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WASHINGTON NEWS

The democratic national congressional committee will be reorganized April 9th. Representative Lloyd of Missouri, asked to be relieved as chairman of the committee.

Comte Raoul de Saint Phalle, chancellor of the French embassy, died after an illness of two months. He has been connected with the embassy for eighteen years, was fifty-eight years old and unmarried.

The war department has issued an order forbidding the practice of the "third degree" in the examination of enlisted men suspected of military offenses and a recent circular prohibiting officers from asking incriminating questions of prisoners under examination has called forth serious objections. Officers insist the order is calculated to injure the service by depriving the examining authorities of opportunity to learn the truth. The department, however, adheres to the principle of relieving a man from the obligation to incriminate himself, though it has modified the original circular by striking out the statement that "a falsehood told in answer to such questions will not be made the subject of trial."

A telegram to the Pittsburgh Dispatch says: Reports that charlatans in various sections of the country claiming to have some of Dr. F. F. Friedmann's tuberculosis vaccine culture had mulcted victims of the disease, were called to the attention of the public health service. Dr. Friedmann, in New York, declared that no one in this country had received any of his culture bacilli except the government health officials, and Surgeon General Blue declared that absolutely none of this had been distributed.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, issued the following storm statement: "No official report of the storm at Omaha has been received, owing to the failure of telegraphic service in that region. Undoubtedly the great loss of life at Omaha was occasioned

by one of a series of violent local storms or tornadoes over that region in connection with a general storm area of low barometer that was central over Colorado.

"Conditions were so threatening that this office regarded it necessary to cause warning of shifting gales over the plains states and the upper Mississippi valley.

"A tornado is a violent, revolving local storm of small diameter and great intensity, not often being more than a few hundred yards in diameter, or traveling a straightway path of more than fifty miles in length. The winds, however, in such whirls have been estimated to exceed 200 miles an hour.

"The general storm that caused these violent disturbances is now over the great lakes and moving down the St. Lawrence valley.

"The following are the most destructive storms of this class of which there is a record:

"St. Louis storm of May 27, 1896, when more than 400 lives were lost and property to the value of more than \$12,000,000 was destroyed.

"March 27, 1890, at Louisville, when 113 persons were killed and property to the value of \$2,500,000 was destroyed.

"May 7, 1840, in Adams county, Mississippi, when 317 lives were lost, and again in the same county in June, 1842, when 500 lives were lost.

"The storm at Galveston, Sept. 8, 1900, when 9,000 lives were lost, was not of this class—it was a West Indian hurricane."

The democrats have now six votes to spare in the United States senate.

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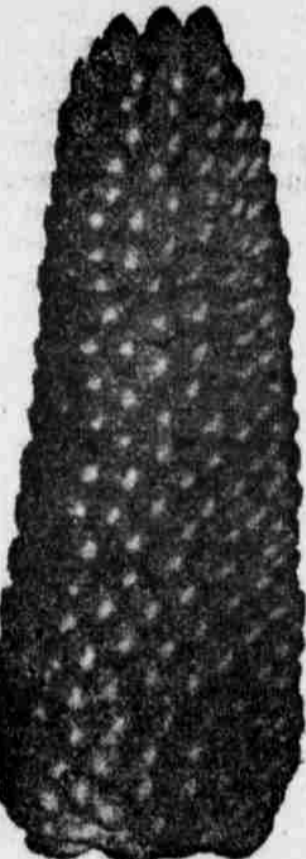
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