

# Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Life is a conundrum that all have to give up at last.

The British public find that the war taxes will linger a little while longer.

"Gosh," said the slunk, holding his nose as the gasoline automobile whizzed past.

The Mexicans must have sent a "Hell Roaring Jake" or two after the Yaqui Indians.

Berlin is threatened with a crusade against vice. Is that another Yankee peril trying to work in?

Dr. Mark Twain would carry the state of Missouri for any office he might want, from president down.

Peace for Great Britain is not without its terrors. The poet laureate will feel as if he ought to write something.

Whenever the President goes out horseback riding now he passes at least forty snaphooters in a given time.

Victims of the antiquated shell game look with envy on the Mississippi river fisherman who found the \$10,000 pearl.

About a year ago Kansas was suffering from a drought. Now no Kansas home is considered well equipped without a boat.

John W. Gates is going to help build a \$20,000,000 hotel in New York. We may all be assured that the poker-room will be unequaled.

The present British cabinet is almost entirely composed of journalists. In the next cabinet, maybe, the newspaper men will have a show.

Perhaps it is fair to predict that the new French political party organized by cooks, when it gains the ascendancy will form a kitchen cabinet.

A German aeronaut is training a team of eagles to steer his balloon. Some ambitious highflyer may yet attempt to "hitch his chariot to a star."

In the lawsuit involving the merits of the French opera engagement, Judge Halsey takes the novel ground that audiences really understand grand opera.

Now two French quacks are advertising books in which they exploit a theory that love is a poison. Love, as understood by many Frenchmen, undoubtedly is.

A Massachusetts clergyman asserts that "if there is a hell a place should be provided for Sunday golfers." Can't even a clergyman speak of golf without damning?

When a girl secures damages in a lawsuit because the jury is said to be influenced by her beauty she is about as near heaven as it is possible to get without dying.

Mark Twain went when he visited the scenes of his boyhood the other day. He was probably thinking of the digestion he had when he left those dear old haunts.

David Smith of Saginaw, Mich., died suddenly just as he was taking a chew of tobacco. He had only reached the tender age of 111. Let this be a solemn warning to all users of the weed.

If England were desirous of breaking up the cordial understanding, it could secure immediate results by mentioning a person of the name of Astor as a possible ambassador to America.

It has been decided by the courts that a man's broken heart is worth exactly \$28. This is not too high a valuation when a man's head will permit him to bare his incriminated cardiac organ to a jury.

The Chicago George Washington who alleges from the pulpit that he never lied or stole while a child factually refrained from any exposure of his methods when he arrived at the years of discretion.

The people along the streets in New York have begun to throw the pans at the swiftly-passing automobiles. By aiming carefully several rods ahead of the man or one or two of the throwers succeeded in hitting it.

The sheriff of New York has just summoned a jury panel of fourteen men whose aggregate wealth runs over \$1,000,000,000 mark. It is understood that they will not be permitted to sit on any trust cases.

A Baltimore man who was arrested the other night with a pair of stolen trousers in his possession, pleaded that he stole them because he was hungry. To make the excuse plausible he should have grabbed a strax hat instead.

A man out in Wisconsin thought he could hypnotize a savage bull. The bull didn't know it. This led to unpleasant results in which a good deal of ground was paved up, and a man sewed up, and another scientific theory was placed on the back shelf.

# THE KING MAY DIE

Edward VII, British Sovereign, is Most Sorely Ill.

## OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Some Hope of Recovery Held Out to Axious Populace by Physicians in Charge—Sudden Collapse Causes Consternation—Other News.

A London, June 25, dispatch says: The coronation has been indefinitely postponed because of the illness of King Edward.

With dramatic suddenness the king has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation. Today he lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace.

Indescribable consternation prevails throughout the country, and this consternation is reflected in the cablegrams received from all the centers of the universe.

King Edward is in a room facing the beautiful gardens of Buckingham palace and far from the street and the crowd.

If last night's progress is maintained he will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation, which has successfully removed the local trouble. But should any complication occur, such as septic peritonitis or blood poisoning, it is feared his majesty's present physical nervous condition would prove unequal to the strain involved. There is, consequently, intense anxiety as to the outcome. The king's doctors believe that his majesty would have been dead before now except for the operation.

At twenty minutes past 4 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning the officer of the guard at Buckingham palace informed a representative of the Associated Press that he understood there was no new development in the king's condition.

At that hour the palace was everywhere closed and there were no signs of life about the building except the sentries outside and a small lot of messengers and reporters awaiting a possible bulletin.

No official bulletin regarding King Edward's condition has been issued this morning and there is little probability of any medical statement being made before 10:30 a. m. The Associated Press learns, however, that the king's progress continues satisfactory.

The following bulletin was issued at 11:10 p. m., Tuesday: "The king's condition is as good as could be expected after so serious an operation. His strength is maintained, there is less pain and his majesty has taken a little nourishment. "It will be some days before it will be possible to say that King Edward is out of danger. (Signed) "TREVES, "LAKING, "BARLOW."

His condition became so alarming Monday night that at one time it was feared death might ensue before the surgeon's knife could afford him relief. Intense swelling of the extremities, accompanied by alarming symptoms of mortification, constituted the emergency which demanded an immediate operation. To the last the king tried to avoid this, and he was willing to be carried to the abbey for the coronation ceremony in order that it should occur as arranged.

The influence of Queen Alexandra was enlisted, however, and at an early hour Tuesday morning the royal patient was prepared for the operation which, even in the skillful hands of England's best surgeons, was fraught with grave danger.

Shortly before 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon his majesty was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anæsthetic was administered. Sir Frederick Treves made the incision near the patient's groin and carried it upwards, with an outward slant, for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected intestine.

King Edward's first words when he returned to consciousness were to ask for "George," and the Prince of Wales who was waiting in the next room, was immediately admitted to his father's presence.

When the operation was being performed the great central court yard of Buckingham palace, so lately the scene of such brilliant gatherings, was utterly deserted, and an impressive silence reigned throughout the building. The quackeries talked in whispers, servants tip-toed about and the tension grew almost unbearable. Then the word was passed around that "All had gone well."

**Favor General Strike.** A prominent district mine workers' officer, in discussing the probable action of the special national convention at Indianapolis, said: "The authorities delegates will go to the convention instructed to vote solidly for a general strike of the soft coal miners. The Hazelton convention, composed of the three districts, so decided, and the anthracite miners will not change their action. I am of the opinion that the convention will order a general strike."

# THE FUSION CONVENTIONS

Tuesday Night's Labors Unfruitful of Desired Harmony.

A Grand Island dispatch says that the state conventions of the democratic and populist parties failed to reach an agreement Tuesday night on the head of the ticket.

An agreement was made to ballot until each convention selected the same candidate, and the conventions proceeded on this line all of Tuesday night and up to 2:30 Wednesday morning, the democrats naming C. J. Smyth and the populists naming M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill.

On one ballot in the democratic convention W. V. Allen and Harrington received votes, but they were few.

The democratic state convention assembled in the opera house soon after 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The hall was well filled. Chairman Hall called the convention to order and after a few words of good cheer introduced as temporary chairman H. D. Travis of Cass county. Mr. Travis made a speech full of criticism of republican policies, both state and national.

The session was largely devoted to oratory. When the oratory was over the convention took an informal ballot for governor, as follows: Smyth, 598; Viquain, 331; Thompson, 120; Koenigstein, 76. The formal ballot gave Smyth, 778; Viquain, 269, and Thompson, 80.

When they assembled at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the populists were rather more numerous than was expected. They were so full of vinegar at the beginning of the proceedings that it was seen at once they would not give up the head of the ticket without a strong fight.

The convention was called to order by Chairman De France in A. O. U. W. hall, a place with six hundred seats. Considerable confusion attended the gathering.

M. F. Harrington was made temporary chairman, after Allen and Weir had withdrawn their names.

John H. Powers was made permanent chairman, with A. H. Weir as assistant.

It was resolved that the populists should name the governor and that the rest of the offices be divided.

The convention then proceeded to a ballot for governor, and the roll was called. The result of the roll call was: Harrington 382, Barry 230, Berge 168, Coffin 104, Poynter 14, Sutherland 79, Sprecher 47, Heninger 13, Allen 51, Smyth 8, Stark 29, E. A. Gilbert 20, Viquain 10, Bryan 88, Sullivan 16, Damerell 69.

At 9:40 the conference committee reported recommending that both conventions proceed to ballot for governor and that balloting be continued until the same man receives a majority in both conventions. A motion to proceed to a ballot under this arrangement was carried. The result of the roll call was strongly in favor of Harrington and he was declared the nominee before the roll was footed up. The result was received with great enthusiasm.

## BAD FIRE AT DALLAS

Texas Town Suffers a Severe Loss by Reason of Flames.

A Dallas, Tex., June 24, dispatch says: Twenty-three residences were destroyed in East Dallas today and over one hundred people were made homeless within two hours. Fireman Jack Clark was overcome by heat and died tonight. Eight other men and one woman were overcome by the heat and injured otherwise during the progress of the conflagration, but none of them are in a serious condition.

The property loss will reach \$70,000 and the insurance in most cases is very light.

The fire originated in a residence which was being remodeled at Haskell and Simpson avenues. Every piece of fire equipment in the city was called to the scene and a hard fight made to control the blaze, which was fanned by a strong south wind.

## SAVAGE WILL GO

Governor Will Attend Keel-Laying of Battleship, Nebraska.

Governor Savage and his military staff will attend the keel laying ceremonies of the battleship Nebraska at Seattle, July 4, despite some protests from boycotting labor unions. On that occasion a great celebration will be held and the governors of at least two states will be present. The members of the Nebraska party will be accompanied by ladies. Arrangements have been made to start from Lincoln at 1:05 on the morning of July 1.

## Big Land Sale in Otoe County.

One of the biggest land sales that has occurred in Otoe county in years took place when John H. Overton sold 320 acres of farm land, two and a half miles south of Nebraska City to Henry Hesch, of Otoe county, for \$25,800. Mr. Overton and family will move to their ranch in Holt and Rock counties.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lord Kitchener received a great public ovation on his arrival in Cape Town on June 23.

The electric car line between Deadwood and Lead is nearly completed, and will be in operation by August 1.

The retail butchers' protective association of New York says a company has been formed there, with a capital of \$1,000,000, to fight the beef trust, and that arrangements have been completed with western ranchmen to supply 2,000 head of cattle each week.

The friends of the Panama canal route in the senate now claim they are able to command a majority in the house, and are confident that a motion to concur will carry.

Matron Lowe, of the reform school at Topeka, Kan., is dead from a bullet wound, and her husband is in prison charged with killing her. Before death she claimed it was an accident.

J. G. W. Cowles of Cleveland has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Oberlin college, Oberlin, O., and will serve as acting president until a successor to the late Dr. Barrows is named.

# TRAIN IS WRECKED

Passenger on C., St. P. M. & O. Road Jumps the Track.

## SEVERAL KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Cause of the Wreck Was a Misplaced Switch—Cars Piled Up Indiscriminately—Other News of a General and Interesting Nature.

A passenger train on the Sioux City branch of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, due to arrive in St. Paul at 7:25 a. m., jumped the track near Ashton, Ia., about 1:45 a. m. Sunday. Two trainmen were killed, five others seriously hurt and a number of passengers received other injuries.

The dead: C. J. Robinson, Sioux City, mail clerk. Barrett, fireman, scalded by escaping steam, and died shortly after being taken from under the engine.

The injured: James Erskine, St. Paul, mail clerk, hurt about back and head; serious.

F. E. Weston, St. Paul, mail clerk, badly scalded by escaping steam; serious.

O. H. Hall, St. Paul, mail clerk, hurt about back and head; serious.

U. S. Thompson, St. Paul, mail clerk, hurt about back and head; serious.

The engineer of the train, name not ascertained, was badly hurt, but will recover.

The passengers injured were attended by surgeons who were brought to the scene of the wreck on a wrecking train and all were able to continue their journey.

The cause of the wreck is said to have been a misplaced switch. The train was running at a high rate of speed and when it left the track the mail cars and smoker piled up on top of the engine. The sleeping cars also left the track, but did not overturn. The injured mail clerks were brought to a St. Paul hospital, while some of the others hurt were taken to Minneapolis for treatment.

## FOREST FIRE BURNING

Green River Valley, Washington, a Sea of Flames.

For a distance of seven miles the Green river valley is a sea of flames, says a Hot Springs, Wash., dispatch of June 22. Since noon Friday Dr. Kloeber and the employes and guests of the Kloeber Green river hot springs have been persistently fighting the fire to save the hotel.

Steadily the fire was held back and assistance was asked for from Tacoma, which was promptly sent by Mayor Campbell. Near Maywood, a lumber camp has been burned out. On each side is a seething furnace, so hot that the crew on the relief train was compelled to seek protection inside the caboose while passing it. Morgan's camp, one mile down, is partially destroyed, though it is thought the most valuable effects can be saved.

At Canton, nine miles below Hot Springs, are congregated the new settlers and woodsmen of the vicinity. They declare the forest for miles around to be ablaze.

At Eagle Grove the same condition exists and several smaller fires are reported within a radius of twenty-five miles.

## LOSES HIS LIFE

Brakeman Egan of Fremont Killed by Kikhora Freight.

Without the knowledge of his fellow employes aboard freight train No. 28, east-bound on the Fremont road, the life of Brakeman William J. Egan of Fremont was blotted out in an instant at Hooper, Neb., Saturday. His remains were discovered several hours later, the legs having been cut off, the trunk terribly mutilated and the face bruised on one side. From appearances he had been dragged several hundred feet after being caught beneath the wheels.

The train on which Egan was braking runs between Norfolk and Omaha and is due at Hooper about 1:15 a. m., but was half an hour late. It made a stop of but one minute there in order to let off some passengers. Egan himself gave the signal to start, and that was the last act of his life so far as known. He fell, it is believed, from the top of the train at a point just east of the water tank in Hooper and was dragged to the spot where his mangled corpse was afterward found.

## A Sudden Death.

William Richardson dropped dead at his home, corner of Randolph and P streets, in Weeping Water, Sunday afternoon, of apoplexy. He had been away to work and came home Saturday evening with a headache, but as he has not been feeling very well for some time past, nothing was thought of it. He was twenty-nine years old and leaves a wife and one child. His mother lives near Manley, in Cass county, and has several other relatives in the neighborhood. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. and carried some insurance.

The Commercial Cable company has issued the following notice: "We are advised that the cable between Mozambique and Majunga, Madagascar, is interrupted."

## Dallas Hotel Collapses.

A Dallas, Tex., June 22, dispatch says: The St. James hotel collapsed at 2 o'clock this morning. It is reported that a number have been killed.

2:20 a. m.—One dead and three injured have been taken from the ruins of the hotel.

A number of people, estimated at about twenty, remain in the ruins.

The fire department and police, with the aid of citizens, are at work to recover the dead and injured.

Great excitement prevails and it is hard to get definite information.

# CORNELL TAKES ALL

Is First in the Three Boat Races—Wisconsin Posters Her Hard.

A Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 21, dispatch says: Cornell this afternoon won the greatest triumph of her history, in boating. The Ithacans literally swept the Hudson, winning all three events in the inter-collegiate regatta, the "varsity," the freshmen and the four-oared races. In each race the crews, coached by Charles Courtney, had to fight all the way from start to finish for victory. In only one of the three events, the four-oared event, did the Ithacans dare at any time to let down on their speed. The Wisconsin boys won the second honors of the day, and to them belongs great credit for the splendid fights which they made in the "varsity" and freshmen races, in both of which events they finished strong, second to the Ithacans. In all three races Columbia finished third. In the four-oared Pennsylvania was second, but in the "varsity" race the Quakers finished in fourth place, and in the freshmen race they were fifth. The University of Syracuse beat the Quakers out for fourth place in the freshmen event, and in the "varsity" Syracuse fought Georgetown out in the last few lengths, beating the boys from Washington by less than a yard at the finish line. In none of the races were the records touched, but in all three events the times were not far above the fastest that have been made on this course.

The summary follows: Four-oared race, two miles—Cornell first by five lengths. Time, 10:43 3-5. Pennsylvania second by three and one-half lengths. Time, 10:54 4-5. Columbia third. Time, 11:08.

Freshmen eight-oared race, two miles—Cornell first by two and three-fourths lengths. Time, 9:34 4-5. Wisconsin second by two and one-half lengths. Time, 9:42 4-5. Columbia third by one and one-half lengths. Time, 9:49. Syracuse fourth by four lengths. Time, 9:53. Pennsylvania fifth. Time, 10:05.

"Varsity" eight-oared race, four miles—Cornell first by three lengths. Time, 10:05 3-5. Wisconsin second by one and one-half lengths. Time, 10:13 3-5. Columbia third by one and three-fourths lengths. Time, 10:18 3-5. Pennsylvania fourth by three-fourth length. Time, 10:26. Syracuse sixth. Time, 10:32.

## TRAGEDY NEAR LENA

A Fatal Affray on the Roadside in McPherson County.

A Whitman, Neb., June 21, dispatch says: Near Lena, thirty miles south of here, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, James Robinson shot E. Thayer through the breast. Thayer will die.

It is hard to get particulars. They met in the road a mile out. Thayer on foot, Robinson on horseback. Thayer, it is claimed, attacked Robinson with a knife and Robinson shot. Thayer has long held a position on the Haskell ranch. He and Robinson have long been friends.

Robinson is the same man who about three years ago shot his wife and himself and who was pardoned last winter.

## HERE AND THERE.

All day June 21 a Venezuelan warship bombarded, without result, Mauto, a suburb of La Guaira, where 700 revolutionists are entrenched.

Charles S. Dillon, one of the best known sporting men of the northwest, was killed in a runaway accident while driving from the race track at Helena, Mont.

A score of persons were injured in a trolley-car wreck at Chestnut Hill, a suburb to Philadelphia. The car became unmanageable and collided with another car.

Harold Tilzey, a Geneva young man arrested some time ago on the charge of cruelty to animals, pleaded guilty to one charge in Justice Hamilton's court and was fined \$5.

E. H. Jennings, manager of the North Dakota newspaper union, Fargo, was fatally injured in a wreck near Granville, losing both legs and receiving severe internal injuries.

Judge Andrews discharged the contempt proceedings against Detective Carpenter and has remanded Messrs. Gaynor and Greene to Montreal in charge of the jailer of that city.

Fred Blunt, the young man who attempted to commit suicide at Nebraska City by shooting himself in the right breast, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his home in Plattsmouth.

Col. Hubert Hamilton, who was entrusted to take to London the original South African peace agreement, delivered the historic document signed by the Boers to King Edward at Windsor castle Sunday.

The Louisiana supreme court granted a new trial to A. E. Batson, the young Missouri hired hand recently convicted at Lake Charles for murdering the Earl family. The hearing was given on intricate technical grounds.

The Rev. Father Camillus, O. F. M., celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as priest at Cleveland, O., Sunday, in St. Joseph's church. The jubilarian celebrated mass, assisted by Father Benedict of St. Louis, and Father Andrew of Quincy, Ill.

George Hunt, who is a traveling salesman for a St. Joseph mercantile house, came near beating the world's ten-pin record at Hastings, Neb., Saturday last. He made 651 points in three consecutive games. This beats Frank Brill's record. He scored 648. Brill is the champion of Illinois.

Colonel Arthur Lynch, member-elect of parliament for Galway and formerly of the Boer army, who is in custody on the charge of high treason, was again remanded until June 24, witnesses in the case not having arrived in London.

In an altercation at Burwell, Neb., over a horse race between one of a band of gypsies and J. J. Vannoy, the former took a couple of shots with a shotgun at the latter, but missed him. The gypsies broke camp and left hurriedly for the northwest, but Sheriff Key and posse corralled them and brought them back.

# SCENES AT JEWISH FUNERAL

Hebrews Excited Over the Burial of a Venerated Rabbi.

Most extraordinary scenes took place in Tunis yesterday on the occasion of the burial of Mouchi Borrebi, the late Grand Rabbi of the Jews of the protectorate, says a Paris dispatch to the London Telegraph. Hebrew traditions are kept to the letter of the law in Tunis, especially as regards funerals. About 5,000 Jews of all classes thronged round the funeral car, endeavoring to touch the body of the dead dignitary of the synagogue. The crush was enormous and as the body had several times fallen out of its place the police took charge of the funeral, and in strong force escorted the car to the cemetery. Here further trouble arose, as a lot of people wanted to throw earth into the pillow-case which was to be placed under the head of the grand rabbi in his tomb. The police succeeded, with great difficulty, in preserving order, and with the help of fifteen voluntary gravediggers, the body, in its white shroud, was taken from the car and consigned to the earth. Before it was carried down there was a final rush of people, who wanted to kiss the sarod. Many also struggled to descend into the grave for the purpose of saluting the corpse for the last time, but they were driven back by sheer force. During the burial, which was quickly effected, owing to the crowds, women in the cemetery pierced the air with their heart-rending wails. The explanation of these extraordinary scenes is that the Jews of Tunis considered that their grand rabbi had died a saint, or, as the phrase is among Catholics, in the odor of sanctity, and that whoever helped to carry the body, kissed it, or even touched the shroud of fine linen enveloping it, received pardon for sins committed and promises of heaven.

## BEDSTEAD WORTH A FORTUNE.

English Farmer Owns the Most Costly One in Existence.

There are not many wealthy collectors in Europe who have not tried in vain to buy the magnificent oak bed and overhangings belonging to Mr. John Eustace, a yeoman farmer, at Elmers Farmhouse, just outside Upton, England. This is one of the most famous beds in the world, and was slept in by Charles I. and Mr. Eustace has refused sums varying from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

It even beats in value the two Louis XV. tables which the Duke of Leeds sold last July for \$75,000, and is a really splendid piece of work. The King of Denmark offered the fortunate farmer \$90,000 for it five years ago, but the best offer was made last year by Mr. Paramore, the millionaire and connoisseur.

But it is the owner's pride that, even during the worst years of depression in farming, when an agriculturalist is the unluckiest of breadwinners, he has been able to point to the famous relic and declare that though nearly penniless, he has refused a fortune on an average once a month, and the luck of the heirloom always pulls him around again. The bed, which is of black oak, and over 250 years old, came out of Bethune Castle 210 years ago, and no banking account on earth can buy it. It will remain at Upton as long as the owner's family lasts.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT LONDON.

The British Capital is a Big Town Beyond All Question.

A child is born every three minutes and a death is registered every five minutes.

The city contains over 700 railway stations, nearly 800 miles of railway line, and eleven railway bridges span the Thames. Daily 1,000,000 persons travel on the underground railways, and 2,500,000 in 5,000 omnibuses, 7,000 hansoms, 14,000 cabs, and 7,000 tram cars. The total population is between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000.

Four thousand postmen deliver 10,000,000 letters weekly, walking a distance equal to the circumference of the globe. Sixty thousand letters are written a day, consuming thirty gallons of ink.

Ten thousand miles of overhead telegraph wires almost shut out the smoky canopy which spreads above the London streets, and the number of telegraph messages received in London last year, was over 6,000,000. Ninety million gallons of water are consumed daily.—London Correspondence St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## The World's Sheep.

According to official reports the wool industry of the world has undergone a marked decline within the past few years. The number of sheep in Europe has decreased 40,000,000 or 19 per cent. in ten years. In 1873 there were 25,000,000 sheep in Germany; in 1897 the number was only 11,000,000. Since 1880 Spain has decreased her sheep holdings by 50 per cent. Hungary, as compared with 1870, has only one-third of a supply. The flocks of Great Britain, France, and the rest of Europe, Russia excepted, are not increasing, for all available land has been utilized for years. Russia is the only old world country which is increasing its sheep supply, and even there the increase is not rapid. It is said that the Australian flocks are falling off rapidly. In Argentina millions of sheep were destroyed by the floods of 1900, and the natural increase has not more than one-half overcome the depletion. In the United States there are fewer sheep than there were ten years ago, but it is noticed that the numbers are again slowly increasing.