

Condensed News of the Week

Reports from Tangier say that the bandits who have in charge Perdicaris and Varley have threatened to kill the wives of their captives. American battleships have been sent to straighten out the affair and a special courier has been sent to the sultan to apprise him of the disposition of United States in the matter.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Cheyenne, Wyo., May 31, says: W. H. Reade, paleontologist of the University of Wyoming, reports the discovery in Carbon county of the fossil remains of a brontosaurus which is the largest ever unearthed.

King Edward received in audience last week the alka of Abeokuta (upper Guinea). The British government has made a contract to purchase all his cotton for three years. The alka wore a striking robe of canary colored silk, over which was flung a mantle of canary plush, a pale blue cap decorated with lizards and high, yellow boots.

The entire family of Guisepepe Obraco of New York was poisoned by eating canned peas. Two of them are dead and the others are seriously ill.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Paris, May 30, says: The ministry of war has caused the arrest of an officer who is understood to have been connected with the Dreyfus affair. The officer, who is held in close confinement in the fortress of Mount Valerian, is said to be charged with using considerable sums of money during the court martial at Rennes in order to secure the conviction of Dreyfus. All official information concerning the case is withheld.

Quite a number of men have been mentioned as worthy to succeed Senator Quay, the more prominent being George B. Elkin and William Flynn; but Joseph T. Sibley, the present congressman from Venango county, up to the present time, is the only avowed candidate.

J. Gabanska, a young Russian, was arrested in Chicago after trying to kill a man named Frank Adams. Gabanska asserted that he had been instructed by a society to which he belongs to "kill five fat and prosperous looking men." A paper found in his pocket contained the names of Carter Harrison and Alderman Honore; but he would not admit that he had any intention of assassinating these men. It is thought that he is demented; but the police are inclined to believe his story.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Montreal, June 1, says: Bread riots are imminent here unless the thousands of Italians who have flocked in from Europe, New York, Boston and other large cities of the United States can be fed at once. There are at least 600 without money, food or shelter. Others have shelter, but no food. The Italian Charitable society has made its last distributions and there is no funds available for the further relief. The police are preparing for trouble.

Reports from Washington say that the steamship Denver is to start out in search of the "Lost Island of the Pacific." This island is supposed to be between Honolulu and California Bay. It appears on old Spanish maps; but it is supposed to be in an unfrequented part of the Pacific off the line of travel.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of New York, June 1, says: Statistics compiled by an insurance journal here show that the American people are taking out life policies at the rate of \$8,000,000 a day. In the past year all the companies combined have paid out claims amounting to \$258,350,000. The aggregate payment to beneficiaries, including annuities, etc., was \$346,463,700. There are now in force in this city alone policies aggregating two and one-quarter billions of dollars.

The anti-Hearst element controlled the Michigan democratic convention which met at Detroit, June 1. There are several district delegates who favor Mr. Hearst; but the Michigan delegation was instructed to vote as a unit. The Associated press report says: The first test of strength was on the report from the committee on credentials. By a vote of 527 to 250, a minority report of the committee seating the contesting Hearst delegation from Manistee, the only county from which there

was a contesting delegation, was tabled. Following this victory, Daniel J. Campau was re-elected national committeeman from Michigan, and of the four delegates-at-large chosen not one was a member of the Hearst element. The Hearst members of the committee on resolutions dissented from the platform prepared by the majority and prepared a minority report, but, after the majority report had been read, failed to present their platform. The following elected delegates-at-large to the national convention: Daniel J. Campau of Detroit, Thomas E. Barworth of Jackson, John Power of Escanaba and George D. Jackson of Bay City. The alternates are: Judge James Phelan of Detroit, C. W. Hendricks of Cass, Hiram Hoyt of Muskegon and George W. Waedek of Saginaw. The convention ratified the selection of twenty-four delegates to the national convention made at the district caucuses in the morning. The resolutions adopted by the convention were unusually brief. Opening with an expression of confidence in the national convention, they refer all questions of national politics to that body.

Commissioner Richards of the general land office has been designated by the secretary of the interior to superintend the opening of the various Indian reservations provided for by the last session of congress, beginning with the Chippewa, opening in Minnesota, June 15, including the Red Lake, Rosebud and Devil's Lake reservations.

The Pennsylvania lines west from Pittsburg are reducing operating expenses to correspond with the present gross earnings of the system. It was announced that 1,100 men have been dismissed from the Panhandle and its various divisions, and others are to be let out as quickly as their service become unnecessary.

The wage question was discussed from British and American view points at the joint meeting of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers of Great Britain and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at Chicago. Six hundred delegates were present.

The United States supreme court has ordered a new seal for the court for the first time since 1790. The old seal was the size of a silver dollar. The new seal will be two and one-quarter inches in diameter.

Grover Cleveland has written a letter declining the invitation to speak in Mexico on July 4.

The supreme court of the United States in an opinion by Justice White upheld the constitutionality of the oleomargarine law.

The United States consul at Aden has cabled the state department that the plague which has prevailed at that port is over.

Oxford university, England, has decided to confer the degree of doctor of letters on William Dean Howells, the American author.

Rear Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson will be retired. He entered the navy from Massachusetts in 1859 and served through the civil war. He has been commandant of the Boston navy yard since October, 1901.

The Worcester (Mass.) Spy, one of the oldest newspapers in the country, has suspended publication on account of financial troubles. The Spy was founded in 1770, the first issue appearing in Boston. Soon afterwards it was driven from the city on account of its utterance in favor of independence and its publisher located in Worcester.

The currency question in Panama has nearly been settled on the following basis: The gold standard will be adopted and the Colombian silver now in use will be exchanged at 110 per cent. To prevent fluctuations in the values of the new silver coins the government will guarantee their face value by making a deposit of gold to their full value.

Sir Henry Irving, at a reception given in his honor by the Manchester (England) Art club, definitely announced that he would retire from the stage in 1906.

In California the total area irrigated is 1,703,720 acres. The figures show that in the num-

ber of irrigated farms and the total construction cost of irrigation systems California holds first rank.

The city council of Cleveland, O., passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to use, give away or sell a toy pistol or blank cartridge in that city on the Fourth of July.

The state central committee of the people's party of Illinois met in Springfield and elected thirty-six delegates to the national convention, which will meet in Springfield July 4. The delegation is headed by Joseph Hopps, chairman of the state central committee.

Henry C. Frick denies that he is a candidate for United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. S. Quay.

George J. Gould denies that he is a candidate for congress from New Jersey.

In the sale of the Princess Mathilde's jewels at Paris, a pearl necklace, formerly the property of Queen Sophie of Holland, brought \$171,000. It is said the buyer represented the German empress.

The jury of the Salon des Artists Francais at Paris has awarded the medal to the American artist, Seymour Thomas, for his portrait of Henry Vignaud, secretary of the United States embassy.

The United States supreme court adjourned finally until next October.

Judge Purnell, in the United States court at Raleigh, N. C., fined Joseph Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, \$2,000, and refused an appeal, on the charge of contempt of court in the editorials which the News and Observer published last Sunday.

Nineteen soldiers in troop K, Eighth cavalry, at Fort Riley, Kas., rebelled on account of an inspection that was ordered for 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They went to Junction City, where all but seven of them were captured later by a detail from the fort, assisted by the police.

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