

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

CONDENSATION OF IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS.

Short and Pithy Paragraphs Which Tell of What Has Happened or Will Happen in Our Commonwealth—The News Briefly Summarized.

Thursday, August 10.
 Extreme hot weather prevails over the state.

Earl Gordon, aged twelve, was thrown from a horse and killed near Gordon, August 9.

Alga Arpus a prominent stockman of Boyd county, was drowned while bathing near Butte.

Mrs. W. L. Lee, of Salt Lake City, died from the effects of some fatal drug in Lincoln the 10th inst.

Sam Pope, who was shot at Fremont, August 8, by Edward Jerome exhibits great vitality and may recover.

Mrs. Reading's four-year-old boy was bitten by a rattlesnake seven miles from Broken Bow, and died from the effects.

The Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company of Plattsmouth has incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000.

H. C. Freeman, secretary of the Nebraska City Building and Loan association, was going down cellar when the steps broke and he fell to the bottom, receiving several bad bruises.

Acting Chancellor Bessy and Financial Secretary Dales of the state university are endeavoring to secure photographs of all former university students who lost their lives in the late war.

At Blair, the bondsmen of ex-Off. Inspector Hilton settled his shortage with the state, paying nearly \$7,850. There were three bondsmen, W. C. Walton, John McKeen and R. Blaco, including attorneys fees the whole business has cost the bondsmen over \$9,000.

Chicken thieves have raided Sutton. Mrs. Pendergast, a poor widow, was relieved of a fine flock of birds. Michael Tessier, three miles southwest of town, was also relieved of a fine flock, as were John Vender and Tom Donahue. Farmers have raised a purse of \$50 to catch the culprits.

Sunday, August 13.
 Special government agent W. D. Hunter left for Winnebago, August 8, to investigate the grass hopper plague.

A discussion of the fire at the Mercer Chemical building at Omaha caused twelve young ladies in the overall factory next door to faint at their work.

James Bloodworth and Grace Cooper, two young people of Arapahoe, shot themselves on the school house steps. Disappointed love is supposed to be the cause.

Certificates held by Nebraska agents of the Fort Wayne, Ind., fire insurance company will be recalled because the company has failed to pay legitimate losses in this state.

Attorney General Smyth has given an opinion regarding the school bond act limiting the rate of interest on school bonds to 6 per cent. Some believed the act of little force because it did not contain a clause repealing the old law, but the attorney general says the act repealed the old law by application and is valid.

Monday, August 14.
 A man was taken from the Rock Island train at Beatrice yesterday who is apparently demented. It is thought he is C. P. Norton of Carleton, Neb.

Sam Pope, who was the victim of the shooting affray at Fremont last week, is improving in spite of his terrible wounds, and the doctors think he will recover.

Charlie Shaw, the twelve-year-old son of James C. Shaw of Tekamah, was kicked in the eye by a colt and did not recover consciousness for twenty-four hours.

Joseph Hochstein, a wealthy and highly respected German farmer, accidentally fell from his wagon going home from Bow Valley and died from injuries received.

Fire destroyed the big fertilizing plant of the Swift packing company at South Omaha, causing a loss of perhaps \$15,000. Spontaneous combustion is presumably the cause.

Governor Poynter refused to receive the senate investigating committee's report and it was sent back to Senator Prout, who declined to take it and it is now in the hands of Postmaster Bushnell of Lincoln.

Ray Sherman of Tecumseh was seriously and several other men slightly injured by the explosion of a traction engine boiler of a threshing outfit near Virginia. Several horses were killed.

Attorney General Smyth has filed papers in the Douglas county district court, invoking the anti-trust law of 1897 to compel the Standard Oil company to cease doing business in Nebraska.

Grading is being commenced on the foundation work for Armour's big nine story warehouse at South Omaha.

Wm. C. Myers, a German, aged 25, was drowned while swimming in a pond at Kunz's park south of Elmwood.

Fred A. Young, a telegraph operator of Lincoln, was drowned today while swimming in Salt creek near the penitentiary.

Mrs. W. L. Lee, who committed suicide at Hastings, has been buried. The authorities were unable to obtain any clue to her identity.

Governor Poynter has issued a proclamation designating Monday, September 4, as Labor day.

Tuesday, August 15.
 The Sidney Loan and Building association has filed articles of incorporation.

Theodore Atwood of Humboldt he came over heated and chased his wife and hired man from the house with a shotgun.

Detective Malone surprised a man pilfering from the warehouse of J. I. Case, Lincoln. He proved to be a fellow named Charles Sill, an employe of the J. I. Case company.

Conrad Kammerzell, a Russian, was smothered to death under a clay bank at a brick yard near Hastings. The old man was working alone and no one knows just when the accident occurred.

After diligent search all day yesterday the body of Fred Young, the operator drowned on the 13th in the creek west of the penitentiary, was not found. His young wife of two months is prostrated with grief over the loss.

Emmett Williams, a fifteen-year-old runaway boy who was picked up on the streets of Lincoln Sunday night, and who said his home was at Colorado Springs, was released yesterday by the police. The police have spent a great deal of money in notifying parents in other cities of their runaway sons, and as their answer is usually "let him go," they have concluded that it is about time to stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whealen of Milford passed through Lincoln yesterday enroute to Marshalltown, Ia., to visit friends of Mr. Whealen. Mr. Whealen is about thirty-five years of age and his wife is about fifty-five. They are taking their wedding trip after a wedding which occurred Sunday at Milford following a courtship of scarcely a week at Lincoln on the Epworth assembly grounds.

The discharge of Second Lieutenant DeWitt C. Amerine of company L, Norfolk, was ordered yesterday by the adjutant general. Mr. Amerine failed to pass the examination prescribed for officers of the national guard and his discharge followed. First Lieutenant Carl H. Pilger of the same company has resigned because he was compelled to move to Deadwood, S. D. The adjutant general has ordered the company to fill these vacancies at the next regular meeting.

Wednesday, August 16.
 The game laws have been printed by the secretary of state for distribution. The edition was compiled by A. E. Sheldon, clerk of the printing board.

Attorney General Smyth expects to commence a suit within a few days to recover the amount due the state from the Lincoln Coopers company on a contract for convict labor.

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During a high wind a son of O. F. Coates of Dodge was badly hurt. He was driving a hay rack, when the wind blew it over and he was caught underneath. His leg was fractured.

The Sidney Loan and Building association has filed articles of incorporation and received a charter from the state banking board. The association is incorporated by A. Pease and others.

Nebraska railroads are still wrestling with the problem of how to keep thieves from robbing them of the brass fittings of cars and engines. Thieves can realize ten cents per pound for the brass and the inducement is too great for them to resist.

Senator Hayward of Nebraska City was stricken with apoplexy at Brownville yesterday just as he was about to deliver an address at a Modern Woodman picnic. At midnight his condition was unchanged, and his physician is hopeful, but will make no prediction.

Burglars entered the fur store of Gustave Shukert at Omaha and carried away \$8,000 worth of furs. The robbery was not discovered by Mr. Shukert, so he says, until he unlocked the vault of his store. Mr. Shukert says the goods stolen were garments which had been stored in his vault by Omaha women. The thieves over looked fur worth \$20,000.

In a rain and hail storm that passed over Gresham and vicinity hailstones about as large as walnuts fell for fifteen minutes. North side windows were riddled, store fronts broken, including heavy plate glass. Reports from the country are conflicting, but all agree that corn in the hail belt, which was about five miles wide, is badly damaged.

A meeting of the state military board will be called within a few days to consider the matter of holding an encampment of the Second regiment, Nebraska national guard. The military board is now composed of Adjutant General Barry, Judge Advocate General William Neville and Colonel A. E. Campbell of the Second regiment. It is believed that the regiment will be ordered to hold an encampment at Lincoln. The board will consider the matter and report findings to the governor, who will determine the matter.

Matthews Brought Back.
 McPHEKSON, Kan., Aug. 16.—Royal Matthews, president of the defunct First National bank, was brought in from Liberty county, Texas, last evening by Sheriff Seltz on a bench warrant charging him with receiving deposits in the bank after it was in a failing condition.

Only Eighty More Need Needed.
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—There have been enlisted for the ten regiments for the Philippines 13,010 men, leaving but eighty more to make the regiments complete.

WIDE WORLD NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF VITAL INTEREST.

A Brief Summary of Events in Which People are Deeply Interested—Short Sentences Conveying a World of Information to Our Readers.

Thursday, August 10.
 Plans are being matured for the erection of a mammoth glass plant at Peoria, Ill.

A Big Consolidated car at Cleveland was wrecked by strikers, dynamite being used.

The San Domingo government is being deserted by its troops who are going over to the rebels.

The Mexican government declares it is able to cope successfully with the uprising of Yaqui Indians.

Nathan Korman, a New York Commission merchant has been arrested charged with wife murder.

Near Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Ecklinger shot and killed her husband and three-year-old daughter and then committed suicide.

Parliament was yesterday prorogued by the queen. In her speech Queen Victoria deals with the troubles in the Transvaal.

The charge of cowardice is made against Captain Burton of Company B, 51st Iowa. He was very unpopular with his men.

An association has been formed at Peoria, Ill., for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Ingersoll at his old home.

The Ottawa express on the Canadian & Atlantic road was wrecked near Ottawa, Canada and seven persons were killed. A number were injured, but not seriously.

Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain says England will not turn back in the Transvaal, but will press her point. More troops are to be sent for the defense of Natal.

At River Front Park, Denver, George Bond was perhaps fatally wounded and Goldie McConkey was killed by some person not known. Jealousy is believed to be back of the shooting.

At Shelbyville, Ill., Jockey Lacey was killed during a race. He rode his horse into two others in front and all three were thrown into a heap, Lacey's horse crushing the life out of him. Jockey Williamson's arm was broken and Jockey DuCase's collar bone was broken.

Friday, August 11.
 Dr. Laponi, the pope's physician, declares Leo's health is good.

Five negro children were burned to death on McKowan's plantation, near Jackson, La. The parents locked them in their house and went to church.

A terrible flood has swept over the suburb of War Chow, where 1,850 houses were destroyed and thousands of poor people rendered homeless.

The Denver smelters' union has voted to continue the strike until the smelting companies shall agree to pay the wages awarded by the state board of arbitration.

Mexican troops have had several engagements with the rebellious Yaqui Indians, defeating them each time. It is declared that the Yaqui's now in the field are commanded by two old commanders of the Mexican army.

A hurricane swept over the south portion of the island of Porto Rico, doing a great amount of damage. It is reported that 200 lives were lost, but the report was not verified. The town of Ponce was swept by the storm and badly wrecked.

Gus McKemie, a prominent cotton merchant of Gainesville, Tex., provoked a row with a waiter in the Barker hotel at Manitow and was killed. The trouble arose over the fact that the head waiter, George Groves had remonstrated with Mrs. McKemie for insisting on entering the dining room before it was ready. Mr. McKemie later declared Groves had used insulting language to his wife and demanded an apology, which the waiter refused to make, denying he had so talked to Mrs. McKemie.

Saturday August 12.
 A Cotton duck goods trust is being formed.

Another Big Consolidated street car at Cleveland was yesterday smashed to smithereens by dynamite. No one was injured.

Voters of San Domingo hope to make Gomez their president. He is very popular with the people of the black republic.

A destructive hail storm in Northrup Minnesota and North Dakota destroyed 100,000 acres, or nearly 3,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Spain has started an inquiry to discover the responsibility for the lack of means of defense which necessitated the capitulation of Santiago. Generals Toral and Pareja were acquitted of blame.

Today's dispatches tell of the following lynchings: Mann Singleton of Grant Parish, La., for assaulting Mrs. Boyett; Will Chambers at Bell Buckle, Tenn., for assaulting the 14-year-old daughter of Wm Watson; Bill Wilson at Fort Gibson, Miss., for attempted criminal assault; and Will McClure at Clem, Ga., for attempted assault on Mrs. George Moore. All parties lynched were colored.

Sunday, August 13.
 A fire at Farragut, Iowa, destroyed most of the west side portion, entailing a loss of \$20,000.

The brickmakers strike at Chicago has reached the critical stage, and from assertions made by the manufacturers in answer to the demands of the strikers, it is believed that a general tie-up of business operations in Chicago and a strike of 50,000 craftsmen is imminent.

The Cambria Steel works of Johnstown, Pa., has reduced the wages of its men from 70 to 80 per cent, which is perhaps the biggest reduction ever made. Straighteners, who have been getting \$15 or \$16 a day are cut to \$3. Holdups, who were averaging \$6 and \$7 were cut to \$1.50. A general strike is looked for.

The insurrection in San Domingo is fairly on and is gaining ground.

The estimated fatalities in the district of Ponce, Porto Rico, now reach 3,000 lives. The property loss is also very great.

Fire destroyed a number of the buildings of the Cleveland, O., Stone company's plant, entailing a loss of over \$100,000.

The clash in the Transvaal between England and the Boers cannot be long delayed. The showdown must come, and it now looks certain that a declaration of war will be made.

M. Paul Deroulede, suspected of being the chief promoter of a plot against the French government, has been arrested. A number of anti-semites and patriotic leaguers were also arrested. More arrests are to follow.

A stirring scene closed Saturday's session of the Dreyfus trial at Rennes. General Mercier had spoken nearly four hours in ruthless denunciation of Dreyfus, concluding by saying that if he had not been convinced that Dreyfus was guilty he would not hesitate to admit he had been mistaken. The prisoner jumped to his feet and shouted in a trumpet voice: "That is what you ought to say." The crowd in the court room cheered the words and hissed and derided Mercier.

Monday, August 14.
 Lisbon, Portugal, experienced an earthquake shock.

The strike of Colorado smelters has ended and the men will return to work.

Two men ambushed M. Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, and shot him in the back. His wounds are likely to prove fatal.

Policeman A. P. Rawlings and Chas. A. Daniels fought a duel at close range on the streets of Dallas, Tex., and both are dead. Rawlings was under the influence of liquor and called Daniels a very bad name.

The French republic is on a volcano, and affairs are rapidly moving to a climax. The civil and military forces are getting worked up to pitch that may easily lead to a revolution. Wholesale arrests of anti-semites have been made.

The famous old Methodist church at Evanston, Ill., in which Francis E. Willard read his essays as a girl graduate, and in which Abraham Lincoln once spoke is to pass the rest of his days in ignoble service as a saloon. The Methodists are endeavoring to regain possession of the building.

At Denver, Col., two police officers were shot and killed by a recruit belonging to company L, Thirty-fourth volunteer infantry. The soldier was in a saloon raising a disturbance and when the officers attempted to arrest him he resisted. He fled, and has not yet been apprehended.

In a recent suit for slander several witnesses defamed Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, who resides near Dearborn, Mo. She became incensed and started out with a revolver to exterminate all who did so. She fatally shot Mrs. Hamiba Collier and started for another witness when she was arrested. She declares that if she is not hanged she will kill the rest of them yet.

Tuesday, August 15.
 Street car men of Cleveland say the strike has only just fairly begun. The boycott is still in force.

In a fit of jealous rage Thomas Houghan of Chicago shot his wife and then sent a bullet into his own brain. Both died instantly.

The burghers (farmers) of the Transvaal propose, in the event of war with England, to arm to a man in defense of the colony against invasion.

Twenty-one business houses of the village of Berea, fourteen miles southwest of Cleveland, O., were destroyed by fire. The loss will amount to about \$100,000, with no insurance.

Through the efforts of Mayor Jones of Toledo the Brotherhood company was incorporated at Columbus, O., for the purpose of placing in operation the greatest co-operative scheme ever attempted in the country. The brotherhood proposes to distribute stock over the country in small amounts, and the plan includes a great amount of educational work. Co-operative cities and farming communities are to be established where practicable.

The attempted assassination of M. Labori, leading counsel for Captain Dreyfus, has stirred France to a worse passion than before. Fanatics have entered the fray, and opposing factions are lining up for the clash which now seems inevitable. M. Labori's wound is not so dangerous as at first thought, but he will have a fight for his life. His inability to defend Dreyfus at this critical time will serve to injure the prisoner's chances, and is very depressing.

Wednesday, August 16.
 The anti-Gaelic sentiment in Kentucky has gained force. Its strength surprises both sides.

Fire at Westchester, N. Y., destroyed St. Peter's Episcopal church and most of its contents. Loss, \$200,000.

The condition of M. Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, is improving. He was able to be moved to better quarters, and may sufficiently recover to take part in the trial.

Hudson City, Tex., is a unique town! It has a population of 400, all negroes, and has just been incorporated. City officials composed wholly of negroes will be selected.

The yacht Columbia earned a clear title to defend the America's cup by defeating the defender yesterday in a twenty mile race, winning by eight minutes and fifty-two seconds.

Franklin Hasler, and two young women, Hilda and Gerrie Fleischman of Harrisburg, with whom he was driving, were killed by the Lebanon Valley express near Wernersville, Pa.

The government forces of Santo Domingo commanded by General Escobedo have defeated the insurgents. The rout was almost a massacre. The list of wounded on both sides is enormous. The engagement is considered by the government as decisively ending the civil war.

A London dispatch says that Lilly Langtry was married July 27, at the island of Jersey to Hugo Gerald de Bathe, eldest son of Sir Henry Percival de Bathe, bart., a retired general and Crimean veteran. The affair has just become known. The groom is 38, Mrs. Langtry 39.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Timely Mention of the Doings of the National Congress, Departmental and Executive Official Actions, and Movements of Army and Navy.

Thursday, August 10.
 The president contemplates attending the national convention of the union veterans union at Des Moines, Ia.

Secretary Elihu Root, of the war department, returned to Washington last night from his visit to New York and Lake Champlain, where he has been in conference with the president.

The yellow fever situation at the soldiers' home at Hampton remains unchanged. No new cases and no deaths is the report sent out again. The quarantine remains in force at all the neighboring towns.

Most of the volunteers at San Francisco are wearing their khakis and so can be distinguished from the regulars who wear the full blue uniforms. The Frisco people scarcely pay any attention to soldiers wearing blue uniforms as these are mostly recruits, while the khaki suit introduces a soldier immediately as having been to the Philippines.

The director of the census has written letters to all the recently appointed supervisors in the state of Nebraska asking them to send to him a plan for the subdivision of their respective districts into enumerators' districts. These will be carefully compared with the records of the last census, and when it is found that there is an unequal division based on the estimated population there will be changes made to conform with this comparison. The director aims to have each enumerator take an equal number of days in covering his district, of that the returns will all be in at the same time. It is estimated that the farming communities will be covered in a month and the cities in two weeks.

Friday, August 11.
 The postal receipts at Omaha aggregated \$29,164 in July as against \$29,754 in July last year. This is a decrease of \$590, or 1.9 per cent.

The schedule of army transports has been completed and delivered to Secretary Root. It shows that if additional transports are chartered about 18,000 soldiers can be sent to Manila to reach there by the end of November.

The Masonic temple at San Francisco was crowded with soldiers and civilians who went to show their respect to the memory of Colonel Hawkins of the Tenth Pennsylvania by participating in the last rites that were performed over his body before shipment east.

Saturday, August 12.
 W. B. Backus of Omaha is in Washington perfecting arrangements for the Indian exhibit at the Paris exposition. He had charge of the Indian exhibit at the world's fair.

An American named Black, who has been residing at Epinal, capital of the department of Vosges, has been expelled from France on suspicion of espionage. Ostensibly he dealt in photographs.

The Nebraska regiment finished turning in to the chief ordnance officer all guns and accoutrements. Practically all of the enlisted men have been given their physical examination and the officers will be examined later.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frank D. Eager of the First Nebraska, who was nominated by the fusionists of Lancaster county for clerk of the district court, has declined the nomination. He says if the people of Nebraska want to do anything for its regiment they need nominate its officers, but should make some arrangement for transferring the regiment home, as other states are doing.

Sunday, August 13.
 Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn received a dispatch from D. E. Thompson of Lincoln, Neb., directing Mr. Meiklejohn to draw on him for \$100 for the Porto Rican destitute.

Many of the sick and wounded in the hospital at the presidio have heard good news. General Shafter has obtained permission from Washington to muster out those soldiers in the general hospital who are able to be mustered out who do not wish to wait for the regiments to return from the Philippines. This work has already commenced.

Notwithstanding the repeated assurances that have been given to the press to the effect that the president is entirely satisfied with the course of General Otis, it is known that Secretary Root is not so certain that another officer could not do better work than that gentleman has accomplished in the past three months. In fact, Secretary Root has expressed himself to friends as firmly of the conviction that Miles is the proper man to be sent to the Philippines.

Monday, August 14.
 The United States cruiser Olympia has arrived at Leghorn, Italy, from Naples, and was received with salutes and cordial welcomes. Admiral Dewey was visited by the commander of the Italian cruiser Tripoli and the captain of the port.

A reconnaissance by troops of General Young's brigade, with the object of discovering the whereabouts of the enemy near San Mateo, northeast of the San Juan reservoir, about ten miles from Manila, resulted in the occupation of San Mateo. The American loss was three killed and thirteen wounded.

Charles S. Witmor of Omaha has been admitted to practice before the interior department.

George A. Morrison has been appointed a fireman in the Omaha public building at \$600 per annum.

The Dugan Granite company of Kansas City, Mo., has been awarded the contract for carving the ornamental work on the public building at Omaha, Neb., at \$12,500.

Colonel Mulford of the First Nebraska, who has just returned from the Philippines with his regiment, has accepted a captain's commission in one of the volunteer regiments, and will return to the Philippines.

The United States transport Centennial arrived at San Francisco after a most exciting round trip. She narrowly missed a couple of typhoons, was ashore on a coral reef, where the entire crew barely escaped capture at the hands of the Filipinos; one of the sailors was killed by a parting hawser, and one of the quartermasters was stabbed by a cook. Upon her return trip to this port, the Centennial brought a number of invalided men and officers from other regiments.

Word has been received from Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore of the United States gunboat Yorktown, who with 14 members of the crew was captured by the insurgents last April near Balon on the east coast of Luzon. The message, which comes through Spanish prisoners, is to the effect that the officer and his men are at Vigan, in the province of South Ilocos, on the west coast of Luzon. All but two are well. Lieutenant Gilmore is allowed a house and a servant and is fairly treated.

Tuesday, August 15.
 The ten regiments for the Philippines are now nearly enlisted.

No credence is given in Washington to the report that trouble has again broken out in Samoa.

The torpedo boat Fox, built by Wolff & Zewicker, on the Pacific coast, has been accepted by the government.

A Leghorn dispatch announces that Admiral Dewey is suffering from fever, and remains on board the Olympia.

Secretary of War Root has issued an appeal to the governors of the states for the Porto Rican hurricane sufferers.

By direction of the president all relief supplies sent to Porto Rico will be admitted to all ports of that island duty free.

President McKinley has declined to attend the New York reception to Dewey. He wants Dewey to have all the glory that he deserves.

General Bates is still negotiating with the sultan of Sulu. The sultan is yet unwilling to accept the terms offered by the United States—a salary of \$10,000 a year.

The American line steamer Paris, recently pulled off the rocks near Cove-rack, left Falmouth under her own steam this morning, aided by several tugs, bound for Milford Haven, where she will be docked for repairs.

The transport Centennial, which arrived at San Francisco several days ago, brought advices that the transport Warren, which has the Colorado regiment on board, will not arrive for several days after schedule time. The captain put one of the crew in irons for feigning sickness and refusing to work. The crew mutinied, and the ship is sailing for San Francisco with a green crew, the regular crew being prisoners.

Wednesday, August 16.
 Wm. F. Cowger has been appointed a watchman in the Omaha public building at \$600 per annum.

The transport Senator has sailed to Manila from San Francisco with about 700 officers and recruits and a signal corps.

Great Britain is bound to have a brush with the Boers, it seems. The situation today is more critical than it has heretofore been.

A Leghorn dispatch says that Admiral Dewey is still indisposed. Various officials visited the Olympia yesterday. The admiral's departure for Florence has been postponed.

Assistant Secretary Taylor of the treasury department has announced that he had decided to purchase the Isaac Tower's property at Norfolk, Neb., as the site for the new public building at that place.

The United States warships Baltimore and Concord have made an unsuccessful attempt to tow off the transport Hooker, which grounded in the north channel off Corregidor island in Manila bay a week ago. It is now believed to be impossible to float the Hooker.

Orders are expected within a few days directing the organization of five new volunteer regiments for the Philippines. While a final decision on the matter of enlisting still more troops has not yet been made, the fact that Secretary Root is already considering the question of officers for the regiments, indicates the strong probability that they will be organized. Nebraska will probably get four or five of the officers, as it is the policy of the administration to select men for commission from among those who have seen most service. The troops from Kansas and Nebraska are particularly well thought of.

Many Held Responsible.
 OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 16.—After four days' deliberation and the taking of testimony of thirty witnesses, the coroner's jury reported, fixing the blame for the electrocution of four firemen at