

SELECT NEW MAN

ADMIRAL JOHNSON TO TAKE THE PLACE OF SAMPSON.

Health to Latter Failing—May Ask For Relief Before Day of Retirement—Admission of Department Declared to Have no Hearing on Schley Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The navy department had selected Rear Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, now in command at the Fort Royal naval station, to succeed Admiral Sampson in command of the Boston navy yard, when the latter officer shall retire.

The formal appointment has not been made, as it is not known how soon Admiral Sampson may wish to be relieved, or whether he will wait until his retirement from the service next February. However, it is usual when the retirement of an officer is ahead to look about for those available to succeed him, and this led the department some weeks ago to determine upon Admiral Johnson for the prospective service. It has been known for some time to navy department officials that Admiral Sampson is not in robust health, and that he might desire to lay aside his duties at the yard before the time of his retirement from the service. As to this, however, it is stated at the navy department that there is no definite information from Admiral Sampson. He has not asked to be relieved or indicated when he would like to be detached.

It is stated that the action of the navy department has no connection with the Schley court of inquiry. Officials of the department were unable to say yesterday whether Admiral Sampson would be summoned as a witness, or would appear otherwise before the court, although it is said to be altogether probable that he would be among the witnesses.

An Attempt To Lynch.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 13.—Gregorio Cortez, who killed Sheriff Glover and Morris, was brought here and lodged in jail for safe keeping last night.

He was brought here to prevent the possibility of another attempt at lynching, which was tried at Gonzales early yesterday. Two hundred armed men rode up to the jail, called for Sheriff Fry and asked for Cortez. The sheriff had heard that the mob was coming and after securing his cells and doors sent his keys away, remaining in the jail with only one deputy and the jailers. When asked for Cortez, Sheriff Fry positively refused to give him up. The mob then tried to break down the door, using a telephone pole. Sheriff Fry went outside, fired a shot, got the attention of the leaders of the mob and after reasoning with them the mob dispersed.

Declare It Was Accident.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 13.—After an exhaustive inquiry the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the inquest over Elizabeth Smith, who was killed by the cars in this city last Saturday evening. In entering Tekamah the railroad makes a sharp curve in a deep cut. A person crossing the track at either end of the cut cannot see an approaching train until it is close to them. In passing along the street at the south opening of the cut Miss Smith endeavored to cross the track in front of an approaching train, not realizing how close it was. She was killed by a pilot striking her, the body rolling to one side and not being mangled. No blame was attached to the train crew.

Race Between Two Roads.

LEAD, S. D., Aug. 13.—It will now be a race with the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley and the Burlington railway companies to get the first standard gauge road into this city. The Elkhorn company will have about three and a half miles of new track to lay and the Burlington company will have from eight to ten miles of narrow gauge road to widen out to standard gauge. The Elkhorn company will have only to the first of next month to haul freight over the Black Hills & Ft. Pierre road, so that it will be necessary to have a road into the city as soon as possible.

France Must Export Wheat.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—France practically has completed the harvesting of her wheat at about the time when it usually begins, and it is no longer doubtful that there will be a very serious shortage. This information is conveyed to the state department in a report from Consul General Skinner at Marseilles. It is the firm belief in some quarters, says the consul general, that France will have to become again an importing nation of this commodity and the country will have to look abroad during the coming year for about fifty million bushels.

About twenty million bushels of soft wheat to make up this shortage is expected to come from the United States provided prices keep slightly under or on a par with those of Russian wheat.

Get More Gold From Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—It was stated at the offices of the Selby Smelting company today that a force of divers under the management of the Pinkerton's has today taken \$65,000 worth of gold from the spot where it was hidden by Winters, making nearly \$200,000 already recovered. It is expected that the remainder of the stolen treasure, amounting to \$80,000, will be recovered inside of twenty-four hours.

HOLDUP ON KATY.

Night Express Looted in the Choctaw Nation.

FORTH WORTH, Tex., Aug. 14.—The south-bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas train No. 3, due here at 6:30 a. m., was robbed at Caney Switch, I. T., at 1:05 o'clock this morning by five masked men. The express car was blown open, the safe wrecked and the mail sacks rifled. All the passengers were robbed of their money.

Caney, the place where the robbery occurred, is a sidetrack thirty-nine miles north of Denison. It is in the Choctaw nation of the Indian territory, and the population surrounding the station is only 125. The train does not stop at Caney except on signal, and the proper signal was given. The engineer whistled his reply to the signal, and the train slowed down for the stop.

Instead of the hurried signal to go ahead, the engineer and fireman were confronted by two men with faces veiled in black netting. About the same time the express messenger and mail clerk were communicated with through closed doors of their car. Three of the robbers shot wildly and then the call went to the messenger and clerk:

"Open up, here, open up, and don't be too slow about it."

THREATEN TO BLOW UP CAR.

When there was no reply from within the robbers again called out: "Open the door or we will blow it open and blow you to hell."

There was no response to the second call, and the firing again began. Fully twenty shots were discharged. Still there was no response, and the three men prepared a small blast of dynamite against the car door. In the meantime the shooting had awakened the passengers. At this moment the conductor, brakeman and porter ran back into the train and announced that the train was being held up. The passengers tried to hide their money and valuables. Just then the dynamite was exploded. It was a small charge and was intended more for fright than anything else.

A larger blast of dynamite was prepared and exploded. This did the work. It tore the side of the car. The robbers leaped through the opening and the frightened messenger had nothing to do but accept his orders. He was overpowered and narrowly escaped being torn to shreds. He was ordered to open the safe, but could not do so, as the combination was at the end of the run.

The robbers then put a charge of dynamite to the safe and blew it open. They demolished the safe but got only \$150, as the money had all been left at Muskogee, to be picked up by the territory by day.

PASSENGERS FORCED TO DELIVER.

The messenger and clerk were forced to assist the bandits in their work. Every mail pouch was emptied and the mail considered valuable was taken. Then, with Postal Clerk Tuiley holding an empty mail sack, the robbers went through the coaches and robbed every passenger. They got \$250 in one coach. A negro who refused to give up his money was severely beaten. The passengers were compelled to throw their valuables into the pouch.

Superintendent Sam Gaines, of the railway mail service, says he does not believe the robbers got much money out of the mail pouches.

After the work was done the robbers, who seemed to enjoy the situation, sat around and laughed over the matter and one even went back into the car to get something. After holding the train two hours the robbers left, going east into the dense bottom timber for which the tortuous Caney creek is noted. The trainmen cut the wrecked express car and ran down to Caney station and advised officers up and down the road. Within two hours posses of United States marshals with bloodhounds were on the trail.

The express company says that it lost nothing and the conductors estimate the passengers' losses at about \$400, not counting jewelry. The robbers gave Engineer Lanham a diamond ring and shirt stud.

Both safes were demolished by the explosion and the car is a wreck.

The country adjacent is gridironed with telephone wires and if the robbers leave the bottoms they will be arrested or killed. The posses in pursuit are made up of determined men and a surprise or fight is imminent.

Jumps into the Lake.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 14.—E. A. Rogers, traveling salesman for Liverman & Sons of New York, manufacturer and importer of feathers and flowers, committed suicide at Reeds lake at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He went to the lake and boarded the steamer Major Watson. When about half a mile out he plunged overboard. He had told friends that he was \$100 short in his accounts. The body was recovered.

Found Floating in River.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Aug. 14.—The body of a man twenty-eight years of age was found floating in the Sioux river here this morning. Appearance indicated that the body had been in the water at least a week. From letters found in the pockets it is supposed the remains are those of Harlow Baund. Two of the letters bear the Proctorokott, Minn., post mark, another dated Hamilton is signed "Thomas, Edith and Little Fan."

CAUGHT IN TRAP

MANY WORKMEN PERISH IN CLEVELAND WATER CRIB.

Explosion Starts a Fire—Death in Flames or Drowning Their Fate—Tug Rushes to the Rescue—Able to Save a Number, But Thirteen Dead.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 15.—Five men were burned to death, four were drowned, three and possibly four were suffocated and several injured as the result of a fire which destroyed a temporary waterworks crib two miles off the Cleveland harbor yesterday.

SEEK SAFETY IN THE WATER.

Twenty-six men obeyed the order of Manager G. C. Van Deusen when the flames broke out and took refuge in the water on floating pieces of wreckage. Four of them lost their hold-up on the frail floats, and sank beneath the waves just as help reached their comrades.

The crew of the tug J. R. Sprankle heard the fire whistle blown from the crib and raced to the scene from the harbor. She picked up eighteen of the survivors who had drifted to the west of the crib on their floats of boards and wreckage.

Van Deusen and three of his men were hanging in the water from a two-inch line suspended from the crib, just as the line was burning away above the men's heads a yawl boat from the barge Wilhelm, manned by two men, dashed into the veil of heat and smoke that enveloped the crib and rescued the four men on the rope at the risk of the boatmen's lives. The men picked up in the water were brought to the city on the tug Sprankle. They were naked, exhausted and badly burned. Many of them were cut by falling timbers.

The crib is a total loss. It was a frame building, 20x50 feet, the sides sheathed with iron. It contained valuable machinery. It is now a charred, shapeless mass of wreckage and mingled with the blackened timbers are blackened, rusted and twisted pieces and plates of iron and steel.

The crib and machinery were the property of Shailer & Schilling, contractors. Their loss will exceed \$200,000.

TUGS GO TO THE RESCUE.

Fire and harbor tugs with rescuing parties on board reached the crib soon after the flames broke out, but when they arrived the structure was a seething mass of flames and all hope for saving it was abandoned.

Men, stark, naked, could be distinguished swimming and floating in the water and shouting for help. Others were clinging to ropes which they had tied to the rafters, but the flames were burning the ropes away and one by one the men were falling into the lake. The tugs circled around the burning crib, picking up men from the water and in the meantime playing heavy streams upon the flames. After an hour's hard work the flames were extinguished enough so that the firemen could climb up the charred steps and fight the fire from the interior.

Then the horrors of the calamity were first realized. Everything was a total wreck. While the firemen were pouring water on the flames there was a roaring furnace beneath which could not be reached. But the firemen clung to their places and fought every inch of the way until the fire was under control. After two hours of hard work five charred human bodies were found burned beyond recognition. Two were in the attitude of prayer. They must have been awakened by the fire, but could not escape. They were caught like rats in a trap. One body was burned to almost nothing. All that could be found was a skull and some bones. The bodies of two other men lay close to those that were on their knees and it looked as though they never knew what happened to them.

As soon as the five bodies were found the tug Kennedy notified the coroner of the discovery. While this was going on strenuous efforts were being put forth to reach the men imprisoned in the tunnel, whose air supply had apparently been shut off entirely by the burning of the compressed air machinery. At times it was thought that no life could exist below. However, it was thought noises were heard below, but the sounds ceased again. At the mouth of the shaft it was like a furnace and the iron work was red hot from the flames. The water that was thrown on it turned into steam at once.

HAS PROVEN A DEATH HOLE.

The tunnel, which has been under course of construction for several years past, and is still far from complete, has been the cause, all told, of the loss of more than thirty lives.

Four years ago an explosion in the shore section of the tunnel resulted in the suffocation of eighteen men. Two years ago in a similar accident several more men were killed at almost the same place.

To Fight Claims of Kansas.

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 15.—A well attended meeting of representatives of irrigation companies in the Arkansas valley of Colorado, including officials of all the big canals from Canon City to Lamar, met here and appointed a committee to conduct Colorado's defense in the courts against threatened litigation from Kansas over Arkansas river water. The state engineer and a representative from the state agricultural department are included in the committee.

SPENDS IT FORCE

Tropical Storm On the Gulf Regarded as Over.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17.—The big storm has practically subsided here and both the river and the lake are falling. The water has rapidly receded from the section of the city which was overflowed yesterday. Large bodies of men have gone to work to repair the damage done at the various lake resorts which bore the brunt of the storm. Little news has come thus far from the Mississippi sound, but there has been no loss of life in that reach of territory. The Louisville & Nashville railroad is still badly crippled. No train has come in or gone out over the line since night before last. The subsidence of water, however, makes it probable that the damage to the tracks will be quickly repaired and that the traffic will be resumed tonight. A large number of cotton and other business men are still bottled up on the coast and unable to get to their offices. The North-eastern road has had some trouble, but the Illinois Central has aided both the Louisville & Nashville and North-eastern in handling their passenger business. The Bromwell liner Cronus, reached the city today, it had no trouble in the storm and reported no vessels in distress.

RICE CROPS DAMAGED.

At Shell Beach the wind has ceased, but the water is rising and there has been considerable damage to crops. Rice has been damaged considerably down the river.

The United Fruit company's steamer, Esther, arrived here today. It experienced heavy winds, but was not injured and saw no vessels in distress.

The Esther reported that there was no serious damage at Quarantine station, but that considerable property had been swept away at Fort Eads.

Will Not Talk of His Case.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Admiral Schley, who arrived here with his wife last night, will remain until the court of inquiry which is to investigate the Santiago campaign completes its work. The interim between now and the opening at the sessions of the court, September 12, will be devoted to his side of the case. Today he had his first consultation with Judge Jere Wilson of this city, former Representative Rayor, of Baltimore and Capt. James Parker of New Jersey. Admiral Schley will go over everything relating to the matter with his counsel and place them in possession of every fact pertaining to a thorough and complete understanding of the events of the campaign which are in controversy. Admiral Schley declines to talk about the case. He considers that the order of Secretary Long prohibiting officers of the navy from discussing any phase of it applies to him as well as others and he is obeying it literally.

Not Discussing Politics.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Vice President Roosevelt, deeply bronzed by his hunting trip in the Rockies, arrived here at 9:30 a. m. today. He declined to discuss present political and diplomatic conditions and at 10:30 a. m. took a Lake Shore train for Oyster Bay.

No Talk of Peace.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 17.—The center of interest in the steel strike Saturday shifted to the west, where Joliet finally swung into the line with the strikers and Milwaukee appointed today as the time for a final vote on the question. The news that came out of the west cheered the strikers throughout the districts in this vicinity as no other development since the labor war was declared. In their enthusiasm they count on favorable action at Milwaukee today, and, carrying their hopes still farther, say that they will yet win Chicago over. These successes they declare, with apparent confidence, will make them masters of the situation and win the strike.

The steel operators, on the other hand, say that the strikers are nearly at the flood tide of their success, and that when the ebb comes it can never be stopped. They do not seem to be disturbed by recent events and with a confidence equal to that of the strikers and that the general interest which was once aroused by the contest is quietly waning. They claim that they are more than holding their own in non-union plants that were unaffected, or have been started since the strike began and are perfecting plans for reopening several plants now idle. They also claim that many of their men, particularly at McKeesport, Wheeling and Bellare were forced out by intimidation and will come back as soon as the excitement dies out and their safety is assured.

Talk of peace has been dropped for the time being and it is agreed that in its present aspects, the situation indicates a prolonged and stubborn contest.

Canada Gains in Numbers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A special to the Times from Ottawa says: The population of the Dominion of Canada, according to the census returns which will be given out today, is 5,337,196, an increase of 503,817 over the census of 1881. These returns are not authorized by the census commissioner, but they are understood to be those which the department will give to the public and are believed to be correct.

TO RUSH WARSHIP

ORDERS SENT TO IOWA TO PROCEED TO PANAMA.

Warner Will Proceed Her—Smaller Craft Probably Already Under Way—Interests of United States Must be Protected—Southern Republics Join Hands Against Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A telegram has been prepared at the navy department to be forwarded to the Iowa immediately upon her arrival at San Francisco, ordering her to prepare at once to go to sea. When she advises the department that she is already under way, an order will follow for her to proceed at once to Panama. The little cruiser Ranger, which is at San Diego, was ordered to sail yesterday. It is not believed that there will be any delay in her departure, as she has had several days' notice in which to prepare for the sea. She is very slow, however, making not more than six knots, and as the distance to Panama is about 2,700 miles it would require almost fifteen days for her to reach her destination. The department, therefore, decided to dispatch the Iowa as soon as the battleship arrives at San Francisco and can prepare for the trip.

The cruiser Philadelphia, which arrived at San Francisco yesterday from the Samoan islands, is to get at once into dry dock at the Mare Island navy yards for overhauling and general repairs. The navy department has decided that this vessel shall be immediately placed in commission so as to be prepared if occasion arose, to go south to the scene of the trouble on the isthmus.

The state department today issued the following:

"The department of state is advised by a telegram from Mr. Russell, charge d'affaires in Venezuela, that the departure of the Colombian minister from Caracas was voluntary and that he has the intention of returning to his post. Mr. Russell has taken charge of the Colombian legation property and archives during the minister's absence. Mr. Russell does not say that he has assumed charge of Colombian interests, as he was authorized to do if requested and with the assent of the Venezuelan government. It is inferred that he has not been asked to do so."

JOINS HANDS AGAINST COLOMBIA.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—News has been received in this country involving Venezuela, Nicaragua and Ecuador in the attempt of Gen. Rafael Uribe-Urbe, the Colombian rebel leader, to overthrow the government of Colombia, says the Tribune. A year ago it was known to the Colombian authorities that the rebels under Uribe were receiving material assistance from these republics and recent developments and information received by Colombian secret service agents confirm the belief that these countries are preparing open and simultaneous attacks on Colombia. It further been learned that the plan of attacks has practically been agreed upon. Large numbers of Nicaraguans have already joined the rebels in the department of Panama and it will be these marauding bands the United States will have to deal with if it becomes necessary to land marines at Colon or Panama to protect the American interests on the isthmus.

Venezuela's point of attack will naturally be from the Colombian Venezuelan border, where the recent battles are reported to have taken place between Venezuelan regulars and an invading army, commanded, according to Venezuelan authorities, by Gen. Gonzalez Valencia. It is somewhat doubtful, however, if General Valencia had anything to do with this movement unless war has already broken out between Venezuela and Colombia. If the present plans are carried out the rendezvous of the Ecuadorian rebels will be in the southern part of the department of Cauca, where two Colombian rebel generals are now said to be encamped with 4,000 troops.

A dispatch to the Herald from Caracas, dated Thursday, says that the invaders on the Venezuelan frontier have again disappeared.

Fugitive Dies From Blow.

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 17.—John Dean, the boxer who was knocked out in the ninth round of a twenty-round bout with Charles Armstrong, at the Killeckerbocker club here last night, died from concussion of the brain and never regained consciousness after the sudden termination of the contest.

Corpus Desmond, manager of the club, the referee and seconds are under arrest.

The referee of the fight was William Kilmart of Lowell, Martin and Joe Flaherty, the well known boxers, were 16th seconds Billy Gardner, Tommy Tully and Peter Allen acting in a similar capacity for Armstrong. Armstrong is also under arrest.

Vote to Quit Work.

JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 18.—The four judges of the amalgamated association of employees of the Illinois Steel company at the Joliet mills, by a unanimous vote decided to obey the strike order of President Shaffer. The conference was in session from 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until 9 o'clock at night, before an agreement was reached. The steel mills were closed at noon to enable the members of the association to attend the meeting.

NEBRASKA NOTES

A new bank has been established at Overton.

Ponder is extending its water mains 2,500 feet.

The Holt county hay crop is the largest in its history.

A man at North Platte recently bought one bunch of 1000 cattle.

Auburn business men contemplate building an electric light plant.

At O'Neill an establishment for training hunting dogs has been started.

The Kearney flouring mills have resumed operation after a considerable idleness.

Hartington will illuminate the town with coal gas as soon as the plant can be put in.

The Methodist brethren at Elgin will be called to worship by a 600-pound bell, which has just been put in place.

Mitchell is in need of a hotel or restaurant, and the right man who starts in there will find hungry customers galore.

The electors of Neligh voted to issue \$3,000 5 per cent twenty year bonds for the extension and improvement of the city waterworks.

An old house, that has been used as a schoolhouse for a number of years in Bayard, Cheyenne county, was sold the other day for \$39.

Two women have filed on the same piece of government land near Gering and the courts will be asked to decide who "was there first."

Columbus supports a girl's club, known as the "Hungry Dozen." The young men of that city should retaliate by forming a "Thirsty Dozen" club.

Clifton Gaylord, an employee at the Fremont flouring mills, is minus three fingers, the result of having run his hand between a couple of iron rollers.

The last echo of the recent hot spell comes from Columbus where it is alleged that chickens were hatched in the cold storage room of a local shipping firm.

The Pilger Herald is a new candidate for public consideration in Stanton county. It says nothing about filling a long felt want, but will endeavor to make itself heard.

Thieves are robbing the gardens in the neighborhood of Neligh to such an extent that the owners are compelled to sit up nights and watch their potato patch.

Mrs. Bowser and her original Nebraska seed house are drawing cards at the Buffalo exposition, and it is predicted that Mrs. Bowser will come home with \$20,000 profits.

Nebraska City has got the newspaper craze and a stock company is being formed for the purpose of publishing another daily paper. Three dailies are published there now.

The Royal Highlanders of Seward have come to the conclusion that it costs too much to entertain the state encampment, and it is passed up to some town with more money and nerve.

Lightning struck the courthouse dome at Beatrice and did \$100 damage. The Episcopal church was struck and the heavy stone cross upon it knocked off but repairs can be made at a cost of \$10.

A Superior man called a firm in Scotland the other day and had a reply in two hours and forty-five minutes from the time he sent the message. That's acquiring information pretty fast.

The dog ordinance is said to be the only dead thing in Columbus, where Edgar Howard prints a paper. If the ordinance were revised the dogs would would take its place at the morgue.

William Morrow, a veteran of the civil war, who has been living on his farm near Portsmouth for thirty years, must now have one of his arms amputated as the result of a gun wound sustained while in the service.

During the past few months packers have extended their business in Nebraska, especially along the produce line. Permanent branch houses have been opened at Fairbury, Superior and other points. Since the Superior agency was established about two months ago thirteen carloads of dressed poultry have been forwarded and eggs have been forwarded to eastern markets, besides many large local shipments of butter and live poultry. This house is giving employment to over twenty men at the present time with the busy season yet to come. The local manager, Lee Clark, has gained friends for fair dealing with the shippers. These facts prove the produce business should be regarded by the farmer as among the chief industries of the state. They can always find a market for produce when properly handled. Superior citizens will see that this new industry is sufficiently encouraged in its interests and advancement.

Herman Kester of Plattsmouth received word one day this week that he had fallen heir to a \$20,000 fruit farm in Florida, and he left at once with his pruning knife to take care of it.

A Buffalo county man has discovered that eating balled corn and drinking the water in which it was balled, constitutes a sure cure for cancer. There are others who consider corn juice a cure for all human ailments.