

## CATTLE DISEASE

FOOT AND MOUTH TROUBLE BECOMES ALARMING.

### ORDER OF SECRETARY WILSON

It Prohibits Railroads from Transporting Cattle, Sheep or Swine in the New England States or Their Exportation from Boston, Mass.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson on Thursday issued a sweeping order directed to the managers and agents of railroads and transportation companies of the United States, stockmen and others, notifying them of the establishment of a quarantine on cattle and sheep and other ruminants and swine in the New England states and prohibiting the exportation of such animals from the port of Boston until further orders.

Recent investigations in the department of agriculture disclose the fact that what is known as foot and mouth disease exists in an alarming extent in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont. The expert at the department, D. Mohler, Dr. Leonard Pearson of the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. James Law of Cornell investigated the infected districts and united in a recommendation that in order to prevent the spread of the disease a quarantine should immediately be established.

Secretary Wilson said that this is the most serious case the department has had to handle for some time, but that all the resources of the department would be employed in stamping out the disease. He declared that if it should spread west of the Hudson river it would be nothing short of a national calamity.

The orders, which are dated Thursday, are as follows:

"In accordance with section 7 of the act of congress, approved May 29, 1894, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a bureau of animal industry, to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle and to provide means for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among domestic animals,' and with the act of congress, approved June 3, 1902, making appropriations for the department of agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, you are hereby notified that the contagious disease known as foot and mouth disease exists among animals in the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont and the cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine of said states have been exposed to the contagion of said disease; therefore, it is hereby ordered that, to prevent the spread of the said disease from the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont into other states or foreign countries, and to aid in its eradication, no cattle, sheep or other ruminants or swine shall be moved or be permitted to move from or across the territory of any of the states named into any other state or foreign country.

"Any person, company or corporation violating this order will be proceeded against as provided for by the act of congress above referred to.

"It is hoped that all transportation companies, cattle shippers and others interested in the welfare of our animal industry will co-operate with the department of agriculture in the enforcement of this order, to the end that the restriction on traffic may have the desired effect and be removed in the shortest possible time.

"JAMES WILSON, Secretary."

### MEAN TO STOP HOLDUPS.

Railways May Combine to Throttle Train Robbing as an Industry.

CHICAGO.—Train robbery as an industry may be throttled through the concerted action of railroad and express companies operating throughout the middle west.

Local officials of some of the roads directly interested, through recent holdups, have been spurred to drastic measures. The Davenport robbery of the fast Rock Island train was the straw that broke the camel's back. The company, in conjunction with the United States Express company, jointly offered a reward on Monday of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the men who robbed the train.

In addition the Burlington officials announced that a dead train robber would be worth \$1,000 to any of its employes.

Officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton roads coincided with Mr. Delano's statement, and declared that they would not hesitate to bear their share of any burden brought about by a concerted movement to eradicate the evil.

### Cyrus Grant Dead.

ELGIN.—Cyrus Grant, one of the old settlers here, was found dead in his barn. He had gone to harness the team and when found had the curry comb in his hand. He had been a sufferer from heart disease and had been feeling bad for some time.

### TO A DEAD STOP.

Negotiations Are Called Off in the Canal Treaty.

WASHINGTON.—Exceptional interest was displayed in Thursday's meeting of the cabinet, in view of the near approach of the short congressional session.

The president presented his annual message to congress in completed form. Most of the features were familiar to the members of the cabinet and only such parts as had not been considered previously were read in full. All of the members were present except Secretary Root.

Secretary Hay, in presenting the canal negotiations, said that they had come to a dead stop and while no such thing as an ultimatum had passed, the Colombian minister had informed the state department that he could not accept the last proposition of the United States as a basis of a treaty. The state department has already let it be known that it had come to the end of its concessions, so the chance of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future were not bright.

This state of affairs would, it was believed, stimulate the negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the alternate route, but it now appeared that those countries were not disposed to allow themselves to be used for the purpose of coercing Colombia, and were desirous of remaining in the background until it was certain no treaty would be made between the United States and Colombia.

The original Panama concessions would expire in 1904, and it had been suggested that the Colombian government had that fact in mind and was disposed to dally now in the expectation that the franchise would relapse and enable it to build the canal itself or sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a serious question between the Colombian government, the Panama company, the French government and the government of the United States as to whether a supplementary decree extending the concession ten years from 1904 was valid.

### SENATE TO TALK NEW STATES.

Trusts, Tariff and Reciprocity Will Also Be Taken Up.

WASHINGTON.—The admission of the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states of the union will probably be the subject of most importance to receive attention by the senate at the coming session.

After the omnibus territorial bill passed the house last season its friends in the senate were so insistent on action and so strong in point of numbers that in the interest of other pending legislation a unanimous agreement was reached that the committee on territories should report next Wednesday, December 3, and a week later the bill will be come the unfinished business of the senate. This means that unless the measure is displaced by vote or by unanimous consent it will occupy the first place on the senate calendar until disposed of.

It is the current expectation that this program will be carried out, whether the committee's report is favorable or unfavorable, as the agreement contemplated consideration, regardless of the character of the report.

There is no definite information as to what the committee's decision will be, but at the last session all the republican members of the committee except Senator Quay voted to defer consideration, while Senator Quay and all the democratic members voted for immediate action, the result being a majority of one for postponement. It is known that some of the republican members favor an amendment of the bill so as to provide for the admission of Oklahoma only, and it is the prevailing opinion that the committee will divide on this proposition, all republican members except Senator Quay being considered favorable to it. However, the transposition of one republican vote would insure the report of a bill to admit all three territories.

### Taft and Guidi Negotiate.

MANILA.—Governor Taft and Archbishop Guidi have commenced the negotiations for the settlement of the pending questions between the church and the state and have agreed to hold at least three sessions weekly until a conclusion has been reached. Governor Taft will give a dinner in honor of Mgr. Guidi next Monday.

### Official Vote of Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The state vote in the recent election was canvassed Tuesday by Secretary of State Cook, showing that Missouri went democratic by a plurality of 44,695. As compared with 1900 the democratic loss was 79,248 votes and the republican loss 85,154.

### Dies Watching Foot Ball.

ST. LOUIS.—Excitement caused by watching a local foot ball game on Thursday caused the sudden death of Rev. John J. Barth of the German Methodist Episcopal church by apoplexy.

## CONGRESS' WORK

CHIEF BUSINESS WILL BE ANTI-COMBINE LEGISLATION.

### A PLETHORA OF BILLS

First Day Will See Many Presented Dealing with the Subjects of Trusts—Leaders as Yet Appear to Be Undecided.

WASHINGTON.—When the house convenes Monday a perfect deluge of bills dealing with the trust question in all its phases will be thrown into the legislative hopper. It is admitted on all hands that this will be the most important topic of discussion; indeed, the leaders incline to the belief that beyond appropriation bills and routine legislation, it is the only matter on which there is a chance of action.

As yet the leaders have formulated no measure and there exists a pretty wide divergence of opinion as to what can or should be done, consequently the president's recommendations are awaited with more than usual interest.

The most conservative opinion among the republican leaders seems to favor an appropriation for the reformation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Such an amendment, it is thought, could be placed in one of the regular appropriation bills and put through both houses without difficulty, whereas any amendment to the law itself, no matter how conservative, would meet opposition. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, is one of those who believe that the Sherman law, if enforced, is sufficient to meet the situation, and he will introduce a bill appropriating \$500,000 to be used by the department of justice in the prosecutions under the present law.

It is not improbable when the leaders ascertain exactly what can be done that a caucus of republicans will be called to agree on a measure. Meantime the trust bills introduced will probably be referred to the judiciary committee.

There is some question of jurisdiction. If a bill invokes the interstate commerce clause of the constitution it should properly go to the commerce committee, and if the taxing power of the government, to the ways and means committee; but to secure uniformity all bills dealing with the subject have gone heretofore to the judiciary committee and this practice will be followed unless a fight for jurisdiction is made.

The leaders have already resolved to expedite the appropriation bills as much as possible in order to allow the largest margin of time for other matters. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, indeed believes the legislative, executive and judicial, and the pension bills can be disposed of before the holidays. His committee will go to work at once and prepare the supply bills as rapidly as possible. The legislative and pension bills will probably be read before the end of the week.

### INDIAN SCHOOLS PROSPER.

Both Boys and Girls Become Better Citizens by Education.

WASHINGTON.—Estelle Beel, superintendent of Indian schools, has submitted her annual report.

She notes a marked advance in industrial training and says the course of study prescribed has materially assisted Indian youths in learning agriculture as a means of self-support, while the girls have benefited by the class room curriculum, which fits them for duties and responsibilities of the home.

### Oklahoma Elects a Republican.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—The territorial election board met Monday and issued a certificate of election to B. S. McGuire, the republican candidate for delegate to congress, placing his majority at 394 over W. M. Cross, democrat. Cross' papers of contest are ready to be filed when congress convenes. The legislative certificates of election were also issued to show the joint assembly to be one democratic.

### Selects South Dakota Site.

WASHINGTON.—Assistant Secretary Taylor has selected as the site for the federal building at Pierre, S. D., the northeast corner of Retreat and Huron streets. The price is \$5,000.

### Urge Civil Service Rules.

WASHINGTON.—Colonel Emmett Urell, commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans, accompanied by Fred C. Hodgson and G. Leyburn Sherry, officials of the organization, on Monday urged the president to place under the civil service all the Spanish war veterans who are now serving the government in a clerical capacity in the Philippines. President Roosevelt promised to consider the request.

### CHAFFEE SEES PRESIDENT.

Goes to Washington and Receives Roosevelt's Congratulations.

WASHINGTON.—Major General Chaffee reported to Secretary Root on Monday. He appeared in uniform and upon his arrival held an impromptu reception in the secretary's office. Later, accompanied by Adjutant General Corbin, he made official calls on Secretary Hay and Secretary Moody. Subsequently he had a long talk with Secretary Root upon conditions in the Philippines, with especial reference to the plans of the department for the reduction of the army. As a result of his recommendations a general order relative to the methods of reducing the army will be issued.

Later in the day Secretary Root presented him to the president, who cordially congratulated General Chaffee on his work in China and the Philippines.

### BANK AT BANCROFT ROBBED.

Burglars Get Away with Two to Four Thousand Dollars.

BANCROFT, Neb.—The Bancroft bank, owned by J. E. Turner, was entered by burglars Monday morning about 2 o'clock. Entrance was obtained by use of a skeleton key to the front door.

The building is a one-story brick. The safe was not kept in a vault, which made it easier work for the burglars.

It is not known exactly what amount was taken, probably from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

All the cash on hand is missing, except \$1.25, which was found in the wreck in the morning.

Two explosions were made, the first one on the outer door, which blew it across the room and almost through the brick wall. The second was on the inner steel chest and was a clean job.

### NEGROES PRAISE ROOSEVELT.

Express Pleasure at Chief Executive's Philanthropic Letter.

NORFOLK, Va.—At the session of the African Methodist church conference on Friday, representing 75,000 colored people, strong resolutions were adopted expressing profound pleasure at what is termed President Roosevelt's "broad and philanthropic letter on the appointment of Dr. Crum of Charleston," and heartily commending his attitude toward the negroes. Bishop Walters and others prominent in the conference spoke in support.

The conference also passed a resolution commending the attack John S. Wise is making on the new constitution of Virginia.

### Roosevelt Consults Wright.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—General Luke E. Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, left on Monday for Washington, where, it is understood, he has been summoned by the president for a conference on proposed Philippine legislation. It is expected he will assist in the preparation of bills which will be presented to congress at the forthcoming session, among which will be one for the establishment of a stable currency, and another extending the civil service laws in the archipelago.

### Kills Fifty Ladrones.

MANILA.—The constabulary are carrying out an aggressive campaign against the ladrones and fanatics in the northern part of the island of Leyte and Biliran. Inspector Crockett with a force of constabulary engaged them six times near the village of Ormoc, on the south coast of Leyte, and killed thirty-nine. Corporal Montague, at the head of another detachment of constabulary defeated a band near Talibaug on Biliran island, killing thirteen and capturing thirty-six.

### President to Come West.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Cockrell of Missouri, accompanied by Judge William M. Springer and E. M. Clendenning, secretary of the Board of Trade of Kansas City, Monday invited the president to attend the National Live Stock association in Kansas City on January 13. The president expressed his sincere regret at his inability to accept, but said after congress adjourned he expected to take a western trip, on which he would visit Kansas City.

### British Reach Washington.

WASHINGTON.—The British labor commissioners who are traveling in the United States as the guests of Alfred Moseley are in Washington for a brief visit. They arrived on Tuesday, and after calling on the president to pay their respects will depart for New York. They visited the congressional library and the patent office and afterward made a call on Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright.

### Mount Pelee Again Violent.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I.—The Royal Mail steamer Yare, which arrived here Friday, passed Mount Pelee, Island of Martinique, during Wednesday morning and reports that the volcano was then erupting violently.

## LEFT TO FREEZE

ROBBED ON THE PRAIRIE, THEN DESERTED.

### THE FATE OF AN OMAHA MAN

Drugged by Bandits, All of His Money Taken, Then Left on the Desert Unconscious—Feet Badly Frozen When Found.

RAWLINS, Wyo.—A. H. Bree, employed by the Flato Commission company of South Omaha, was found in a railroad cut west of town on Thursday morning.

His feet were badly frozen and he had been without food since Sunday noon. He was taken to the state hospital at Rock Springs, where both legs will probably be amputated.

Bree tells an almost incredible story, but his appearance certainly bears out his statement. He says he arrived in Rawlins Friday from his home in South Omaha. Sunday he met three men who said they had a bunch of sheep three miles from town that they would sell cheap.

Bree accompanied them to the place, but the sheep were not to be found. One of the men suggested they sit down on a rock, eat a lunch and rest and then continue the search for the flock. Bree assented and remembers nothing that occurred after he partook of the lunch.

He regained consciousness during the snow storm of Tuesday night. His feet were so badly frozen that he could not stand and he was almost famished. With the lights of the town as a guide he started to crawl the three miles. All night he kept up the snail-like pace over the snow-covered ground, his hands and knees torn and bleeding. At daylight he crawled into the railroad cut and was seen by the section men who brought him in.

When Bree went out on the prairie with the three strangers he carried \$250 in his pockets, but when he awoke from his long sleep the money was gone. The authorities are satisfied the strangers drugged Bree, stole the money and left him on the prairie to die. There is not a single clue to the identity of the would-be murderers.

### NEBRASKA IS TRIUMPHANT.

Winds Up the Foot Ball Season with a Great Victory.

LINCOLN.—The foot ball season of 1902 at the University of Nebraska was terminated Thursday in a blaze of glory. Before 6,000 people, the greatest crowd that ever assembled about a Nebraska gridiron, the unbeaten Cornhuskers administered a decisive defeat to the Northwestern university eleven, scoring twelve points and emerging from the contest with their own goal line still uncrossed, a record not achieved by any other college aggregation in the country.

Nebraska, not having lost a game this season or even being scored against, on the record claims the championship of the west. It defeated Wisconsin and Chicago, against which Nebraska did not play. Michigan on Thursday also defeated Minnesota, and while it was by a larger score than Nebraska's victory, it was scored against in this game, as well as several others during the season.

### MOSBY BRINGS HIS BROOM.

Bears from Washington Instructions to Sweep Away Illegal Fences.

Omaha.—Col. Mosby, who is in the city, says: "I have come out here with instructions from President Roosevelt down to the landoffice, to clean out all the fences on government land and incidentally to clean out all the fraudulent homestead entries, particularly those of subsidized soldiers' widows. If District Attorney Summers is indifferent in the matter I shall report so to the attorney general, as I have once before reported. As for the interview recently given out by Special Agent A. M. Lesser, concerning the charges against him, it is simply an evasion of the real charge, which is obtaining money from the government by the use of false and fraudulent vouchers. Senator Allison, at whose instance he was originally appointed, has not yet spoken in his behalf. Senator Millard has requested his reinstatement, but that is because those cattlemen up there want Lesser kept. I haven't heard anything from Senator Dietrich."

### Insist on Eight-Hour Day.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—According to the officials of the National Association of Blast Furnace Workers, that association will on May 1 serve notice on all blast furnace operators throughout the country that eight hours will constitute a day's work. A vote is being taken by the lodges on the question and the replies thus far are in favor of the proposition. Ample notice will be given the manufacturers.

### TURKS TORTURE MACEDONIANS.

Hang Them from Ceiling to Force Betrayal of Secrets.

LONDON.—Mail advices from Constantinople, under date of November 24, say:

"In spite of all denials the porte is adopting barbarous methods in crushing the Macedonian peasants. The winter has set in and the danger from revolutionary bands is over, yet the Turkish authorities seem to think the time has come to act.

"In the face of promises of free pardon to those who have returned to their homes, Christian villagers have been shockingly tortured to make them betray alleged concealed arms, or give information regarding the working of the Macedonian committees. The bastinado has been frequently employed until the victims were crippled for life, their feet being beaten to a pulp by Turkish soldiers. Peasants were also hung by their heels to the ceiling and boiling hot eggs put in their arm pits. Even priests were not spared, while the troops openly plundered the peasants, who are being driven to despair."

### NUNEZ SAYS CUBA REMEMBERS.

Insular Governor Protests that People Still Revere Americans.

WASHINGTON.—General Emilio Nunez, governor of the province of Havana, Cuba, is in Washington, and in an interview said:

"The public sentiment in Cuba toward the United States has not changed. Our deep and sincere friendship toward this country continues. Moreover, President Roosevelt's generous and persistent campaign for reciprocity has found an echo in the hearts of our people, increasing, if it were possible, the debt of gratitude that we contracted with the United States."

### Ross Falls to His Death.

LEAD, S. D.—Horace Ross was instantly killed in the Pluma mine at Lead Friday. He fell from a platform forty feet to the bottom of the shaft, striking on his head. This was to have been his last shift, as he had purchased a small business in Lead and was to take possession immediately. Mr. Ross was the first white child born at Vermillion, S. D., where his parents reside. He was a member of Grigsby's rough riders in 1895, and had also spent several years in South Africa in the mines. His remains will be shipped to Vermillion.

### Has Enough of Public Life.

WASHINGTON.—After a year's service Adam McMullen has resigned the position of private secretary to Senator Dietrich to engage in business in his own behalf at his home. Mr. McMullen came to Washington five years ago and after graduating with high honors from Columbia Law college accepted a position in the war department, which he held until appointed Senator Dietrich's secretary last year. He has served the senator efficiently and was requested to remain in the position, but Mr. McMullen decided that it was better for him to adhere to his original intention.

### RAILROADS ADVANCE RATES.

Put Up Prices for Carrying All of the Commodities.

CHICAGO, Ill.—General traffic officials of the Central Freight association lines met here Tuesday and took formal action for putting in effect the advance in freight rates ordered at the joint meeting of the executive officers of the trunk lines and Central Freight association last week. The new rates will go into effect on December 8.

The advance on grain and flour rates will be 2½ cents per 100 pounds and 5 cents on provisions. Rates on coal, iron, cement and other special commodities will go up from 10 to 35 per cent. No changes have been made in class rates, but the classification has been revised so as to make the class rates on many articles considerably higher.

### Quesada Hopeful for Treaty.

WASHINGTON.—During a brief call on the president Friday by Minister Quesada of Cuba, there was some incidental reference to the proposed reciprocity treaty between the United States and the island. Minister Quesada hopes there will be some tangible results on the subject in a short time. The minister's object in calling on the president was primarily for the purpose of informing him that his advices from Havana showed that the disorders growing out of the strike had terminated and that quiet had been restored.

### American Corsets the Vogue.

WASHINGTON.—"American corsets rule this market," says United States Consul Mahin, reporting to the state department from Nottingham, England, on popular wear in England. He says so popular have American styles become that French makers are compelled to get their patterns from the United States.