

KANSAS CITY RIOT

Four White Men and Two Negroes Wounded.

ONE MAN IS FATALLY INJURED

Trouble Started in Low Quarters of the City—Officers Who Appeared to Quell the Disturbance Greeted With a Volley From Negro Guns.

A Kansas City, Mo., dispatch says: Four white men were shot, one perhaps fatally, a negro was shot and another badly cut, as the result of a drunken fight started by a crowd of negroes in Rosedale, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City.

Wm. Blanchard received the contents of a shot gun in the face and breast and was taken to a hospital, where his wounds are said to be fatal.

Deputy Marshal Davis was wounded in the hand and two white men, names unknown were also slightly wounded. Ben Cable, colored, was seriously cut and Tom Smith, colored, was shot and slightly wounded.

The negroes were quarreling in front of a "joint" when Rid Rawles, a negro, precipitated the trouble by cutting Cable. The latter secured a shot gun and fired into the crowd, the shot missing the crowd and striking Blanchard.

During the excitement half a dozen of the negroes secured revolvers and shot guns and began firing promiscuously.

Deputy Marshal Davis came upon the scene and was greeted by a volley from the negroes, receiving a wound in the hand. Davis, with the aid of two other officers, finally succeeded in quelling the disturbance and arresting the leaders, but not before two innocent white men had been injured by stray shots. These two men, whose wounds are believed to have been slight, disappeared before their identity became known.

SHORTAGE OF MANILA HEMP

War With Spain Has Had Effect of Cutting Down Supply.

Before the industrial commission at Washington Joseph C. Taylor, secretary of the Standard Rope and Twine company testified that before the war with Spain, 40 per cent of the material going into the manufacture of binder twine was Manila hemp, but after the war started not more than 5 per cent of it was of that material. He declared that there is not a rope or twine manufacturer in the United States who has made a cent in such manufacture in the past twelve months. James H. Anderson of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce argued that the railroads are the greatest factors in the world's progress, but said water transportation should be encouraged.

THINK WAR OVER

Exodus of Troops From China Soon to Begin.

FRENCH TROOPS TO TAKE THE LEAD

Numerous Appointments of Chinese With Pronounced Anti-Foreign Tendencies Causing Comment.

General Volron, the commander of the French troops in China, has informed General Chaffee that 10,000 French soldiers will leave China next May. Li Hung Chang believes that the Chinese troops under General Liu will be withdrawn over the boundary outside the territory designated by Von Waldersee as the sphere of the allies, as the governor of Shan Si province received telegraphic instructions nearly a week ago ordering their withdrawal.

UPHOLD THE GAGE RULING

Countervailing Duty on Russian Sugar Declared Legal.

The board of classification of the United States general appraisers in session at New York, announced a decision in the Russian sugar case. The board, by a majority vote, holds that the United States government was justified in imposing a countervailing duty on Russian sugar. The opinion was written by Judge Somerville and General Appraiser Fischer concurs with him. Colonel Fischeer writes a dissenting opinion.

BOYS BURIED IN SAND BANK

Only One of Five Escapes With His Life.

While playing in a sand bank near Durant, I. T., five boys were buried by a cave-in. Four of them, James and Presley Rhodes, Claud Etheridge and John Bain, are dead. Claude Bain worked his way out barehanded. The other four dug in the wrong direction.

CHALLENGER IS LAUNCHED

Shamrock II Takes Her Initial Dip Into Water at Dumbarton.

Shamrock II, was satisfactorily launched at Denny's yards at Dumbarton, in the presence of a good crowd of invited guests, newspaper men and employes. Lady Dufferin christened the new challenger, which looked spick and span in coat of white paint rimmed with green while the mangonese bottom of the new boat shone like a mirror.

MANY DEATHS BY FREEZING

Unconfirmed Reports of Fatalities in Alaska.

The Skaguay News of April 13, contained dispatches from Dawson, the most important of which says: Two men, names unknown, who arrived from Nome bring sensational reports of wholesale deaths by freezing along the coast. They report that two hundred persons have died from exposure of freezing before the middle of January at various points. Their stories are not credited here, as they lack confirmation.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

The Standard Oil company will declare a dividend of 20 per cent on its capital of \$100,000,000 May 1.

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CROP CONDITIONS.

Work Generally Backward, But Moisture Abundant—Outlook Favorable.

University of Nebraska Weather Bureau, Lincoln, Neb., crop report:

The past week has been cold, with about the normal rainfall. Killing frosts occurred, with temperature below 30 degrees. Vegetation is so backward, however, no damage was done.

Rain was general on two or three days. The amount exceeded one-half an inch at most places, and at a few places exceeded an inch. Although wet weather has retarded farm work in parts of the state, generally considerable progress has been made during the past week. Spring wheat seeding is well advanced, and some spring wheat is up—coming evenly and nicely. Oat seeding has been general in southern counties. Early sown oats are coming up nicely. Present indications are for small acreage of oats, caused by the late spring and wet weather at seeding time.

Very little plowing has been done, but the ground at the end of the week was in excellent condition for plowing and seeding.

Winter wheat, rye, and grass have grown well, but somewhat slowly, because of the low temperature.

KAISER IS NERVOUS

The Plot of Anarchists Disturbs His Majesty.

With reference to the statement cabled from the United States of a plot said to have been concocted against Emperor William and other European rulers by anarchists in Argentina and New Jersey, extreme nervousness is observed in official circles in Berlin. After careful investigation, however, a representative of the associated press ascertained in a reliable quarter that the police presidency issued an order April 6 for the arrest, whenever or wherever caught, of the alleged anarchist, Rodolfo Romagnoli, alias Romanillo, alias Lagwick Mueeler. The order simultaneously requests all international authorities to assist in apprehending Romagnoli. Photographs of the alleged anarchist, with a minute description after the Bertillon method, were furnished for identification.

It is a fact that for some months the Berlin police have kept a very close watch upon known anarchists in the city, and an unusually careful surveillance of the arrivals known or suspected to be of anarchist affiliation.

BRICKS PUT UP AT AUCTION

Omaha Makes a Very Good Start in Her Auditorium Fund.

The first sale of bricks for Omaha's \$250,000 auditorium was conducted at 514 1