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BROKEN BOW, - NEBRASKA

News in Brief

The only important independent states now remaining in Africa are Abyssinia and Liberia.

The strike of coal miners at Ells-worth, Pa., is ended, the company acceding to the demands of the men.

Within a mile of Johannesburg building contracts to the amount of over ten millions are being carried out.

Dr. Emmet, a grandnephew of Robert Emmet the Irish patriot, has just celebrated his golden wedding in New York city.

Congressman William A. Reeder was renominated by acclamation by the republicans of the Sixth district of Kansas.

Paper flywheels are coming into use. The tensile strength of paper is enormous, hence its advantage over iron for this purpose.

George A. Brooke of Philadelphia won the racquet championship of the United States by defeating Quincy A. Shaw, Jr., of Boston.

John Phillips, secretary of the national organization of hat-makers, and well known in labor circles, died at New York, aged 67 years.

At Cincinnati the convention of independent telephone companies in the Ohio Valley convened with over 100 exchanges represented.

Switzerland is inaugurating a system of itinerant school teachers, who will visit and spend some time in the isolated outlying villages.

W. T. Stead has broken down under the strain of publishing his new daily paper in London and has started for South Africa for a complete rest.

Major Arthur McClellan brother of the late General George B. McClellan and uncle of the mayor of New York, died suddenly of heart disease at Drifton, Pa.

Harry A. Zillafro was hanged at Kittingham, Pa., for the murder of his wife. Zillafro, who was scarcely 23 years old, was cool and collected on the scaffold.

William Miller, probably the oldest engineer in service in the United States, has just been killed near Leadville, Colo. Miller began railroad engineering fifty-two years ago.

The Senate Committee on Commerce authorized a favorable report on the nomination of W. D. Crum, to be Collector of Customs at the Port of Charleston, S. C.

John Millikan, the oldest editor in the State of Indiana, lives in Crown Point, in good health and at the age of 89 years. He is still connected with the Lake County Register.

Advices have been received that an enormous tonnage of exhibits is now en route to St. Louis. Within two weeks this freight will begin to arrive on the grounds in great bulk.

Prof. W. B. Morgan, late of Richmond, Ind., one of the foremost of Quaker educators died at Lowell, Kas. He was prominent in the movement that brought about co-education in Quaker schools.

Replying in the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, said the government had no intention at present of reimposing the tax on grain, which was abolished last year.

Mrs. Bradley-Martin, the society leader, who is now making her home in England, has ordered twenty-seven pairs of shoes made to her own last from a manufacturer of women's foot wear in Lynn, Mass.

The Right Rev. Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop of the Methodist church, has just returned to London from a tour of the African missions, extending over nine months and traveling about 20,000 miles.

Two men were lost by the steamer York Castle, which arrived at New York from Delagoa bay, in an attempt to give aid Sunday to the American schooner, Willis L. Newton, 200 miles south-east of Sandy Hook.

The private car used by President Lincoln during the Civil war, and which carried his body to Springfield for burial, has been loaned to the St. Louis Exposition or exhibition in the Lincoln Museum by the Union Pacific railroad.

Emil Kuehnle of Manchester, N. H., has a clock which it is believed was used in the days of Columbus. On the upper part of the wooden face is carved a picture of the great discoverer, while on the lower part is neatly carved "Anno 1492."

The heaviest man in the British empire is dead from a cancer, says a dispatch from London. He was Thomas Longley of Dover. His weight exceeded 600 pounds, while he was six feet one inch in height, and had a chest measurement of seventy inches.

John Britt, of Medora, N. D., has written to the authorities of the Louisiana Purchase exposition that he can secure for the fair a log cabin in which President Roosevelt once lived on a ranch in North Dakota.

The Pope has sent a magnificent chased gold chalice to the church at Quero, a town in the Venetian provinces, to take the place of the one which had been used there for a century, but which was recently stolen.

Captain George Broome of the United States army, now stationed in Porto Rico, filed in the United States supreme court a suit for \$250,000 damages against James F. Barbour and his wife, Annie D. Barbour, for alleged alienation of the affections of Captain Broome's wife.

SATISFACTION AT TONE OF AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

REGRETS THAT THERE IS STRAIN

Deprecates Effect of Estranged Relations Between Two Nations and Insists Prudence Must Ultimately Surmount Impulse.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Russian press with great satisfaction the American dispatches of the last few days as indicating a change in the disposition of the Washington government toward Russia. The Bourse Gazette and the Novoe Vremya Friday morning discuss in a sober-minded fashion Russo-American relations and the danger of a permanent estrangement. The Gazette says there is something profoundly regrettable in the present relations between these two world powers.

"They transcend the bounds of common logic. The position taken by America since last June and the anti-Russian newspaper campaign in the United States are so inexplicable that they seem like a nightmare. Since the beginning of its history America has inspired the liveliest feeling of friendship and admiration among Russians, and diplomatic and political expressions of these feelings have been continuous and constant. In Russian social circles there has ever been a veritable worship of the classic land of liberty and the Americans have always heretofore made Russian friendship the corner stone of their foreign policy.

"Suddenly, as if an evil spirit had broken loose, the Americans, despite their practical turn of mind, began to do everything to stimulate Japanese aggressiveness and seem now to be anxiously awaiting Japanese victories in Asia, where important American commercial interests are centered. As a matter of fact, hostility between the United States and Russia would be as great a misfortune to civilization in the twentieth century as was the rivalry between France and Germany in the nineteenth. The duty of every right-minded man is to arrest the growth of this animosity.

"Russian diplomacy owes it to the Americans and to the whole civilized world to do its utmost. We are not called upon to re-echo hostile sounds coming from beyond the Atlantic, because unfriendly sentiments do not exist among us. The latest advances permit the belief that it will be much easier to remove this misunderstanding than the enemies of Russia may think."

The Novoe Vremya says it does not know whether the Washington cabinet influenced such incidents as the gift of \$10,000 by Charles R. Crane of Chicago to the Young Carina's fund for Russian soldiers and sailors, the pro-Russian Irish demonstration in New York and the quieter tone of the British press, but the paper believes it notes an important change in American official tactics, beginning with a disinclination to favor the Japanese cable project followed by the report of Secretary Hay's dissatisfaction with the anti-Russian press campaign, which disposition was further proved by his not insisting on dispatching United States consuls to Antung and Mukden at this time, which quite agrees with President Roosevelt's decision to allow Mr. Morgan, appointed United States consul at Port Dalny, to remain at home for the present, and not send the battleship Kentucky to the scene of the hostilities in the far east.

**NEBRASKA WILL SWAP LAND.**

**Interstate Commission Files Report Relative to Boundary Line.**

LINCOLN.—Nebraska will exchange 1,500 acres of land with South Dakota for 5,000 acres. In brief, this is the report of the boundary commission, appointed by the legislature of the two states, filed on Friday.

The commission fixed the boundary between Union county, South Dakota, and Nebraska at the middle of the Missouri river channel. Reniger's cut-off accordingly shifts to South Dakota, while Hall's survey and Sioux Point travels into Nebraska.

The report of the commission will have to be ratified by the legislatures of both states and then by congress before it will be legal and binding.

The members of the commission were: J. O. Robinson of Hartington, E. A. Lunberg of Wayne and C. J. Swanson of Oakland, representing Nebraska, and E. C. Ericson, S. H. Dixon and J. L. Jolly for South Dakota.

**In the Nation's Strong Box.**

WASHINGTON.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$15,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$225,472,602; gold, \$106,119,431.

The more you say the less people remember.

**England Gets Tobacco Trade.**

RICHMOND, Va.—A deal has been consummated whereby the British-American Tobacco company acquires the export business of Alexander Cameron & Co. and William Cameron & Bro. of Petersburg in the United States and the Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, Australia, branch houses. Concerning the terms of the deal Alexander Cameron said that he could give not details, as his nephew, George Cameron, is now en route to San Francisco from Australia with all particulars.

Will Not Resist Movement Regarding Vice Presidency.

WASHINGTON.—The Star says: "Senator Fairbanks will not resist a movement to make him the vice presidential nominee of the republican party. If the convention nominates him, he will accept. More than that, he will not attempt to discourage efforts looking to his nomination."

"It is only fair to say that no explicit declaration by Senator Fairbanks to that effect has been made. The Indiana delegation in congress was convinced today that Senator Fairbanks had yielded to the solicitation of men high in the councils outside of Indiana to take second place on the national ticket.

"Almost without exception his closest political friends have advised him, in his own interests, against accepting the vice presidency. Influential republicans in the senate, such as Spooner, Allison and Platt, have urged him to take it, on the ground that he would strengthen republican ticket, especially in financial circles, and that his first duty is to his party, rather than to his own political future."

FOURTEEN LOST AT SEA.

**Steamer Queen Takes Fire Off North Pacific Coast.**

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash.—After suffering the most harrowing experience from fire and storm that has ever befallen a craft on the North Pacific coast, the steamer Queen put in here Sunday to report the loss of fourteen lives.

About 3:45 o'clock Saturday morning, while off the mouth of the Columbia river the Queen caught fire in her after saloon in some unexplained way. With indescribable swiftness the fire gained headway and threatened soon to envelop the whole ship. To add to the horror the heavy seas running meant death to any one sent away in the lifeboats. The flames became more and more threatening until, when it seemed a choice of deaths, Captain Cousins ordered the lifeboats launched. They were manned by the crew and ordered to remain close to the ship. Into these the women and children were placed. Hardly, however, had the boats been cast loose than, unable to weather the fierce waves, two of them were capsized with the loss above indicated.

SOME BILLS BY NEBRASKANS.

**Congressman Hitchcock Introduces One for Relief of Marines.**

WASHINGTON.—Congressman Gilbert M. Hitchcock of the Second Nebraska district has introduced a bill for the relief of the members of the First, Second and Third marine corps and for other purposes. The text of the bill is as follows:

"That the claims for pay of the members of the corps who were mustered into the service of the United States under the order of Major General John C. Fremont, dated September 12, 1861, and also the like claims of legal representatives of the deceased members of the said corps shall hereafter be referred to the court of claims of the United States for examination and adjudication."

The bill gives full authority and jurisdiction to the court of claims to hear and determine these claims and to enter final judgments upon all of the questions of law and fact involved therein.

RUSSIA ACCEDES ONE REQUEST.

**United States Officers May Accompany Army to Observe Operations.**

WASHINGTON.—The Russian army formally has granted the request of the United States that certain officers of the American army be permitted to accompany the Russian troops and witness their operations in the war with Japan. Ambassador McCormick, in a cablegram informing Secretary Hay of this fact, states that the officers cannot join the Russian army before April 15, of the Russian calendar.

The officers who have been designated for this service are Colonel J. B. Kerr of the general staff, Captain Carl Reichman of the Seventh infantry, Captain George Gatley and Captain William Judson of the engineer corps. All of the above are in Manila except Captain Judson, who is in this city and who leaves at once for St. Petersburg.

TOY WITH PORT ARTHUR.

**Japs Will Not Begin the Land Investments for a Fortnight.**

WASHINGTON.—The landing in force of the Japanese on the Lia Tung peninsula and the beginning of the land investment of Port Arthur will not be for a fortnight, according to advices received here from what are believed to be reliable sources. It was expected that the attack upon the fortress would take place yesterday or today, but these later advices, without explaining the delay, show that there has been a change in the original plans.

Army officers here think that the Japanese have decided that with the railroad connecting Port Arthur with the outside world cut, thus preventing supplies from reaching the place, two weeks privation will render final assault easier.

Moreover, as Port Arthur can be safely left as it is for the time being the Japanese troops may be employed instead in Northern Korea and near the Yalu river, where they are most needed.

Marcus A. Hanna Memorial.

CLEVELAND, O.—The Marcus A. Hanna Memorial association was incorporated at Columbus by several prominent citizens of Cleveland. The purpose of the association is to establish a chair of political science at Western Reserve university in memory of the late Senator Hanna.

Japan Has Plenty of Money.

PARIS.—The Liberte quotes Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, as saying in regard to a report that the United States does not favor the floating of a Japanese loan in America: "Fortunately we have no need of a foreign loan, as our own financial resources are sufficient." The French Red Cross society has decided it has been stated, to send to Japan, besides two campaign hospitals, a large quantity of linen and clothing for the Japanese wounded.

PRAIRIE FIRES DO DAMAGE IN OKLAHOMA.

A TRAIL OF RUINED HOMES

**A Number of Persons Perish in the Fire and Hundreds of People Along the Black Trail Are Destitute from Ravages of the Elements.**

LAWTON, Okla.—Five persons were burned to death and 3,000 square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties were swept by prairie fire Thursday. Hundreds of people are homeless and it is impossible to estimate accurately the financial loss, owing to the wide extent of country affected.

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa county, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables and fifteen race horses, fifteen residences, two business houses and various small buildings. Spreading to the southwest the fire swept 75,000 acres of government, military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indians' houses and forty head of government cattle.

Spreading westward the flames covered miles of the homestead district, destroying houses, barns and stock. In this district five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. They are Dr. and John Harmon, brothers, and a man named Fischer. The other two were women and their names have not yet been learned.

Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city. At 12 o'clock, midnight, 5,000 people of this city were battling with the approaching wall of flame. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles in length and came in a semi-circle form.

A thousand men turned their efforts to checking the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceivable way, was distributed along this line and carried all around the city limits. This served the purpose of checking the advance line of the fire but was of little avail in hindering the continued rolling of the fire brands into the streets of the city.

In more than 100 places flames arose from dwelling, barns and out-houses, but wherever a blaze grew men were present to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters the city's loss was only \$10,000.

Stories are coming in of how families layed out on the barren prairie during the freezing night after the fire storm had passed with only the thin clothes of their backs as reminders of once prosperous homes. Hundreds of people are destitute and are suffering intensely in the cold and with the excruciating pains caused by their burns.

TOY WITH PORT ARTHUR.

**Calis Down Scott of Kansas for His Statement.**

WASHINGTON.—In the house a letter was read from Grover Cleveland to Representative Webber of North Carolina denying that C. H. J. Taylor, a negro, dined with him at the White House while he was president, as charged by Representative Scott of Kansas a few days ago. Mr. Scott promptly offered his apology to the former president, saying he never before had heard the statement which he had made denied. A discussion of the race question followed, during which Mr. Williams, the minority leader, criticized President Roosevelt for having invited Booker T. Washington to a seat at his table.

Representative Webber said Mr. Cleveland had been a friend of the negro, but never held out to him the hope of social equality. Mr. Williams said that objection to the appointment of a negro to a position was met with the statement that there could be no discrimination, but asserted that a Chinaman would not be appointed postmaster on the Pacific coast.

A DENIAL BY CLEVELAND.

**The Odd Korean Flag.**

The Koreans, who have lately recalled their minister in Washington, attract attention for one reason if for no other. Their peculiar flag adorns their legation building. The body of the flag is white, and in the center is a design about the size of a foot ball in red and blue, looking very much like huge entwined comma marks. On the top, bottom and sides are short lines of dots and dashes, reminding one of the Morse code alphabet.

MAY SUBPOENA ROOSEVELT.

If the suit instituted by W. A. Wales, an attorney of Englehampton, against John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, for \$200,000 damages, comes up for trial at Englehampton, the defense may summon President Roosevelt and Senators Platt, Quay and Penrose. Wales asserts that in October he proposed the plan which resulted in the settlement of the strike and that for his services he has never been paid Louis N. Hammerling, confidential agent to Mr. Mitchell, says that President Roosevelt and Senators Quay, Platt and Penrose will be called to testify that the plan was formed before Wales went to Wilkesbarre and made his suggestion.

DOCTOR'S COFFEE

**And His Daughter Matched Him.**

Coffee drinking troubled the family of a physician of Grafton, W. Va., who describes the situation briefly:

"Having suffered quite a while from vertigo, palpitation of the heart and many other derangements of the nervous system and finding no relief from usual methods of treatment, I thought to see how much there was in the Postum argument against coffee.

"So I resorted to Postum, cutting off the coffee and to my surprise and satisfaction have found entire relief from all my sufferings, proving conclusively the beneficial effect of coffee and the way to be rid of it.

"I have found Postum completely takes the place of coffee both in flavor and in taste. It is becoming more popular every day with many of our people and is having great demand here.

"My daughter, Mrs. Long, has been a sufferer for a long time from attacks of acute indigestion. By the dismissal of coffee and using Postum in its place she has obtained complete relief.

"I have also heard from many others who have used your Postum very favorable accounts of its good effects.

"I prescribe Postum in place of coffee in a great many cases and I believe that upon its merits Postum will come into general use." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Senator Gamble Loses Brother.

YANKTON, S. D.—Hugh S. Gamble, brother of Senator Robert J. Gamble, died in this city Tuesday night of pneumonia and other complications, following a severe attack of grip. He is survived by a wife, two daughters—Jennie and Edith—and two sons—James and Hugh S., Jr. The latter is at the Tome institute, Maryland, and is expected Friday, with his uncle, Senator Gamble. Hugh S. Gamble has resided here for twenty years, coming to this place from Fox Lake, Wis.

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Some men are too busy to take a rest until the undertaker gets them.

**PUTNAM FADELESS DYES** produce the brightest and fastest colors.

Self-conquest is the greatest of victories.

**Cheap Excursions to the South.**

On February 16, March 1 and 15, the Kansas City Southern railway will offer to the public the extremely low rate of \$10.00 for the round trip to all points on the Port Arthur Route, including Beaumont, Port Arthur, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Texarkana, Fort Smith, Mena, De Queen and all intermediate points. The return limit on these tickets will be twenty-one days from date of sale, with stopover privileges at all points south of Kansas City on the going trip. Any information desired by the public relative to these cheap excursions will be cheerfully furnished upon application to S. G. Warner, G. P. and T. A., Kansas City, Mo.

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