

# Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Lord Hopetoun's eldest son, Lord Hope, who has gone out to Australia with his father, will return after Easter to England, when he will begin his public school career at Eton. Lord Hope is now in his 14th year. His brother is a year or two younger, Lord and Lady Hopetoun have only these two sons, as their little girl died some years ago.

Prof. James of the University of Chicago, has been working twenty years to get a fully authenticated case of death from snake bite. Every case he investigated turned out to be entirely without foundation, or else to be based on utterly insufficient evidence, until the other day when a snake-biter in Georgia died from the effect of a diamond rattler's bite, and adequate proofs were given by the attending physician.

About the coolest thieves on record did a job of work in Philadelphia a few days ago. Early in the morning, while hundreds of people were going to work, half a dozen men arrayed as mechanics appeared in front of a Turkish bath establishment in Walnut street, and with chisels, hammers and wrenches took down the handsome bronze ornaments and railing which ornamented the place. Then they calmly walked away with the plunder.

Merits of chocolate as food for troops in the field appear to be becoming rapidly and widely appreciated. In the recent autumn maneuvers of the Austrian army in Galicia a chocolate ration was found to be equal to about five times its weight of the primest beef. From Russia also came equally favorable reports respecting the use of chocolate and now in America it forms a chief constituent of a new emergency ration with which trials have been lately carried out.

According to the Norwich press, a syndicate has been formed for a floating Monte Carlo, to be moored off the English coast somewhere just beyond the three-mile limit. Negotiations are pending for an obsolete Atlantic liner, which would be turned into a miniature casino, at a total cost, including the first outfit for the hull, of £50,000. The idea is to provide a haunt for gamblers within easy reach of London, but beyond the reach of the betting laws of the realm, and, of course, capital for running the tables would have to be provided to the additional tune of some hundred thousand pounds. It is understood that the Brighton coast is thought of.

It is contended by the organ of the German general staff that the rapid and decisive manner in which campaigns are now carried out will not allow time for mining. A fortress will, it is affirmed, be captured by bombardment or open attack or in most cases by a combination of the two methods. The training of engineers in the German army in mining work has been abandoned, while the cumbersome material required for subterranean warfare will no longer form part of the equipment of their forces. In Austria, it is further stated, the same views on the matter are held, and the same steps toward carrying them into practice have been taken.

The government is hereafter to partially furnish the quarters of British army officers. The amount of furniture that will be given is not yet specified, but it will include at least the bed, a chest of drawers, washstand and bath. This saving in hired or other transport at every regimental move will, it is calculated, soon show as a set-off or reduction of the initial outlay. Here is a hint for our war department. Perhaps some officer good at figures will help the suggestion by estimating the cost of providing furniture for quarters and how much would be required annually to pay the interest on this sum and provide a sinking fund for its ultimate extinguishment.

The Missouri Dairy Association heard some interesting testimony about the influence of music on kicking cows. One man had an animal so vicious that she always had to be tied into the stall at milking time. His two boys noticed that whenever they began to sing at their work, the cow became quiet. Now, instead of tying her, whoever is milking merely strikes up "Annie Rooney" or "My Old Kentucky Home," and the cow stands perfectly still. Another delegate said that in Switzerland farm workers who have good voices get better pay because they can milk the wildest and most restless cows. The "sense of the meeting," however, was expressed by a farmer, who said: "It may be all right to sing to a kicking cow, but I want to keep my eye on her feet. She might take a notion to dance to the music."

Robert Gearhart, who is eighty-four years old, recently walked from his home in Brush Creek township to McConnellsburg, Penn., and back, making a round trip of fifty-two miles. He is the father of twenty-eight children and has never been ill in his life.

A business man in Fort Worth, Texas, has had his feelings hurt by being described in the city directory as "colored." He thinks about \$5,000 will heal his wounded dignity, and has brought suit against the publishers for that sum.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday, January 31.

The senate listened to two of its distinguished members yesterday. Ex-Governor Crouse attacked a bill providing for the establishment of two new state normal schools on the ground that the state and the taxpayers were not in duty bound to discriminate in favor of teachers as against blacksmiths or persons of any other profession or trade, that the state should not compete with private enterprises and that it was against public policy to separate state institutions or to create more than is necessary. He took the ground that the proposed expenditure of \$110,000 for the proposed schools was but the entering wedge for the expenditure of millions and other extravagances that are practiced under the name of education. Senator Martin spoke on behalf of barbers, who he said were being fleeced, by the state barbers' examining board without receiving any protection in return. His bill abolishing the barbers' board was recommended for passage in committee of the whole, but action on the normal school bill introduced by Senator Allen of Furnas, was deferred to await the action of the house which has decided to consider a similar bill as a special order at 2 o'clock.

In the committee of the whole the senate indefinitely postponed a bill abolishing the contract rate of interest which, under the present law, may be as high as 10 per cent. An anti-kidnaping bill was recommended for passage by the judiciary committee, the bill, amending the marks and brand law was recommended for passage in committee of the whole and a bill making the legislative journals inferior as evidence in courts to the enrolled bills was indefinitely postponed. A resolution calling for \$5,282.25 to pay the expenses of the election contests instituted against Senators Ransom and Liddell, of Douglas, fusionists, was presented and referred to the committee on accounts and expenditures. Ransom's anti-kidnaping bill was favorably reported by the committee on judiciary. A house bill for the relief of Lancaster county in the matter of drawing jurors was passed.

Thursday, January 31.

The house yesterday decided to settle the normal school problem this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The proposition of taking up these bills in committee of the whole yesterday afternoon was made and the postponement till this afternoon was made and the postponement till this afternoon when the matter was made a special order resulted after a brief discussion. The house will take up four bills in committee of the whole, one providing for the purchase of the old Western Normal school, one providing for the establishment of a normal school at Central City, one establishing two normal schools in the western part of the state, the place not stated, and the other to appropriate \$75,500 for the Peru normal school. Several of the members were out to see the old Western Normal yesterday and found to their surprise a very substantial structure. The members from the western part of the state are very anxious to establish new schools in the west. A number from the eastern portion are desirous of securing an additional school in Lincoln. Various propositions are being discussed in this connection.

Bills were placed on third reading. One by Broderick, providing that the country road tax shall be paid in cash in counties under township organization passed as did one by Fuller, providing for moving the weeds along public highways. Fowler's bill providing that in the popular vote on constitutional amendment, a majority of the votes cast on the proposition shall be sufficient to carry the measure, also passed. Loomis' bill, providing regulations for carrying out the death penalty at the penitentiary passed.

Leaves Fifteen Millions.

The estate of the late Philip D. Armour, according to a petition for letters testamentary filed in probate court at Chicago, is valued at \$15,000,000. Of this, \$14,000,000 is realty. This estate is distributed among the members of the Armour family, the legatees named in the petition being Melvina G. Armour, widow; J. Ogden Armour, son; Philip D. and Lester Armour, grandsons. The executors named in the will are the widow and son.

Company Violating Law.

Attorney General Sheets at Columbus, O., has instituted in the circuit court of Franklin county proceedings in quo warranto to oust the Pennsylvania Railroad company from continuing its relief department. The state claims that the company, in violation of law and abuse of its corporate powers, is engaged in the business of transacting life and accident insurance.

Illinois Town Burned.

Fire almost destroyed the entire business section of the little town of Tolono, nine miles south of Danville, Ill. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire started in a small frame building occupied by a restaurant, and before it was gotten under control nearly every business block was destroyed.

Funeral of Composer Verdi.

The funeral of Verdi took place January 30 at Milan, Italy. All the authorities followed the bier. The ceremony was simple but most impressive, owing to the silent demeanor of the populace, who were present at the service in immense numbers.

Many Japanese Soldiers Killed.

The North China Daily News asserts that while a quantity of Chinese gunpowder was destroyed at Shan Hai Kwan there was an explosion and forty Japanese soldiers were killed.

## SALOON SMASHED

### Mrs. Nation's Hatchet Brigade Wrecks Topeka's Finest.

#### THE "SENATE" VISITED AT EARLY DAWN

Grander Succeeds in Running the Gauntlet and Flies Her Broadaxe With Great Vigor—Arrested and Released—Other News.

A Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5, dispatch says: Mrs. Nation today retrieved yesterday's setback, when she and three followers wrought damage to the extent of \$1,500 in the "Senate" the finest equipped joint in Topeka. She did more, for she gained the first police protection given her since she started on her saloon-smashing career at Wichita a month ago. The police followed up her raid today and arrested the proprietor of the "Senate" and two men who were guarding the place. Mrs. Nation was arrested, but promptly released.

Mrs. Nation and her wreckers, each armed with a hatchet, sallied forth at daybreak. They forced their way past a negro who guarded the door of the "Senate," and in less than ten minutes had strewn the floor with broken mirrors, bottles, slot machines and splintered bar fixtures. The negro fired a shot of warning into the ceiling but it had no effect.

Presently a policeman entered the room and said: "Well, Sister Nation, I guess we'll have to arrest you again."

"All right," she responded, cheerily. "You came just when I wanted you to."

She turned back as she reached the door and inquired: "Everything cleaned up, ladies?"

The police judge was glad to release her when she appeared for trial and administered a rebuke to the officer. Mrs. Nation soon walked proudly down Kansas avenue, free again to smash and preach.

The owners of the saloon were later arrested.

## GOMEZ MAY BE RULED OUT

Cubans Determined He Shall Never Be President.

A dispatch from Havana of February 4 says: The Cuban constitutional convention held its first meeting since the deadlock occurred over what is known as the "Gomez clause" in the twelfth section of the constitution, which provides that naturalized citizens shall be eligible to the presidency of the republic if they have served ten years in the wars. A poll of the house before the meeting showed that none of the delegates had changed opinion, but that the anti-Gomez faction was short by one man, Senor Lorente, who was still unable to attend. On learning this Juan Gulerbeto Gomez, colored, and his followers, made a shrewd move, and persuaded Senor Betancourt to vote with them for the postponement of a further discussion of the clause until the other portions of the constitution had been considered. Senor Aleman made a motion to postpone discussion and it was carried by fifteen votes to fourteen.

## HAS FULFILLED CONTRACT

St. Louis Does Her Part in the Exposition Project.

A Washington dispatch says: The secretary of the treasury has written Representative Tawney, chairman of the Louisiana purchase exposition committee, that he has received satisfactory evidence that the Louisiana purchase exposition company has raised the \$10,000,000 required as a prerequisite to government aid. Mr. Tawney says the secretary's letter is conclusive and satisfactory assurance that the St. Louis authorities have complied with their part of the project and that it is now incumbent upon the government to comply with its part as pledge in the last civil sundry appropriation act. The committee perfected the bill and by a vote of six to two ordered it reported favorably. Two Democrats, Mr. Williams of Mississippi and Mr. Otley of Virginia, voted against the bill.

Masonic Temple Burned.

The Masonic temple at Toledo, O., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000. The Masonic records, regalia, etc., were all lost. Armstrong & Co.'s wholesale and retail grocery on the ground floor, Miss Mauck's millinery and other small shops were gutted. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire started at the base of the elevator shaft and spread with great rapidity.

Norther at Cape Henry.

A terrific northwestern storm is raging from Cape Henry to Cape Hatteras, the wind averaging fifty miles an hour. A large three-masted schooner has been sighted over three miles off the Cape Colony life saving station, signaling for assistance. She is in danger of being blown ashore.

Pittsburg Building Burns.

The large four story iron front double building on Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa., occupied by the Stevenson & Foster Printing company collapsed. The ruins took fire and in less than an hour the destruction was complete. The building had been closed for repairs. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

A dispatch from Blackford, Ky., immediately south of Evansville, Ind., on the Illinois Central, says the entire town was destroyed by fire.

## TO CREATE COMMISSION

House Passes Senate Bill Providing for Handling Claims Against Spain.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The house yesterday passed the senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate the claims of United States citizens against Spain, which the government assumed by the treaty of Paris, after having amended the bill so as to refer the claims to the court of claims instead of to a commission. A strong effort was made to vote down the amendment and pass the senate bill, but the advocates of this course were defeated by a vote of 123 to 88. A bill was without debate passed to extend the charters of national banks for another period of twenty years, when the present charters expire. Bills to ratify the agreement with the Crow Indians of Montana and to provide for the redemption of the Hawaiian coin at par were defeated. About an hour was spent on the postoffice bill in the discussion of the amendment to reduce the railway mail pay, but no action was taken.

The ship subsidy bill was laid aside informally by the senate to permit consideration of the appropriation bills. This action was taken late in the day on Mr. Allison's request that the District of Columbia appropriation bill be taken up. Mr. Frye, in charge of the shipping bill, who had said he would not give way to appropriation bills without a vote of the senate, was not in the chamber at the time, but Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Hanna and others interested in the measure joined in the general assent given Mr. Allison's request. The shipping bill holds its place and as the unfinished business can be taken up when the appropriation bills are not occupying attention.

## PUNISHMENT OF BOXERS

Real Question Now Before the Foreign Envoys.

A Pekin Feb. 4 dispatch says: Tomorrow will be held the first joint meeting between the foreign envoys and the Chinese plenipotentiaries. Only Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have plenipotentiary rights. The other Chinese have merely the status of advisors.

All the envoys have agreed to maintain absolute secrecy and will endeavor to impress the Chinese with the importance of similar reserve, but as a matter of fact there are many Chinese who already know exactly the program of tomorrow's meeting.

All rumors and reports that large numbers have been listed for punishment are without foundation, as only twelve provincial authorities have been named. These the Chinese will be required to punish commensurately with their misdeeds. There is a private feeling that at least half of them will be executed, while the others must be banished or imprisoned.

To Celebrate the Fall of Manila.

The society of the Army of the Philippines meets in Salt Lake City August 13th to 15th. The people in the Mormon capital are considerably stirred up over the matter. It is learned that the citizens have organized finance and entertainment committees and are now engaged in detailing the plan for the reception of all who may come. It will be a grand ovation to the heroes of Manila, August 13th is the anniversary of the fall of Manila and the demonstration at Great Salt Lake by the famous Utah Batteries will rival the original scene. An effort is being made, with assurances of success, to bring the Astor Batteries, and as many of the volunteer regiments to Utah on this occasion as possible. When the program has been finally completed it will give assurance of a very warm time in the City of the Saints. Gen. Greene and other leaders will attend.

Surprise in the Army Bill.

Just how two clauses came to be inserted in the reorganization bill, making only volunteer officers already in the subsistence and quartermaster's department eligible to appointment to those branches of the service under the new law, is not known to the war department. The effect will be to prevent the realization of the aspiration of many line officers now in the volunteer establishment who had planned to transfer to these branches of the staff under the reorganization act.

To Compete With Standard.

The steamship Duke of Fife brings news that owners of Japanese oil wells are organizing a strong company to compete with the company formed by the Standard Oil company to develop the Echigo oil fields. The opposition company have acquired wells known to have been productive for the last 400 years. These give it possession of 4,000 acres in the oil district.

Fall of Snow a Blessing.

The value of the great snow and rain storms which have prevailed in Arizona recently can be measured by millions of dollars. The snowfall was the heaviest known for years and will furnish enough water in this valley, even if no more rain falls for six months. It will greatly aid the mining industry, besides being of incalculable value to sheep and cattle.

Governor to Be Elected.

In the Cuban constitutional convention the question of provincial government came up for discussion, and it was voted that the governors of the provinces should be elected by the direct vote of the people, a motion to have the president appoint them being defeated.

Couple Burned to Death.

Joseph Rodgers, a negro porter, and his wife, each about fifty years of age, were burned to death at Kansas City, the result of an explosion of gasoline that set fire to their home.

## IN GRAVE DANGER

### Americans of Venezuela in a Hostile Camp.

#### ENGLISH NEGRO POLICE LEAVE POSTS

Employed to Do Police Duty But Become Scared When Insurgents Begin Firing—Families Almost at Mercy of the Natives—Other News.

A Port of Spain, Jan. 29 dispatch says: According to advices received today from Caracas a trustworthy engineer, who has arrived there from Pich lake, reports that the situation is disastrous. He says that a hundred and fifty English negroes, who were employed to do police duty when the insurgents began firing, went into the jungles, only twenty-five Americans being left to protect the property and lives of American families.

The messenger from the lake implored the United States legation to afford protection, saying that the lives and property of Americans were exposed to guerrilla attacks, firing going on nightly, and the Americans being too few to hold out long. Minister Loomis, according to the same advices replied that these reports were possibly exaggerated, but that they could not be ignored, and that he would wire the fact to Washington.

Mr. Olcott, the Orinoco manager, has returned from Caracas, where he went to try to arrange for the release of the steamers and schooners captured by a Venezuelan gunboat near Trinidad. The British owner flew the Venezuelan flag, and the crew were not shot.

The resolution in the east, near the asphalt deposits, is increasing but the disturbances are remote from Caracas, which remains tranquil. The commander of the French cruiser Suchet confines these intelligences and the report of the activity of the insurgents. It appears that an attempt to capture Ciudad Bolivar, capital of the state of Bolivar, about thirty-five miles up the Orinoco is likely to be made as soon as the insurgents have received a large supply of arms expected. Cables to the Trinidad papers from Caracas are severely censored. The Venezuelan government threatens three American reporters with forcible expulsion and is rigorously suppressing press dispatches to the United States. Even diplomatic messages are tampered with.

## WORKMAN KILLED.

M. W. Lilley, a S. & M. Track Repairer, Run Over by Switch Engine.

At Lincoln, Neb., Monday, Jan. 28, after he had quit work, and was on his way home, M. W. Lilley, a S. & M. track repairer, was instantly killed. He probably did not see the engine, which was within ten feet of him, when he stepped on the track. A moment later his crushed and mangled body was taken from under the engine. He died within five minutes of the time he was struck.

M. W. Lilley was a man about forty-five years of age, employed on the repair tracks of the yard. He lived at University Place. The crew of the engine supposed he saw them approaching and had no thought that he would walk on the tracks in front of the engine.

The engine was coming down the line as Lilley walked along the track. He stepped on from the fireman's side. The fireman saw him but was powerless to stop the engine. Engineer Malloy did not see him. The fireman succeeded in getting the engineer to stop when the drivers of the big machine were over Lilley's body. His body was taken out from between the drive wheels and he died within a few seconds afterwards.

Coroner Graham viewed the remains and ordered them taken to Undertaker Roberts' morgue.

## WILL SERVE AS A PRECEDENT

Salary of Congressman Dates From Time of Election.

By a vote of ten to five the house committee on judiciary has adopted a resolution that Representative Richardson of Alabama should draw salary from August 6, 1900, the date of his election to succeed General Wheeler. The case has excited some controversy, as the authorities have been divided as to whether Mr. Richardson's pay should date back to the time of General Wheeler's resignation or from March 4, when congress convened, or from the day of his election. The decision will serve as a precedent.

Under Single Management.

The Toledo & Ohio Central will, it is understood, take possession of the Columbus Northwestern, running between Peoria and St. Marys, O., next Monday, February 4, and will at once begin operation of the road. The details of the arrangement have not been given out by the officials of the Ohio Central.

Admiral Kautz Retired.

Rear Admiral Albert Kautz, who has just been relieved from command of the Pacific station, was placed on the retired list January 29 on account of age. He has had a long and distinguished career, of which nearly eighteen years was spent at sea.

Safe Blowers at Culver.

Culver, a small town north of Salina, Kan., was visited by burglars and two stores were broken into. The thieves secured about \$500 in the two places and made good their escape.

## GOTHENBURG'S HEAVY LOSS

Most Destructive Fire in History of Nebraska Town.

The most destructive fire ever experienced in Gothenburg occurred Sunday night, January 27. A large livery barn and three store buildings are in ashes.

The fire was discovered about midnight bursting out from the roof of A. P. Singer's livery barn, which was a frame structure 40x100 feet in size, and in a few minutes the whole building was wrapped in flames. Thirty-two head of horses, including a fine stallion, perished in the flames and the stock of buggies and harness were destroyed.

A small store building just east of the barn was burned down, and one east of that was on fire several times, but was saved from the flames.

West of the barn and fronting on the main street, two iron veneered store buildings, owned by A. G. Carlson, one occupied by him as a hardware store, and the other by E. J. Stack, as a restaurant, caught fire and were burned to the ground, only a small portion of the goods being removed from the buildings.

There is no fire protection here and it was only by great efforts of the citizens that the fire was confined to these buildings.

Mr. Singer's loss is estimated at from \$6,000 to \$7,000, with \$4,200 insurance. Mr. Carlson's loss is placed at \$7,500 with \$4,500 insurance, and Mr. Stack carried four hundred dollars insurance on an eight hundred dollar stock of goods.

The other building burned was owned by Gust Odencrantz of New York city, and was worth about \$300; no insurance.

## JACOB STOTLER DEAD.

Veteran Newspaper Man and Kansas Pioneer Passes Away.

News comes from Kansas City that Jacob Stotler, the Kansas Pioneer and veteran newspaper man, who was lately editor of the Perry, Okla., Republican, died in St. Joseph's hospital on January 26. The cause of Mr. Stotler's death was a bladder complaint, aggravated by his generally broken down condition, brought on by hard work. He and Preston B. Plumb came to Kansas from Xenia, O., in 1857, bringing with them an old-fashioned printing press and outfit of type, which they hauled from Lawrence to Emporia behind an ox team. Together Stotler and Plumb founded the Kansas News, at Emporia. In those early days the name of the territory was spelled with a "z" instead of an "s." A year later Mr. Stotler bought out his interest in the paper and continued its publication until 1894. Since that time he has engaged in the newspaper business in various Kansas towns, accepting, in 1897, the editorship of the Perry, Okla., Republican. Mr. Stotler held several offices in Kansas, being for various terms a member of the legislature.

## ROWN PRINCE HONORED.

King Edward Invests Him With Order of the Garter.

The crown prince of Germany, Frederick William, was invested with the order of the Garter January 28 at Cowes, Isle of Wight, by King Edward VII. The investiture occurred in the council chamber of Osborne house and was a brilliant function. The high officers of the household, military and civil functionaries and the emperor's entourage, including a party from the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, were present, all in full uniform.

While the crown prince knelt before the king to receive the insignia his majesty addressed a few cordial words to the prince and then, turning to Emperor William, in touching terms he thanked him for his visit at this time of sorrow and bereavement and dwelt on the personal and other ties uniting the two countries, Germany and Great Britain.

## NEEDS NEW CREDENTIALS

Ambassador Choate Must Be Accredited to the King.

It has been decided that Mr. Choate should have new credentials. His old credentials accredited him to the queen. He will now be accredited as United States ambassador to the court of Edward VII. Lord Pauncefoot, it is expected, will receive new credentials as ambassador to the United States, his present commission being signed by the queen.

Bodily Injured By a Fall.

Isaac Breitendahl was seriously injured at Fremont by a fall from the roof of his barn. He was on top making repairs and having finished started to descend by a door through the roof. He expected to step on a pile of cobs and fell himself down easy, but he missed his footing and fell to the floor below. His back was wrenched and he was bruised in a number of places. It will be some weeks before he will be around as usual.

Lumber for Manila.

Bids for 3,000,000 feet of lumber have been opened at Seattle, Wash. They will be forwarded at once to Washington. The lumber is for Manila.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Connie" Sullivan, former bantam-weight champion, is dead at New York.

The mine workers' convention refused to raise salaries of national officers.

To General Bethune has been left the task of driving the Boers out of Cape Colony.

Governor Sayers reported to the Texas legislature that \$1,988,414 had been contributed to Galveston sufferers.