

Brief Telegrams

German press resents the capture of the German steamer Scandia by the Russians.
Reported that Russians have been surrounded with much loss at Ta Tche Kiao.
Nearly one million immigrants have been registered at Washington as coming this year.
Prices of meat will go out of sight as a result of the continued strike in the packing houses.
Isaac Horel, who is wanted in Seattle, Wash., for the alleged shooting of his wife, was arrested at Cleveland, Ohio.
The annual catch of fish in American waters is 1,696,000,000 pounds, which represents a money value of \$47,180,000.
Sir Shantung Liang Cheng, Chinese minister to the United States, is now accredited to Mexico, and he is now in the City of Mexico to establish the Chinese legation.
Rear Admiral H. G. Taylor of the United States navy, who commanded the Indiana at the battle of Santiago, died at Copepociff, Ont., general hospital.
Senator Dewey is credited with the statement that a man who has acquired his business qualifications in a railroad office will make a success anywhere.
Herr Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, who lately received word that he was the proud father of twins, is said to have made over \$50,000 in the last three years.
Governor Peabody of Colorado issued a proclamation calling off military law in Teller county and placing the Cripple Creek district in charge of the civil authorities.
At a meeting of the propaganda it was decided to submit for the approval of the pope the appointment of the Rev. C. Van de Ven of Baton Rouge, La., as bishop of Natchitoches, La.
The prompt response to a private fire alarm by the workmen at the Fore River ship yards in Quincy, Mass., saved the battleship New Jersey, now under construction, from damage by fire.
Senator Fairbanks, candidate for vice president on the republican ticket, has no more devoted admirer than Mrs. Dorothy Cole, his mother-in-law. She is now 84 years old and a resident of Marysville, O.
The Japanese have posted in Seoul an announcement that the Japanese will exercise police power in all matters affecting Japanese interests. No anti-Japanese meetings will be allowed.
The heavy expenditure at the beginning of the fiscal year resulted in a deficit this month of \$19,000,000, and in reducing the treasury working balance from \$50,000,000, the normal figure, to \$34,000,000.
It is announced that passenger traffic over the Union-Southern Pacific's cut-off across Great Salt lake will begin on August 15. Since the completion of this costly work several months ago some freight trains have been run over it, but it was decided not to run passenger trains until the settling had ceased.
Ensign Luke E. Wright, Jr., who has recently completed his cruise on the Dehroit and also the eight years' service required of officers in the navy, has tendered his resignation to the secretary of the navy, and it probably will be accepted. He is a son of General Luke E. Wright, civil governor of the Philippines.
On American railroads annually 675,000,000 passengers are carried 21,500,000,000 miles.
After indicting twenty-four book-makers the grand jury at Chicago ordered Sheriff Barrett to take immediate steps to stop all gambling at the race tracks in Cook county.
August 13 will be "Manila day" at the World's fair in St. Louis, that date being the anniversary of the capture of Manila by American troops. Secretary of War Taft and Colonel Edwards, chief of the Insular bureau, will be present, and invitations have been extended to Admiral Dewey and to all the former governors of the archipelago.
J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, president of the National Republican league, has issued a call to all republican state and territorial leagues, delegates and alternates and members of republican clubs throughout the United States, to assemble in regular biennial convention at Indianapolis, Ind., October 5 and 6, 1904. Secretary Leslie M. Shaw will be among the speakers.
Jules Verne says the great bulk of his work has been done by writing for three hours before breakfast.
Lieutenant W. E. Safford, recently of the navy, but now of the department of agriculture, has about 200 books from the library of the late Robert Louis Stevenson.
Ely E. Weare, formerly president of the North American Transportation and Trading company and connected with various grain and other interests, died Friday at his home in Morton Park, Chicago, after an illness of six months from cancer.

KILLED BY A BOMB

RUSSIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IS ASSASSINATED.

WAS ON HIS WAY TO SEE CZAR

Assassin Makes Attack Upon Officer on Busy Thoroughfare of City—Coachman Also Killed and the Horses Fatally Wounded.
ST. PETERSBURG.—Minister of the Interior von Plehve was assassinated while driving to the Warsaw station to visit the Peterhof.
A bomb was thrown under the minister's carriage, completely shattering it. M. von Plehve was terribly mangled. The crime was committed at 10 o'clock.
The coachman was killed, and the wounded and maddened horses dashed wildly away with the front wheels of the carriage, the only portion of the vehicle remaining intact. Immediately there ensued a scene of the wildest confusion. Police and gendarmes hurried up from every direction and vast crowds gathered about the spot where the mangled body of the minister lay weltering in his blood.
The Associated Press correspondent was at the scene of the tragedy within five minutes after it occurred. M. von Plehve's shockingly mangled body was lying in the middle of the road. It had been partially covered with a police officer's overcoat, with the left arm, the bone of which was broken off, projecting. A policeman came up and raised the overcoat in order to rearrange it, revealing for an instant the strong features of the dead minister, whose head was battered almost beyond recognition.
The roadway was strewn for 100 yards with the wreckage of the carriage, and pieces of the red lining of the minister's official overcoat. A few yards from M. von Plehve's body lay a shapeless heap of the coachman's remains.
M. von Plehve was said to be on his way to visit the emperor. The tragedy occurred on the Zakakonski prospect, a broad thoroughfare leading up to the Warsaw depot, where the road turns sharply to the left toward the Baltic railroad station. The exact spot at which the outrage occurred is just before the bridge spanning the circular canal, on the other side of which both stations are situated.
The bomb thrower must have known perfectly well that Minister von Plehve would pass the spot, for the minister makes his report to the emperor every Thursday.
The infernal machine was thrown with deadly accuracy, and the assassin was favored by the fact that the traffic here is always of the heaviest, owing to the crossing of lines of surface cars and the continuous stream of heavy trucks. M. von Plehve was always apprehensive of attempts upon his life, and used to drive as rapidly as possible. The coachman, however, was compelled to go slow at this point.
The assassin, in laying his plans, evidently foresaw this circumstance, and while the minister's coachman slowed down, threw the bomb. The explosion was terrific, and practically annihilated the woodwork of the carriage. The horses tore off, dragging the axle and the front wheels. The animals, though infuriated by the wounds they had sustained, had not galloped far before they fell, with pools of blood under them.
It is reported that six men are implicated and that five of them fled into a little hotel adjoining the scene of the assassination, and only one, who was wounded, having been captured. The hotel was surrounded by the police and all its inmates were arrested.
The wounded man, who is said to be a Jew, was taken to the Alexander hospital, so dazed as to be unable to speak. His condition was accounted for by the fact that he took poison immediately after throwing the bomb.
Found the Town Afire.
TOKIO.—The Russians abandoned Ta Tche Kiao at noon on Monday, July 25, retiring before the advancing army under General Oku. They applied the torch to Ta Tche Kiao and the surrounding towns and when the Japanese arrived they found the flames still raging. The Japanese pursuit extended beyond Ta Tche Kiao and the Japanese left wing occupied Yin Kow. The positions held by the Russians Sunday night south of Ta Tche Kiao consisted of nine miles of trenches and fortifications.

WINNERS ON THE ROSEBUD.

Names of the First Twenty-five That Are Winners.
CHAMBERLAIN, S. D.—The eagerly awaited drawing day in the distribution of lands in the Rosebud reservation opened bright and sultry.
Shortly before the event the stand was comfortably filled with the officials connected with the drawing. Envelopes containing the names of registered aspirants were placed in the wheel from which the numbers were to be drawn, and everything was in readiness.
William McCormack, Lancaster county, Nebraska, was the first name drawn.
No. 2—Talus Ruge, Tea, S. D.
No. 3—H. Wesley Brown, Dakota City, Neb.
No. 4—Milton Dotson, Sprague, Neb.
No. 5—Charles J. McCormick, Forest, Ill.
No. 6—Thomas Parkinson, Knoxville, Ia.
No. 7—Lee Brewer, Grafton, Neb.
No. 8—Frank J. Beebe, Plattie, S. D.
No. 9—Henry J. Rickert, Turner county, S. D.
No. 10—George E. Flitche, St. Louis, Mo.
No. 11—Edward J. Walker, Willow Lake, S. D.
No. 12—Jesse C. Morgan, Gravity, Ia.
No. 13—Lucius C. Noakes, Lake City, Ia.
No. 14—Huber B. Smith, Omaha, Neb.
No. 15—Grant Hicks, Sioux Falls, S. D.
No. 16—George W. Dye, Macedonia, Ia.
No. 17—Andrew J. Holtberger, Rockford, Ill.
No. 18—Martin C. Lemenson, Valley Springs, S. D.
No. 19—Joseph T. Whitman, Council Bluffs, Ia.
No. 20—George W. Wainwright, Lawton, Okla.
No. 21—August Blonke, Britton, S. D.
No. 22—Alexander Chapman, Harrison county, Iowa.
No. 23—Bryan A. Kidder, Lynn, Minn.
No. 24—Anna M. Adden, Dentonville, Kas.
No. 25—Clinton R. Nash, Sioux City, Ia.

NOTIFIED OF HIS NOMINATION.

National Committee Calls Upon the Republican Nominee.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—President Roosevelt was notified formally on Wednesday of his nomination for the presidency by the national republican convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill, three miles from this village. In accordance with the president's wish, the ceremony was made as simple as possible.
The formal notification of the action of the convention was made on behalf of a committee representing every state and territory in the United States by Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives.
The day opened with ideal weather and arrangements for the ceremony were completed early. The wide veranda of the house at Sagamore Hill, extending almost entirely around the house, was decorated with American flags hung from pillar to pillar.
In addition, many houses in the neighborhood of the Roosevelt home and in Oyster Bay were draped with the national colors.
Across the main street of the village there hung a large Roosevelt and Fairbanks banner. Only three of the members of the committee were absent. Included among the invited guests were men prominent in all walks of life. Those present numbered about 125.
Speaker Cannon delivered the speech of notification, to which the president responded at considerable length.
At the conclusion of the address President Roosevelt held an informal reception and received the congratulations of the committeemen on his speech.
Kruger's Body Enroute.
CLARENS, Switzerland.—The remains of Mr. Kruger, late president of the Transvaal, who died here July 14, were placed on board a train Monday, bound for The Hague. The funeral car was decorated with flags and flowers and the coffin was covered with the flag of the late Transvaal republic.
New Cruisers for Russia.
LONDON.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from St. Petersburg says it is reported there that cruisers said to have been bought by Russia in Germany have joined the Vladivostok squadron, which went to sea especially to meet them.
Japs Enter New Chwang.
TIEN TSIN.—Lloyd's agent at New Chwang wires that fifty Japanese cavalrymen have entered New Chwang. The French flag is flying from all the Russian buildings. The town is quiet.
Prize Money to Be Paid.
WASHINGTON.—After a legal battle of several weeks, Admiral Dewey and his men who fought the battle of Manila are to receive their prize money on account of the capture of the Don Juan de Austria and other Spanish property. Justice Gould signed an order confirming the report of the auditor in the case. The amount of the property captured finally was fixed at \$1,657,355, a sum considerably in excess of what the government claimed to be due. One-half of the amount will be paid to the captors.

SUNK BY TORPEDO

RUSSIAN BOATS AT PORT ARTHUR SENT TO BOTTOM.

A DARING ATTACK AT NIGHT

Russians Drive Japanese from Their Line of Defense—in a Later Fight, However, They Lose All that Had Been Gained.
CHEE FOO—8 p. m.—Russian refugees who have arrived here report that the Lieutenant Burkuoff and two other Russian torpedo boat destroyers were torpedoed and totally destroyed by the Japanese on the night of July 25.
TOKIO.—In a daring night attack against a Russian force estimated at five divisions, with 100 guns, General Oku succeeded in driving the enemy from their strong line of defense south of Ta Tche Kiao.
Advancing on Sunday, General Oku found a superior force confronting him and that a heavy artillery fire from the enemy was checking his men. He thereupon decided to hold the positions he then held and to attempt a night surprise. This was successful, the Japanese troops hustling the Russians into retreat to Ta Tche Kiao. The Japanese had only 800 casualties. No estimates of the Russian losses are given.
The Takushan army did not participate in the fight, it being located to the east of Ta Tche Kiao. Moving to the northwest, this Takushan force fought and won a separate action on Friday, July 22, at Panling, losing thirty-one men.
On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the Japanese right had reached a bluff a little less than two miles from Taping mountain. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Russian batteries posted in various positions on the high ground opened with vigor, shelling the advancing Japanese line. The strength of the Russian gradually developed during the day. The Russian fire prevented a general advance and determined General Oku to decide to await the advent of darkness to deliver a night assault.
Suddenly, at 10 o'clock Sunday night, the entire Japanese right was hurled against the first Russian position east and west of Taping mountain and easily captured it. At midnight the second position was attacked and by dawn the Japanese occupied the eminence to the east of Shanchiatun. The Russians were in retreat toward Ta Tche Kiao. At 7 o'clock Monday morning the Japanese seized Chenyshitun without resistance and pursued the Russian force toward Ta Tche Kiao.
ST. PETERSBURG.—A telegram from General Kuropatkin was received Wednesday confirming the occupation of Ta Tche Kiao by the Japanese July 25 and adding that a Japanese division had moved on Hai Cheng.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

MEASURING NEBRASKA TREES. NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Government Men from Washington at Work in the State.
NEBRASKA CITY.—F. G. Miller, in charge of a party of government men from the department of forestry at Washington, D. C., has been here for the past four or five days inspecting and measuring the timber hereabouts. The party is composed of F. G. Miller, L. N. Godding, L. L. White, W. I. Hutchinson, J. D. Warner and G. W. Peavy. All are graduates of forestry in the universities of the country and are considered experts in that line. The party secured considerable data from trees in Arbor Lodge, where trees from nearly every portion of the United States are growing and have been for years. The company separated and took various routes from here and will drive to the Kansas state line, when they will travel north again to Lincoln and from there go into the northern part of the state. They expect to be at work in this state for the next two months. They were joined while here by Cooper Dunn of the Nebraska state university.
ARGO PLANT CLOSSES.
Wage Scale Said to Be Too High in Nebraska.
NEBRASKA CITY.—Superintendent G. C. Powers of the Argo starch plant has been transferred to Pekin, Ill., where he will have charge of the large sugar plant at that place. The Argo plant is to be closed down as soon as the starch on hand can be shipped out and it is not known when it will open. The plant is in charge of one of the other managers until it closes down. The officials of the trust say that the cause for the closing of this plant is that the unions demand too high wages and that the cost of making starch is too high, because of the wage scale, as compared to their other plants. It is thought that the plant will be opened this fall, if the wage scale can be adjusted to their liking.
LEGISLATURE'S BAD GUESS.
Assessable Property Will Not Total More Than \$289,000,000.
LINCOLN.—When the final computations have been made the state board of equalization will find that the total valuation of the property in Nebraska will amount to about \$289,000,000.
The last legislature based the appropriations on the assessment of \$500,000,000. The allowances have been made and in most cases the money has been spent, so the levy must cover the defect or the state must go into debt.
With the counties of Nance, Holt, Cherry and Cedar missing the assessment of state property amounts to \$279,846,462. The assessable property last year amounted to \$180,299,655.
Will Test Inheritance Law.
PLATTSMOUTH.—In the administration of the estate of Barton W. Harmer, now pending in the county court, an interesting point has been brought out by J. E. Douglas, attorney for the heirs, involving the constitutionality of the inheritance tax law of Nebraska. The heirs, in support of their application to have the tax against the estate set aside, allege that the inheritance tax law, which was passed in 1901, was repealed by the legislature of 1903, when a new revenue law was enacted which purported to cover the entire system of revenue for this state, but did not mention the inheritance tax.
Pay of Assessors.
FALLS CITY.—Under the old revenue law assessors for the different precincts were paid \$3 a day for the time necessarily spent, and last year the cost of making the assessments was \$2,143.30 for the entire county. Under the new law the deputy assessors get a per diem of \$3 for not more than sixty days. The bills filed for making the assessment this year under the new law amount to \$2,382, being nearly \$150 more than under the old law. And when to that is added the salary of the county assessor, which is \$600 per year, it makes the new law cost the county about \$750 more a year than the old one did.
Killing Prairie Chickens.
LINCOLN.—According to advices received from the western section of the state pot hunters are remorselessly slaughtering prairie chickens. The birds are too young to be exceptionally wary. The hunters are killing them to supply the eastern markets. Game Warden Carter will investigate the complaints.
Mistook Jimson for Coffee.
NELSON.—J. M. Hiatt and wife had a narrow escape from death from the effects of poisoning. In getting breakfast Mrs. Hiatt mistook Jimson weed seed for ground coffee and both drank of it, and only prompt use of the stomach pump and hard work on the part of two doctors were there all day saved the lives of both. They are an elderly couple who live alone, in the same yard, however, with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Erwin, who discovered their sickness before it had gone too far.