic attempt to rescue her comrades, but her strength failed and she almost lost her own life in the struggle. The bodies were recovered after an hour's search and the futile attempt was made to resuscitate them.

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Omaha, Neb., June 6.—The latest advices from the posse pursuing the robbers who dynamited a Union Pacific train at Wilcox, Wyo., came at four p. m. yesterday in a message from the company's agent at Casper, Wyo. The telegram reads as follows:

Posse struck three robbers about 30 miles north of here last night. Exchanged some shots and disabled three of our horses. Owing to the darkness operations were suspended. Carrier left there soon after; thinks it not possible for them to escape. Their horses are jaded. Posse should be coming from the north to meet them long before they can reach "Hole in the Wall," which is their stronghold.

VICTIMS OF LIGHTNING.

Toronto, Can., June 6.—Severe electric storms were reported from many points in Ontario last night. At Penetang lightning struck the home of William Ladance and killed his wife and son. At Hamilton William Lawrey, 14 years old, took shelter under a tree. Lightning struck and instantly killed him.

RUN DOWN BY AN ENGINE.

Alliance, O., June 6.—Isaac Eck and daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Cope, while standing on the P. F. W. & C. crossing were run down by a light engine and instantly killed, the remains being mangled beyond recognition.

INSURANCE BILL VETOED.

Gov. Stephens Does Not Approve the Legislative Enactment Providing for Cash Surrender Values on Life Policies.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 6.—Gov. Stephens has vetoed the senate bill introduced by Senator Childers providing for the cash surrender values on life insurance policies issued in Missouri after January 1, 1900. In his veto message the governor says:

This bill provides for annual cash surrender value, payable on demand, or loan values on all life insurance policies, to be issued after January 1, 1900. It is clearly shown to me that the practical result of such a law would be to convert life insurance companies into savings banks. No life insurance company can do a savings bank business, in my judgment, and at the same time furnish absolutely safe insurance at reasonable figures. It cannot be a good life insurance company and at the same time a good savings bank. If life insurance companies were compelled to pay cash values on demand, equaling in amount nearly the full net value of other policies, they would be compelled to keep their assets invested in such securities which could be converted into cash upon short notice, or take the serious risk of being sometimes forced to default upon their obligations.

Affects Over Nine Thousand Positions.

New York, June 6.—The National Civil Service Reform league has issued a statement denouncing the president because of his modification of the civil service rules. The claim is made that the order removes from civil service positions in various departments as follows: War department, 5,760; treasury department, 1,773; interior department, 934; department of justice, 329; post office department, 244; department of agriculture, 81; navy department, 52; head of bureaus, 67. Total, 9,240.

Blood Flows in Arkansas.

Fayetteville, Ark., June 6.—In a difficulty at Strickland, an interior town, two men were killed instantly and one other fatally stabbed. James Herrick shot John Hinkle with a shotgun. Hinkle returned the fire and both men fell dead upon the floor. A younger brother of Herrick then assaulted a brother of Hinkle with a club and in return was stabbed so seriously that he cannot live.

Message from Andre Picked Up.

Christiania, June 6.—According to a dispatch from Mandal, the most southern town of Norway, two boys on May 14 found on the north coast of Iceland a small cork case containing a slip of paper dated July 11, 1897, signed, "Andre, Strindberg and Fraenckel," and bearing the words "all well. Thrown out about longitude 81, latitude unknown."

Little Rock Saloons Closed.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—For the first time in several years the saloons were closed air-tight Sunday. County Judge Anderson Mills issued an order that he would revoke the license of saloonkeepers who again violated the Sunday-closing law. Rather than be forced out of business the saloon men decided to remain closed hereafter.

MODERN WOODMEN CONVENE.

Biennial Session of the Head Camp Meets in Kansas City—Statistics of the Growth of the Order.

Kansas City, Mo., June 6.—The business session of the head camp, Modern Woodmen of America, assembled in Kansas City's new Convention hall today. Gov. Stanley delivered the address of welcome on behalf of Kansas. Mayor Jones for Kansas City, John Sullivan for Kansas City woodmen and James A. Reed for Jackson county woodmen. The response on behalf of the head camp was made by Lieut. Gov. William A. Northcott, of Illinois, head consul. The result of the caucuses of the various state delegations leaves the political situation practically unchanged. Nearly all the states declared for the re-election of the present head officers, with the exception of head banker, a one term office. The politics of the convention, then, resolves itself into a fight for this office between Iowa and Missouri and a fight for the location of the next head camp between St. Paul and Grand Rapids. It is estimated that there are between 6,000 and 8,000 Woodmen in the city. Each day until Thursday will bring thousands of strangers to town, and on that day the maximum crowd of woodmen week will be reached. It is predicted that there will be at least 75,000 visitors in Kansas City to see the parade and the team contests and to hear the 23 brass bands and Bryan. The school of deputies began a week's session yesterday. The 400 deputies will there be instructed in the field work of the order. E. E. Murphy, of Leavenworth, is president of the association of deputies; O. E. Avery, of Indiana, vice president; C. J. Byrns, of Michigan, secretary; E. A. Reese, of Oregon, treasurer. William A. Northcott, head consul, who has the appointment of the deputies, spoke to them for an hour. At the close of the address, Mr. Murphy, on behalf of the deputies, presented Mr. Northcott with a beautiful badge set with diamonds and valued at \$250.

Speaking of the growth of the Modern Woodmen of America, Head Clerk C. W. Hawes said:

Last year our gains in membership surpassed all previous records. We now have, as the membership statement for the month ended May 31 shows, a total of 331,000 members, and certificates outstanding (adoptions not reported) to the number of 18,000, which made the grand total membership 409,000 on May 31. During the month of May, alone, our society chartered 181 new camps. There were, on May 31, a total of \$608,706.00 in fraternal protection in force on all our membership in good standing. The adoptions during the month aggregated, in round numbers, \$16,000,000, and on the members in temporary suspension, for non-payment of dues or assessments, there was over \$5,000,000 in force, likely to be revived at any time.

LATEST FROM MANILA.

Gen. Lawton Has Been Dispatched to Capture Morong—Sultan of Sulu Preparing to Fight Americans.

Washington, June 6.—In dispatching Gen. Lawton to capture Morong Maj. Gen. Otis is understood to have the purpose to destroy or drive back the strong force of insurgents which have been operating from that section against the Pasig river line. There is no expectation here that Lawton's column will go far from rivers or lakes upon which supplies can be carried to him. The authorities appreciate the extreme difficulty of a campaign during the rainy season and all they expect is that the American forces will make short incursions into the enemy's country, breaking up any large organizations which may establish themselves in the vicinity of Manila, especially near Laguna de Bay. It is apparent from the line which Lawton is following and the dispatch of the Washington troops to Morong that it is still hoped to get the insurgents between that point, Taytay and Antipolo and the lake hemmed in so that they can be destroyed or captured.

The Sultan of Sulu to Fight.

New York, June 6.—A dispatch to the New York Journal from Hong Kong says:

The sultan of Sulu, who, it was supposed was favorably disposed toward the United States, has imported a large quantity of arms from Singapore by way of Sandakan, with a view of resisting the Americans. These arms he has stored on the island of Sinal and he is raising a force of Sepoys at Singapore. It is believed that the decision of the sultan to fight the United States is the result of Bra's mission to Singapore in April. Judge Henry Grimes has a suit in the supreme court against Aguinid, through his attorneys Aguinid and Lichanco, for \$35,000, which he alleges is one-fourth of the profits of the Abbey expedition, to which he is entitled.

Congressman Bland Very Ill.

Lebanon, Mo., June 6.—Congressman Richard P. Bland is suffering from the results of a relapse from the grip. While he is in a serious condition his friends and physicians have not lost hope for his recovery. He has been confined to his bed for three weeks or more and is very weak. His condition is due to nervous prostration, combined with catarrh of the stomach. His two sons at St. Louis have been telegraphed for.

Woolgrowers Are Turned Down.

Washington, June 6.—Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, decided to refuse the request of the woolgrowers of Utah and Wyoming for a modification of his former order prohibiting the grazing of sheep on the Uintah reservation in Utah. The reservation contains 875,000 acres and there were petitions from the owners of about 2,000,000 sheep for the opening of the reservation to them.

FOR THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Ex-Gov. Francis Addresses the Transmississippi Congress at Wichita—Wants a \$5,000,000 Government Loan.

Wichita, Kan., June 2.—Yesterday's session of the transmississippi congress opened at 9:30 o'clock. Ex-Gov. Prince, of New Mexico, introduced a resolution declaring that the Carey act should be so amended as to be equal in its operation over territories and states. The act relates to the cession of public lands for irrigation purposes.

Ex-Gov. David R. Francis, of Missouri, presented the Louisiana purchase fair at the afternoon session. St. Louis, he said, being the most important commercial city and the metropolis of this great tract, had undertaken to give the country such an exposition as it had never known before. He said the country needed more of these expositions; that they were abettors to civilization and lifted the people to a higher plane of living. He believed that the country should have one mammoth exposition similar to the world's fair at least every ten years. There is no telling what science will bring forth within the next ten years, or even between now and the time of the Louisiana purchase exposition, as all of the great sciences of art and power are being developed so rapidly. He said that St. Louis was preparing to give to the country one of the grandest expositions the world had ever seen. Already the work is well under way. He said the city proposed to raise \$15,000,000 for the fair. Five millions will be raised by popular subscription by the citizens of St. Louis, \$5,000,000 by bonds to be issued by the city and \$5,000,000 will be borrowed from the government through an act of congress. It was the latter proposition which Mr. Francis wanted to impress upon the minds of the delegates to the transmississippi congress, in order to get the influence and cooperation of the delegates from the various states and further that there may be a united sentiment created in favor of this loan. He said this celebration would be worth \$70,000,000 in direct financial benefits.

FOR NEXT YEAR'S BATTLE.

The Ohio Valley League of Bimetallic Clubs, in Session at Louisville, Takes the Initiatory Steps.

Louisville, Ky., June 2.—President Tarvin called the convention of the Ohio Valley League of Bimetallic clubs to order yesterday afternoon. Gen. E. B. Finley, of Ohio, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That with a view of taking measures to thoroughly organize for the campaign of 1900 a committee be selected of which the president of this association shall be a member. That said committee be requested to cooperate with the national committee in perfecting a thorough organization of the democratic party throughout all the states and territories of the United States, the president of this association to name the committee.

The resolution was adopted and President Tarvin appointed the following committee: John P. Altgeld, Illinois; George Fred Williams, Massachusetts; W. J. Overmeyer, Indiana; W. J. Semonin, Kentucky; Allen W. Clark, Indiana. President Tarvin is a member by virtue of the resolution.

The most important parts of the report of the committee on resolutions are the second, third and fifth sections, as follows:

We favor and recommend the adoption by the democratic national convention of 1900 of the Chicago platform of 1896 without change.

We especially favor and recommend the adoption by the democratic national convention of 1900 of the financial plank in the Chicago platform of 1896 without any change.

We hereby express our continued confidence in William Jennings Bryan, and favor his nomination for the presidency of the United States in 1900.

FOR SPANISH WAR HEROES.

An Order Incorporated Under the Laws of New York for Their Benefit—Gov. Roosevelt a Director.

Albany, N. Y., June 2.—There was incorporated yesterday "The Naval and Military Order of Spanish-American War," with the principal offices in New York. Gov. Roosevelt is one of the directors.

Its objects are to cherish the memories and associations of the war waged against Spain; to unite and promote the ties of fellowship and sympathy formed by those who participated in the said war, and to acquire and preserve the records of their individual services; to advance the best interests of the soldiers and sailors of the United States; to enforce unqualified allegiance to the general government; to protect the rights and liberties of American citizenship and maintain the national honor and union.

More Than \$100,000,000 a Month.

Washington, June 2.—When this is written to the business year of 1899 the export trade of the United States will have broken all records. Even now, a month before the fiscal year ends, the record shows that the outside business of our manufacturers has been more than \$10,000,000 worth in advance of even 1898, which up to the present has been the banner year in the history. According to the treasury bureau of statistics, our exports during the past 11 months have footed up more than \$100,000,000 a month.

Has Saved Four Hundred Lives.

Kenosha, Wis., June 2.—Capt. Benjamin G. Cameron, of the Kenosha life saving station, has been presented with a silver medal by the government for bravery and gallant conduct in saving lives. During his 20 years of service at the Kenosha station Capt. Cameron has rescued more than 400 persons from wrecks and has saved many thousands of dollars in property.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Meeting at Wichita Adopts Resolutions Favoring Irrigation Free Homes, Territorial Statehood and Merchant Marine.

Wichita, Kan., June 3.—Yesterday was resolution day for the Transmississippi congress. Debate waxed warm, but never acrimonious, over the recommendations to be urged upon congress relative to federal aid to state irrigation projects, subsidies for merchant marine and grain freight rate discrimination by railway lines, as between domestic shipments and shipments for export. Ringing resolutions were adopted indorsing the Louisiana purchase fair and urging favorable congressional action upon the \$5,000,000 congressional loan feature of the plan to raise the desired \$15,000,000 fair fund. The congress indorsed "free homes" and the opening of Indian reservation lands; statehood for all the territories, establishment of two new cabinet offices—mines and mining and commerce and industry; establishment of a national academy for training consular officers, taking their appointment out of politics.

By a rising vote the delegates adopted the following:

Whereas, The acquisition of the Louisiana territory by our government in 1803 was fraught with incalculable import to the material welfare of the country and the preservation of constitutional government and republican institutions, it is

Resolved, That the centennial anniversary of that great event should be appropriately commemorated.

Second—Resolved, That the proposed international exposition to be held at St. Louis in 1904 in commemoration of the Louisiana purchase has the hearty indorsement of this congress.

Third—Resolved, That we hereby earnestly request our representatives and senators in the federal congress to aid that exposition by supporting the proposition for the federal government to extend a loan of \$5,000,000 to the St. Louis world's fair, celebrating the Louisiana purchase centennial.

Fourth—Resolved, That the Transmississippi congress cherishes a proprietary interest in the centennial celebration of the acquisition of the transmississippi territory and will promote its success by all legitimate and honorable means in its power.

Fifth—Resolved, That we recommend that every state and territory in the transmississippi section have an exhibit of its products and resources at the St. Louis world's fair, believing as we do that such exhibits will immeasurably aid to develop the incalculable possibilities of the transmississippi section.

The merchant marine resolution follows:

In our opinion, it is the duty of congress, at the earliest day possible, to enact legislation to secure such restoration by the payment of subsidies to American-built mail carriers and freighters sufficient to enable them to successfully compete with the subsidized and bountied merchant ships of foreign countries in the carrying of our imports and exports.

Another resolution asks for the opening of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache lands in Oklahoma, 2,500,000 acres.

On freight discrimination the congress resolved:

The rates on wheat and corn, and the manufacture thereof, should be made the same per 100 pounds, and if a difference in the rates now exist between these and other commodities in the raw material and the manufactured articles from that raw material, the interstate commission shall be requested to have all such differentials removed as soon as possible.

The irrigation resolutions include recommendations for the continuation of the reservoir construction by the government and a stringent system of forest preservation. The main clauses ask: Cession of public lands to state and territories on conditions insuring occupation by actual settlers and exclude private monopoly; leasing grazing lands to actual settlers on contiguous lands; extension of the Carey act to all states and territories; that the right to water go with land claimed.

DYNAMITED THE CAR.

Union Pacific Train Held Up Near Wilcox Wyo., and the Express Car Looted—Big Reward Offered.

Omaha, Neb., June 3.—The Union Pacific westbound train was held up, dynamited and robbed at one o'clock yesterday morning near Wilcox, a lonely station on the Wyoming division. The hold-up was accomplished by waving a danger signal a short distance east of Wilcox bridge. Engineer Jones resisted, when one of the robbers climbed on his engine and struck him on the head, giving him a severe scalp wound. He was made to cut his engine loose from the train at the point of a gun. The robbers drove the express messenger from his car and then exploded a charge of dynamite under it. The car was wrecked and the mail car next to it badly damaged. The robbers then exploded a charge of dynamite under the Wilcox bridge, cutting off communication between the train and engine and tying up all trains after the bridge was blown up. The hold-ups disappeared and Engineer Jones ran to Medicine Bow and reported. It is not known at this time the amount secured from the express car safe. The hold-up occurred in a district where escape to the mountains is comparatively easy. The Union Pacific authorities offer a reward of \$1,000 a head for the robbers.

Box of Gold Was Missing.

San Francisco, June 3.—There was great excitement on board the steamer Alameda upon her arrival from Australia yesterday, when it was discovered that a box containing 5,000 sovereigns was missing. Five hundred thousand dollars in gold had been sent by the steamer from Sydney. The money was shipped in 20 steel boxes, each containing \$25,000 in British gold. One of these boxes was abstracted from the steamer's treasure room during the voyage.

OHIO REPUBLICANS.

Brief Parts of the Platform Adopted by the State Convention at Columbus—Nash for Governor.

Columbus, O., June 3.—The following platform in brief was adopted by the republican state convention:

The republican party of Ohio reaffirms the principles declared by the St. Louis platform. We earnestly indorse the great administration of William McKinley.

The magnificent achievements of our army and navy in the war with Spain for the liberation of the down-trodden and oppressed people of Cuba from the domination of Castilian despotism accomplished under the master guidance of a republican administration, are necessarily subjects for highest encomium by a convention of Ohio republicans. By the same master guidance, controlled by the great principles that have shaped the high destiny of the republican party, from Lincoln to McKinley, the people can safely commit the solution of momentous problems of the future of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Their wise solution will vastly increase the foreign trade, spread American civilization abroad and add to the honor and glory of this great nation.

We commend the president for the judicious modifications of the civil service rules, recently promulgated; for the national defense, for the reinforcement of the navy, for the enlargement of our foreign markets, for the employment of American workmen in the mines, forests, farms, mills, factories and ship yards. We demand the immediate enactment of legislation similar to that favorably reported to each branch of the Fifty-fifth congress at its last session, so that American-built, American-owned and American-manned ships might regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

We commend the action of the Seventy-third general assembly of Ohio in passing the stringent law now on our statute books, prohibiting the organization of "trusts," and we denounce such unlawful combinations as inimical to the interests of the people.

We congratulate the people of the state upon the fact that a republican legislature enacted this law and we demand its rigid enforcement.

We pledge our party to such further legislation as experience may determine necessary to prevent the formation and operation of such iniquitous and dangerous combinations.

Other resolutions recommend laws for equalizing taxes, uniform system of selecting delegates for state conventions, protesting against lynching and strongly favoring the Ohio centennial at Toledo in 1902.

The first ballot for governor resulted: Daugherty, 211; Nash, 289; Jones, 76; Nevins, 82; Hull, 29; Durban, 40; Douglass, 60; Orr, 17. Necessary to choice, 407. Early in the second ballot the changes were so much in favor of Nash as to indicate his nomination. Nash gained only one vote in Cuyahoga county, but when Cox cast the 86 votes of Hamilton county solid for Nash there was a tremendous demonstration. On motion of Chairman Holcomb, of Cleveland, the nomination of Nash was made unanimous without a count.

MEETING OF THE CABINET.

The Conclusion Reached That There Was No Present Necessity for Enlisting Volunteers.

Washington, June 3.—The cabinet at its meeting yesterday decided that there was no present necessity for the enlistment of volunteers. The situation was gone over very fully before this conclusion was reached. The president stands ready at any time it may appear necessary to authorize the enlistment of the volunteers should more men be deemed necessary, although hoping that such a contingency may not arise. Gen. Otis is to be given "the 20,000 men for whom he asked. The additional 5,000 or 6,000 troops to make up the 30,000 are to be taken from the regulars now serving in Porto Rico, Cuba and this country. The rainy season is now on in the Philippines and aggressive field operations will have to be suspended for a couple of months at least.

CONFESSES TO FORGERY.

Maj. Esterhazy Declares He Wrote the Famous Bordereau Upon Which Capt. Dreyfus Was Convicted.

London, June 3.—The Chronicle says that Maj. Esterhazy called at its office last evening with a confidential friend, and, after declaring that the time had arrived when the whole truth should be told, although hitherto by reason of constant orders and inducements he had kept silence on the essential point, made the following statement: "The chiefs of the army have disgracefully abandoned me. My cup is full and I shall speak out. Yes (raising his voice and glaring around), it was I who wrote the bordereau. I wrote it upon orders received from Sandherr." It was the bordereau that convicted Dreyfus. Esterhazy says he has proofs to convict many persons, including French generals.

Will Not Be Buried at Sea.

Washington, June 3.—Requests have come to the war department that no persons dying on transports coming to or going from the United States to Manila shall be buried at sea. The secretary of war has taken this matter up and an order to that effect has been issued. For this purpose it has become necessary to detail an expert embalmer for duty on each transport. The department has sufficient number of these men already in the service and the assignments have already been made.

Fraudulent State Bonds Floated.

Little Rock, Ark., June 3.—A letter of inquiry from the executor of a New York estate addressed to State Treasurer Little has unearthed a bond swindle which already amounts to \$175,000 and which the state officials believe may on investigation run up into millions. The letter reveals the fact that fraudulent state bonds have been successfully floated, but the extent of the swindle cannot yet be approximated.