

THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

A BELT OF GOLD TO SIBERIA.

Reports of New Discoveries in the Alaskan Mineral Fields.

CAPE NOME, NEW ELDORADO.

A Seattle Prospector Thinks the Yukon Mineral Bed Extends to Asia—Stories of Misfortune in Alaska With Every Account of Success.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 28.—The latest advices from the newly discovered gold field, Cape Nome, Alaska, are contained in a letter from Major E. S. Ingraham of Seattle, who writes under date of February 2, 1899. Major Ingraham is the leader of fourteen men who were fitted out by Prince Luigi of Italy and local business men. He went first to Kotzebue Sound, but finding nothing there, crossed overland to Cape Nome, with a portion of the party, enduring considerable hardships. Part of the time the men had for food only two pancakes a day. Major Ingraham writes:

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"I have witnessed people coming in with hands and feet frozen and starving and suffering with scurvy. Of fourteen men on their way to Telegraph Creek, nine perished in a snow storm. Three men were found dead in a cabin at Moose Lake. They were two Allison brothers of Kent, England and Carter of New Zealand."

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Eight miners have just reached here from Alaska with \$250,000, the result of two years' digging within twenty miles of Dawson. One of them, named W. H. Armstrong, has a nugget worth \$300.

"The country is full of idle men," said Armstrong, "and every steamer brings a lot more to swell the list. There will be a fairly good clean-up around Dawson, but it will belong to ten times as many men as last year's outfit."

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LAWRENCE, Mo., June 28.—William Anderson, oldest son of T. W. Anderson, the well-to-do cattle dealer, has been arrested for the murder of his father. The older Anderson had left his wife and children and was living with a woman, Lizzie Wissbach, on his farm. Both Anderson and Wissbach were found murdered with an ax January 12. Anderson was said to be worth \$70,000. It is reported his wife will turn state's evidence.

A Missouri Politician's Son a Suicide.
SOUTHWEST CITY, Mo., June 28.—Archibald Shambough committed suicide at his home north of Southwest City Sunday night by shooting himself. He was the youngest son of the late Judge Isaac N. Shambough, who was known in political circles in Missouri a quarter of a century ago. No reason is assigned for the suicide.

No No Death the Sycophant.
TAMPA, Texas, June 28.—Leslie Huling, a butcher boy 18 years old, stood at a saloon bar this morning, emptied a 20-cent box of strychnine into a glass of soda and drank it to prove that it would not hurt him. Huling will be buried tomorrow.

The McKinley Funeral Home.
WASHINGTON, June 28.—The President and Mrs. McKinley, with the other members of the presidential party, arrived here at 10:30 o'clock this morning and were driven immediately to the White house.

JOHN BULL EMITS A GROWL.

Great Britain Will Tolerate No Play From Kruger.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., June 28.—Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, addressing the Unionists of this city, reviewed carefully the Transvaal question.

In the course of his speech he said that, owing to the enormous military preparations of the government of the South African republic, Great Britain had been compelled to increase the British garrison in Cape Colony and Natal, entailing an additional expenditure of \$2,500,000 annually.

After denouncing in the strongest terms the attitude and actions of the Boers, Mr. Chamberlain, with great deliberation and emphasis, added:

"The Transvaal's enormous secret service fund has procured it friends and advocates in every country. The way the British subject there is treated is not only a menace to them all, but interferes with our prestige among the natives, who now regard the Boers and not the British as the party, enduring considerable hardships. Part of the time the men had for food only two pancakes a day. Major Ingraham writes:

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NAVY'S "PERSUADER" CLASS.

Vessels of the Vixen Type to Do Duty

ON South American Republics.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The navy department is considering the advisability of fitting up and keeping in readiness light draught cruisers for special service like that recently performed by the Vixen at Bluefields, Nicaragua. The suggestion is made by advocates of the plan that such a course would save both time and expense and that such vessels could respond to the call of a consul or perform other similar service quite as well as could a battleship.

They would have the great advantage, also, of covering the distance to far away ports much more speedily than would heavier ships. The present purpose is to use the auxiliary cruisers for this work, and the Hawk and Dorothaea are among the vessels which will thus be utilized. They probably will not be put in commission, but will be provisioned and otherwise kept in condition for constant sea service. The intention is to have four such vessels.

16-YEAR-OLD FIEND.

Confesses to Assauling and Murdering His Cousin.

HARPER, Kan., June 28.—John Kornstadt, a 16-year-old boy living in the southeast part of Harper county, has confessed to having murdered his cousin, Nora, the 10-year-old daughter of Tony Kornstadt. He first assaulted her and then threw her into an abandoned well, where she was found last Wednesday. She was alive when found, but died an hour later, without regaining consciousness. Her cousin was suspected and the feeling became so strong that lynching was talked of. Sheriff Gillespie took charge of the boy and brought him to Harper for safe keeping. A searching examination by County Attorney McCollough brought out the confession. He was taken to Wichita for fear of mob violence.

"We hope the efforts that are now being made will lead to an amicable arrangement, for Great Britain only deserves justice, but there comes a time when patience can hardly be distinguished from weakness, and when moral pressure becomes a farce that cannot be continued without loss of self-respect. I trust that time may never come in this instance, but if it does, Britons will insist upon the means to find a result essential to the peace of South Africa."

The speech was warmly applauded. In reply to a vote of thanks, Mr. Chamberlain said he felt strengthened and encouraged by their confidence and support. He had spoken from the heart, because he believed they had reached a critical turning point in the history of the empire, and that the whole world was watching to see how they would issue from the difficulty. "It is my belief," he said, in closing, "that the country will show itself not unworthy of its glorious history and traditions."

A GREAT REVIEW.

Flower of British Army on Parade Before the Queen.

LONDON, June 28.—The queen, the Duke of Cambridge, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Grand Duke Michael of Russia, the Duke of Connaught, General Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the army; Colonel Samuel S. Sumner, United States army military attaché of the United States embassy at London and many princes and princesses were present on the famous plains of Aldershot to witness a review of over 15,000 of the best troops in the kingdom.

This review is interpreted in London as a means of satisfying Queen Victoria that her troops are ready for any emergency they may be called upon to meet, in the Transvaal or elsewhere.

ROW OF THE CHURCHES.

Methodists Believe They Have Battled John D. Rockefeller.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, has ended his long connection with Chautauqua. Back of the announcement of the famous educator's retirement as the head of the Chautauqua collegiate department and from the board of trustees of the Chautauqua association is a battle of denominations. Methodists, who have regarded the Chautauqua enterprise as a monument to Methodism, believe they have baffled John D. Rockefeller and others, who, they claimed, were attempting to make the Chautauqua movement an auxiliary to the University of Chicago. And the Methodists have possession of Chautauqua

Big Week at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 28.—Benefit week of all organized labor of Western Pennsylvania, at the Grand opera house has assumed proportions not thought of by the promoters, and the affair promises to result in closer union of the laboring classes in this section than ever before. The week was inaugurated with a large parade in which all of the labor organizations of the city participated. The program for the balance of the week includes many prominent men as special attractions. The principal demonstration will be made on Friday, when Major General Miles will be the guest of the city. All of the military and many civic organizations will turn out in force to welcome and entertain him.

Meting to Meet McWayne.

DENVER, Colo., June 28.—Kid McCoy gave a sparring exhibition at the Taber opera house last night, and it was announced from the stage that Fite-sommons had agreed to meet McCoy on September 28.

McWayne Arrives at the Frolic.

WICHITA, June 28.—Mrs. Edna St. Vincent, the well known novelist, is quite ill at her residence in West Wichita. Her weakness is due mainly to the infirmities of age, she being now in her 80th year.

AFTER BROTHER'S SLAYER.

J. W. Gates Will Assist in Prosecuting Jester.

WICHITA, Kan., June 28.—J. W. Gates, president of the American Steel and Wire company, passed through here last night for Tecumseh, Okla., making a race against time.

Mr. Gates is the brother of the young man who was killed twenty-eight years ago by Alexander Jester near Warrensburg, Mo.

Jester is now under arrest at Shawnee, where he has been living under the name of W. A. Hill. He was arrested for Gates' murder on information given by a jealous sister to prevent his marriage last Sunday.

Mr. Gates has all the documentary evidence with him that was collected by his father twenty-eight years ago, when Jester was first accused of murdering young Gates. Mr. Gates stated that a special train would be taken from Oklahoma City to Tecumseh, the county seat of Pottawatomie county, the place where habeas corpus proceedings had been instituted in behalf of Jester by his attorneys. Prominent attorneys in Oklahoma and Missouri have been telegraphed to by Mr. Gates to meet him in Tecumseh and Mexico, Mo., where Jester will be finally taken for trial. Mr. Gates made the statement that he would not spare money or time to prosecute the man who he believes murdered his brother and did away with his remains.

Sheriff Simmons telegraphs that he is awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Nelson of Missouri, with the requisition papers.

A SENATOR ACCUSED.

Charged With Forgery an Indorsement of His Attitude.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 28.—Alf Burkholder, a newspaper man, has created a sensation in political and army circles in South Dakota by charging that a United States Senator forged a letter in support of the Senator's hostility to expansion and theward politicians. The letter purported to have been written by an officer of the First regiment, South Dakota volunteers, whose name was withheld through fear that the writer would be court-martialed.

The letter reflected on practically every feature of the conduct of the war in the Philippines, hinted at an investigation and at dreadful exposures, declared that sick volunteers were compelled to leave the hospitals and take their places on the firing line; and, in fact, described the conditions in the American ranks as being little better than in the convict camps of Siberia.

MILLION-DOLLAR STATUE.

Colorado to Send an Up-to-Date Girl to Paris Gold Exposition.

DENVER, Colo., June 28.—The Colorado Paris exposition commission has made a contract with F. D. Bigbee, representative of one of the largest statue casting firms in the country, for a solid gold statue for exhibition at the Paris exposition.

The design represents an "up-to-date" girl, the figure, of life size, being cast in solid gold, 18 karats fine, the cast with its base being six feet four inches in height. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 worth of gold will be used.

The pedestal is to be of copper and pure silver, standing five feet eight inches high, three feet square at the top and six feet four inches at the base.

Upon four panels, in bas relief, it is intended to show representative Colorado scenes.

Senator Jones Approves.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 28.—Ex-Governor William J. Stone has received a letter from Senator Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic national committee, dated at London, in which the senator gives his most hearty approval to the proposition for a July meeting of the national committee. Senator Jones says that his health has improved wonderfully, and that he expects to return home about the first of September.

Mr. Burrows' View of It.

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, June 28.—Senator Burrows of Michigan is visiting here. In an interview he declared that his colleague, Senator McMillan, would be a candidate to succeed him and would be re-elected next year. Concerning Secretary Alger's alliance with Governor Pingree, Senator Burrows said he thought the secretary had destroyed what chance he might have had to go to the Senate by making such an alliance.

Boy Killed in a Mill.

UNIONVILLE, Mo., June 28.—A 15-year-old boy named Will Howland, who was playing with a loose belt at the Crumpacker mill near this city, became entangled and was killed. His body was wrapped once and a half around the shaft and horribly crushed.

Colored Recruits to Manu.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Fifty colored recruits, enlisted in the Southern states, passed through Chicago on the way to San Francisco, with orders to sail for the Philippines July 8.

Mrs. Brown: "Bridget, have you turned the gas on in the hall, as I told you?"

Bridget: "Yes, mam. Can't you smell it?"—Jewish Comment, Baltimore.

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A CITIZEN'S LAMENT.

HIS BOYISH DREAMS HAVE RECEIVED AN AWFUL SHOCK.