

BLUE ON BENDER

Cloudburst at Marysville, Kas., Causes Flood.

RIVER RISES SIXTEEN FEET

Even Itself Is Deluged and the Bottoms Filled With Water—Tracks on Union Pacific Washed Out—Other News of a General Nature.

A Marysville, Kan., Aug. 25, dispatch says: A cloudburst struck in this vicinity early today, causing the Big Blue river to rise sixteen feet within a few hours and sending a great flood of water down the bottoms along that stream. Many inhabitants in the lowlands were driven from their homes and heavy damage to property was done. One death by drowning is reported.

Marysville was deluged and the bottoms were filled with water from ten to fifteen feet deep. Fifty houses were almost entirely submerged, their inmates taking refuge in trees and on rooftops. Seventy-five persons were rescued in boats. The storm washed out the tracks on the Blue Valley branch of the non Pacific for several miles and wiped out telegraph and telephone wires, cutting the town off from outside communication till late in the day. Tonight the river is falling, although farms for miles around will be under water for several days.

MARKED ADVANCE.

National Weather Bureau Reports Corn in Better Shape.

The national weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions, issued Tuesday, August 25, says:

"Portions of the south Atlantic states experienced heavy rains, while the Ohio valley, the greater part of Texas and the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast districts are suffering from drought. There was some damage in the northern portion of the middle Atlantic states by local storms on the 19th.

On the whole, the corn crop has made favorable progress, especially over the central and western portions of the corn belt, the most decided advance being reported from Nebraska and Kansas. In the upper Ohio valley corn is suffering seriously for rain which is also needed in portions of Illinois and Missouri and much of the crop in Iowa will suffer unless rain falls soon. The reports indicate that early corn will be safe from frost by September 15 to October 1, and late corn from October 1 to October 15.

Considerable spring wheat remains to be cut in North Dakota, but harvesting is practically finished elsewhere in the spring wheat region. In southern Minnesota much grain in shock is damp. In South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas the weather has been highly favorable for stacking and thrashing. Harvesting is nearly finished in Oregon, and advancing rapidly in Washington, the grain being of superior quality.

Cotton has suffered materially from heavy rains and lack of sun shine over a large part of the central and eastern districts.

Fall plowing has progressed under favorable conditions, except in the Ohio valley and central portions of the Mississippi valley where the soil is too dry.

Director George A. Loveland of the state university weather bureau has issued the weekly crop report for the week ending August 25:

"The past week has been warm and dry. The mean daily temperature has averaged three degrees above normal in eastern counties and six degrees above in western.

In a few central and south central counties the rainfall ranged from one-half of an inch; in other counties only light, scattered showers occurred, with generally less than a quarter of an inch.

The high temperature and light rainfall of the past week have been exceedingly favorable for the growth of corn, as well as for the advancement of thrashing, stacking and haying. In the counties of heaviest rainfall work was delayed the first half of the week by the rains and some slight damage resulted to grain in shock. Stacking and thrashing from shock are now nearly completed in the southern counties. Corn has grown rapidly and has improved in condition; it is earing well and now promises the best it has this season. A little early corn is beginning to harden in southern counties; considerable corn will be safe from injury by frost by September 15, but much corn will require until October 1, and some of the latest fields will need two or three weeks of October to mature. Fall plowing has progressed nicely with the soil in excellent condition. Pastures continue good. The third crop of alfalfa is being cut.

Woolen Mills Will Close.

It is estimated that more than 20,000 employees of the American Woolen company, Boston, Mass., will be idle next week, owing to the closing down of a number of mills.

Schwab's Salary.
Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel corporation, has issued the following statement: "I know of no arrangement or understanding for the return of Mr. Schwab to the presidency of the corporation. I think his general desire is to fully and permanently regain his health. It has been officially stated that his salary was \$100,000 per annum and that in addition he received something out of the bonus fund, the same as other officers. These statements, like all other official statements, can be relied upon."

FUSION IS EFFECTED.

Nebraska Democrats and Populists Name

Justice Men.

Supreme Court Justice—J. J. Sullivan.
University Regents—W. A. Jones and Dr. E. O. Weber.

The democrats at Columbus and the populists at Grand Island, named the same men for supreme judge and regents in their conventions held Tuesday, August 25.

The democrats named Judge Loomis of Fremont as temporary chairman, who spoke at length of the fundamental principles of democracy. H. W. Risley of Grand Island was named for secretary.

When there was a call for Bryan the latter suggested the convention be held from Mathew Myvall of Ithaca, N. Y., to speak as an eastern democrat. He was a young man, evidently fresh from Cornell, a fluent speaker, and urged the fact that the democrats of the country have their eyes on Nebraska for reasons generally known in view of conventions hardly six months off. His reference to the shameful treatment of General Miles, whom he eulogized, was loudly cheered.

After a recess of half an hour the resolutions committee reported a platform. It reaffirmed the platform of the Kansas City convention in the fewest words possible and condemned the asset currency plan and further legislation along the line of the Aldrich bill.

These were the only references to national issues.

Among other planks was one demanding that the judiciary be kept free from partisan bias and undue influence of special and corporate interests. It commended the record of Judge Sullivan as an embodiment of high character. It arraigned the state administration for extravagance and burdening the state with an immense floating debt.

The platform was adopted without discussion.

Nebraska populists in state convention declared for fusion. It referred to next year's convention a resolution endorsing the Denver manifesto.

After nominating Judge John J. Sullivan of Columbus for supreme court justice, the populists engaged in a debate over the question of notifying the democratic convention at Columbus of what had been done. Then it nominated by acclamation two candidates for regents—Prof. William A. Jones of Hastings and Dr. E. O. Weber of Valparaiso.

The resolutions adopted declared national issues are not involved in this campaign.

RELIANCE AGAIN WINS.

American and English Yachts Have an Exciting Race.

The second race for the America's cup was sailed Tuesday, August 25, the vessels sailing over a triangular course, ten miles to the leg.

The Reliance crossed the line a winner by the close margin of one minute and nineteen seconds.

The weather was hazy and the boats were for a long time invisible to the great crowd watching from shore. When they emerged from the thick haze for the home run it was seen that one boat was leading slightly, but no one could identify her. There was intense suspense and excitement as they drew nearer and a little later when it was seen that the Reliance was leading the Americans were on the anxious seat until they saw the gallant defender dash across the line in front of the pretty craft that came over the sea to battle for the cup. A scene of indescribable enthusiasm followed. All sorts of craft turned their whistles loose, bands played and the cheers of the multitude were drowned.

Captain Barr outgeneraled his rival, Captain Wringe, at the outset, the American being a quarter of a mile to windward of the British boat. Experts said Shamrock's handling was amateurish. At all events the American was off under decidedly favoring conditions.

GIVES HALF FORTUNE AWAY.

Man of Much Wealth Divides Million Among Relatives.

A Norwich, Conn., August 25, dispatch says: Stephen B. Roach of Chicago has divided half of his wealth among relatives in this city, the gifts aggregating about a million dollars. Those who are to benefit by the distribution are Mrs. Elizabeth Randall, a widowed sister of Mr. Roach, \$250,000; Mrs. M. E. Jodan, Mrs. Henry B. Morton, Henry F. Parker, all of this city; Mrs. Harvey Walker, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Gerald L. Parker of Cincinnati, O., children of Mrs. Henry L. Parker, another sister, each to receive \$50,000; Edward Roach, a nephew, \$250,000, and Frank Roach, brother, \$250,000.

Mr. Roach, half a century ago, was employed by the Norwich & Worcester Railroad company in this city, but was attracted to the west, where he finally settled in Chicago. He became very wealthy, but continued to spend his summers here. He is now seventy-five years of age and a sufferer from locomotor ataxia. Mr. Roach, in an interview, said he desired to see to what use his relatives would put the money and that it had been given unconditionally.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Danville, Ill.—Winifred Baker, said to have been one of the leaders in the riot, was convicted of assault with intent to kill Sheriff Whitlock. He was given an indeterminate sentence, which means from one to fourteen years, at the discretion of the board of pardons.

Madrid—The report published in the United States by a news agency that a plot against the life of King Alfonso had been discovered at Huesca is officially declared to be absolutely unfounded.

HALF MILLION LOSS

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Catches a Terrific Storm.

GETS SIX INCHES OF RAIN.

Has Two Cloudbursts Within Twenty-four Hours, and Property Washed Away—Train Traffic Tied Up—News of General Nature.

A Council Bluffs, Ia., August 26, dispatch says: Two cloudbursts, one this afternoon the other tonight, destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property in this city. Hundreds of families in the lower districts of the city were removed from their homes with difficulty. Many business houses were flooded and the total loss in this city alone is now estimated at easily half a million dollars. The rainfall here for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight will amount to six inches.

The Northwestern railroad is not running a train in or out of the city Grove and Battle Creek macmillan and reports washouts between Ida Grove and Battle Creek, Ia., and between Mapleton and Castana, Ia.

The Rock Island and Milwaukee are both tied up and not running trains either in or out of this city.

Reports from twenty-five southwestern Iowa points show the fall of rain has been the heaviest ever known over so large an area and the damage to the corn crop cannot be estimated.

In Omaha the precipitation reached over two inches in three hours and flooded a number of places of business. Several streets were full at one time, and wooden pavements were washed from a number of streets. Basements and cellars suffered over the entire city.

Farms were flooded in the country districts and great damage done to unthreshed wheat.

TO PROSECUTE GOMPERS.

Action Will Be Taken Against Him for Advocating Boycott.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, is to be called into court for his advocacy of the boycott by trades unions of the employment by manufacturers which it considers discriminated against by labor unions, has taken up the matter. The attention of the officers of the association has been called to a letter written by President Gompers in which he threatened to order a boycott of the products of a paving brick company of Chicago. This letter is believed to furnish the basis for an action against the president of the national labor body, and counsel for the anti-boycott association has been ordered to proceed legally against Gompers.

LOSS HALF MILLION.

Kansas Counties Hard Hit by Tuesday's Cloudburst.

The damage to farms in Nemaha and Marshall counties, Kansas, by Tuesday's cloudburst is greater than at first estimated, and now is placed at \$500,000. Great quantities of hay, wheat and oats in stack, besides wheat and corn in bins, were swept away, while many farmers lost all their cattle and hogs, according to reports brought in from the flooded district. Business is at a standstill at Frankfort. Dozens of bridges are out and wire communication with most of the flooded points is still interrupted. The Vermillion river fell ten feet in twenty-four hours.

Youth Meets Watery Death.

Clyde Hile, a youth of eighteen, was drowned in the river a mile from the village of Cairo, Neb., Wednesday. Hile went out to the river to take a swim with two friends, Art Dye and another companion. They say that while they were disputing themselves in the water Clyde suddenly gave a cry and sank beneath the water. They tried to reach him but could not. Alarmed, they sped to the village and secured help. Joe Hancock, with others, dived after the body. Hancock finally secured it. It was then too late. Hile was the son of a widow, the youngest of a large family in poor financial circumstances.

Parks Sent to Prison.

Sam Parks, business agent for house-smiths and bridgemen's union, has been sentenced to not less than two years and six months nor more than three years and six months in Sing Sing on a charge of extortion. Parks was convicted of extortion in having taken \$200 from Josephus Plenty, a Hoboken contractor, to call off a strike. Three other indictments on similar charges are waiting action.

Kills Himself.

Wayne McCloud, a San Francisco newspaper man, blew out his brains Tuesday night at the time set for a wedding to Miss Matthews. The guests had assembled and the lovers were on the walk near the house, when McCloud drew a revolver and fired. Instantly he is believed to have prompted the deed.

Saw Brother Drown.

The body of Joseph F. Johnson, a young ranchman who lived with his brother fifteen miles southeast of Long Pine, Neb., was found among the rushes at the bottom of a small pond near their house. Johnson had gone into the pond to bathe in the evening. He was taken with cramps, but owing to the thickness of the undergrowth, his brother could not effect his rescue. His body will be shipped to Maroon county, Iowa, where his aged mother lives. He had made arrangements to start on a visit to her soon.

PERISHES IN CANYON.

Western Nebraska Lad Found Dead at Mouth of a Cave.

Clara Christiansen, a lad of 12 or 13 years of age, residing about ten miles west of Callaway, Neb., was found dead by his mother the other evening. The lad was herding cattle in the canyons for a neighbor, and as he failed to return home for dinner as was his custom, a search was instituted by his mother and neighbors, which culminated in the above result.

It appears that the lad had been hired by August Jaeger, a well to do farmer and stockman, to herd his cattle for him, and in so doing he was assisted only by his favorite dog. While the cattle would graze the boy and dog were in the habit of hunting through the canyons and hills for coyotes, badgers, rabbits, etc., and it is supposed was doing this when he met his death. When found only his feet were protruding from a hole into which he had crawled and the earth about which had caved in on him.

It is thought that the dog had run some animal into the hole, when the boy attempted to crawl in and bring it out, and in so doing jarred the earth above which caused it to cave in upon him, either smothering him or smothering him to death.

When found in the middle of the afternoon putrefaction had set in, and the accident must have happened in the early morning.

ROOT HAS RESIGNED

Tenders Resignation to President—Taft to Succeed Him.

An Oyster Bay, August 25, dispatch says: Secretary Root under date of August 19 presented his resignation formally to the president. The resignation was accepted by the president with the understanding that Mr. Root continue as secretary of war until at least January 1. Governor General William Taft of the Philippines will succeed Mr. Root as secretary of war.

President Roosevelt today authorized the following statement:

"The president some months ago tendered the secretaryship of war to Judge Taft and at that time it was arranged that he would succeed Secretary Root. Secretary Root will get out of office some time in January and Judge Taft will assume the duties of the office shortly afterward."

Reunited.

A 4-year-old baby girl, with pretty pink cheeks and laughing blue eyes, has caused a reunion of her father and mother in Norfolk, Neb., after they had been apart on account of domestic infidelity for many weeks. Several months ago Charles Nordwig kidnaped the little girl from Sioux City, and brought her to his parents here. His wife followed and little Mabel was taken into court. The parents agreed to forget the past, but Mrs. Nordwig changed her mind, went to her parents and began suit for divorce. Innocent little Mabel wanted to see "papa." He came to her and she refused to let him go. She loved him and she loved her mother and for her sake the two began life over again and will go to housekeeping in Norfolk.

Knocked Off Platform.

Judge Carroll L. Wood, of the Arkansas supreme court, who is opposing Governor Davis for a third term, knocked Governor Davis off a speaking stand, four feet to the ground, during the debate at Bismarck, Ark., Wednesday. Governor Davis was not hurt and friends prevented further trouble. Judge Wood was immediately arrested on a charge of assault and battery. Governor Davis publicly asked Judge Wood questions and before they could be fully answered interrupted with more questions, which so angered Judge Wood that he knocked Governor Davis from the platform. Later the matter was adjusted and Judge Wood returned to Little Rock.

Dutch Ship Burned.

Three firemen were seriously overcome and several others slightly affected by smoke from a fire in the hold of the Dutch bark Amsterdam in New York harbor Wednesday. The vessel was loaded with case oil. The firemen were overcome as soon as they entered the hold and they were rescued with difficulty, the rescuing firemen being affected by the smoke, but less seriously. The two fire boats were unable to subdue the flames and the bark was towed to Jersey Bats and sunk.

Connected by Telegraph.

A dispatch from Dawson says: Captain Nesmith, who is in charge of Fort Egbert, announces that the last link connecting Seattle and Ft. Michaels by telegraph is complete. Messages are now forwarded to Norway by mail. This marks the American government's great Alaskan land system. The drought is broken. Two weeks of rain will save hundreds of thousands of dollars this year to farmers.

Escaping Geologists.

While railroad men were engaged in trying to place a derailed freight car on the track near the union station, St. Louis, early Monday, a torch was accidentally brought in contact with a busted pipe from which gas was escaping, resulting in an explosion that will probably cause the death of Engineer Bouquet and seriously injured Switchmen J. Hardin and B. J. Hunt.

HERE AND THERE

Berlin—The body of Count von Baudissin, an army officer of Berlin, was drawn out of the river at Hamburg. The count had shot himself and then jumped into the water because of unrequited love.

South Norwalk, Conn.—The schooner Willie L. Newton of Bangor, Me., capsized off Norwalk light during a storm Wednesday night and the crew, believed to number seven men, was drowned. One body has been recovered.

IS ASSASSINATED

American Vice-Consul Shot by Subjects of Sultan.

UNITED STATES IS NOTIFIED

Prompt Punishment of Offenders Demanded of Turkish Suler, and Warships Will be Sent if He Refuses to Comply—Victims Is W. C. Magelssen of Minnesota.

A Washington, August 27, dispatch says: The state department has received a cablegram from Minister Leischman at Constantinople announcing that William C. Magelssen, United States vice consul at Beirut, Syria, was assassinated yesterday while riding in a carriage.

The American minister immediately brought the crime to the attention of the government and demanded action by Turkey.

Secretary Loomis today cabled Minister Leischman instructing him to demand the immediate arrest and punishment of the persons guilty of the crime.

No demand for money indemnity for the man's family has yet been made, but that probably will follow. Magelssen was appointed from Minnesota.

Admiral Cotton, commanding the European squadron, has been cabled by the navy department to have his vessels in readiness to move to Beirut, which is on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea, in case the demands of the United States government upon the Turkish government are not complied with. The Brooklyn and the San Francisco are at Ville Franche and the Machias is at Genoa.

Magelssen, who is a Scandinavian, was appointed vice consul at Beirut September 30, 1899, by Consul Gabriel Be Ravudal, who is of the same nationality. At the time of his appointment as vice consul he was a consular clerk in Turkey.

Magelssen was appointed on the recommendation of Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who says he was the son of a prominent Lutheran minister. He was born at Bratsburg, Fillmore county, Minnesota.

COMPANY NEEDS WATER.

An Injunction is Causing a Canal Company Trouble near Culbertson.

The Farmers' Canal company of Culbertson finds itself in a peculiar situation as the result of an injunction and is unable to get water from the Frenchman river for irrigation purposes. The company was recently enjoined by the McCook Canal company from taking water from the river until it, the McCook company, had secured its share. The McCook company had a prior water right and the Farmer company is situated above them on the river. Above the Farmers' Canal company ditch are the ditches of the Riverside and Krotter canal companies and they use the water so that the river is not able to supply enough for the Farmers' canal when the McCook ditch is closed. The Farmers' company has priority over the Riverside and Krotter companies and has filed a complaint against them with the secretary of state board of irrigation. Under the present circumstances the Riverside and Krotter companies use the water most of the time and when they do let it down the McCook company wants it and compels the Farmers' company to keep its headgates closed.

A Washington, August 27, dispatch says: Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department today announced his intention of having a thorough and impartial investigation made into all irregularities in Indian territory.

This announcement was made in response to a request from the Dawes commission, which relates that the result of years of unremitting toil is threatened by fanatical reports and questionable journalism. They urge that there be assigned to the work of investigation one whose reputation for honesty, ability and fearlessness is well established, and whose findings will be universally accepted.

The following is the text of Secretary Hitchcock's reply to the request of the Dawes commission:

"Replying to your telegram requesting that an immediate and searching investigation be instituted with reference to the integrity of your work and your ability to duty in connection with your official position as members of the Dawes commission, I beg to inform you that your request has been anticipated and that arrangements are in progress which will be consummated with the least possible delay."

Milwaukee, Wis.—The national fraternal congress has voted to meet next year in St. Louis. Edwin A. Wood of Flint, Mich., was elected supreme commander of the Knights of the Royal Guard.

Boston—The reorganization of the Norcross Bros. company, which recently assigned, with liabilities of \$2,000,000 was Thursday assented to by Judge Brown, the assets to be transferred from the receivers to the reorganization committee.

New York—The board of conciliation provided for by the anthracite strike commission met August 25 behind closed doors. Carroll D. Wright met with the board for the first time as umpire. Several matters on which the board failed to reach an agreement were submitted to Mr. Wright.

CRESCUS BREAKS RECORD

Gallant Trotter Lowers His Own Previous Record on Half-Mile Track.

A Dayton, O., August 27, dispatch says: Crescus this afternoon established a new mile record on a half-mile track, doing the mile in 2:08.4. Ketchum, his owner, drove him. Crescus was paced by Mike Tim Tramp, driven by Dr. A. Scott Ives of Montreal and by a steam automobile driven by M. R. Denzer. This was an experiment and its utility remains to be demonstrated. The runner was alongside and the automobile to the rear. In the back stretch on the first half the chauffeur crowded up and Ketchum could be heard at the distance calling him to keep off.

The time by quarters: 33, 1:07.1; 1:36.4, 2:08.4.

The previous record of 2:09.1 was made by Crescus at Kansas City two years ago.

It is believed he would have trotted the mile today in 2:07 had it not been for a clip hitch bike, which nearly caused him to break twice.

CHINA'S MONEY SYSTEM.

France and Russia Not in Favor of Immediate Change to Gold Standard.

The report of the French commission appointed to confer with the United States monetary exchange commissioners has been delivered to Ambassador Porter. It contains a note from Foreign Minister Delcasse saying France is not prepared to express binding conclusions until she has consulted with the other powers. The reports endorse the principle of a gold standard for China and other silver-using countries, but it points out that the plan is positive only under judicial control of the coinage by the government and the creation of an adequate gold reserve. Semi-official advice from Russia indicates that the Russian commission has made similar conclusions. France and Russia consider it preferable to establish a uniform system in China by beginning on a silver basis and afterwards raising it to a fixed gold value, than to begin on a gold standard immediately.

Arm Burned by a Scepter.

Vic Newcomer, a restaurant keeper at Osceola, Neb., was badly burned while trying to fix a gas stove that was not burning properly. A quantity of the gas was spilled and part of it got on Newcomer's arm. It suddenly ignited and he was so badly burned that he will not have the use of his arm for some time.

Lost in Colorado Storm.

A dispatch from Colorado says that the wife of Senator George W. Ball of Iowa City, Iowa, and daughter, Edith, were caught in a landslide on James' peak glacier and lost their way in the blinding snow. They wandered for two hours and Mrs. Ball had collapsed when discovered. She was carried to a settler's cabin and resuscitated with difficulty.

HERE AND THERE

Springfield, Ill.—The first military wedding in the history of Camp Lincoln occurred Thursday night at 8 o'clock, when Epineus Harkness, a member of the Goussard band of DeCATUR, the Fourth regiment band, and Miss Elizabeth Chipendale of Monticello, were married. Rev. Mr. Shepherd, the regimental chaplain, officiating in the presence of the regiment and a number of citizens. The procession headed by company M, and the band, with the regimental colors, marched from Colonel Tanner's quarters to the band pavilion, where the ceremony was performed. Governor Yates gave the bride away. His staff were present at the ceremony.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—The Telluride Reduction company has conveyed its Colorado mill to the General Metal company of New York, which has just been organized by Charles S. Finney, representing prominent eastern capitalists. Manager E. W. Fullerton of the Telluride Reduction company's plant, tendered his resignation. C. D. Groves, superintendent, has been appointed to succeed him.

Springfield, Ill.—Governor Yates has pardoned John Lemly, convicted of murder in 1896 in Massac county and sentenced to ninety-nine years in the Chester penitentiary. On May 2, 1896, Benjamin Ladd surprised Lemly, Edward Lynn and a woman in his pasture. He ordered them off, and Lemly drew a revolver and killed Ladd. Lemly is at the point of death.

New York—A thorough inspection of the battleship Massachusetts at the navy yard showed that there are five breaks in the ship's bottom, but all comparatively slight, the largest being about two and one-half feet by three inches. The damage sustained by striking Egg rock, near Bar Harbor, is comparatively trivial.

Springfield, Ill.—J. H. Ross, superintendent of the Republic Iron and Steel company in this city, has resigned and a resignation has been accepted. District Superintendent Carter will have charge of the works until the successor of Mr. Ross can be appointed.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The proposed uniform bill relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations, as prepared by the committee on beneficiary fraternal insurance of the international insurance commissioners, was considered Wednesday by the national insurance commissioners.

St. Paul, Minn.—Great Western trains will enter Council Bluffs next Tuesday for the first time, and within a month temporary service will be established into Omaha over the new connection on which crews have been at work for two years.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Before adjourning the presidents of seven national building trades unions issued a call to the larger building trades unions of the country to send three representatives each to the conference to be held here October 8. It is hoped at this meeting to effect the formation of a national federation of building trades.