

DESTROYS HIMSELF

William W. Hatley, an Omaha Man Commits Suicide

HIS MIND WAS UNBALANCED

Domestic Difficulties and Loss of Wife and Money Placed Him in Very Bad Frame of Mind—Other News of Nebraska

William W. Hatley, a clerk employed by the Thomas Kilpatrick company, Omaha, fired a bullet through his brain and died instantly. Domestic trouble is supposed to have unbalanced his mind. The shooting took place at 7:45 a. m. on the lawn at his boarding house, 2009 Harney street. There were no witnesses to the act. Mr. Hatley lived with Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Saxe. He left several letters, all of which showed an unbalanced mind. One letter was for his mother, Mrs. Thomas Hatley, No. 4 Cross Row, Gateshead, England, another for Ed. E. Deright, 1829 North Nineteenth street, Omaha, and a third was for his former wife, Mrs. Charles Sterle, Newton, Mont. For fourteen years Mr. Hatley was a clerk in Omaha. He was sober and industrious. About one year ago he removed to Montana, but there lost all he had saved. He returned to Omaha. His wife is said to have become dissatisfied because her husband could not maintain her as she desired. She secured a divorce and married a wealthy ranchman with whom she was smitten. His life insurance policy for \$2,000 in the wife's name is in her possession.

STATE FAIR WEEK

Exhibits Being Placed—More of Them Than Ever Before

An idea of the magnitude of the state fair, which is to be held at Lincoln, August 29 to September 5, can be found in the fact that Master of Transportation O. M. Druse states that the number of carloads of exhibits this year will certainly exceed five hundred. Mr. Druse in former years has had some lively times in unloading cars at the fair grounds. One night last year over three hundred were handled. The total number of cars last year was a little below 450, and in the light of the record being made in entries, Mr. Druse is conservative in saying the five hundred mark will be passed this year. It must be remembered in addition to this that hundreds of drayloads of exhibits are taken to the grounds from the city, so that even the carload lots only give approximately the magnitude of the great show.

Agricultural Instruction

A number of the faculty of the state university will give instruction at the state fair in certain subjects pertaining to agriculture. The instruction will be given by means of practical demonstrations. It will be carried on in a large tent directly west of the cattle barns. Each demonstration will be held at a special hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of fair week. Each of the following demonstrations will be given twice daily, the time for each being limited to fifteen minutes: At 10 and 2 o'clock, judging beef cattle and hogs. At 10:45 and 2:45 o'clock, judging dairy cattle. At 11:30 and 3:30 o'clock, examination of horse for soundness. At 12:15 and 4:15 o'clock, budding and grafting fruit trees. At 1 and 5 o'clock, judging seed corn. The public will be admitted for fifteen minutes preceding each demonstration, but not while any exercise is in progress.

Quick Justice

Sunday, August 17, two fires were discovered in the town of Crawford, in the west end of Crawford county, Nebraska. Simultaneously there was heard the crash of glass in the rear of McDowell & Smith's hardware store and upon investigation it was discovered that two men were in the store appropriating merchandise for their own use. The fires were put out and the men arrested and taken to Chadron. A special term of court was held, Judge Westover presiding. The young men pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and were sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary at hard labor. They give the names of Thomas C. Burns and John Saunders. They have the appearance of practiced criminals and it is thought they were operating with a band when they were caught.

Big Money for Farm

H. M. Detrick sold his farm of 160 acres, near York, for \$12,000. This is the highest price paid for a quarter section of land in York county. Mr. Detrick homesteaded the land in 1870 and this is the first time it has ever been transferred. It is located one and one-half miles north of the court house, and has no permanent improvements upon it.

Peter Carr Burned

A press dispatch from Lead, S. D., states that Peter Carr, employed on construction work by the Burlington road, who was sleeping in the loft of a barn, was burned to death Friday by a fire which destroyed the barn and burned four horses to death. The Peter Carr mentioned in the dispatch is supposed to be a brother of Tom Carr, of Lincoln.

Carnival at Neligh

September 16, 17 and 18 will mark an event of importance to Neligh and Antelope county. The citizens of the city are making great preparations for a street carnival and exhibition. There will be games on each day with purses to be contested for amounting to \$250. Baseball contests with purses of \$50 for each day, to be contested for by amateur clubs from the county and on the last day a purse of \$100 to be played for by two professional clubs. The citizens have also provided for prizes to be awarded amounting in value to \$601.75.

FASTEST SHIP OF THE NAVY

Maine Develops Speed of Over Eighteen Knots an Hour

A Boston, August 23, dispatch says: The first-class battleship Maine raced around the Cape Ann trial course today to prove her right to fly the United States ensign. She did it before she finished. Her contract calls for a speed of eighteen knots an hour for four hours of steaming, and though on one six mile leg she dropped to 17.35 knots, she reached 18.9 knots on her fastest time and this was followed by other speeds equally fast. Thus, at the end her mean speed developed without tidal allowances, was given out as 18.3. This is not official, but the board has not completed its figuring and will not for some time. But this is the statement made by the vessel's builders. The new Maine stands today the fastest battleship in the American fleet, for the Illinois, which up to this time has held the record, is only 17.84 an hour, as against the Maine's 18.9.

BIG CATTLE SHIPMENTS

10,500 Head Handled by the Elkhorn in Two Days

The country within a radius of five miles of Belle Fourche, S. D., literally swarms with beef cattle ready to ship. Four hundred and seventy carloads were sent out from there for eastern markets Saturday and Sunday, consisting of some 10,500 head of cattle belonging to the Franklin Cattle company, Western ranches, Connors Bros., Driskill Bros., and the J. H. Carey Cattle company. More cattle are being shipped from there this year than ever before since the F. E. & M. V. railroad built in, and it is almost impossible to meet the demand.

These cattle will nearly all find their way to the South Omaha market, although a few will be shipped to Chicago.

OILING ROADBED

The Union Pacific Has Settled the Dust on Its Kansas-Colorado Tracks

The Union Pacific is oiling its roadbed and soon will have the work done the entire length of the Kansas-Colorado division. The oil prevents the rise of dust. It comes from California. "We are very well satisfied with the experiment with the oil," said Superintendent Duell. "We are spreading it from a tank and it is working perfectly. Over the districts thus far covered there is absolutely no dust. We will have to spread the oil once a year. This is because sufficient oil will have to soak into the ground to go below the depth necessary to put in ties. It takes the oil, and considerable of it, to have this effect. By preventing dust the oil saves our machinery and cars, and I believe is of an immense amount of benefit to every railroad. We have found the California oil preferable to any other because it contains more asphaltum."

Telegraph Changes on the Santa Fe

Circulars have been issued by C. H. Gaunt, superintendent of telegraphs of the Santa Fe, announcing the appointment of L. M. Jones of Topeka, Kan., as assistant superintendent of telegraphs. Mr. Jones' headquarters will be in Topeka. He has been serving as chief clerk in the superintendent's office for about seven years. Walter N. Knowl, wire chief, has been promoted to the position of chief clerk, succeeding Mr. Jones. G. D. Hood, formerly wire chief for the Northern Pacific at Helena, Mont., has been appointed wire chief and manager of the Topeka office. The position of assistant superintendent of telegraphs of the Santa Fe is created by Superintendent Gaunt, and the change will give one additional employe in the office at Topeka.

It Worries Wellington, Kan., Druggists

A license tax imposed on Wellington druggists by the action of the city council of \$100 a year for selling liquor and \$300 a year if beer is included, has been declared invalid by Police Judge Shearman. One druggist was tried recently for refusing to pay the license. His attorney showed that the tax was exorbitant and prohibitive in comparison to the tax paid by the merchants. Notwithstanding the decision of the police judge, H. F. Sith paid his tax for the ensuing six months, claiming that his attorney had notified him that the ordinance levying the tax is valid. Another druggist had already paid and the two are now on the fence as to what to do.

Fleeing From Water

An Emporia, Kan., dispatch of August 24 says: Hundreds of farmers are fleeing from the waters of the Cottonwood river, leaving behind them their deluged farms and flooded homes. The river has been rising steadily for a week and great damage is now resulting. Some farms have been under water thirty-six hours, causing certain destruction to crops. The Neosho river is entirely out of its banks below its junction with the Cottonwood.

Wasn't Insane

Willis Ray, who is blind, was taken to Falls City by his brother, Elmer, and taken before the board of insanity where Elmer Ray, it is alleged, testified his brother was insane. The board listened to the testimony and decided that the young man was not insane and recommended that he be sent to the institute at Nebraska City.

HERE AND THERE

Ornsley Covington and Charles Hunter, colored, and John O'Hara, white, were killed by a premature blast at the Lexington, Ky., workhouse. O'Hara was manager of the works. The family of Mrs. Mary Collier, of Bedford, Ind., and several boarders, fourteen persons in all, were mysteriously poisoned by eating cookies. Nine of the victims are still in a serious condition. A motion has been presented in the chamber of deputies that Peru shall adhere for a term of five years to the terms of the Brussels sugar convention.

AFTER COAL LAND

Projectors of the Jackson, Neb., Mine Get an Offer

ARE NOT WILLING TO SELL

Would-Be Purchasers at the Head of the Great Coal-Producing Mines, and Seeking to Combine the Soft Coal Interests of the West

H. Morris, general manager of the Marquette Coal company, the largest in Iowa, and C. Frohman, of Chicago, superintendent of the Lackawanna Coal company, visited the mines of the Iowa and Nebraska Coal company at Jackson, Neb., and made an effort to buy the coal leases of 11,000 acres owned by that company. Their visit followed the return of Peter Beckett, of Des Moines, who sunk the first shaft for the new coal company and went back to Des Moines a week ago. The visiting coal magnates went down in the shaft and at once made an offer for the property. It was refused. W. C. Peterson, president of the Iowa and Nebraska Coal company, says the visitors indicated that a western soft coal combine, to control the product of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, was in process of formation.

NEEDS A WHIPPING

London Paper Makes a Threat Against Venezuela

A London, August 26, dispatch says: The Daily Mail, in an editorial article on Venezuela's defiance of European powers in maintaining a blockade and seizing Dutch vessels, declares it to be impossible for Europe to allow a piratical and predatory government of this type to disturb the commerce of the West Indies and the security of the Caribbean sea. "This time Venezuela must be taught a lesson," says the paper. After inveighing against the Monroe doctrine, the editorial concludes:

"America should keep her disorderly states in order and chastise them when, relying on their weakness and her protection, they offend against international law." Details of the reoccupation of the fort of Carupano, state of Bermudez, Venezuela, by the Venezuelan government forces have been received at Willemstad, island of Curacao. They show that General Velutini, with 6,000 men from the island of Margarita, reoccupied the port on Friday last without encountering any opposition from the Venezuelan insurgents.

C. P. OLSON DROWNED

Burlington Superintendent of Bridges Meets Death in Water

C. P. Olson, superintendent of bridges for the Burlington railroad west of the Missouri, was drowned Monday. This information was conveyed to Burlington headquarters in Lincoln in the afternoon by a telegram from John Olson, a brother of the unfortunate man, dated Burlington, Iowa. None of the particulars has reached the city.

Mr. C. P. Olson has been a resident of Lincoln and an employe of the Burlington for a quarter of a century. He began his labors as a bridge carpenter and gradually worked his way up, became superintendent about twelve years ago, which position he has held continuously ever since.

Terry Quits Cuban Cabinet

Emilio Terry, who presented his resignation as secretary of agriculture for Cuba a week ago, has decided not to consider his resignation and will sail for Paris next Monday.

A banquet was given to Senator Terry at Cienfuegos last night. In the course of an address Senator Terry said the only way to save the country was for all factions to unite in maintaining a conservative policy. He eulogized President Palma and the senate, but said the house of representatives was wasting its time over frivolous matters. Senator Terry predicted a great future for Cuba.

Has Proof of Son's Innocence

A New York dispatch says: Edward Molineux, father of Roland Molineux, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams, says that he has absolute proof of the innocence of his son. The general declines to say what his months' of detective work to save his son from the gallows has brought forth. He says his son took to writing plays in Sing Sing to occupy his mind, but that none of the product will become public until Molineux is freed.

Boths to Lead Boers

The Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says he hears that as a result of the conferences between former President Kruger and the Boer generals, De Wet, Botha and Delarey, Mr. Kruger is to resign the leadership of the Boer people. General Botha, adds the correspondent, was unanimously designated the future leader of the Boers.

Iron Ore in Tromsøe

Great veins of rich iron ore are reported to have been discovered at Vadsø, in the province of Tromsøe, says a Christiania, Norway, dispatch. The claim is made, from portions of the veins tested, that the ore contains 50 per cent of iron.

Returning Boer Prisoners

The British transport Staffordshire sailed Monday from Hamilton, Bermuda, for Capetown with 1,660 Boers who had been prisoners in the detention camps on these islands.

MINERS USE FORCE

Found Non-Union Miners to Prevent Collieries Opening

The worst scene yet witnessed during the anthracite miners' strike in this vicinity took place between the hours of five and seven Monday morning at Hazelton, Pa. Rumors had been current for a week that an attempt would be made this morning to open the Cranberry and No. 40 collieries. Both are practically in the heart of the city.

About midnight the strikers began to gather to gather on the streets and at 5 o'clock this morning 10,000 strikers had formed a cordon about the colliery yards. Contrary to expectation only about forty non-union men appeared at the collieries. These men were set upon by strikers and beaten with clubs and driven back. A number of them were kidnaped by strikers and their present whereabouts are unknown.

August Sheeh was seized by the mob and thrown to the ground and stabbed three times. It is believed he will die. The mob would have killed him on the spot but for the timely interference of citizens. No shots were fired. The strikers used clubs as weapons.

The city at 10 o'clock is practically deserted. Almost every union miner in Hazelton participated in the demonstration.

MILES WILL GO

Has His Chief's Permission to Visit the Philippines

With reference to the statement that Lieutenant-General Miles is going to the Philippine Islands, Secretary Cortelyou, Monday night said:

"General Miles is going to the Philippine Islands with the permission of the president to inspect army conditions there." A magnificent reception was tendered Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles at Worcester, Mass., by post 10, G. A. R. Eight hundred persons greeted the commanding general of the army. General Miles responded to the call for a speech, expressing his appreciation of the honor done him.

After the reception he was entertained by the Worcester club and was then driven to the state armory, where he saw a drill by company A of the state militia, and spoke to the members of the company. He left the city on the midnight train for West Point.

FILIPINO BANDITS

Make an Attack on Native Constabulary and Kill and Capture Many

Ten members of the native constabulary were ambushed at a point near Magdalena, in the province of Sorsogon, Luzon, by a band of sixty bandits. The latter were armed with rifles and bolos and a desperate fight at close range took place. One member of the constabulary was killed, two were wounded and three were captured. Seventy constabulary have taken the field in pursuit of the bandits.

Official cholera statistics show a total up to date of 25,634 cases and 18,040 deaths. The actual number of cases and deaths is greatly in excess of the official reports. In Manila there were but eight cases reported last Saturday. In some of the provinces of Luzon the cholera situation is bad, 414 cases and 317 deaths were reported from the province of Ilocos Norte last Saturday.

Boys Chase the Girls

Throwing chivalry to the winds, the striking Western Union messenger boys at Chicago Monday chased two pretty messenger girls, each about eighteen, through downtown streets, throwing street refuse and howling imprecations at them. Pedestrians tried to rescue the girls but the boys "rushed" them whenever they attempted to interfere. The girls finally found refuge in a department store and the boys dispersed.

Steamer Fast on Bar

The steamer J. S., with twenty-two hundred excursionists on board, is fast on a sandbar in the Mississippi, fourteen miles below Trempealeau, near Dresbach, Wis.

Most of the excursionists were going from Winona to al. Cross.

A telephone dispatch from Dresbach at midnight stated that the steamer had no prospects of getting o the bar before morning.

Bank Is Robbed

The First National bank of Aberdeen, S. D., was robbed of \$3,860, mostly in small coin Sunday night. A safe containing most of the cash was untouched. The affair was probably the work of amateur cracksmen.

Sultan Acts

As a result of pressure exerted by the powers, the sultan of Turkey has ordered the minister of marine to take steps for the suppression of piracy in the Red sea.

Crown Jewels Sold

A Spanish court functionary states that the crown jewels were recently sold to cover the big royal debt. The jewels, he says, have been replaced by imitations.

LITTLE NEWS ITEMS

A report comes from Ousley county, Kentucky, of a fight in which Jesse Nealy and a man named Allen were killed and five men and one woman wounded. There were no witnesses except those engaged in the fight, and they refuse to give any details except the foregoing.

President Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen to be present and address them at their biennial session, to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., September 8.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent Le Mars National bank, at Le Mars, Iowa.

Eight thousand harvest hands have arrived at Winnipeg to date. About 200 of the number have gone to North Dakota, and it is said the alien labor law machinery may be set in motion.

CORN PROSPECTS

Condition of Crop is Considered to Be Pretty Good

RAINS WHERE IT IS NEEDED

Sections That Were Dry Get Necessary Moisture—Regular Report of Weather Bureau of Conditions in the Different Sections

Profuse rains throughout the state are retarding the maturing of the corn somewhat, although the moisture that fell in the southern counties was needed and had a beneficial effect. The weekly crop bulletin issued Tuesday, August 26, by the Nebraska section director of the weather bureau says:

The past week has been wet and cool. The daily mean temperature has averaged three degrees below normal in eastern counties and one degree below in western.

The rainfall, with few exceptions, has been above normal. The amount has quite generally exceeded an inch in eastern and southern counties, and in considerable areas ranged from two to four inches. In the northwestern portion of the state the rainfall was less than half an inch.

The showers of the week retarded haying and threshing and considerable hay in the northern sections was damaged by rain. Threshing from shock is in progress in northern counties, and some damage to grain in shock has resulted from the wet weather of the week.

Corn has, with few exceptions, grown well, and continues to promise a very large crop. The rain in the southern counties was very timely and beneficial to corn. Warm weather is needed to ripen the corn crop, as it is maturing slowly and is new slightly behind normal development at this season of the year.

The soil is now in excellent condition for plowing and seeding. Pastures are unusually fine.

In summarizing the situation by sections the bulletin says:

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. The corn in the southern and western portions of this section was needing rain at the close of last week; some slight damage to the crop resulted in parts of Jefferson, Thayer, Fillmore and a few adjoining counties. The heavy and general rains of this week relieved all drought conditions and were generally beneficial, although the continued excess in moisture in Polk, Butler, Seward, Lancaster and adjoining counties will induce a continued growth and retard ripening. Corn is maturing slowly and some late fields will require more than a month to be beyond damage by frosts.

The showers interfered with threshing in the counties just south of the Platte river, but generally shock threshing is completed.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION. The ground is now in excellent condition for plowing and considerable progress has been made with this work the past week. Haying has progressed slowly. Apples are in good condition.

The continued excessive rains of the past week have been rather injurious to crop interests. Very little progress was made with haying and threshing, and some hay was spoiled by rain. Hay will be a very large crop, but dry weather is needed to secure it. Corn has grown well, but is maturing slowly, and many pieces will require a month to be beyond danger of injury by frost.

CENTRAL SECTION. Haying and threshing have been retarded by rain. The hay crop will be exceptionally heavy.

Corn is doing well and promises a very heavy crop, but is later than usual and is maturing very slowly. Hay in several places damaged corn in small areas.

The ground is in good condition and fall plowing is in progress.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION. Heavy rains in the counties along the Kansas border were very beneficial; light showers in the northern portion of the section were beneficial, but more rain is needed west of Kearney county.

Threshing and haying have progressed well.

Corn in most parts of the section has improved in condition the past week. Fall plowing is in progress.

WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN. In the eastern portion of this district wet weather has retarded haying and damaged considerable hay. Small grain is mostly cut and is a good crop, but threshing and stacking have been delayed by rain. In the western portion of the district light rains have been beneficial. Haying is well advanced. Pastures are in fine condition throughout the district and stock is doing well.

Must Carry Boiled Water

Because of the poor condition of the city water supply, the Chicago board of education has decided that it would be necessary to shut off the water supply from all of the public schools when they open next Tuesday. The pupils desiring a drink of water during school hours will be compelled to bring a bottle of boiled water from their homes or go without. An unlimited use of the water would, the members of the board fear, cause an epidemic of typhoid fever among the pupils.

Mill Men at Work

The 600 employes of the Ashland sheet mill, Huntington, W. Va., who have been on strike for seven months, have resumed work, concessions having been made by both sides.

Gets a Writ

The Michigan supreme court has granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Frank C. Andrews, recently convicted of misappropriating funds of the wrecked City Savings bank of Detroit. The writ is made returnable October 1 and Andrews will remain in jail meanwhile.

PART OF FOREST RESERVE

Wind Cave, in South Dakota, Now in Hands of Government

The interior department has attached the wind cave, near Hot Springs, S. D., to the Black Hills forest reserve, and has placed it under the jurisdiction of Seth Bullock, superintendent of the reserve. Mr. Bullock has received orders to put the ranger whose territory is nearest the cave in charge, and Mr. Bullock will visit the cave himself within a few days to look the situation over and to promulgate rules and regulations for the guidance of tourists while exploring the cave. He will also appoint one or more official guides from among the most familiar with the interior. A number of men anticipated that the cave would be turned over to the forest superintendent and made application to him for the management, but the action of the secretary of the interior in placing a ranger in charge leaves no room for them.

KILLD BY AUTOMOBILE

Owner Loses Control and Machine Drops Through a Bridge

Two were killed and three injured in an automobile accident at the Park avenue bridge over the New York & Long Branch railroad tracks at oLeng Branch, N. J. In trying to avoid running down a man, Frank J. Mathews, president of the Realty Trust company, of Jersey City, lost control of his machine and it plunged against the railing, broke through and dropped to the rails thirty-five feet below. Mr. Mathews was instantly killed, the heavy machine falling upon him. Mrs. J. N. Cobb, of Richmond, Va., one of his guests, died later at the hospital, and Mrs. Louis Pizzini, her sister-in-law, is believed to have been Rev. Father Grant, of the church, New York, who was injured and bruised. The driver, however, escaped with only a few bruises. He leaped to the ground and the machine plunged over.

FORCED TO GO FAST

Direct Hal, Pushed Hard in a Race, Lowers His Record

The climax of sensational pacing races was reached in the great Park Brew \$10,000 stakes at Narragansett park, Providence, R. I., Tuesday afternoon. Ed Geers piloted Direct Hal to victory in three straight heats, but the black stallion's record was lowered from 2:06 flat to 2:04 1/4. That second heat was the pace that kills. Scott Hudson made a rush down the stretch with Twinkle and would have beaten anybody but Geers. It was such a drive home that Twinkle went off her feet and broke almost under the wire, while Direct Hal won in 2:04 1/4. The last heat was paced in 1:01 flat, with the last quarter in twenty-nine seconds. Twelve thousand people saw that race and they went wild with enthusiasm.

A BROKEN WHEEL

Sends Freight Train into a Ditch But no One Killed

The east-bound mixed train on the F. E. & M. V. railroad, from Chadron to Casper, Wyo., was wrecked Monday night near Glen, Neb. The cause was a broken flange on a coal car wheel, resulting in the derailment of two cars. There were three cowboys riding in the coal car and it was overturned and dumped down the down the grade. They were able to make their whereabouts known by their cries and were dug out by the train crew uninjured, except for a few bruises. The engine went to Crawford and secured a box car, in which the passengers were brought to Chadron. The wrecking train was sent to the scene and is still working on the wreck.

CAUSE A TRAGEDY

Chickens Invade a Neighbors Yard and Owner Hangs Himself

Herman J. Rauwerdin, aged seventy-four, who was born in Holland, hanged himself in his stable in the city of Muscatine, Ia., Tuesday night. He had been hanging about an hour when discovered by his aged wife, who went to call him to supper. He left a note written in the Holland language saying that he and his neighbors were having trouble because his chickens went into their yard, and he would hang himself to settle the trouble. He was quite wealthy and has been a resident of Muscatine for thirty-four years.

TO BE A SLOW BOAT

Coast Defense Monitor Wyoming Soon to Have a Trial

The United States coast defense monitor Wyoming, under construction at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, will have its builders' trial next Saturday or Monday. The Wyoming, which is destined merely for harbor defense and not for cruising on the high seas, will not develop great speed, probably not over twelve knots. It is now practically complete. Its entire battery is installed and steam has already been made and kept up in its boilers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

News has reached Barcelona, Spain, of a fearful cyclone at Felanitx, on the island of Majorca. Enormous damage is reported to have been done, houses have been destroyed and lives have been lost.

The Culver Lumber company, of Kansas City, has been placed in a receiver's hands on the application of H. A. Culver, the company's manager. Assets, \$650,000; liabilities, \$250,000.

Fire in the Prairie Du Chien, Wis., woolen mills caused a loss that will probably reach \$150,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. About 100 persons are employed in the works.

A letter appears in the oLndon papers signed jointly by several London shipping agents announcing their readiness to transmit parcels to the United States at as equally advantageous rates as the postoffice.