

# NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

## STATISTICS OF LABOR BUREAU

Crop Acreage in Nebraska Shows a Material Increase — Hastings Husband Fatally Shot — A Man Found in the Company of His Wife.

### What Crop Report Shows.

LINCOLN—Statistics received at the labor bureau on crop acreage show a material increase on winter wheat and corn and a decrease in spring wheat and only a slight increase in oats. According to these statistics the total corn acreage this year is 6,767,048 acres, an increase over last year of 294,561 acres. The total acreage of winter wheat will be 1,847,726, an increase of 104,870 acres over last year. The spring wheat acreage this year will be 298,182, a decrease of 51,833 acres from last year. The oat acreage this year will be 2,423,730, an increase of 3,106 acres.

The total increase in all the counties over last year in the corn acreage amounted to 499,059, but there was a total decrease in enough other counties to make a decrease of 194,498 acres, leaving the net increase of corn acreage of 294,561 acres.

The total increase in the acreage of winter wheat is 192,224 acres, while the decreases are 87,354 acres, leaving a net increase of 104,870 acres in winter wheat.

The total increase in spring wheat amounted to 41,490 acres, but the total decrease amounted to 93,133 acres, leaving a net decrease of 51,643 acres.

The total increase in the oat crop amounted to 90,509 acres, while the total decrease amounted to 87,403, leaving a net increase of 3,106 acres over last year.

### A Transgressor Fatally Shot.

HASTINGS—Raging with jealousy when he found his wife alone in his home with Walter R. McCulla, Barney Pearson shot and probably fatally wounded McCulla. Suspecting that things were not right, Pearson called on Rev. Mr. Lemkau, pastor of the First Evangelical church, before going home from work and asked the minister to accompany him to his house.

When Rev. Mr. Lemkau and Pearson reached the latter's home, Pearson stated that he would watch the north of the house. Peering through a window Pearson saw his wife and McCulla alone in the room.

Securing a shotgun from some hiding place outside the house, Pearson fired through the window. McCulla fell to the floor with the charge of shot in his right side and abdomen, but staggered from the house and walked two blocks up the street, where he fell fainting to the ground. His wounds are thought to be fatal.

### Preachers Would Join Navy.

WASHINGTON—Some time ago a widely published paper stated that the navy department was in want of chaplains and that a number of ships and stations were without spiritual advisers. This has resulted in the department being flooded with letters and applications for situations. Some of these have come from ministers who are earnest in their solicitation for the positions and other applications are somewhat freakish in their suggestions. Quite a brisk correspondence has resulted.

### Stranger is Killed at Valley.

VALLEY—A stranger in the town, who had been looking for work at painting, was killed by train No. 11. He was slightly intoxicated and while talking to a number of railroad workmen slipped on the track as the train approached. He was not conscious from the time he was struck and died in a few minutes.

### Live Stock at the Fair.

The live stock department at the state fair this year is already assuming vast proportions. It has been necessary for the management to build three more permanent swine pens, which increases the capacity so that about 1,500 head can now be exhibited, and there have been requests for 250 additional pens filed with the management.

### Will Contest State Law.

PLATTSBROUGH—Dr. A. P. Barnes, whose appeal from the decision of the state veterinary board was overruled by that body, has decided to contest the state law which requires that all old veterinary practitioners must pass an examination of 70 per cent. He has employed the services of an attorney and will appeal the case to the courts.

### Committee to Meet Bryan.

Mayor Brown of Lincoln, accompanied by a party of democrats, will go to New York to greet William J. Bryan. They probably will leave Lincoln August 24. A number of prominent Nebraskans will be in the party.

### Backle Wants Pardon.

William F. Backle of Beatrice, sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for statutory assault, wants a pardon and with the girl in the case, who has become his wife, appealed to the governor. Backle is now out under bonds pending his appeal to the supreme court. The governor has taken the matter under advisement, but intimated the defendant would have to secure his relief through the court channels. Backle was married to the girl two days after his conviction in the lower court.

### Disappearance of Children.

FREMONT—The reports of the superintendent of public instruction of this county for the last six years show a great falling off in children of school age. The number in 1900 was 8,274, in 1903 7,686, and for 1906 7,463. There is no question but what the population of the county as a whole has increased during the last six years, and Superintendent Matzen is confident of the correctness of his figures for the current year. The number of male teachers and salaries paid them has also fallen off.

## OVER THE STATE.

T. M. Weirich of Omaha was drowned in Lake Manawa last week. John Hall broke jail at Dakota City. He was sentenced for theft.

C. V. Stortz is in jail at Beatrice awaiting trial on charge of robbery. The funeral of E. C. Smith, who died in Panama, took place at Columbus.

Frank Otto's winter wheat at Bloomfield runs twenty-eight bushels to the acre. The sixth annual session of the David City Chautauqua was a great success.

Omaha & Nebraska Central Inter-urban railway promoters are at work in Polk county.

Lewis Lesure of Papillion has been placed in charge of the estate of John Quinne, declared incompetent.

Two boys named Routh and Quackenbush disappeared from their homes in Beatrice and at last reports had not been apprehended.

Carrie I. McMurray has filed a claim for \$25,000 against the city of North Platte for injuries received in a fall upon a defective sidewalk April 23.

The first money under the inheritance tax law was received by County Treasurer Morison of Sarpy county. It was from the John Hahn estate. The amount was \$154.

Dr. B. F. Bailey has been appointed by Governor Mickey as a successor to Dr. W. F. Johnson of Pawnee City as a member of the state penitentiary medical board. His term of office will begin August 1.

Ernest, the 10-year-old son of James Matthews at Bingham, sustained a serious injury. While driving a gentle team he dropped one of the lines, and when he picked it up from the ground one of the horses kicked him in the face, the imprint of the hoof surrounding the eye.

J. W. Daly, aged about 40 years, was killed almost instantly while working on an elevator at Swift's in South Omaha. Daly was at work on the top of the elevator, when he became caught in some manner and his body crushed. He was taken to the city hospital and died a few minutes later.

A. H. Davis, former county attorney of Lincoln county, who moved to Grand Junction, Colo., about two years ago, was recently married at that place to Miss Anna Pope Hart. Two years ago Mr. Davis secured a divorce from his wife in a sensational case which was litigated in North Platte.

Bert Downing, an attaché of a disreputable resort in the northeastern limits of Grand Island, was shot in the arm in a fracas with the landlady of the house, Alice Gordon. The police were called to the scene for aid, but the various parties connected with the escapade now insist that it was an accident.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Sarpy Mutual Telephone association, which will have its principal place of business at Richfield. Capital stock will be issued to the amount of \$25,000. The incorporators are Thomas Hamilton, L. C. Overton and Herman Lieneman.

The M. & M. Mining company of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The officers of the company are A. H. Merchant, president; C. F. Redington, vice president; W. F. Morphy, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock amounts to \$5,000, each share having a par value of \$1.

Burglars attempted an entrance into the office rooms of Drs. Miller & Mayer, dentists, at Grand Island. In the same building entrance was gained to the offices of Drs. Davis & Farnsworth, but so far the doctors are missing nothing, though the open safe was ransacked. It is believed that the men were after dentists' tools and gold.

The first threshing machine accident in Seward county occurred last week. Will Schlecky, while helping with the threshing machine, in some manner fell into the self-feed. He caught hold of the board with his left hand and his position being noticed by the men the machine was stopped. It was found that his arm was badly crushed and cut.

Plans for securing funds for the Corn Growers' convention were considered at a meeting of Lincoln business men. The committee in charge of the convention which will be held about the middle of December need \$1,000 for expenses. About \$750 has been contributed so far by business men in order to secure the great meeting for Lincoln.

Edgar Stevens, who lives a couple of miles southeast of Table Rock near Bridge No. 113 on the Burlington line to Kansas City, found a rifle United States mail pouch, which had been slit open and robbed of its contents. This mail sack had been missing since June 22 and was a pouch which had been left at Table Rock from train No. 41 from the south, which passes at 11 p. m., to transfer to train No. 13, which comes from the same direction at 2:20 a. m., but passes west on the Denver line.

The Burlington authorities have declared Ashland to be a division point on the line, and Ashland division time table No. 1 has been issued. This is the first time table covering regular service between Ashland and Sioux City and the north.

On the Perry Walker farm in Cass county Frank Jean and W. T. Smith threshed 12,000 bushels of oats by weight in four hours, or at an average of five bushels per minute. The oats are turning out from 30 to 40 bushels per acre. The wheat is also a large yield.

Bonds amounting to \$10,000, issued by the city of Fairbury for the purpose of constructing a sewer were registered by Bond Clerk Lawrence of the state auditor's office. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest and are due in twenty years.

The barn and granary belonging to N. A. Reynolds of Knox county was totally destroyed by fire. A team and harness belonging to George Le Branch was consumed in the flames, together with a large amount of grain kept for storage. Loss on team and harness, \$340; insurance, \$200.

## WHEN WILL IT BURST?



## ROADS MUST SHOW BOOKS

MINNESOTA COMMISSION ISSUES SWEEPING ORDER.

Earnings of Roads to Be Investigated — Charges by Attorney for Shippers.

St. Paul, Minn.—The state railroad and warehouse commission Thursday entered an order compelling the railroads whose officials have given testimony in the merchandise rate hearing, which has been in progress during the present year and which was lately resumed, to produce at the office of the commission all records on which their statistics have been based.

This order is the most sweeping one of the kind ever made by the commission, and if the commission is inclined to enforce it, in detail, it would mean the bringing of the record of all railroads doing business in Minnesota to the state capital.

Attorney Severance, representing the railroads, said to Commissioner Staples: "Why, if this order is enforced it would mean the removal of the offices of all the railroads to the state capital." Mr. Staples replied by saying it would not do that if the railroads would permit the examination of the records in their own offices.

This order of the commission is the result of a request made by Attorney Manahan, representing the shippers of Hastings, Minn., made at the hearing Wednesday, after the auditor of the Northern Pacific railroad had given a lot of statistics showing how the earnings of railroads had decreased in Minnesota while they had increased in Iowa and Illinois. Mr. Manahan claimed that the statistics did not show actual facts.

The order of the commission is directed at the Great Northern railroad, but may be made applicable to any road on request of the shippers' attorney.

The hearing was replete with somewhat sensational features, the climax being reached when James Manahan, attorney for the Minnesota Shippers' association, attacked the character of the law firm of the attorney presoon for the railroads.

## NEED WORKMEN IN NORTHWEST

Labor Situation in Minnesota Causes Worry Among the Farmers.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A bumper crop in the northwest and no men to harvest it.

The farm labor situation in Minnesota today is the worst in the history of the state.

Fifteen thousand men are needed in Minnesota, Iowa and the two Dakotas and about a thousand are available. The wages offered by the farmers range from \$1.75 to \$3 a day and board, but the jobs go begging.

A thousand men are needed in Minneapolis at as high wages as are paid in the country, but the available men refuse to work.

## Slayer Captured.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Tony Bartello was caught near Elm Dale Thursday. Bartello stabbed to death "Bud" Stone at Lowell, Mich. Stone was a conductor and Bartello head of a gang of laborers.

## French General Near Death.

Paris.—Gen. Brugere, former commander-in-chief of the French army, is in a dangerous condition as the result of an operation for appendicitis. There is little hope of the general's recovery.

## Cuban Post for Missouriian.

Oyster Bay, L. I.—President Roosevelt Wednesday appointed Fred Moris, a former secretary of the American legation at Havana, Cuba. Mr. Dearing is now private secretary to Senator Quesada.

## Coinage During July.

Washington.—The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows that during July the coinage executed at the mints of the United States amounted to \$6,303,164, as follows: Gold, \$6,175,000; silver, \$128,164.

## FORMER MAYOR IS SENTENCED

Embezzling Executive of Paterson, N. J., Given Prison Sentence.

Paterson, N. J.—William H. Belcher, who while mayor of this city, absconded a year ago, and who surrendered himself on Monday last, was sentenced Friday to 12 years' imprisonment in the state prison at Trenton on a charge of embezzlement. Belcher disappeared from this city about a year ago while he was mayor. He was alleged to have embezzled from \$100,000 to \$150,000 from personal friends and from the Manchester Building and Loan association, which was forced to suspend business. No trace of the missing man was discovered by the authorities until he appeared at the county jail Monday night and voluntarily surrendered. He had only \$17 in his possession, and declared that he had suffered great hardships during his absence. He said that he had traveled about the country until his funds were exhausted. He found himself penniless in St. Paul after losing the last remaining \$200, and then secured work digging ditches for \$1.25 a day. His health broke down and he was compelled to seek other employment and resume his wanderings. He finally found himself in New York, ill and without funds. After giving himself up he expressed regret and said he was prepared to suffer the consequences of his embezzlement.

The courtroom in which Belcher was sentenced was crowded with his former friends and political associates, some of whom had suffered by his embezzlements. There was no taking of evidence. Six indictments, each alleging embezzlement, were read and counsel for Belcher entered a plea to the court for clemency and declared that Belcher's surrender and failure to contest the case were mitigating circumstances.

Justice Scott in his review of the said that Belcher's peculations had left some of his victims penniless, and that he saw no reason for exercising clemency. Sentence was then imposed.

## HOLDS WULFF FEES ILLEGAL.

Ex-State Treasurer Loses Suit Heard in Springfield, Ill.

Springfield, Ill.—The state of Illinois Thursday secured judgment against former State Treasurer Henry Wulff and Floyd W. Whittemore, his bondsman, for \$6,532.00 before Judge Creighton in the Sangamon circuit court. The judgment was excepted to by the defendants and an appeal was taken to the state supreme court.

The suit was filed by the state of Illinois to recover fees held by former State Treasurer Wulff, prohibited by a special act of the legislature. These fees were collected for the registration of county, township and municipal bonds. It is probable that the case will be heard at the December term of the supreme court, as the attorneys may not agree to a hearing at the October term.

## Collier May Be SAVED.

Washington.—A report was received at the navy department Friday from Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, that there were some chances of saving the collier Nero, aground on Block Island.

## Lithographers Quit Work.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Seventy-five lithographers employed in four printing houses in Minneapolis walked out Friday on a strike in response to the general strike order issued from the national headquarters.

## Taggart to Wed Castilian.

Wooster, O.—Information purporting to come from an army officer has it that Capt. Elmore F. Taggart, divorcee fame, is soon to wed a Spanish senora of great wealth and beauty, whom he met in Manila.

## To Probe Alleged Lumber Trust.

San Francisco.—United States District Attorney Robert T. Devlin has begun an investigation of the alleged combination of lumber dealers, and if he finds that the facts warrant prosecution, will take action.

## TO REVIEW WARSHIPS

PRESIDENT TO WITNESS NAVAL PARADE OFF OYSTER BAY.

## NEW CRAFT IN THE LINE.

Atlantic Fleet, Reinforced by Armored Cruisers for Asiatic Waters, and Torpedo Boats to Participate.

New York.—The largest fleet of battleships, armored cruisers and torpedo craft ever assembled under the American flag will pass in review before President Roosevelt in the waters off Oyster Bay, September 3. In addition to all the battleships in the Atlantic fleet, under Rear Admiral Evans, four of the new ships, all of them larger and more powerful than any in Admiral Evans' fleet, will be in line. The four armored cruisers now being made ready for the Asiatic service will be reinforced by the cruisers Washington and Tennessee. The Tennessee was put in commission last week. The Washington will be commissioned this week.

The navy department has been at work for weeks perfecting the plans for the review. Admiral Evans will be in command, his flag flying from the Maine. As it passes in review the Maine will be followed by the Missouri, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Indiana and Iowa in the order named. The last four ships comprise the second squadron of the battleship division of the Atlantic fleet.

Louisiana May Head Division. The order in which the four new battleships will pass in review has not been announced. It is probable that this division will be headed by the Louisiana, which will be followed by the Rhode Island, Virginia and New Jersey. These four ships are the finest in offensive and defensive strength ever commissioned for the United States navy. Their appearance at Oyster Bay will be the beginning of their services as ships of the fighting line.

All of the armored cruisers, with the exception of the Brooklyn and the New York, now in Asiatic waters, probably will participate. The four sister ships, the West Virginia, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Maryland, which are under orders to proceed to Asiatic waters to relieve the Ohio and Wisconsin, will make their last appearance in home waters for several years to come. Immediately after the review these ships, with Rear Admiral Brownson in command, will start for the far east.

To Review Torpedo Vessels. The torpedo vessels that will be reviewed by the President are those in the second and third flotillas of the Atlantic fleet, the former under command of Lieutenant Commander Edwin A. Anderson and the second commanded by Lieut. Willis McDowell. The vessels are the Hopkins, Lawrence, Macdonough, Whipple, Truxton and Worden, comprising the second flotilla, and the Wilkes, Blakesley, De Long, Rodgers and Stockton, which make up the third flotilla.

The president probably will review the ships from the deck of the dispatch boat Dolphin. With him will be Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, Assistant Secretary Newberry, and probably other officers of the navy, including Admiral Dewey.

## MICHIGAN INDORSES W. J. BRYAN

Democrats Favor Nebraskan for President and Nominate State Ticket.

Detroit, Mich.—Indorsement of William J. Bryan for president in 1908, the defeat of a resolution calling upon the national Democratic committee to investigate the charges made against Chairman Thomas E. Taggart and demand his resignation if they were proven, and the nomination of Charles H. Kimmerle, of Caspott, for governor over Stanley E. Parkhill, of Owosso, the only other candidate, after a spirited ballot were the features of the Democratic state convention held here Thursday.

## Safety Appliance Suits.

Washington.—Attorney General Moody, in accordance with the policy heretofore determined on, has directed further prosecutions of a number of railroads for violations of the federal safety appliance acts. The United States attorneys for the various districts wherein the violations were committed will be directed to file and vigorously prosecute suits for the recovery of the statutory penalty.

## Final Bigelow Dividend.

Milwaukee.—The final account of the trustee of the bankrupt estate of Frank G. Bigelow, the defunct bank president, who is now serving a sentence in Fort Leavenworth, was filed Wednesday. The trustee says that there is sufficient money on hand to pay a final dividend of 11.22 per cent on approved claims, aggregating \$3,242,255.

## Two Lieutenants Resign.

Washington.—The resignation of Second Lieut. Clarence A. Eustaphie, Twenty-third infantry, has been accepted for the good of the service. The resignation of Lieut. Albert S. Odell, Eleventh cavalry, has been accepted.

## Capt. Merriman Dead.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Capt. O. C. Merriman, former referee in bankruptcy in the United States court, and one of the best-known citizens of Minneapolis, is dead at his home in this city. He was 72 years old.

## Loses Appointing Power.

San Francisco.—President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford university, will no longer appoint and dismiss professors. The change was brought through the passage of a resolution by the board of trustees.

## Father and Son Killed.

Superior, Wis.—Teles Labres and his 13-year-old son were killed by an engine near Saunders Thursday. They stepped from one track to get out of the way of a passenger train and were struck from behind.

## CUMMINS IS RENOMINATED

IOWA REPUBLICANS PICK PRESIDENT GOVERNOR TO LEAD.

May Succeed Senator Allison—Platform Favoring Revision of the Tariff is Adopted.

Des Moines, Ia.—Albert B. Cummins has been renominated for governor by the Republican state convention upon a platform which firmly opposes corporate influence in public affairs, upholding the theory of protection and favoring revision of tariff schedules to keep in harmony with the commercial conditions of the country and favoring a wide primary law looking to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Warren Garst, for whom Cummins has held out from the first, was nominated for lieutenant-governor, and the remainder of the ticket nominated was as follows:

Secretary of state, W. C. Hayward. Auditor of state, B. F. Carroll. Treasurer of state, W. W. Morrow. Attorney general, H. W. Byers. Supreme judges, E. McLean, John C. Sherwin. Superintendent of public instruction, John F. Riggs. Clerk of supreme court, John C. Crockett. Reporter of court, W. W. Cornwall. Railroad commissioners, W. L. Eaton, David J. Palmer.

Gov. Cummins practically had everything his own way, dictating the platform and routing completely the hosts of George D. Perkins, his opponent, and relegating Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, to the rear, at least temporarily. In fact, Shaw's name was hissed by a factional set during the proceedings of the convention. Cummins' friends now are urging his name as a presidential possibility. All party machinery is now in control of Cummins, and there is a strong probability that he will succeed Senator Allison in 1908.

The vote on the governorship stood 933 for Cummins, 603 for Perkins and 104 for Rathbun. Gov. Cummins addressed the delegates, and said that it was economic ideas and not his personality that won him a renomination.

## WILL INVESTIGATE DIETZ CASE

Gen. Davidson Will Act with Caution Regarding Sending of Troops.

Madison, Wis.—Gov. Davidson will appoint a commission to investigate the Dietz situation at Cameron dam.

For the present, at least, there is no intention on the part of the executive to send troops to capture Dietz. Whether troops will be sent later will depend on the report of the investigating commission.

Several posses have attempted to serve Dietz with legal papers in a civil process within the past two years, but each time failed.

Raddison, Wis.—After crawling on hands and knees for a great distance through the forest, Duyo Roglich, of Milwaukee, wounded in three places by Clarence Dietz, reached the home stead of Charles Johnson, and was later carried into Winters, where he secured medical attention. Slight hope is entertained for his recovery. He had been terribly exposed when he reached the Johnson place, and his wounds had become filled with dirt.

## HEARST TO BE THE CANDIDATE

Independent League to Nominate Full State Ticket in New York.

New York.—William R. Hearst has decided to run for governor as an independent candidate. The state committee of the independent league, a Hearst organization, met yesterday at the Gilsey house and decided the league shall hold a state convention in this city Sept. 11 to nominate Hearst for governor and put a full state and judiciary ticket in the field.

It was announced that the league will seek no affiliation with the regular democratic party—that it will go ahead as an independent movement. If the democrats see fit to indorse Hearst and the league ticket, well and good, but no favors will be sought from the heads of the democratic machine.

## Ice Dealers Defeated.

Toledo, O.—Judge Babcock, in common pleas court, Friday handed down his decision in the ice cases, sustaining Judge Kinkade in every particular and exonerating him of having made any promise or suggestion of leniency as claimed by the attorneys for the ice trust. The judge declared the contentions of the attorneys for the trust to be ridiculous and should never have been brought into court.

## Rear Admiral Dead.

Chefoo.—Rear Admiral Charles J. Train, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, died at 16 minutes past nine Saturday morning of uremia.

## Fatal Fire in Texas.

Houston, Tex.—W. I. Fletcher was instantly killed, Lee Brooks, a negro, received fatal burns and the entire building was gutted as a result of an explosion in the wholesale liquor house of Joppet & Co.

## Fatal Explosion in Mine.

Scranton, Pa.—Jere Wilson was killed and Charles Parrish fatally injured in the North End Coal colliery. They had prepared a blast and started to retreat. They ran into a blast in an adjoining chamber.

## Manchuria Door Open.

London.—In the house of commons Foreign Secretary Grey announced there were no longer any restrictions on foreign trade in Manchuria. Two British consuls will shortly be appointed to Manchuria.

## Well-Known Physician Dead.

San Salvador.—Emilio Alvarez, a discoverer of the Rhinoscleroma (a disease of the nose) bacillus, died here. He was well-known as a physician both in Paris and here. He will be given an official funeral.

## SHIP IS WRECKED

THE ITALIAN SIRIO SINKS NEAR CAPE PALAS.

## THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Victims Are Mostly Italians and Spaniards Bound for South America — Fishermen Along the Coast Successful in Saving Many Lives.

CARTAGENA, Spain—A terrible marine disaster occurred Saturday evening off Cape Palos. The Italian steamship Sirio from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadiz, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Hormigas island.

Three hundred immigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned. The captain of the steamer committed suicide. The Bishop of San Pedro, Brazil, also was lost and it is reported that another bishop is among the missing.

The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore. A number of fishermen were made attempts at rescue were drowned. Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

The Sirio struck a rocky reef, known as Bajos Hormigas, and sank soon after, stern first. Hormigas island lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos. The Sirio was owned by the Navigazione Italiane of Genoa.

Before he committed suicide the captain declared the steamer had 645 passengers on board and that the crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 570 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The steamer was threading a difficult passage through the Hormigas reef in a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to strike rapidly immediately after it struck and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board. The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power and sent out boats which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Sirio are among the saved.

## PAPA ISIO IS AGAIN ACTIVE.

Religious Fanatic of Negros Refuses to Stay Dead in Philippines.

WASHINGTON—Papa Isio, the bandit and religious fanatic who caused so much trouble in Occidental Negros, is the latest claimant for posthumous existence. Reports have reached Washington that the much feared insurrecto is still alive and has twelve followers who are assisting him in preparing for further revolutionary movements. Army officers do not credit rumors of Papa Isio's activity and say he was unquestionably killed.

At the time of the famous bandit's death his head was reported to have been put in brine for identification.

## Grave Trouble in Morocco.

LONDON—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Tangier says that highly sensational reports are being received there, causing the utmost excitement. Daily, almost hourly, comes information from the interior of the rapid spread of a violent anti-French agitation. The rebels are concentrating their military contingents around Markesh (Morocco City), the southern capital, and there is no doubt that a formidable coalition of semi-independent vassals has been formed. They are clamoring for a holy war.