

ON EUROPEAN ARMIES

GENERAL MILES GIVES HIS OBSERVATIONS

Russia Making Great Progress—Germany's Soldiers the Best Drilled and Showiest—America Must Make Preparations—U. S. Troops.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—General Nelson A. Miles, Mrs. Miles and aide de camp, Captain Maus, sailed for the United States on the American line steamer St. Louis today, having been in Europe since May on a tour of military observation.

In an interview before he sailed, General Miles said: "When I left Washington the war between Turkey and Greece had assumed such proportions that it looked as though the neighboring provinces would be drawn into it, and possibly one or two of the great powers of Europe."

EUROPE A GREAT ARMED CAMP.

"I have seen all the great armies of Europe except the Spanish army and if Spain should declare war against the United States I may possibly have an opportunity of seeing that."

"What I have seen does not indicate that the millennium is at hand, when 'words will be beaten into ploughshares.' There never was another time in the history of the world when such energy, ingenuity and wealth have been devoted to war purposes."

AMERICA MUST BE IN TRIM.

"Fortunate are the people of the United States that they are walled in by two great oceans, yet this fact would not warrant them in any other policy than keeping a reasonable percentage of the population fully equipped and instructed in modern appliances and methods of war."

"It so happened that important events occurring in Europe this year have contributed to my opportunity for observation, giving me chances to see the best of the armies of all the great powers. The celebration of Queen Victoria's sixty years of reign brought together 50,000 of her army and 38,000 men of her navy."

POWER OF THIS COUNTRY.

To the question as to whether the United States, under its present military policy, would be able to cope with a European power, General Miles replied: "In any population, it is estimated, one man out of five is capable of bearing arms."

"It is another thing to equip an army with modern appliances for the defense of a coast where we would have to use high power guns and modern projectiles, which it takes years to construct, while small arms are not to be made in a few days or even weeks."

Strike Riot in Poland.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 4.—At Dambrowa, Poland, 4,000 iron workers went out on a strike and stoned the soldiers sent to quell the disturbance.

Removed for Insubordination.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Assistant Postmaster General Heath to-day directed Postmaster Gordon to remove Charles W. Carr, superintendent of Station O of the Chicago postoffice, for general insubordination and incompetency.

BAD TIMES IN DAWSON.

Over One Hundred Prospectors Return—Stores Have No Supplies.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4.—The steamer Farrallone, which arrived this morning from Stagnay, Alaska, brought 110 returning prospectors, among the number being Louis Lang, who left Dawson City, August 26. He said: "When I left Dawson the stores had stopped selling supplies and restaurants had closed because they could get nothing to cook. I believe that provisions will be scarce, although many of the miners are leaving."

Another passenger upon the Farrallone was Henry Bratnaber, the mining expert, who is confidential man for the London Exploration company, which is controlled by the Rothschilds. He has been over the Yukon diggings, going in and returning over the Dalton trail.

THE UNION PACIFIC SALE.

All the Arrangements Completed—Only One Bid to be Made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Ex-Governor Hoadley, counsel for the United States in the matter of the Union Pacific foreclosure sale, spent several hours to-day in conference with Attorney General McKenna, arranging the details of the sale, November 1, and the subsequent transfer of the government's interest in the property to the highest bidder.

So far as can be learned the reorganization committee will be the only bidder at the sale and in all probability the transfer will be consummated by the payment of the purchase price by December 1 or very soon thereafter. Treasury officials recognize the fact that the withdrawal from circulation of \$45,000,000 in cash at one time might have a very serious effect on the money market, and in consequence are devising a plan by which the force of the shock may be reduced to the minimum.

FOUR GIRLS DROWNED.

A Man Captured the Boat by Kicking It "for Fun."

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 4.—Two young men, Robert and John Wright, brothers, and four girls, Belle Key, Lizzie Smith, Mary Swearingen and Ella Phillips, were crossing the Buttabatchie river near Hamilton, Marion county, on their way home from a "candy pulling," when one of the men rocked the skiff "for fun," causing it to capsize. The men saved themselves, but the women were drowned. The bodies have been recovered.

STAFFELBACKS SENT UP.

George Sentenced for Life and the Old Woman for Twenty-One Years.

COLUMBUS, Kan., Oct. 4.—Judge Skidmore sentenced two of the Staffelbacks, George and his mother, for the Galena butcheries. George was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and then to be hanged, which in Kansas means imprisonment for life, and the old woman was given twenty-one years.

A Negro Ticket in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 4.—The Negro Protective party, by petition, to-day was placed on the Ohio ballot sheet. This makes five state tickets, with the gold Democrats to come.

California's Wine Promise Great.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—The vintage of California this year promises to reach 20,000,000 gallons, or 25 per cent more than last season. About one-half of the grape crop has already been converted into wine. The growers are now receiving an advance of from \$1 to \$10 a ton for their grapes.

A Boy and \$10,000 Missing.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—A messenger boy employed by Douglas & Jones is missing with a check for \$10,000 and \$300 in money which he had in his possession.

BIG NEBRASKA DAY

AT THE NASHVILLE EXPOSITION.

Governor Holcomb and Staff Will Represent the State—Will Make the Trip in a Chartered Car—Col. Cody Will Place Mounts at the Governor's Disposal.

Governor Holcomb and his staff started Wednesday to participate in Nebraska day exercises at the Nashville exposition. Friday is Nebraska day and appropriate exercises will be held. W. J. Bryan will join the governor's party at Nashville and will deliver an address. The governor and his staff left Lincoln at 2:30 p. m. in a chartered car over the Missouri Pacific.

Silver Democrats Protest.

James C. Dahliman, chairman of the silver democratic state central committee, has filed a protest with Secretary of State Porter against the national democratic party. The protest is based on the claim that "national democracy" is a violation of the law because it is a part of the democratic party name, and for the further reason that there was no national democratic party represented on the ballot last year and the law governing organization of more parties was not followed this year.

Shickley Creamery Burned.

The creamery at Shickley burned to the ground between 8 and 9 o'clock Monday morning. There was no insurance. Sparks from a hole in the smoke stack near the roof is supposed to have been the cause. It will be a great loss to the farmers in that vicinity and to the business men of Shickley. The creamery was owned by a stock company, but was being run under the management of the Ideal Creamery of Hebron.

Succeeds Judge Doane.

Dr. A. H. Hipple of Omaha has been appointed by Governor Holcomb to fill a vacancy in the board of trustees, which has auditing powers over the institute for the blind and the institute for the deaf and dumb. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Judge Doane of Omaha, who did not agree with the governor's action in removing Prof. Gillespie from the institute for deaf and dumb. Dr. Hipple is a democrat.

Business Man Badly Injured.

Henry Gass, a furniture dealer and undertaker at Columbus, met with a painful and distressing accident Monday. His team, attached to a light delivery wagon, became frightened and started to run, and Mr. Gass, in attempting to get out, had his clothing caught in some manner and was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining a compound fracture of the left leg below the knee, the bones being badly shattered.

State Board Enjoined.

In the suit brought by the Nebraska Telephone company against the board of transportation enjoining the board from lowering the rates for telephone service, the board filed a demurrer to the petition stating that the petition does not state facts sufficient to show that the plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and that it also fails to state facts sufficient for a cause of action.

Working Haver Among Hogs.

Some strange disease is working havoc among hogs on Looking Glass creek in Platte county. Opinion is divided as to whether it is the old time hog cholera or not, but whatever it may be over 1,500 hogs have died within the past forty days. Remedies that have heretofore checked cholera to some extent have proven of but little value in these cases.

Boy Shoots Himself.

John Stewart, jr., the fifteen-year-old son of J. M. Stewart, the populist candidate for sheriff in Holt county, accidentally shot himself this morning through the calf of the leg while handling a thirty-two caliber revolver. The ball made a serious wound about eight or ten inches in length.

Diphtheria Causes School Closing.

There are three cases of diphtheria in the family of Richard Ives, living northwest of Columbus, and school in that district has been closed. There was quite a siege of this malady in this same district a year ago. It is believed that with proper precaution a contagion can be prevented.

Accidentally Shoots Himself.

Herbert Viets, the sixteen-year-old son of W. A. Viets, a prominent farmer living six miles northwest of Humboldt, accidentally shot himself in the thigh last Friday with an old revolver. He had loaded it to shoot some stray dogs that were bothering there and put it in his pocket and started to the field with his father. In climbing into the wagon it struck against the box and was discharged. The boy was brought to town and a physician extracted the ball, which was about three inches deep in the fleshy part of the thigh.

VALOR OF PIKE RECALLED

Notable Historical Event Celebrated by Nebraska and Kansas.

An event of great historical interest was celebrated eighteen miles southeast of Superior on Wednesday, September 29. It was the second flag-raising in honor of the planting of the American flag by Col. Zebulon Pike, and marked the passing of Spanish sovereignty ninety-one years ago.

The celebration last Wednesday was held in as nearly as could be located the exact spot where the grand council took place between Col. Pike and Chief Carcater of the Pawnees, in which the chief was made to choose between the American and Spanish flag. It was here that the Pawnees chose the site to protect themselves from their enemies, it lies on a bluff three miles east and one mile north of White Rock village, and is one of the most prominent of the bluffs. The breastworks are still well defined, as are the rings where the wigwags once stood. In the center of each ring is the fire pan. Many relics are found, although those lying immediately on the surface have been carried away.

The exercises of the day were exceedingly appropriate. The flag was raised by Miss Adams, a daughter of Judge Adams of Topeka. Col. C. E. Adams, past department commander of Nebraska, who is much interested in this matter of history, delivered the address, followed by Professor Cowgill of the Kansas state university with a full historical account, maps, etc. Mrs. George Johnson of the vicinity of White Rock has been indefatigable in bringing this before the public and at the next session of the Kansas legislature an organized effort will be made to have this converted into a national park.

FIVE DEATHS FROM POISON

Distressing Story of Accident or Crime From Colfax County.

Word comes from Shell Creek precinct in Colfax county of the death of Mrs. Davis and four children by poisoning. Another child is in a dying condition and the seventh victim is quite ill.

The family drank coffee at the breakfast table and were all taken sick except one boy, who did not partake of the beverage. Strychnine had been placed in the coffee. The father and the oldest son left the house before the family had eaten the morning meal. One of the children, after drinking a portion of a cup of coffee, became sick and vomited, and while the balance of the children drank their coffee, they claimed it did not taste good. Whether the mother placed the poison in the beverage and thus became the murderer of her little ones and herself is not definitely known, but from remarks made to the little ones at the commencement of the meal it is believed that she did.

Asks Governor to Hang.

Governor Holcomb has been invited by George W. Morgan, whose execution for the murder of little Ida Gaskell is to occur next Friday at Omaha, to attend Morgan's hanging. This invitation was sent to the governor by Morgan through Sheriff McDonald, but it is doubted if the latter worthy ever delivered it. The invitation was brought about by Sheriff McDonald's visit to Lincoln Wednesday. Morgan knew that the sheriff was going to see if the execution could not be stayed, as the sheriff had no particular love for the job, and Morgan requested the sheriff to ask Governor Holcomb, if no extension of time or commutation is granted "to come and see me hung."

BREVITIES.

Lincoln is taking steps for a creamery and condensing factory.

Grand Islanders are figuring on purchasing a park for public use.

Douglas county bimetalists, after a very hard struggle, finally fused on the offices.

Thirteen pickpockets were arrested at Tecumseh during the Bryan meeting there Saturday.

J. T. Welch, a merchant of Jackson, was the other day arrested on complaint of W. T. Johnson for assault.

Tramps broke open the tool house of the B. & M. railroad at Sutton recently but nothing of value was taken as they were frightened away by someone.

Mrs. Bartley, wife of ex-State Treasurer Bartley, has been in poor health for some time and recently her condition became worse. She has been completely prostrated for several days.

Four companies of regular army infantrymen marched into Lincoln Saturday and pitched camp in the Etreat park. These companies, A, F, D and H, comprise the second battalion of the Twenty-second infantry. They are commanded by Capt. Benjamin C. Lockwood, Twenty-second infantry. The battalion started from Ft. Crook on a practice march which will take them as far south as Cortland.

A Peanut Trust.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—A peanut pool has been formed in Virginia, and the variety of nuts known as "Spanish shelled" has been cornered. The new crop now being picked is reported to be quite inferior on account of the long drouth of the summer.

Freight Trains Collide.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 5.—In a freight collision on the Nickel Plate railroad at Willoughby, Ohio, Engineer Charles Brown of Bellevue was killed and seven cars loaded with grain and stock were demolished.

WOMENS' CONFERENCE

STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE CONVENTION IN LINCOLN

First Held in Ten Years—Held an All Day Session the Second as Well as the First Day—Reports Read and Officers Elected—Other State News.

The state woman's suffrage convention, the first held in ten years, met in session Friday and Saturday in the Universalist church at Lincoln. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Clara B. Colby, Beatrice; vice president, Miss Annette E. Brackett, Lincoln; recording secretary, Miss Edith Abbott, Grand Island; corresponding secretary, Miss Helen M. Goff, Lincoln; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Smith-Hayward, Chadron. At the evening session, Mrs. Colby read a letter from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who is now eighty-three years of age. Mrs. Stanton is president of the national suffrage association. She was referred to by Mrs. Colby as "our grand old woman."

Mrs. Ida C. Hazlett of Colorado was introduced. She said she was raised in Illinois, had lived in Iowa and was now a resident of Colorado. She desired to bring words of encouragement to the suffragists of Nebraska. She did not want to see them become discouraged. They would win the fight in the end and she wanted them to be of strong heart.

Representative Sheldon of Dawes said he thought it would be well for the convention to send some word of recognition of efforts in behalf of woman suffrage to Representative Smith of Richardson county. He was a hearty supporter of the movement and ought to receive some thanks. He thought the rest of the members understood that the hearts of the ladies was in the right place and did not need any demonstration.

A motion was passed instructing the secretary to send Mr. Smith a cordial letter of thanks for his efforts in their behalf. The other supporters of the amendment were remembered also and will receive the thanks of the convention some of these days. Strong resolutions were passed appealing for woman suffrage.

SWEEP BY FLAMES.

Drouth Results in Prairie Fires in Nebraska and Dakota Counties.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 4.—Disastrous prairie fires are raging in Nebraska and South Dakota, as a result of the protracted drouth. From Rapid City, Chamberlain, Huron, Howard and other points in South Dakota come reports of the flames sweeping over whole counties, destroying whole crops in their path. From Dakota City, Chadron and other towns in Nebraska large prairie fires are reported to be sweeping over the state. Many of the districts are isolated, and it is feared that lives have been lost. Much stock has perished.

Beatrice Corn Carnival.

C. M. Rigg of Beatrice was in the city of Lincoln lately in the interests of the Beatrice corn carnival, which the business men of Beatrice have decided to hold on October 28. Mr. Rigg came to Lincoln to engage another band. He says the carnival will be the big end of the century event for this part of the state and cautions everybody that they better not miss it. The carnival will occupy only a single day, but Mr. Rigg promises that that day will be a hummer. The plan is to have a floral parade in the afternoon and a pyrotechnic display at night. The business houses will decorate with corn and everybody will follow suit. The carnival will be conducted on the same plan as those at Atchison and Topeka.

The Home Commended.

The legislative investigating committee received a report yesterday from Mrs. Myra E. Olmstead who was employed to investigate accounts of the Milford home for penitent women. The accountant not only did not report a shortage but on the contrary commended the work of ladies who have had charge of the institution since its organization. The only discrepancy was the payment of a voucher twice. A voucher for \$110.75 issued in March, 1891, was paid twice, and this is accounted for by an error or mistake. A duplicate of each voucher is always made out, and in this case the original and duplicate became separated and were both paid by mistake. The voucher covered the engineer's salary and other salary claims.

Mrs. J. A. Patterson, widow of J. A. Patterson, who died from the effects of poison near Raymond recently, was at the court house in Lincoln the other day to request the appointment of her son-in-law, G. W. Garloch of Omaha as administrator of her husband's estate. Mrs. Patterson is an aged lady, short in stature and very feeble. She could scarcely walk without support. In the petition for the appointment of Mr. Garloch the estate is valued at \$2,100, of which the real estate is figured at \$1,600 and the personal property at \$500.

A strange woman has been visiting the court house and state house in Lincoln of late, telling a story which is unintelligible to the clerks whom she addresses. She appears to be expecting money from somewhere, but she will not tell her name or her story so that anything can be learned as to her identity.

The gold democrats last Friday filed certificate of the nominations made recently in Omaha. James C. Dahliman, chairman of the silver democratic state central committee will protest on the ground that "national democrat" is an infringement on the rights of the party he represents, which is known as the democratic party. He will further claim that there has been no "national democratic" party in this state heretofore and that the "national democratic" party must therefore be considered a new party, but that the convention did not contain the 200 delegates necessary to organize a new party.

RIZE IRRIGATION PAPERS

Two Kansas Men Secure Honors—Essays are too Many.

LIXCOLN, Neb., Sept. 30.—Last spring E. R. Moses, chairman of the executive committee of the national irrigation congress, offered for the best paper on irrigation \$100, for the next best \$75 and for the third \$50. The competition was open to farmers, irrigators or persons interested in irrigation, and, in fact to nearly all who were competent to write upon this subject. A number of topics were suggested, but the competition was not limited to these. The conditions were that the papers should be based as far as possible upon the experiences and observations of the writers and should contain new facts of general value. The length of the papers was specified not to be less than 10,000 words, or over 20,000, and each discussion would be accompanied by suitable illustrations, photographs, maps or drawings.

As a result of this offer, which was widely printed, there was sent to Mr. Moses a number of manuscripts and these in turn were submitted to experts for examination. On the whole the results were somewhat disappointing, both as regards the scope and character of the material. As was anticipated, theoretical papers, bordering even on "crankiness" were in the majority. But there were a few well written, clear discussions; some of them of considerable value. Others discussed would be greatly improved by the authors at a second trial.

After comparison of the marks of the committee, the first award was made to J. F. Lawson of Hutchinson, Kan., for the paper entitled "An Irrigation Experiment in the Sub-humid Region;" the second to W. M. Bristol of East Highlands, Cal., for a paper on "Irrigation in the Orchard;" the third to Judge J. S. Emery of Lawrence, Kan., for a discussion of "Our Overflow Waters."

The feature of the proceedings of the irrigation congress yesterday was the appeal of E. R. Moses of Great Bend for the passage of the so-called land commission bill.

A short session of the state irrigation convention preceded the regular meeting of the national congress in the state university chapel this morning. The committee on credentials made a report, after which the following officers were elected by acclamation: President, ex-Senator Joseph M. Carey of Cheyenne, Wyo.; vice presidents S. A. Cochran of South Dakota, L. W. Shurtliffe of Ogden, Utah, and S. M. Knox of Princeton, Ill.; secretary, Thomas E. Frost of Minneapolis, Minn.; reading clerk, Colonel H. D. Maxson of Reno, Nev.; file clerk, P. C. Erickson of Nebraska; press reporter, R. J. Coiver of Los Angeles, Cal. The selection of treasurer will be left to the executive committee.

F. H. Newell of the United States geological survey read a paper on the "Progress of Irrigation."

MORGAN'S SMALL CHANCE

No One to Intercede With the Governor in His Behalf.

It has been claimed all along that an effort would be made to intercede for executive clemency in the case of Geo. W. Morgan, condemned to be executed October 8 for the murder of little Ida Gaskell and that Morgan placed great reliance in his conviction that the governor would take favorable action because the evidence against him was entirely circumstantial. It develops now, however, that no one will intercede with the governor for him.

Morgan had expected that Rev. Father Peters, his spiritual advisor, Chief Gallagher, John A. Creighton and others would visit the governor Wednesday and present a plea for clemency, but Father Pannounced that he has been unable to secure the aid of the gentlemen named and others whom he had expected, and that he will be unable to go himself.

The sheriff of Douglas county visited Lincoln to consult with the governor as to the possibility of a reprieve or commutation. If he receives no intimation that is likely to be a delay, he will at once prepare for the execution.

Morgan is said to be passing his time in comparative peace and comfort. He reads a great deal, preparing himself spiritually for his prospective summons before his Maker. Mass will be said for him next Saturday morning, and he will receive confirmation at the hands of the bishop at the same time. He sleeps well and preserves a good appetite.

Pleads Guilty to Theft.

Temp Finley of Dakota City, who spent several days in the county jail the fore part of this year, charged with intent to kill, is again in limbo, he having plead guilty to stealing some sweet potatoes from A. C. Austin of Walker's Island, on the night of August 27, for which crime Judge Ryan gave him eight days in the county jail.

L. W. Felter of Central City, a brakeman on the Union Pacific, was killed by the cars in the switch yard there Tuesday morning. He came in with the "Portland special," which stopped for water. It is not known how the accident happened, but it is supposed that it was pulling out he slipped under the wheels.

Kick Breaks His Jaw.

Henry Miller, son of T. H. Miller, president of the Crete State bank, was the victim of a very severe accident Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. The accident occurred on the Miller farm, about four miles west of town. Several horses had become loose in the barn, and Henry undertook to catch them, when one kicked him full on the point of the jaw, breaking that member in two places, knocking the lower teeth out and splintering the bone badly. The physician in attendance says it will be quite a while before the young man will be able to talk or eat.