

THE FRONTIER.

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The peace proclamation of the Emperor of China is a remarkable mixture of wisdom and superstition. It declares that continuance of the war was rendered impossible by the gross incompetence of the leaders and the terrible condition of the country, and clinches the argument with the words: 'Heaven had not withheld its anger. The sea overflew the coast and the camps were submerged. An enlightened reform administration would seem to be imperative in the Celestial realm.'

Young Mr. Astor is a fine example of the power of money in literature. Having written a book—which, indeed, might have been worse—he gets up an elegant copy and sends it to King Oscar by special messenger. Mr. Howells or Mr. Clemens or Mr. Stoddard would have been obliged to rely on a registered letter post, which would have been very uncertain. But Mr. Astor corners royalty with his messenger and insures a reception. It is useless for contemporaneous authors to buck against Mr. Astor.

Dr. DeSaussure believes that he has discovered that the negro race is dying out in the United States. He tries to prove his conclusions by local statistics which show more deaths than births of colored persons in South Carolina cities. In his deduction he is not supported by the latest census. It may be contended that the development of the American negro has been tardier than his friends anticipated when citizenship was given to him. Nevertheless, such development is actually taking place.

The Chilian congress has recently enacted legislation guaranteeing the capital of the Transandine Railway Company for 20 years at 4 1/2 per cent, which virtual subsidy will enable the completion of the road between the two oceans. The line will do a great deal for South America. Its completion will mean that the long journey around Cape Horn is only for cargoes and that passengers instead of prolonging a voyage about two weeks can reach the Pacific from the Atlantic or vice versa in 72 hours. The gain afforded by this route can be imagined. Chili is brought some thousands of miles nearer the United States and England, and she will be no longer a remote country.

Charles R. Slight of Grand Rapids has just returned from England, where he has been looking over the prospects of establishing a furniture trade in the English market. He is very confident from his observations that a substantial and profitable trade can be established if the American manufacturers will comply with the English ideas of style and finish. It is useless, he thinks, to try to force goods upon the English market which are not built on the accepted lines, but by making necessary changes goods can be manufactured here and sold in England in competition with the English manufacturers at a substantial profit. It is his purpose to manufacture a line of goods especially for the foreign trade, following ideas which he gained abroad.

An experiment of some importance is reported, made with a view to determine, if possible, the origin of natural gas, irrespective of theories hitherto prevalent. For this purpose dried seaweed was steeped in water which had been freed from air, and on the third day gas appeared, continuing to be evolved in diminishing quantities until the tenth day, when 803 cubic centimeters had been collected. The evolution had evidently ceased, though after standing two years and a half thirty cubic centimeters more of gas collected in the apparatus; the second gas differed from the first, consisting, it is recorded, almost entirely of methane—the chief constituent of natural gas—from which it is inferred that this slow secondary decomposition of vegetable matter has some relation to the origin of natural gas.

Hall's Journal of Healthy says: 'Don't economize in bath water. Don't economize sleep. Don't be stingy with fun. Laugh all you can. Laughing shakes up the system, makes the blood circulate, starts the digestion, warms the feet, relaxes the nervous system—in a word, it rests you all over.' That settles it, if one had nothing to do but accept such advice. But how are you going to laugh when the rent day is at hand and the money isn't. Suppose you have a boil, or the blues, or the toothache. Everybody likes to laugh, but most people have got to be worked up into a funny mood. Got to have good digestion, a steady job, something to eat and something to wear. If every day were a circus and every night a minstrel show, that advice would bring as many testimonials as a patent medicine. If time were a clown and trouble only a jack-in-a-box, life would be one three-score-and-ten-year laugh. But it isn't. So far as the advice can be taken, it is good, very good.

A little Atchison girl was given a picture card at Sunday school, on which was a picture of King David. The next Sunday the teacher asked whom the picture represented. 'They say it is King David,' the child replied, 'but it looks like a jack.'

A Kentucky poet is comforted by the belief that the blue grass will wave over him when he is dead. Kentucky poets must have more wealth than most poets if they can leave enough to pay for keeping their graves sprinkled during the droughty season.

OVER THE STATE.

The Crete assembly opened under favorable circumstances. The teachers' institute at Beatrice had an enrollment of 225.

Gov. HOLCOMB delivered an address at Auburn on the fourth.

It is said there is not a poor field of small grain in Burt county.

For the first time in seven years Pender is without a woman on the school board.

RED CLOUD has decided to allow the presence of saloons, the license being \$1,000.

THERE were ten thousand present in the closing hours of the Beatrice Chau-tauqua.

The populists of Gage county will hold their county convention on the 31st of July.

CITIZENS of West Lincoln have of late been much agitated over the appearance of a mad dog.

NORTH LOUP is without a bank, and it is said the town is worthy of an institution of the kind.

AINSWORTH is tearing down her old school house and will erect a modern structure at a cost of \$7,000.

WATCHES and other valuables have turned up missing in some of the towns visited by Wallace's circus.

The residence of John C. Martine of Nebraska City was burglarized, and that gentleman's pantaloons relieved of \$35.

HON. A. G. SCOTT of Kearney, who was a member of the national board of World's fair commissioners, died last week.

SOME parties in Burt county are prospecting for coal, and indications are that success will attend their efforts.

The school enumeration of Fremont shows 2,680 children of school age. This gives an estimated population of nearly 10,000.

The work of a crawfish at Ashland stopped a flouring mill and left the town in darkness by interference with the electric light.

A UNION PACIFIC engine struck and killed a man near Silver Creek the other day. He had nothing about him that would lead to identification.

W. E. JACKWAY recently purchased six acres of alfalfa from Lawrence Kelly, a few miles west of Kearney, paying \$40 per acre for the piece.

The Smyth Syrup company of Hastings has nearly 1,000 acres of sugar cane under cultivation and gives employment to fifty men in caring for the crop.

In the district court of Dodge county Judge Marshall sentenced Bud Coon, who pleaded guilty to uttering forged papers last week, to two years in the penitentiary.

The state board of transportation made its findings in the Prairie Home station case against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company in favor of the company.

This year's school census in Schuyler, which has just been completed, by V. W. Sutherland, shows an increase over last year of twenty-seven, there being 1,650 children of school age.

A COACH load of insane patients, twenty-nine in number, transferred from the Lincoln asylum to the asylum for incurables at Hastings, went out on the Burlington from Lincoln last week.

The creamery plant at Geneva was sold by the sheriff to satisfy the demands of relentless creditors. It was purchased by local parties who will set it going if enough milk is pledged to make it pay.

TONY HYDOCK, a saloonkeeper at 330 North Twenty-seventh street, South Omaha, shot and instantly killed Charles Taylor, a colored man of Omaha, who was in the act of carrying away stolen goods.

The son of Wesley Loos, of Elwood, about 10 years of age, accidentally shot his brother, 12 years old, with a .32-caliber revolver, the ball penetrated into the stomach. The wound is thought to be fatal.

WHAT promises to develop into one of the most sensational scandals which has ever agitated Lincoln society came to the surface last week. It involves a prominent divine of the city and the wife of a leading druggist.

MISS VESTA GRAY, daughter of Hon. E. F. Gray of Fremont, was admitted to the bar. Miss Gray enjoys the distinction of being the first lady ever admitted to the Dodge county bar. She is a graduate of the state university.

The city marshal of Fairmont arrested two boys aged 8 and 6 years with a stolen horse and carriage. The boys refused to talk or give their names, but it was learned they belonged at Geneva, whither they were taken.

H. A. WHITTEKER, the Baptist minister who was arraigned in the district court of Dodge county on the charge of embezzling \$65 from Esty & Camp of Fremont, pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary for eighteen months.

GENERAL A. A. AVERILL, United States army inspector, has recently inspected the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Grand Island, and reports that he is well satisfied with the present management and finds affairs in excellent condition.

PROHIBITIONISTS in state convention at Lincoln made the following nominations: For justice of the supreme court, A. J. Wolfberger, of Lincoln; regents of the state university, J. J. Bryan of Polk county, Mrs. Anna R. Woodbury of Omaha.

The Winona Wagon company sued N. Wullenweber & Son of Seward for \$980, the price of a carload of wagons. The defendants claimed to have countermanded their order in season to prevent shipment, and the jury returned a verdict for \$120 against the plaintiff.

MARTIN ROBINS of Ashland sustained a very peculiar accident. While riding horseback the animal shied, throwing him to the ground. A large bottle which he had in his hip pocket was broken, and several pieces of glass driven into his thigh. Some of the pieces were five inches in length and inflicted very serious injury.

FARMERS in the east part of Johnson county along the Missouri river report the sandbars along the river as grown up to a thick mat of Russian thistles. They are considerably worried over the matter, as there is a probability that their farms will get seeded to the pest this year.

Prohibition State Convention.

The prohibition state convention closed its labors by nominating the following ticket: For justice of the supreme court, A. J. Wolfberger of Lincoln; regents of the state university, J. J. Bryan of Polk county, Mrs. Anna R. Woodbury of Omaha.

The convention had quite a time over the financial plank of the platform, Wolfberger seeking to secure the insertion of a plank favorable to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without regard to any other nation on earth, and C. E. Bentley opposing it.

The amendment of Wolfberger was lost by a tie vote of 61 to 61. The financial plank adopted is as follows: 'The money of the country should be issued by the general government only, through government banks of loan and deposit, directly to the people upon adequate security and at a uniform rate of interest. It should be a full legal tender for the payment of all debts, public and private, without exception in favor of contract stipulation. We favor a money composed of legal tender treasury notes based upon the credit of the nation, coin being used for subsidiary purposes only.'

Beyond Their Depth. A very sad accident occurred south of Alda on the Platte river. While a number of young men from that vicinity were seining near the nine bridges on Platte river they suddenly came to a deep hole, and two brothers, Tom and Will Fishburn, both being unable to swim, sank and were drowned. The boys were about 24 and 22 years of age, respectively, and unmarried. Their comrades worked hard to save them from a watery grave, but to no avail. Their father, W. H. Fishburn, one of the best known and respected farmers in that vicinity, was an eye witness of the sad affair. The bodies were recovered after floating some distance down the river. Another brother, Daniel Fishburn, is a teacher in the Grand Island schools.

Probable July Weather. Professor Sweezy reports that the warmest July in the state during the past nineteen years was that of 1890 with a mean temperature of 78.8 degrees. The coldest July was that of 1891, with a mean temperature of 70.1 degrees. The average mean temperature for Nebraska is 74.9 degrees.

The warmest day in July, was 1894. The mercury rose to 114 degrees. The coldest day was in 1891 when the temperature fell to 37.

The prevailing winds for July are from the south at Omaha and the southeast at North Platte. The highest velocity recorded was 84 miles an hour at North Platte on July 30, 1890.

The driest July during the past nineteen years was that of 1894, when the average precipitation for the state was 1.43 inches. The largest precipitation was that of 1879 when 5.92 inches fell.

One Manic Kills Another. Governor Holcomb has received a letter of explanation from Dr. Damarell, superintendent of the Hastings Asylum for incurable insane, in relation to the death of Patient Wood, killed by Carroll. Dr. Damarell says that Carroll attacked Wood June 15, beating him over the head with a piece of stone. Wood was rescued from the clutches of the maniac and taken to his room. For the following two days Wood seemed to be on the road to recovery, but suffered a relapse and died on the morning of June 18. Dr. Damarell is emphatic in his statement that there was no attempt at concealment, but says the utmost publicity was given to the affair. However, it is true that the governor was not informed of the tragedy until after June 20, and then not until he had read an account of the affair in the papers. The dispatches from Hastings conveyed the intelligence that the patient had been killed on the spot and at the time the attack was made. This statement is evidently wrong.

Robbed the Creamery. Bert Carter and Jess Wilson were arrested by Sheriff Hunter of Custer county, upon a warrant charging them with stealing about 800 pounds of butter from the Sargeant creamery. After the arrest the butter was traced to where it had first been placed, in W. J. Wood's cellar, and from there taken in the night to the ice house, where it was found by the officers. It is claimed Wilson had no knowledge of the theft, but believed it was Carter's butter, and that he accompanied Carter for company. Carter claims the creamery owed him and would not pay him and that he took the butter to get his pay.

State Mortgage Indebtedness. The following is the report of mortgage indebtedness record of Nebraska for the year ending May 31, 1894, from the bureau of labor and industrial statistics of Nebraska:

Table with columns: No. filled, Amt No. satisfied, Amt. Includes rows for FARM MORTGAGES, TOWN AND CITY MORTGAGES, and CHATEAU MORTGAGES.

Table with columns: No. filings, Amt, No. satisfied, Amt. Includes rows for Ending May 31, 1894, and Ending May 31, 1893.

The following are the comparisons between 1884 and 1893:

Table with columns: No. filings, Amt, No. satisfied, Amt. Includes rows for Ending May 31, 1894, and Ending May 31, 1893.

Saloons Close in New York. New York, July 2.—New York was as 'dry' as the Desert of Sahara Sunday. There was a huge premium on wet goods, and those who failed to lay in a supply Saturday night suffered. Sharp at midnight every saloon in town closed tight and left their bars exposed. Drug stores and restaurants, where drinkables have always been procurable, locked their sideboards tight as a drumhead.

Quite a building boom is on at Crawford. A number of costly structures are being erected.

ROBBED OF THOUSANDS.

TYPewriter INVENTOR YOST DEFRAUDED OF MUCH MONEY. IS WORKED BY 'MEDIUMS.'

Completely at the Mercy of a Gang of Sharpers—His Family Deserted and His Fortune Squandered—He Is Now Poor and a Physical Wreck—Still Believes in the Medium Frauds.

New York, July 8.—Because of his belief in spiritualism and through the impositions of a professional medium, G. W. N. Yost, the inventor of the typewriter, is living apart from his family in a furnished flat in West Fifty-fourth street, attended by a friend and provided with none of the luxuries of life which are necessary to a man 70 years old. He has expended time and thousands of dollars in pursuing the ignis fatuus which spiritualists have danced before his eyes. He acknowledges that he is poor and a physical wreck. Yet he still believes in the men who imposed upon him, and declares that he is as certain about the things he believes he has seen as he is that there is a heaven. He was a man of fine intellect, a man who still has a family who is devoted to him, yet is almost deserted, is scarcely able to talk, much less continue his once brilliant career. The man who was the prime mover in the conspiracy of mediums is summing up on Onsett Bay, Mass.

When visiting the world's fair in Chicago some acquaintances told Mr. Yost that they knew of a young girl named Lizzie Bangs, who was able to secure the most remarkable statements from dead worthies by means of an ancient and very deceptively typewriting machine. Mr. Yost visited the medium and found that pieces of paper were apparently taken from the cylinder of the machine signed with all the names of history from Moses to Garfield.

Yost was immensely interested because here was an actual exemplification of his own idea of what spirits could do with a typewriter in case they felt so inclined. Miss Bangs lived on Elizabeth street, Chicago, and Mr. Yost visited her several times and presented her with a new typewriter which did infinitely better work than the old one. But Miss Bangs was an independent medium and it has never been intimated that she was responsible for Mr. Yost's misfortunes. He was, however, convinced that typewriting could be done in this way and he made up his mind that in order to have constant communication with the departed he must have a medium of his own. He accordingly surrounded himself with a galaxy of young men who were represented as excellent mediums.

From spiritualistic typewriting to spiritualistic portrait painting was an easy transition. Mr. Yost became interested in this branch of occult wonders such as Luther R. Marsh, the prominent New York attorney, became interested in the spirit portraits produced by Ann O'Deia Disselbar. He spent thousands of dollars upon the mediums and quarreled with friends who protested. Mrs. Beech of this city, widow of the founder of the Scientific American, Melville C. Smith, projector of the Arcade railway of this city, and Robert Anderson, a wealthy mine owner of Minneapolis, are among the persons who have purchased pictures from this syndicate of mediums.

PROBABLY A FAKE. Reports of a Sensational Religious Riot Lacking all Confirmation.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 8.—Last night a sensational report was sent out from English that there had been a terrible religious riot at a German Catholic picnic at Siberia, an isolated village of Perry county, Thursday afternoon. The report declared that anti-Catholics, mad with liquor, had attacked the Germans, and that 1,000 persons had participated in the conflict which had resulted in three deaths and the injury of over fifty persons, several mortally.

To-day telegrams of inquiry were sent to Troy, Cannelton, Tell City, Huntington and other points in that vicinity, and all answered that they knew nothing about the reported riot. It looks like a fake.

Wait and Householder Scared. TOPEKA, Kan., July 8.—The committee which investigated the charges against W. S. Wait and M. A. Householder, trustees of the state board of charitable institutions, reported to-day, holding them guilty in each case. The reports were unanimous and said that the evidence showed a condition of affairs that was a disgrace and a shame to the state. They continued: 'We do not feel it gratuitous to say that should any member of our families become so afflicted the Topeka insane asylum under its management of the past two years would be the last place on earth in which we would place them.'

Six Lost in a Steamboat Wreck. MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 8.—The Memphis and Ashport packet Lady Lee sank last night at the head of Island Forty, and Harry Robinson the baker, Peter Watson the barber, a negro roustabout named Ady and three negro deck passengers were lost.

One of the 'Six Hundred' Dead. JACKSON, Mich., July 8.—Thomas Phillips, one of the survivors of the historic charge of the 600 at Balaklava on October 5, 1854, died yesterday at his home in Woodville.

Ink Maker Carter Drowned. HARWICK, Mass., July 8.—John W. Carter, the well known ink manufacturer of Boston, was drowned while bathing at the beach here.

NO ONE REALLY TO BLAME.

Reports of the Experts in Regard to the Steamship Colima Disaster.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—General Dumont, supervising inspector general of steam vessels, has received from the inspector of the San Francisco district the following report of the loss of the Pacific mail steamer Colima: 'We have investigated the matter of this most deplorable disaster, taking testimony of a number of its surviving passengers and crew, including that of Third Officer O. C. Hansen, who is the only officer saved; and also of others who were competent to speak of the vessel herself.

'From the evidence there appears to have been no danger anticipated until five or ten minutes before the ship went down. It appears that there was good discipline maintained on board in the deck and the engine departments, all orders having been obeyed, and we therefore can attach no blame to the third officer, Mr. Hansen. Captain Taylor was in charge on the morning of May 27 until she foundered and it may have been that he was attempting to keep her off before the sea, or to wear her around on the other tack when she was caught in the trough of the sea and thrown on her beam ends. But without his testimony or that of his first officer and the chief engineer of the steamer, it is impossible to decide the true cause of the disaster.

'With regard to the steamer Colima there can be no doubt that she was a staunch and seaworthy vessel. She was inspected March 15, 1893, and her hull, boilers and equipments found to be in good order. She was examined in dry dock May 14, 1893, and her bottom found in good condition, and new blades put on her propeller. She was classed 35 L, 11 in 'Bureau Veritas,' which is the highest class which that society awards to steam vessels. The Colima was an iron vessel, built in 1873 at Chester, Pa., new boilers in 1887 at San Francisco, Cal., of 2,905.65 tons gross, 2,143.55 tons net, and was valued at \$225,000.

'The exact number of lives lost is not obtainable at present for the reason that the number of way passengers received is not yet reported by agents to the company's office at San Francisco. The number so far known with any degree of certainty to be lost is eighty-five passengers and sixty-eight crew.

Mrs. Lease Loses Her Case. TOPEKA, Kan., July 8.—The supreme court to-day decided the case of Mary Elizabeth Lease against George A. Clark, holding that when Mrs. Lease was appointed to be a trustee of the state board of charitable institutions by Governor Lewelling in 1893, it was for an unexpired and not for a full term and that Governor Morrill's appointment of George A. Clark to be her successor was regular and in accordance with law. The opinion was written by Associate Justice Johnston, Chief Justice Martin and Associate Justice Allen concurring.

Warned by White Caps. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 8.—Jack Merriam, a horse trader in Parnell, a suburb of St. Joseph, has received a whitecap notice to leave the country at once. It was written in blood which, it was announced, had recently been spilled from another victim. Merriam says that he will not obey the order, and that an attempt to enforce it will result in work for the coroner.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A boiler explosion at Carthagena, Colombia, caused the loss of ten lives.

Count Herbert Bismarck says that his father's health is better than usual.

The Leader, one of Chicago's biggest department stores, has assigned.

Allen Martin was assassinated in Calhoun county, Arkansas, by a negro.

At Bonne Terre, Mo., James Wilson, aged 19, suffering from disappointment in love, blew out his brains.

Sallie Huneycutt of Tacoma, Va., has been arrested, charged with having poisoned her niece, Mrs. Calvin Sparks.

A protest against firing Governor Hughes of Arizona has been made by the Press Association of the territory.

Official reports of the sinking of the Colima attribute it to the storm, saying the vessel was in every way seaworthy.

Mother St. Gabriel, founder of the convent of the Incarnate ward in Houston, Texas, died at Galveston, Texas.

A. M. Green and son, Kimball, were acquitted at Steelville, Mo., of the charge of murdering David Hilderbrand.

The Kansas Temperance union will put an organizer in the field to work up temperance sentiment throughout the state.

C. C. Dalton, a member of the former Dalton outlaw gang, is under arrest in Tennessee for horse-stealing in Vernon county, Mo.

Every joint keeper in Washington, Kan., was arrested at midnight Thursday by the sheriff and all spent the night in jail.

Mrs. S. V. Leeper, a Topeka school teacher, has been appointed superintendent of the industrial school for girls at Beloit, Kan.

Ira N. Holmes, a pioneer settler of Winfield, Kan., died at an advanced age. He had been in business there almost since the city was founded.

The house of W. A. Rucker, three miles north of Winfield, Kan., was burned with all its contents. All the occupants were absent. The loss was \$2,500.

A. G. Stacey, formerly a newspaper man of Topeka and until recently editor of the Parsons Independent, was married to Miss M. Louise Helm of Los Angeles, Cal.

Alabama Populists have issued a call for a meeting of the state committee to discuss the advisability of fusing with the Republicans in the state campaign.

Theodore Puckett, a negro, who was arrested for a number of robberies, was taken from the officers while on the way to jail at Jackson, Miss., and hanged to a tree.

Asa Smith, son of A. D. Smith of Cherrvale, Kan., was riding a race horse when the animal became frightened and ran against a tree, crushing the boy's head to a jelly.

MR. BRYAN

The Nebraska Ex-Congressman Gold Standard Democrat.

MOBILE, Ala., July 3.—Ex-Congressman Bryan of Nebraska and Representative Clarke of Alabama met in joint debate here on the silver question last night, in the course of which Bryan took umbrage at Clarke's denunciation of his Democracy, and invited here to-night 'to be made the understanding that I will receive fair play.'

Bryan had the crowd with him, they applauded vigorously and proceeded to score the Alabama orator. He said he would rather have his tracks than support the Democratic party if it adopted a gold standard. He denounced Cleveland.

Clarke, in reply, referred to a criticism of Carlisle as a piece of cant to throw mud upon a man. He towered head and shoulders above him, and said the mud would be blown but would fall back into the man who threw it.

The audience hissed and pelted Clarke to shut up or leave the hall. He continued in a more restrained strain. His reference to Cleveland was applauded. Clarke frequently interrupted during his remarks and he responded by the audience Republicans and unionists.

Status of the Bicycle. CHICAGO, July 3.—A decision of importance to cyclists was rendered by Judge Payne, when he decreed the petition of John H. Brackley to compel the Fort Dearborn bicycle proprietors to allow bicycles to be stored there by tenants. The referee, who is an attorney in the Fort Dearborn building, scraper, had attempted to remove the wheel in the basement during the hours, and upon permission being refused carried the matter to Judge Judge Payne declared that these are mere vehicles and as such place inside a business block and horse and buggy.

Owed \$40,000. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 1.—National developments at Roseville show that Wesley Davis, the dealer, who disappeared last night after an unsuccessful attempt to the grain market at Kansas City, owes about \$40,000. Davis left every creditor with a check for \$100,000, the lurch. Since his disappearance creditors have been coming forward to prove their claims. His indebtedness, estimated to date, aggregates \$320,000, and is thought will exceed \$400,000.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

Table of market prices for live stock and produce. Includes categories like Butter-Creamery separator, Hens-Live, per lb, Spring Chickens, etc.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Clay Pugh, who murdered a conductor, was hanged at Boulder, Mo.

Cuban bonds are said to be much affected by the progress of the revolution.

Another batch of employes has been dropped from the government printing office.

The report that Russia and Japan are preparing for war is confirmed at Berlin.

A receiver was appointed for the Colorado mining exchange building company.

Gerald Balfour, brother of A. J. Balfour, has been made chief secretary for Ireland.

Bids are to be invited for the construction of a number of new gunboats for the government.

The Poindexter House and several other buildings were destroyed by fire at Fort Worth, Texas.

The currency controller's statement shows that there are \$211,000,000 bank notes outstanding.

The state department announced that it is in no way concerned in the marriages of United States consuls.

The system of collecting military information through military attaches at foreign courts may be abolished.

The Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis has bought the Greenfield and Northern road. It was owned by St. Louis parties.

Constructor Hichborn will protest Secretary Herbert against the new battleship bureau's plans.

General Gomez is reported to have surprised the Spanish garrison of 1,500 men at Alta Gracia and cut it up to pieces and to be now marching upon Havana.

There will be no separate receivers for the Oregon Short Line, and the Union Pacific will remain in control. It is thought that this will simplify the western traffic situation.