

THEIR SIDE OF IT

Nebraska Cattlemen Have Talk With the President.

MAKE THEIR DESIRES KNOWN TO HIM

No Promise Given, But Secretary Hitchcock States that Whatever Action is Taken Will Be Slow, and No Trouble Made to Cattlemen.

A May 2 dispatch says Bartlett Richards and other Nebraska cattlemen had a lengthy interview with the president yesterday and departed during the afternoon homeward bound. Mr. Richards going via New York. While the interview did not lead to any conclusion, the Nebraskans were given a good opportunity to state their case to the president.

Secretary Hitchcock and Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, were in conference with President Roosevelt nearly two hours regarding the use of public land by cattlemen in the west. The president was so occupied by this conference that he did not get to see a large number of callers, many of them members of congress. Secretary Hitchcock, when asked about the conference, said that the subject of occupation of public lands had absolutely nothing to do with the beef trusts in any shape or form. Whatever action is taken about these lands will be slow, and with no intention of causing trouble to cattlemen.

MAY BE FATALLY BURNED

Baby Abandoned to Its Fate by Older Children.

The two-year-old daughter of Grant Yates was seriously, and it is thought fatally, burned in a fire started by some little companions in the barn in the rear of the family residence on South Seventh street, Nebraska City, Thursday afternoon. The children had brought a pile of hay into the barn and ignited it. The flames frightened them and they ran away, leaving the baby to its fate. Mrs. Yates ran to the barn and rushed into the flames, drawn by the screams of the little one. She emerged with the child in her arm. The baby was frightfully burned about the head, arms and limbs and though two doctors have been working on it for several hours it is feared that the burns will prove fatal. The mother received a number of burns, though none are serious.

MOODY SUCCEEDS LONG

Takes Charge of the Navy Portfolio—Good Will on Both Sides.

A Washington, May 1, dispatch says: Secretary Long closed his official career as the head of the naval establishment yesterday. Affairs progressed as usual, and the event was unmarked save by the calling of many friends to take official leave of the retiring secretary. Noticeable among the day's callers were Secretary Hay and Mr. Moody. Secretary Long's successor, Secretary Moody at once assumed the duties of secretary. Very few changes will follow the change in the head of the department.

MAY BE POSTPONED

Date for World's Fair at St. Louis Likely to be Changed.

The World's Fair, to be held at St. Louis, will likely be postponed until 1904, as it is stated that the directorate is practically united upon the proposition.

Boycott on Beef Counts.

That the consumption of beef has fallen off 37 1/2 per cent since the rise in price began was admitted by leading packers of Chicago Friday. The percentage given averages the calculations of the packers seen. The market held steady during the forenoon, chiefly, it is said, because demand export orders were being filled.

Barn and Horses Burned.

A barn owned by W. D. Gould burned, together with a span of horses belonging to Rev. Mr. Moore, says a Hartington, Neb., dispatch. It is supposed that a small boy started the fire. Loss, \$500. The timely arrival of the fire company saved the city a disastrous fire as a high wind was blowing at the time.

Ashland to Have One Saloon.

The new town officers of Ashland, Neb., took their seats Thursday. Jeff Smith succeeding J. C. Raittsback as mayor, and G. L. Scott succeeding Jeff Smith as councilman in the Second ward. Licenses were granted for one saloon, one billiard hall and one bowling alley. The town is out of debt, and has about \$1,000 on hand.

Young Wife a Suicide.

Having quarreled with her husband, and receiving little sympathy from her father, Mrs. Ida Randolph, a young woman eighteen years of age, and a bride of but a few months, drowned herself in the Kaw river at Marysville, Kan. Married life had proven a bitter disappointment.

While returning from an entertainment at a late hour O. H. Stevens, a Kansas City pawnbroker, his wife and little daughter were held up by two men and robbed of \$5,000 worth of jewelry. The robbery occurred in front of the Stevens home. Mr. Stevens was knocked down, but not seriously hurt.

Mrs. John I. Kingsbury, wife of the foreman of a Denver laundry, poisoned herself and her two children, aged eight and twelve years, respectively. All are dead. Despondency is given as the cause.

SUGAR FACTORY IN KANSAS

Rocky Ford Company to Experiment This Season.

The beet sugar industry continues to spread into Kansas. The farmers of Sedgewick county will probably experiment with it this summer with a view to securing a beet sugar factory next year.

The company which owns the factory at Rocky Ford, Col., is anxious to come into Kansas if it can secure a large enough acreage of good beets in any one locality to supply a factory. It recently had a committee go from Wichita to Rocky Ford to investigate the industry there and that committee is now working up the experiment among the farmers of Sedgewick county. They ask that not less than thirty farmers shall plant at least a half acre of beets each this summer to ascertain if the crop can be profitably grown in that locality. The beets must be grown under the direction of an expert. After August 15 tests will be made of the per cent of sugar in the beets, and if they run 13 per cent the company will be ready to contract to build a factory. It will pay \$4 a ton for beets which run 13 per cent sugar, and a conservative estimate of a beet crop is fifteen tons per acre. If the per cent of sugar is high enough the company will contract to build a factory costing at least a half million dollars. All it asks in return is that the farmers shall contract to raise at least 5,000 acres of beets a year.

If the project is successful in Sedgewick county, it is not at all unlikely that the whole Arkansas valley will in time be given largely to the production of sugar. From 5,000 to 10,000 acres will supply a big factory, but one man cannot raise many acres, so that it requires a comparatively dense farming population in a sugar beet country. Plenty of sunshine and a sandy soil are two of the principal requirements of the sugar beet, and these are abundant in southwestern Kansas.

BOERS SOON TO DECIDE

Final Action on Peace Proposals to be Taken May 15.

The general meeting of the Boer leaders, at which a final decision on the subject of the peace negotiations is expected, will take place at Vereeniging, Transvaal, May 15, not May 25, as announced.

Boer meetings continue to be held, chiefly in the Transvaal, to receive the leaders' explanation of the British terms. It is understood that the heated discussions which have occurred have usually shown the majority to be in favor of peace. It is reported that General De Wet has frankly declared the British terms to be reasonable, and that it is advisable to accept them, while General Delarey is said to be ready to abide by the decision of the majority. The outlook for peace therefore is promising.

It is officially asserted that subsequent to the deliberations of the Boer leaders at Vereeniging they will proceed to Pretoria and deliver to Lord Roberts their decision in regard to the peace terms they are prepared to accept.

DIVORCE BILL THROWN OUT

House of Lords Refuse to Give it Consideration.

The divorce bill, introduced by Earl Russell was thrown out in the house of lords. The bill provided for divorce on five grounds in addition to the causes already valid in England. Lord Russell remarked that he had, in the past, personal reasons to consider the divorce laws. He said the bill would not increase immorality, but would make happier homes, establish a greater equality of the sexes and lessen scandals.

The lord chancellor, Earl Halsbury, speaking with considerable warmth, characterized the bill as practically abolishing the institution of marriage and said it was an outrage that it should have been introduced. He then moved its rejection, which was carried.

Crushed in a Stampede.

An unfortunate accident to a deaf and dumb boy, Isador Baccus, was directly responsible for the death of eight girls and young women, the fatal injury of three others and the serious injury of more than two score of girls employed in the cigar factory of Harburger, Homan & Co., a branch of the American Tobacco company, located at Tenth street and Washington avenue, Philadelphia. When the employes saw the accident they stampeded, and a crush followed.

Shot by Assistant Fire Chief.

Jasper Murray, better known as Jasper Cupp, was shot twice by Ed Keelen, assistant fire chief of the Galena, Kan., fire department. Murray has been a member of the department for a number of years, but recently was expelled from the company. It seems that he held Keelen responsible for it, and this led to the shooting. Cupp was not fatally hurt.

Loving Cup for Admiral Schley.

Admiral Schley was tendered a banquet at the Gayoso hotel at Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday night. The dinner was given by the Masons of Memphis. The toast, "Our Guest," was responded to by the admiral. A loving cup was presented to Admiral Schley today by Commodore Perry chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Want Henry in Reichstag.

At a general meeting of the Lubeck branch of the freisinnige-people's party held at Lubeck, Germany, a proposal was made and widely approved that Prince Henry of Prussia should be adopted, as a joint candidate, at the next election of members of the reichstag by all the various parties representing the middle classes.

Killed by the Hundred.

A tornado has devastated the city of Dacca and adjoining towns. Four hundred and sixteen persons were killed.

WHEAT IS HELPED

Good Rainfall Moistens Parched Field and Pasture.

ARRIVAL OF THE RAIN IS VERY TIMELY

South Central Part Has Heaviest Rains—Three Inches at Wilcox, and Various Depths Reported From Other Places—Other News.

Rain in copious showers wet down a large part of the best agricultural country in Nebraska Sunday. After a rather dry spring there was naturally great rejoicing wherever news of the rain was circulated. It was considered the salvation of the wheat crop. The whole southern part of the state was favored with heavy rain with a somewhat lighter fall in the extreme east than in the west. At Wilcox in the southwestern corner of Kearney county, adjoining the counties of Phelps, Harlan and Franklin, the Burlington railroad reports about three inches. From the northern part of the state, much of which has not been suffering from dry weather, no reports were received.

Some of the driest localities in the east got a good wetting. The country surrounding Lincoln has been in need of rain about as much as any other part of the state. This need was supplied at Lincoln with a fall of one-fourth of an inch. The Burlington reports good rains along nearly all its divisions.

FIRE ON TROOPS

Aurora Entrench Themselves and Show Fight.

A Manila, May 4, dispatch says: General Davis, in command of the American forces in the island of Mindanao, cables that his ultimatum has not been answered, that his messenger has not returned, and that the American outposts were fired upon this morning.

The troops advanced and shelled Moro fort, but did not capture it until the infantry reached the ditch. This fort was strong and well defended by 200 men.

Fort Panda Faddo was then surrounded and heavily shelled. Heavy firing continued as the dispatch was sent.

General Davis also reports that Lieutenant Henry S. Wagner of the Fourteenth infantry has been seriously wounded, that two other officers were slightly wounded and that twenty enlisted men were wounded.

This is the substance of a brief cable message from the field.

BODIES LEFT IN STREET

Slaughter in Chinese Rebellion Described as Awful.

News has been brought by the steamer Olympia, from the orient, of further successes by the Kwang Si rebels, whose ever growing armies were besieging Nan King on West river at last reports.

Fugitives who were flying to Canton from the scenes of bloodshed and pillage reported that the slaughter at Ching Shang Fu, when that city fell, was awful.

Terrible slaughter is also reported from other captured towns. Several thousand of the imperial army are said to have deserted.

MOURN AMOS CUMMINGS

House Adopts Resolutions of Respect and Adjourns.

The death of Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York, in Baltimore, caused general regret and sorrow in the house.

Above the hall the flag fluttered at half-mast, and on the floor the old familiar desk in the center of the aisle in the front row, which he occupied for so long, was draped in black and covered with a profusion of purple orchids and spring flowers.

Mr. Cummings was one of the universally popular members of the house, and his death seemed to come as a personal loss to all the members.

Smith Court Martial Ends.

The trial by court-martial of General J. H. Smith has ended, says a Manila dispatch.

The findings of the court will be forwarded to Washington.

The general impression is that he will be acquitted, as it is not believed that anything has been proved against him contrary to general orders.

Treasury Statement.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balances, \$184,813,035; gold, \$95,125,183.

UNIQUE GIFT FOR SCHLEY

Silver Service Made From Coins of the Christofal Colon.

The magnificent silver service made from silver coins taken from the Spanish cruiser Christofal Colon, to be presented to Admiral Winfield Scott Schley by his friends in the state of Maryland and in Washington has been completed and is on exhibition in the show windows of the manufacturers in Baltimore, Md.

The service consists of one center piece, one soup tureen and ladle, four vegetable dishes with covers, one gravy bowl and ladle, one roast platter, one game platter, one fish platter and nineteen dessert plates. Upon each piece is engraved Admiral Schley's initial in monogram and each bears this inscription:

"Made of silver taken from the Spanish cruiser, Christofal Colon, destroyed in the naval battle of Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898."

The fineness of the silver used was not interfered with and the metal has almost the hardness of steel. The weight of the coins used was about 1,500 ounces and at the present price of silver represents a value of \$600, but nearly six times that amount was required to purchase the coin from the government.

QUEEN AGAIN IN DANGER

Doctors Hold Out But Slight Hopes for Wilhelmina's Recovery.

It was announced from Castle Leo at midnight Sunday that Queen Wilhelmina had been prematurely confined at 6 o'clock. Professor Rosenstein, Dr. Roessingh and the other doctors were in attendance. The queen suffered intense agony.

At 11 o'clock Sunday evening the condition of her majesty was described as critical and small hope for her recovery as entertained.

Apart from the difficulties surrounding the question of the succession to the throne of Holland the death of Queen Wilhelmina, if this should unhappily occur, would tend to convulse the continent politically, says a London dispatch. In Germany especially it is a matter of the deepest import. The German press claims that Prince Albrecht of Hohenzollern, the acting regent of Brunswick, is among the nearest in the Dutch succession, and in all the European capitals nervous apprehension exists that the absence of a direct heir to the Dutch throne might precipitate a struggle for the possession of Holland, which, in Berlin, is regarded as Germany's natural right.

SWEAR OFF EATING MEAT

Labor Unionists at Amsterdam, N. Y., to Abstain for a Month.

The Amsterdam, N. Y., central labor union, composed of twenty-five subordinate unions, with a total membership of 5,000, has adopted a resolution to abstain for the next thirty days from the use of meat handled by the meat trust.

Hundreds of retail meat dealers throughout the country have begun the organization of an independent packing company, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. It is proposed by the organizers to erect a modern packing plant in Chicago, large enough to supply all the beef products handled in their trade. The promoters expect to interest between 155,000 and 20,000 retailers in the project.

FARMER KILLS HIMSELF

Suicidal Mania Follows Release From the Asylum.

George Forney, a farmer living near the town of Chase, in Chase county, committed suicide by hanging himself. He arose as usual and went to the stable, ostensibly to do his morning chores. Later his wife went out to the barn to find him and discover his body hanging in the stable. Forney has been an inmate of the asylum, but was supposed to be sane upon release. He leaves a large family of small children, besides a widow.

Farmer Badly Mangled.

William Kershaw, a well-to-do farmer residing northwest of Sterling, Neb., met with quite a serious accident. While going down hill one of the young horses he was driving became unmanageable and jumped over a barbed wire fence along the road. The carriage struck a post with such force as to throw the driver over the dashboard at the heels of the team, which by this time had become tangled in the wire. Their jumping and plunging drew Mr. Kershaw in the wire in such a way that the muscles were nearly torn from his right leg and the left one was terribly cut up. He was taken to his home and Drs. Truitt and Herlman summoned.

Found Dead in River.

A dead body, believed to be that of Henry Tiennen of West Point, Neb., was taken from the Missouri river at Omaha Sunday. It was found by boys who were rowing. There was found on the body a deposit slip for \$240 on the First National bank of West Point and a fine gold watch bearing the mark of a West Point dealer. The body is supposed to be that of the stranger who jumped into the river Tuesday night at midnight.

Tries to Drown Herself.

A dispatch from Rome says Princess Beatrice Borbone, daughter of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, attempted suicide by throwing herself into the Tiber, but was rescued. Private troubles are supposed to have prompted the act.

To Study Our Ship Yards.

Emperor William has ordered Director Fritz of the government shipyard at Kiel, to proceed to the United States to study the methods of the American shipyards, particularly as regards labor-saving machinery.

CORRIGAN IS DEAD

Fatal Termination of Archbishop's Illness.

CHANGE FOR WORSE WAS SUDDEN

Follows Day of Satisfactory Improvement—Alone, Save Trained Nurses, When Collapse Came—Queen Wilhelmina in Danger.

A New York, May 5, dispatch says: Archbishop Corrigan died at 11:05 o'clock tonight.

The death of the archbishop came as a great surprise and shock to those in the arch-episcopal residence. It was more so to the general public, for the last bulletin of the day was that so certain were the physicians of an improvement in the condition of the patient that there would be no more bulletins tonight. Up to 10:30 there was no evidence of collapse—in fact, the archbishop at 10:40 talked with his secretary.

About 11 o'clock, however, the trained nurses who had charge at the bedside noticed a change. Acting on instructions, the physicians were telephoned for.

At the same time the archbishop's two brothers were summoned to the room, as well as a number of priests. It was quickly seen by the physicians that the end was at hand, and in less than a quarter of an hour his grace was dead. His last moments were peaceful and without evidence of suffering.

Besides the two brothers of the archbishop, there were present in the room a dozen priests, among them Father Lavelle, rector of the cathedral; the Mexican bishop, the Rev. Dr. Starrante, Italian secretary to the archbishop, and Father Curley, his English secretary.

QUEEN'S CONDITION DANGEROUS.

Ruler of the Netherlands Suffers From Premature Accouchment.

A dispatch from The Hague, May 5, says: A bulletin issued at Castle Leo this morning is as follows:

"As has been feared, the illness from which Queen Wilhelmina is suffering put an end yesterday evening, to the hopes for a happy event, the realization whereof was expected in September next. All things considered, the queen's condition is satisfactory at the present moment."

The confinement of the queen was long and difficult and artificial means were resorted to.

The most critical time was reached between 10:30 and 11 p. m., and there was no relaxation to the extreme suspense of all present in the sick room until the doctors, about midnight, were able to announce that the accouchement was over.

FILLS TWO CUBAN MISSIONS

H. G. Squires Minister and General Bragg Consul General.

H. G. Squires, secretary of the legation at Pekin, has been selected by the president as minister to Cuba, and Gen. E. S. Bragg of Wisconsin, has been elected as consul general at Havana.

Mr. Squires' selection fulfills the very first requirement laid down by the president, namely, that the minister to Havana should be a man of diplomatic experience.

MAKE A BOLD DASH.

Moro Prisoners at Manila Seek to Escape From Soldiers.

Eighty-four Moro prisoners, under guard, made an attempt to escape, says a Manila dispatch. At a preconcerted signal they ran between the soldiers forming the guard and a company at dinner. The latter, realizing what had happened, fired on and pursued the Moros, killing thirty-nine of them and capturing nine. The other fugitives escaped.

Immigration Record Broken.

The rush of immigrants to the port of New York City, which has signaled the first four months of the year reached a climax the week ending tonight, during which time 25,120 immigrants have been brought to this city from the various European ports.

The total number of immigrants arriving here for the four months ending April 30 was \$178,604, an excess of more than 30,000 over any previous year for the same period.

Moros Surrender.

The war department Sunday received a cablegram from General Chaffee indicating that the campaign against Sultan Bayan, one of the principal Moro chiefs, had been completely successful. The result was accomplished by a gallant assault on the principal Moro fort and its capture after a number of the leading Moros had been killed.

Fell Under an Engine.

The "relief" train, used in carrying railroad men from the Conway yards to their homes in Rochester, Pa., was wrecked half way between Freedom and Rochester, and one man was killed and another fatally injured.

Bank Burglars at Work.

Burglars Sunday night shattered the vault of the bank of Waco, Neb., with dynamite. The safe was completely wrecked, and blown open by the force of the explosion. The robbers made good their escape, but how much plunder they obtained is unknown.

Officially Postponed.

The senate has passed the Cockrell amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing for the postponement of the Louisiana purchase exposition to 1905.

BROKERS GO BUSTED

Representatives of Webb-Meyer Syndicate Caught in Maelstrom.

Offenbach & Moore, brokers for the Webb-Meyer syndicate, New York City, Monday announced their suspension. A few minutes later Henry Bros. & Co., who were involved in the syndicate, also announced their suspension on the stock exchange. This in turn was followed by the suspension of the Lockwood, Hurd & Co.

Dr. Seward Webb arrived in town and conferred with A. L. Meyer, H. L. Sprague and others. The stock market opened weak.

All three firms were closely identified with the so-called Webb-Meyer group of stocks, and their failure has been expected since the "air bubble" blew up on the 2nd inst. The effect on the stock exchange was transitory, having been discounted, and in some quarters welcomed.

GOES THROUGH MAIL POUCH

Railway Clerk Becomes Demented and Spends Money Recklessly.

W. F. Heinman, a railway mail clerk on the Omaha-Brunswick division of the Wabash road, became demented while on duty and rifled a registered pouch, securing \$1,000 in cash. When he completed his run, which terminates at Brunswick, Mo., he began spending his money freely. The postmaster telegraphed the postoffice authorities at St. Louis who came to take charge of Heinman. They found about \$900 of the money on his person. Before being arrested Heinman sent a telegram to division inspector at St. Louis saying he had rifled the pouch, "in defiance of law of mankind, and am now at Brunswick distributing \$1,051 in defiance of law."

PRESIDENT THANKS KING

Roosevelt Sends Message to Victor Emanuel, Italy's Sovereign.

United States Ambassador Meyer Monday last was received in a special audience by King Victor Emanuel, of Italy, who received the ambassador most cordially. Meyer expressed to the king President Roosevelt's acknowledgement of the ruler's courtesy of pardoning the officers of the cruiser Chicago, stating that this was renewed proof of Italy's friendship for the United States.

144,000,000 EGGS

400,000 Cases Have Been Placed in Cold Storage at Kansas City.

A Kansas City, Mo., dispatch says: The big packing houses have made such inroads into the business of packing and shipping eggs and poultry for consumption in eastern markets that the business of the small shippers in this part of the west is threatened with destruction, according to members of the produce dealers' association of Oklahoma and Kansas which met here to consider the situation.

Wants Share of Estate.

Deputy sheriffs have served papers at White Plains, N. Y., in a suit brought by Mrs. Fannie Rayne McComb Hertzog against all the heirs of the millionaire, James Jennings McComb of Dobbs Ferry, to recover her full share of the estate.

Mrs. Hertzog intends to test the validity of the codicil of her father's will, which stipulated that if she married Artist Hertzog she must be content with an annual income of about \$10,000. Mr. McComb left an estate valued at \$10,000,000.

Makes Successful Trip.

Senor Augusto Severo, the Brazilian aeronaut, made a successful trial with his airship, La Paix, at the Vaugirard Aerostatic park, Paris, Sunday.

The balloon, held by a rope, ascended forty meters. The motors were then started. The balloon obeyed the impulse of its propellers, steering easily and maintaining perfect equilibrium.

After maneuvering for a short time Senor Severo returned the airship to its shed.

Child Scalded to Death.

A little child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson, of Ashland, Neb., was scalded in a dreadful manner. The little toddler reached a pot of boiling tea and pulled it over onto herself, covering her head, shoulders and arm with the tea. It was so serious a burn as to be almost hopeless and the little one died after lingering for several days. The father is employed in one of the bridge gangs on the Burlington.

Wrecked by Natural Gas.

A building occupied by Fansler's drug store, Rowan's grocery, John Dilday's saloon, John Darrell's saloon, and Hudson & Orlis' restaurant, at Marion, Ind., was demolished by natural gas, injuring at least a score of people. A number are badly injured.

The Building was Entirely Demolished and the loss will be heavy. Escaping natural gas is supposed to have caused the explosion.

Mrs. Soffel Pleads Guilty.

Mrs. Kate Soffel, the wife of Warden Soffel of the Allegheny county jail, who figured in the sensational escape and recapture of the Biddle brothers last January, was called into court at Pittsburg, Pa., and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting in the escape of prisoners. She will be sentenced next Saturday.

Cigarmakers Strike.

Two hundred cigarmakers employed by the Havana-American company at Chicago struck rather than accept a reduction in pay. The reduction ordered was from \$3 to \$5 per thousand, according to the grade of cigar manufactured.

Concertic Town Burned.

A disastrous fire of unknown origin wiped out the entire business portion of the town of New Milford, Conn., and did damage to the amount of at least \$100,000.