

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Thirty-ninth infantry was mustered out of service at San Francisco. The Prussian government has bought the coal mines in the Ruhr district, known as the "Minister Achenbach" and the "Altrop," for 25,000,000 marks.

The gross earnings of the Chicago Great Western railway for the fourth week of April, show an increase of \$11,420.42 over the corresponding week of last year.

The Hawaiian house of representatives has passed the income tax bill, which assesses 2 per cent on all over \$1,000 of the income of every person or corporation.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, of Richmond, S. D., fired into a charivari party. Arthur Shufelt was hit in the jaw by a bullet, but will recover. Parties are all prominent.

The report of the boiler makers and ship builders society at London shows a decrease of 100,000 tons in the vessels launched during the past year, as compared with 1899.

The county board of control at St. Paul has decided to seek requisition papers in order to secure the return to that state of thirty husbands who have deserted their wives.

Arbitration of all disputes and opposition to sympathetic strikes are the foundation principles of the new central body to be known as the Chicago Building Trades League.

Thomas Cole was hanged at Clinton, Ky., for the murder of Emma Cara Rice, his sweetheart, with whom he had quarreled. On the scaffold Cole expressed sorrow for the crime.

David Henderson, a distiller, was instantly killed at Henderson, Ky., by the explosion of a keg of yeast which was submerged in a tub of mash he was emptying with a siphon.

Admiral Remey, on board his flagship Brooklyn, has arrived at Melbourne. He will represent the United States government at the opening of the first session of the Australian parliament.

The population of London, including the city of London and twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, the whole forming what is termed the administrative county of London, is now 4,536,034.

Secretary Gage has recommended to the war department the appointment of Jarred D. Terrel, of Michigan, as auditor for Cuba at \$5,000 a year. The salary is paid out of the Cuban revenues. Mr. Terrel is chief law clerk in the office of the comptroller of the treasury.

Consul General Barlow, at the City of Mexico, has telegraphed the state department, expressing the opinion that there is no reason for quarantining against that city on account of typhus fever. He reports that for the week ending May 1 there was fifty-three deaths there from that disease and the same number for each of the two weeks preceding.

A general order has been issued to railway mail clerks calling attention to a complaint of the director general of posts of the Philippines that mail for the province of Quebec, abbreviated as P. Q., often is misdirected to the Philippines, whose abbreviation is P. I., and that mail for Manila, R. I., is misdirected to Manila. Instructions for greater vigilance are given.

The saloons in Kansas City were closed tight Sunday for the first time in six years.

A syndicate is making an effort to absorb the American Waltham Watch company's plant, and also the factory of the Elgin company at Elgin, Ill.

The Swedish riksdag committee which has been considering the ministerial army proposals has reported in favor of increasing the expenditures by 25,000,000 kroner, making a total of 45,000,000 kroner.

The New York Mail and Express says today: There is excellent authority for the statement that William K. Vanderbilt has carried the day in the contest for the control of the Union Pacific railroad and that he intends to put through his plan for annexing it to the Vanderbilt system.

Lulu Mabry, 6 years old, passed through Chicago on a 1,700 mile trip from Bear Lake, Minn., to a ranch in Arizona to see her father. The little traveler was alone and pinned to her dress was a card giving her name and destination.

Venezuela is placing important orders for war material with German firms.

The Illinois senate passed the bill appropriating \$150,000 for the participation of the state in the world's fair at St. Louis.

Justino Fernandez has been appointed minister of justice and education in the cabinet of President Diaz.

According to cables and forecasts the steamship companies, 40,000 Spaniards will have arrived in the United States by the end of May.

MAY BLOCK BIG DEAL

Tumultuous Proceedings on Wall Street Affect Burlington Movement.

UNION PACIFIC PROTECTING ITSELF

Purchase of Northern Pacific Shares is to Prevent Rival's Benefiting—Kuhn Loeb May now Assent to Triangular Arrangement With the Northerners.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Evening Post, in discussing the Northern Pacific situation, says: Kuhn, Loeb & Co., it was creditably stated today, have acquired sufficient Northern Pacific stock to prevent, if they desire, the approval of the Burlington purchase by Northern Pacific shareholders. Their purchases for the most part have been made within a week. Some compromise will be made, as the parties in conflict are so important, and Union Pacific interests, which the management of that property felt were threatened by the aggressive policy of the Northern Pacific, will be protected by agreement or by Mr. Harriman and perhaps other Union Pacific directors going into the Northern Pacific board.

These are matters which necessarily are still unsettled, but Kuhn, Loeb & Co. now have virtually the power to determine whether the Northern Pacific will secure the Burlington, and whether assurances given that their Union Pacific interests will be fully protected. It appears that they would not push their advantage so far as to stop the merger proposed by Mr. Hill. Dealing with the relations of things in the turmoil of Wall street the financial writer of the Evening Post, in a news leader in its edition this evening, says: The fundamental fact in the Northern Pacific situation was that the Burlington deal is placed in jeopardy, as matters stand at present. Union Pacific interests, who were alarmed at the danger of their property, lying in the control of the Burlington by the northern transcontinental line, have bought the ratification of the Burlington purchase by the Northern Pacific shareholders unless some agreement is made with them which will protect their interests sufficiently.

The corner in the shares was unprecedented. That development resulted, it is said, from Mr. Keene's clever appreciation of the situation in the stock, the legitimate demand for which had heavily reduced the floating supply. The corner is a secondary aspect, though the more spectacular one to the public, in a movement of far-reaching consequences, possibly putting a stop to the plans for the greatest of railroad mergers, upsetting President Hill's audacious plan to have the Northern Pacific control Burlington's operations.

The policy of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. has been essentially one of self-protection, and being now in a dominant position where the "balance of power" in the western railway situation, so rudely disturbed by Mr. Hill's Burlington deal, has been restored, they will content themselves. Rather than create lasting hostilities among the great western railroads which would follow the abandonment of the Burlington deal, there probably will be made a triangular arrangement, with the Union Pacific sharing the control as well as the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, under a modification of the burden of the guaranty.

DUE TO CORNER ON CORN.

That is Why Starch Mills Are to Be Closed Indefinitely.

NEW YORK, May 9.—William F. Piel, Jr., president of the National Starch Manufacturing company, when seen at his residence in Brooklyn tonight, said that it was true that the company had ordered all its factories closed. He said that it was done on account of the present corner in corn at Chicago. Mr. Piel said the company did not care to purchase corn while the corner is on, but would wait until the market became stable. He said it was simply a case of business protection, and that he thought the shut-downs would not last for any great period of time.

TREASURY BUYING BONDS.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The secretary of the treasury today bought \$89,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at 113.64.

Secretary Gage late this afternoon purchased \$75,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at 113.65.

He also purchased \$30,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at 113.65.

DECREES OF MOLINE IS SATED.

CHICAGO, May 9.—W. H. Printon, president of the Peru Plow and Wheel works of Peru, Ill., said: "The plow combine is likely to be merged into a great trust of all the implement makers of the United States. Ninety per cent of them are now represented in a conference at New York. The capital of the new trust will be as much as \$50,000,000 and may amount to \$75,000,000. Charles H. Deere will be made president."

BRITAIN WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

CAPETOWN, May 8.—Sir Alfred Milner, the British commissioner, addressing a mass meeting today, said there was absolutely no reason for the anxiety felt in some quarters lest any change be introduced in South Africa that would in any way weaken the imperial policy. Such a change was impossible. Great Britain had made up its mind and would carry out the policy laid down, which has heretofore been announced.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

Spring Work Progressing Well and General Conditions Are Favorable.

OMAHA, May 8.—United States department of agriculture, Nebraska section, climate and crop service of the weather bureau: The first part of the last week was warm and dry, with high south wind. The last days of the week were cool, with heavy general rains. The daily mean temperature has averaged 10 degrees to 12 degrees above the normal. The weekly maximum temperatures were generally between 85 degrees and 90 degrees.

The rainfall of the week fell on the last days of the week, and generally exceeded the normal for the first week in May in the eastern part of the state. In the western counties it was about or slightly below normal. In a large part of the eastern portion the rainfall ranged from 1 to 2.5 inches.

The last week has been favorable for the advancement of farm work, and generally for the growth of vegetation. The high south wind dried out the top of the ground and in some instances retarded the growth of oats, wheat and grass, but no damage resulted to any crop because of the timely rain the last of the week. At the close of the week winter wheat was in very fine condition. Oats and spring wheat are coming up evenly and growing well. Grass is somewhat backward, but is now sufficiently advanced in pastures to sustain stock. Corn planting has made good progress in the southern counties, where about one-third of the crop is planted and a little of the earliest planted is up. Corn planting has commenced in nearly all parts of the state. Fruit trees are blossoming very fully in all parts of the state.

CONDITION OF WHEAT CROP.

Kansas and Nebraska Head the List With Highest Percentages.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Carefully compiled reports from the American Agriculturalists' corps of observers make the May 1 condition of winter wheat 91.50, against 91.5 last month, and compared with an average at this date for five years of 84. April was wholly favorable for the development of the wheat crop over the greater part of the belt. The report shows little damage through insect pests outside of Texas, Oklahoma and Michigan. No crop in twenty years has stood better than the present one in the all-important features of roots and stools.

The spring wheat crop has been sown under highly favorable conditions, says the report, and while seeding in the extreme north is not completed, enough is known to make it certain that the acreage is fully equal to that sown last year. There is an abundance of early moisture over the whole belt except in a limited portion of South Dakota. The condition May 1 of wheat by states includes: Ohio, 88; Kentucky, 85; Michigan, 83; New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana, 95; Illinois, 96; Kansas, 100; Nebraska, 99; California, 90.

PAROLE FOR THE YOUNGERS.

Board of Prison Managers Unanimous in Its Recommendation.

ST. PAUL, May 8.—At a regular meeting of the board of managers of the board of prisons today at Stillwater unanimous action was taken in favor of paroling the Younger boys, who are serving life sentences. Before the parole can be effective all three members of the state pardon board must approve it, and the action will be submitted to that body as soon as possible. This is in accordance with the new parole law, which allows the parole of life prisoners after about twenty-four years' imprisonment, being thirty-five years, less time gained by good behavior. Paroles usually are granted by the prison managers alone, but in the case of life prisoners unanimous approval of the board of pardons is also necessary and such paroled life prisoners cannot leave the state.

NO NEW TOBACCO STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has decided that as the rate of tax on tobacco and snuff will not be changed by the act of March 2, 1901, no new stamps for tobacco and snuff will be issued. The stamps now in use will be sold by collectors on and after July 1 at a discount of 20 per cent. As tobacco and snuff stamps in the hands of manufacturers June 20 may not be redeemed for the purpose of allowing the discount, manufacturers can secure the rebate on such stamps only by affixing them to packages of tobacco or snuff prior to July 1, and including such packages in their claims for rebates. Otherwise such stamps must be used without benefit of discount or rebate.

TOTAL DEATHS IN BOER WAR.

LONDON, May 8.—The war office today officially gave out the total number of deaths in the South African war at 714 officers and 14,264 men. Four officers and 314 men have been invalided home and subsequently ninety-three non-commissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty.

BONDS FOR THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The secretary of the treasury has purchased \$90,000 short term bonds at 113.62.

He also purchased \$412,050 short term 4 per cent bonds at 113.64.

STARCH FACTORIES TO CLOSE.

ST. PAUL, May 8.—A Sioux City, Iowa, special to the Dispatch says: A telegram from the head offices of the National Starch company states that the company will close all of its eleven factories as soon as the present supply is consumed. The Sioux City plant, which is one of the largest in the country, will continue until about June 1. The other factories are in Nebraska City, Neb.; Des Moines, Iowa; Cincinnati and other places.

CUBANS FEEL BETTER

Special Commissioners Report of Call of Uncle Sam Reassuring.

FEW RADICALS STILL HOLD OFF

Acceptance of Platt Amendment Now Practically Certain—Convention Holds Secret Session—Result of Washington Visit Very Acceptable.

HAVANA, May 8.—The returned Cuban commissioners at the secret session presented an extensive report of their conferences with President McKinley and Secretary Root and a growing account of the banquets and receptions tendered them. Senor Gilberga objected to incorporating an account of the social program in the report, but the commission insisted upon this point.

In reference to the third clause of the Platt amendment the report stated that the United States would not intervene unless Cuba were attacked by a foreign power or unless there existed in Cuba a condition of affairs similar to that which existed under Spain at the time of the American intervention.

Regarding coaling stations the report set forth that the place so desired by the United States were Capes Mays and San Antonio and another point commanding the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico. These would be definitely determined upon when drawing up the treaty. The object of these stations would be the maintenance of the independence of Cuba as well as the protection of the United States.

The report also said that the United States would in no way interfere in the local government and that President McKinley had promised to appoint a commission to discuss the economic question and to draw up a commercial treaty as soon as possible, and he advised the Cubans in the meantime to study the situation in this respect. The report announced that Secretary Root had said that there was nothing in the Platt amendment to prevent Cuba having diplomatic representatives in foreign countries.

The report has evidently made a good impression, and only a few radicals will continue to oppose its acceptance. Senor Villuenda, in an open letter declaring his intention to accept the amendment, said he first thought that if the convention rejected the amendment Washington might change its policy, and he then believed the amendment was the work of party.

"I now believe," says Senor Villuenda, "that the amendment is the work of the nation. There is no use in objecting to the inevitable. It is either annexation or a republic with the amendment, and I prefer the latter. The United States government, by insisting upon the amendment, shows that the Americans have changed from their policy before the war and that they no longer rely upon the Monroe doctrine to protect the interests of American republics."

PROF. GILBERT IS REMOVED.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Prof. George H. Gilbert, professor of the New Testament literature and interpretation in Chicago Theological seminary, has been removed from his position by the directors, who today "found that Dr. Gilbert's published teachings are heretical."

SCHLEY TO VISIT ENGLAND.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Rear Admiral Schley, who arrived at Southampton on his way home from the South Atlantic station, has cabled the navy department a request that he be allowed to stop ten days in England and this request has been granted.

COLONEL ASTILLA GIVES UP.

MANILA, May 9.—Colonel Astilla, the insurgent governor of Infanta province, has surrendered with ten officers, 180 men, 170 rifles and ten cannons.

ENGLISH AND SPANISH TRY.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Late mail advices from Manila give interesting details concerning the recent civil service examinations held in that city. Nearly 700 English and Spanish-speaking competitors made application for examination. One of the salient differences between the Philippines civil service and that of the United States is that the former provides for promotion from the junior grades to the highest positions.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

CATTLE—There was a liberal supply of cattle, and in view of that fact buyers started out to get their supplies for a little less money, but sellers held for steady prices and packers finally took hold and bought them up just about on that basis. Receipts included about 90 cars of beef steers, and as packers all had liberal orders the market ruled fairly active and just about steady, with the exception of the first round, when they were trying to pound the market a little. The receipts of cows and heifers were very light, not over 15 cars being offered on the market. Buyers all started out early and the market was active and steady to strong from start to finish. Sellers found it an easy matter to get fully steady prices. Bulls also met with ready sale at good, strong prices, and veal calves and stags sold in yesterday's notches. The stocker and feeder trade was not as good. A good proportion of yesterday's receipts are still in the hands of speculators, as the bad weather has shut off the demand from the country. For that reason they did not want many more cattle and took them because they could buy them lower.

HOGS—There was a fairly good run of hogs here, and under the influence of a good local demand the market opened strong to 2 1/2c higher. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$5.75 and \$5.70, with the better grades of heavy hogs selling largely at \$5.75. It was a fairly active market and the first 19 loads changed hands in good season. There was no particular change in the market from start to finish, and practically everything was out of first hands early in the morning.

SHEEP—There were enough sheep and lambs on sale to meet the demand, and, in fact, the market was slow and easy, the same as at other points. The market seemed to be a little uneven, as some sales were steady, while others looked quite a little lower, but as a whole the situation could best be described by calling it slow and easy. There were no choice woolled lambs on sale, but clipped lambs sold as high as \$4.40, which looked about steady with yesterday. Clipped wethers sold from \$4.00 to \$4.15 and clipped ewes sold at \$4.10.

KANSAS CITY. CATTLE—Native and Texas beef steers, 10c higher; cows and heifers, steady to 10c higher; other cattle, steady; good to choice beef steers, \$5.50 to \$5.70; common to good, \$4.50 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$5.25; feed steers, \$4.50 to \$5.25; Texas and Indian, \$4.00 to \$5.00; cows, \$3.25 to \$4.45; heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.15; canners, \$2.00 to \$3.00; bulls, \$3.25 to \$4.75; calves, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

HOGS—Market steady; top, \$5.85; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$5.80; heavy, \$5.75 to \$5.85; mixed packers, \$5.00 to \$5.80; light, \$5.15 to \$5.70; pigs, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market strong; western lambs, \$4.50 to \$4.85; western wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western yearlings, \$4.25 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.75 to \$4.00; culled, \$2.50 to \$3.25; clipped Texas sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.00; spring lambs, \$5.50 to \$5.90.

INSTRUMENT DISPOSING OF MORMON LEADER'S MILLION-DOLLAR ESTATE.

SAUT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 9.—The will of the late George Q. Cannon will be filed for probate tomorrow. This will dispose of an estate approximating \$1,000,000. The estate is divided into two parts, the first part consisting of gilt-edge securities worth \$200,000. This is to remain in trust until George Q. Cannon's youngest child, now 9 years of age, attains his majority. All of the thirty-three children of President Cannon are given an acre of land from the Cannon farm and \$2,000 in cash on attaining majority or at marriage, the balance of the \$200,000 to be divided among the children when the youngest child becomes of age. While polygamy was recognized by the Mormon church Mr. Cannon had four wives. To these are willed their homes, provision also being made for their maintenance during life.

REMAINDER OF PRESIDENT CANNON'S ESTATE.

The remainder of President Cannon's estate, valued at \$800,000 and consisting of 33,000 acres of farm land, interest in flour mills, irrigation companies and stock in banks, etc., passes into possession of the George Q. Cannon association, of which President Cannon's children and his nephew, John M. Cannon, are stockholders, to be held in trust until the youngest child is 40 years of age.

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