

Brief Telegrams

There are two Mudds running for congress against each other in Maryland.

Mascagni, the Italian composer, is a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies.

Popstamat, a notorious Bulgarian agitator, was murdered at Salonica, European Turkey.

Fifteen persons were severely injured in collision on Denver & Rio Grande in Colorado.

The will of the late Senator Vest of Missouri disposes of an estate valued at \$150,000, among his lawful heirs.

General Funston thinks that army officers should get an increase of 50 per cent in pay and enlisted men 30 per cent.

The Union Pacific report of operations for the year ended June 30 shows a surplus after paying dividends of \$8,263,456.

A steamer from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, reports that the United States has seized the custom house in Puerto Plata.

Wisconsin republicans of both factions deny that the national ticket is to be slashed, but each faction is suspicious of the other.

The Ohio state convention of the Federation of Women's clubs has elected Mrs. Edwin L. Buchwalter of Springfield president.

A young American violinist, fearing failure, committed suicide in New York on the eve of being accepted as a member of the Metropolitan orchestra.

Reports reach St. Petersburg that a Japanese prisoner says Oyama is preparing to retire along the entire line. Fresh troops from Russia reach Harbin.

Speculative excitement is resumed in Wall street. Under manipulation advances are shown by the whole list, while the total of transactions is very large.

Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, in session in Danville, was told by Professor Feinly of Normal that the present low pay of teachers is harmful.

Clyde Stratton, who was arrested in St. Louis, has admitted, according to the police, that he escaped from the Mansfield (Ohio) reformatory by crawling through a sewer.

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FIGHT AT MUKDEN

JAPANESE MAKE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON RUSSIANS.

ARTILLERY DUEL ON THE LEFT

Firing Lasts All Night and All Day and Spreads to the South—Chinese Say Extensive Preparations Are Making to Turn the Russian Right.

MUKDEN—Fighting began at 10 o'clock in the evening southeast of Mukden. The Japanese have advanced to the village of Jendagan, which they are reported to have captured after a fight lasting until morning.

There was an artillery fight on the night of October 26 on the north shore of the Shakhe river, directly south of Mukden. The cannonading, which was heavy, was continued today, the Russians attacking the Japanese unsuccessfully. The fighting, it is believed, will continue up to the walls of Mukden.

The artillery firing on the Russian left, which began yesterday and lasted during the night, has spread south. The weather has again cleared up and is much better for active operations. The days are warm and sunny, but the nights are cold and some of the Russian troops, whose winter overcoats have not arrived, are suffering from the cold.

Suspicious movements of the Japanese have been observed west of the railroad. The Chinese say positively that the Japanese are preparing to turn the Russian right or break through a vulnerable point of the lines.

News has just been received here that the Japanese assumed the offensive on the east front and made a slight advance. It is rumored that the Japanese have taken all the Russian positions at Erdagou, between Hunshan and Findapu, on the road from Mukden to Bentsiaputze, but the report has not been confirmed and looks improbable.

There was a reconnaissance in force last night by the Russian western flank and desultory firing continued till 2 o'clock a. m. The Japanese were discovered to be hurriedly fortifying along the whole line, but this does not, on the contrary, preclude the possibility of an attack by them. It is the general opinion here that serious events will not develop for some days, but judging by the hurried manner in which the Chinese are settling their money affairs in Mukden they are of a different opinion.

The whole army is delighted with the appointment of General Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief of the land forces in the far east. The one idea among the men is to advance. There is every indication that when the next fight comes it will be of a desperate character.

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THE ARMY FRONT.

Along Which There is Said to Be Sharp Fighting.

MUKDEN—Sharp fighting continues along the front. The Russians are entrenching ground recently occupied by them.

While no pitched battle has occurred during the last few days, the two armies are kept in touch with one another, holding the positions they occupied when the big battle ended. There is no evidence that the Russian army will rush north, as was the case after the battle of Liao Yang. In fact, the Russians have another line of defenses to fall back on in the event that they are forced out of their present positions.

During the last few days there has been frequent artillery fire, occasional infantry attacks and daily clashes between outposts and scouts.

Unless the Japanese take the initiative soon the Russians, it is expected, will resume the offensive and endeavor to drive the Japanese back, for the purpose of insuring the safety of their winter quarters, which undoubtedly will be north of Mukden unless a southward advance is successful.

Another big battle is expected shortly, as the weather is already turning cold. It will be impracticable for the two armies to winter in their present positions midway between Mukden and Liao Yang.

Many incidents are coming to light showing the bravery of the Russian soldiers during their stubborn resistance to the Japanese advance and in their attempts to drive the Japanese back. The men fought night and day without rest and afterwards worked for hours carrying the wounded to the hospitals. When the Russian troops recaptured Lone Tree hill they retook several guns and a quantity of ammunition which the Japanese had previously captured. They also took several Japanese guns in addition.

At the conclusion of the fight the hill was covered with the dead and wounded of both armies. The Japanese prisoners were treated by the Russians with the greatest kindness. At one hospital visited by the Associated Press correspondent Japanese privates were found in their officers' ward. The army hospital corps and the Red Cross societies did splendid work. The wounded were dressed and forwarded to the hospitals with the greatest expedition.

The Russian commissariat also was admirably handled. Portable soup kitchens were most useful, going under fire to feed the men.

WAR AND ITS PROBLEMS.

Russian Reverses Due to Restriction on Liberty.

ST. PETERSBURG.—A remarkable study of the war and its problems by M. Petruskevitch, a well-known writer, appears in the Pravo, a weekly paper, and is attracting a good deal of attention. M. Petruskevitch holds that the Russian reverses are due to the restrictions placed on the liberties of the nation, declaring that whatever the outcome of the struggle with Russia will win a victory for constitutionalism. He adds:

"The war has glaringly revealed the cause of the evil, and has shown the hopeless condition to which a great nation may be brought by the deprivation of all freedom of thought, feeling and action. The bureaucracy, possessing all the strings of irresponsible power, keeps the people under a tutelage, which has never attained such proportions, has never with such arbitrary methods flouted the law and never made the country feel its power so painfully as during the past few years."

Such outspoken criticism would never have been permitted under the Von Plehve regime. The newspapers which discuss the article have not a word in defense of bureaucracy, but they do not endorse the prospects of a constitution, the Soviet pointing out that Emperor Nicholas' manifesto formally declared his intention of upholding autocracy and that Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Misky is pledged to the manifesto.

NEBRASKA DAY AT THE FAIR.

One Thousand Residents of State Take Part in Ceremonies at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS—Headed by Governor J. H. Mickey, 1,000 Nebraskans celebrated "Nebraska day" at the World's fair on Tuesday. The formal ceremonies took place in Festival hall. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska offered the invocation. Addresses were made by President Francis of the exposition, Governor Mickey, Hon. John Lee Webster of Omaha and G. W. Wattles of Omaha, president of the State World's Fair commission.

In response to the welcoming addresses of President Francis, Governor John H. Mickey of Nebraska made a lengthy address, dwelling on the state's advancement, its wonderful resources, climatic advantages, et. John L. Webster and G. W. Wattles also spoke.

The Outlook in China.

LONDON—Bennett Burleigh, after careful inquiry into the situation, cables the Daily Telegraph from Shanghai that the political outlook in China is worse now than prior to the "boxer outbreak in 1900." Widespread operations of secret societies, he says, show a dangerous recrudescence of anti-foreign feeling. Drilling of large bodies of well equipped troops is proceeding day and night in many districts of southern and middle provinces and the Chinese authorities are buying military equipment.

ATTITUDE OF WAR

THIS IS WHAT IS ASSUMED BY ENGLISH PAPERS.

FIRING ON THE FISHING FLEET

It is Freely Discussed by London Journals—Belief That the Czar Does Not Intend to Punish Mar Who Ordered Attack.

LONDON—The tone of comparative moderation and calmness hitherto shown by the press of London is observed to be yielding to one of an out-spoken bellicose nature. The Daily Mail editorially speaks of war threatening and gives in scare headlines, "Ultimatum to Russia Expires This Afternoon," etc. Without going to these lengths, nearly all the papers are discussing the possibilities of war should the war party in St. Petersburg be able to influence the emperor and government into a determination to shield the officers of the Baltic squadron. The unofficial explanation of Admiral Rojestvensky, telegraphed from Vigo, is stigmatized by the Morning Post and other papers as apparently that of a lunatic, whose continuance in a position of responsibility is a menace to every vessel that navigates the sea.

The Daily Telegraph, representing the government view, says: "There is no doubt whatever of the government's seriousness. No responsible ministers would order a fleet atwart the path of vessels of a foreign power without recognizing the responsibility of such a grave step; yet this is what his majesty's government has done with its eyes wide open."

An equally bellicose tone characterizes the British correspondent's dispatches from St. Petersburg, which openly impute the Russian delay owing to the belief that Great Britain is determined not to risk war and express the conviction that the Russian government is determined not to punish the offending officers.

Madrid dispatches comment severely upon the attempts of the Russians to defy the Spanish government by the pretense that their vessels are damaged and by proceeding to coal from German vessels, and also Admiral Rojestvensky's alleged explanation that the firing on an approaching vessel was necessary for the protection of his squadron.

Lord Rosebery, in sending a check for \$500 for the sufferers, describes the North sea affair as an "unspeakable outrage."

The Morning Post's Copenhagen correspondent gives a report that the captain of a British steamer, after passing the Baltic squadron Friday evening in the North sea, saw, two miles away, a two-funneled steamer in distress, which apparently sank before he was able to reach her. It is suggested that the steamer had been attacked by the Baltic squadron.

AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN

Heavy Increase of Wheat and Decrease of Corn and Oats.

NEW YORK—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with last account:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,839,000 bushels; float for and in Europe, increase, 700,000 bushels; total supply, increase, 3,539,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 16,169,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 347,000 bushels.

The leading increases reported this week are 800,000 bushels at the northwestern interior elevators; 440,000 bushels in Manitoba; 325,000 bushels at Depot Harbor; 173,000 bushels at Louisville; 90,000 bushels at Rochester and 80,000 at the Milwaukee private elevators.

Leading decreases are 174,000 bushels at the Chicago private elevators, and 50,000 bushels at Chattanooga.

OLEOMARGARINE CASE DECIDED

Use of Palm Oil for Coloring a Violation of the Law.

WASHINGTON—Justice Brewer of the Supreme court of the United States today announced the decision of the court in the oleomargarine case of August Cliff of Chicago, affirming the decision of the United States district court, by which Cliff was convicted of violating that portion of the oleomargarine law fixing a tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine artificially colored. In this instance palm oil was used for the purpose of coloring the substance, and the prosecution was resisted on the ground that the oil produces a natural and not an artificial coloration. The court did not sustain this view, declaring that palm oil was put in for no other purpose than to produce a yellow color.

Christian Home Manager Dead.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia.—Rev. J. G. Lemen, manager of the Christian home of this city, died at 3:20 a. m. Wednesday, at his home, 714 Avenue D, after two weeks' illness. Although his death took place after so brief sickness, it was not unexpected. Mr. Lemen has been in declining health for two years or more, and when the serious character of his malady became manifest several days ago, grave fears were felt that his enfeebled system could not stand the attack. He was 56 years old.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA. INDIANS ARE ON THE STAND

A new elevator is about to compete for business at Adams.

Tecumseh's new \$16,000 school house is nearing completion. Cedar Rapids has experienced a great building boom this season. The York Commercial club is moving in the matter of getting a new depot.

C. F. Pettigrew, a Chicago contractor, is to put in a gas plant at Columbus.

There was a good attendance from Nebraska at the exposition on Nebraska day.

Johnson county is shipping potatoes by the carload to Kansas and Missouri points.

Joachim Miller, six miles north of Utica, blew the top of his head off with a shotgun. No cause is given for the act.

At Hardy, Mattie Forsha fell from a footbridge into the Republican river, but was rescued as she came up the third time.

Nebraska dentists are not well pleased with the present dental laws, and will be before the next legislature for relief.

At York Charles and William Marke were arraigned before Judge Taylor and held in bonds of \$1,000 each on a charge of kidnaping.

Charley Smolinski, a Polish lad, while fishing in McPherson's lake east of Columbus, caught a turtle which weighed nearly thirty pounds.

The city council of Wymore has granted a franchise to the Gage County Independent Telephone company and work on its lines will be commenced.

The new mill which has been built in Ithaca by the Ithaca Milling company, with a capacity of 100 barrels per day, commenced grinding wheat last week.

After a successful pastorate of seven years, Rev. F. E. James of Fremont, pastor of the Christian church, has tendered his resignation, to take effect next month.

The new wagon bridge across the Platte river at Schuyler has been nearly enough completed that teams are crossing daily from Butler county in great numbers.

Stanley M. Rosewater of Omaha won out in a competition with over 150 students for one of the two vacant places on the University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin clubs.

The Fremont Concrete and Artificial Stone company filed articles of incorporation. Richard Whitefield, F. McGiverin, Conrad Hollenbeck and A. E. Littlefield are the incorporators.

A. S. Grogan, who is looking after the sugar beet crop near Ames, says he has sixty-five acres still in the ground, the gathering of which is delayed on account of the heavy weather.

At Lincoln, Louis Folts is dead and his bride of three months is under the care of physicians from the effects of inhaling gas that escaped from an instantaneous heater in their bath room.

The work of excavation for the new Burlington depot at Crete has been begun. Since the burning of the old depot last spring a small wooden shanty has done service as a passenger depot.

The new church edifice of the United Evangelical denomination at Hastings was dedicated last Sunday at three services. The new church is a wooden structure erected at a cost of \$7,000 and has a seating capacity of 500.

Farmers who desire the privileges of a winter institute can get full particulars by writing to Prof. T. L. Lyon of Lincoln. The farmers' institute is supported by the state and is under control of the regents of the University of Nebraska.

Bert Egge, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Egge of Tecumseh, has disappeared and his parents are alarmed at his absence. The young man was employed on a farm east of Tecumseh.

County Attorney J. H. Linderman of Dawson county secured a requisition for the return of Leonard E. Morton, who is under arrest at Loveland, Colo. Morton is accused of getting money under false pretenses.

Extensive improvements have been completed about the Hastings asylum this summer, the greater part of the work having been done by the inmates. Numerous new walks and drives have been made.

Mrs. Catherine Ziska, formerly of Wilbur, imagined that she was tormented by demons and tried to commit suicide in the county jail at Lincoln. A prisoner gave the alarm and the woman was rescued.

The owners of bottom land on the Little Nemaha river, between Auburn and Nemaha City, have organized a mutual company for the purpose of straightening the Little Nemaha river and cleaning and dredging the same to prevent the overflow.

The Farmers' State bank of Ansley has been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, of which \$7,500 is paid up. The incorporators are Walton E. Newcomb and C. O. Ritchmeyer.

Judge Basil S. Ramsey of Plattsmouth has been selected as vice president for Nebraska of an association to be known as the Ramsey Family Association of the United States. The object of the association is to collect all data available, both in America and Europe, pertaining to the genealogy of the family, whether the name is spelled "Ramsey" or "Ramsey."

How the Wards of Uncle Sam Are Swindled.

WINNEBAGO INDIAN AGENCY—Testimony that the O'Connors, bankers Homer, have got Indians' pension checks from the postoffice, endorsed the name of the payee without authority and applied the money on notes given by the one to whom the check was drawn was the sensation of the morning session of the inquiry court here. Joseph Hinemann, an Indian, declared that this had been done in the case of his own father who gets a check for \$17 pension every quarter. He testified also that on a loan of \$25 he had to give a note for \$36, due in three months, which is an interest rate of 125 per cent.

Green Rainbow, one of the leaders of the tribe, declared he had been offered a team of horses free of charge by the O'Connors if he would not testify before the inspectors. Witness also declared an attempt had been made to intimidate him at the point of a gun held by Harold O'Conner in the O'Conner bank into giving up some money he had on deposit.

Jacob Russell, another Indian trader, testified that the fact that a ring of Homer and Emerson merchants snapped up the Indians' pay checks at the agency, prevented him from collecting money honestly due because the Indians would have no money left after escaping from the whites.

Claims of traders that the Indians are unfriendly to Father Schell's campaign for reforms in the conditions surrounding them were refuted when representative men of the tribe appeared before Inspector Wright to testify.

The taking of notes for double the sum of money loaned, the sale of horses for \$500 when the animals were not worth \$25, the use of coercion in the matter of securing pay checks, the loaning of money to buy whisky and the purchase of liquor in saloons openly were some of the things testified to.

NEBRASKA SCHOOL LANDS.

There are Less Than Four Hundred Acres Not Under Lease.

According to the records in the office of Land Commissioner Folmer, there are at this time only 381.88 acres of school land not under lease in the state out of a total of 1,940,000 acres. This land can be leased by application to the land commissioner's office. During the last four years there has been leased about 54,000 acres and about 120,000 acres still in the ground, the gathering of which is delayed on account of the heavy weather.

Cherry county, sec 14 sw 1/4 36-25-38, 40 acres; Gage county, lots 1 and 9 in block 4 and 5, nw 1/4 16-2-7, 3 acres; Kimball county, lots 1 and 2, in ne 1/4 16-12-59, 69.52 acres; lots 3 and 4 in sec 14 16-12-59, 69.36 acres; Perkins county e 1/4 nw 1/4 and n 1/4 sw 1/4 ac 36-11-35, 200 acres.

Co-operation on Statistics.

R. W. Durham of the department of statistics of the federal government is making a trip through the state investigating the labor employed in the penitentiary and other penal institutions. He will co-operate with the labor bureau of statistics and it is expected this co-operation will result in much more accuracy than has heretofore obtained.

Sutton Creamery Burns.

SUTTON—The Sutton creamery was completely destroyed by fire. This is the second time this creamery has been destroyed in like manner. It was built in 1883 by a stock company and burned in 1887 and rebuilt the same year. The loss will be about \$5,000.

Horse thieves Are Busy.

NORFOLK—Horse thieves in and about Norfolk have been doing a rushing business lately. Several fine animals have disappeared and none of them recaptured. Bloodhounds have been put upon the trail of a number of them without success.

Girl Injured in Accident.

McCOOK—Miss Martha Shears, living a few miles southwest of McCook, was thrown from a horse, severely fracturing her leg between the hip and knee. She was dragging herself home in the darkness, when found by a member of the family.

Woman Looks for Recreant Spouse.

BEATRICE—A woman giving the name of Mrs. Elliott was here looking for her husband, whom she claims deserted her at Fairbury. She stated that he left her at a hotel at that place and after disposing of the household goods he left town. Elliott was here Thursday with a woman named Davis, and the couple left for Lincoln on an evening train the same day. When Mrs. Elliott was so informed by Chief Ashenfeiter she left for the capital city to see if she could locate her truant husband.