

News in Brief

William McAvey, an old-time actor, died at his home in Roxbury, Mass., at the age of 87 years.

In the hurricane that struck Honduras, many interests suffered greatly, thousands of valued logs being washed out to sea.

The board of trustees unanimously elected Herbert L. Stetson, now president of Kalamazoo college, Kalamazoo, Mich., as president of Des Moines college.

While a fire was blazing in the basement of the Sisters of Mercy convent in Chicago, more than 200 girls marched out in good order and there were no fatalities.

Governor Bailey has received a letter from Prof. W. C. Wilcox, of Iowa, stating that he didn't say the people of western Kansas were all crazy part of the time.

At Rawlins, Wyoming, the colored woman who gave her husband a severe beating, using a rifle with which she fractured his skull, pleaded guilty and paid her fine.

Louis Harmon, one of the trio of robbers who murdered George Geyer, a farmer, near Alton, O., more than a year ago, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary.

Tommy Ryan, middleweight champion of the world, knocked out Tommy Wallace of Philadelphia in the fifth round of a bout scheduled to go ten rounds, at Benton Harbor, Mich.

A large number of Japanese army reserve men residing in Honolulu have received notification by cable from the military authorities in Japan calling them home for army service.

The state of Nevada filed a claim against the United States in the United States court of claims for \$470,474 advanced in aid of the federal government during the civil war.

While resisting an attempt to rob him as he sat in his place of business, William H. Keeler, a saloon-keeper, at 3300 Princeton avenue, Chicago, was shot and died in a few minutes.

Jose Marinda, a Porto Rican, who was taken to Honolulu as a plantation laborer, was hanged there for the murder on the night of September 26 of the well known banker, S. E. Damon.

The Fore River Ship Building company announced that the United States battleship New Jersey, under construction at the company's yards at Quincy, Mass., will be launched November 10.

Paul Godard, a French expert in precious stones, jumped from one of the approaches of the new Williamsburg (N. Y.) bridge and was dashed to death on the stone pavement, 125 feet below.

Captain J. G. Mohler, a pioneer of Kansas and prominent attorney, is dead at Salina, Kan. Captain Mohler was the attorney for the Cheyenne Indians who were tried for murder and acquitted in 1874.

A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000, according to the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been concluded. The first portion of this loan, \$78,000,000, it is expected, will be issued in January.

The Illinois Central railway sent to the chief of police of St. Louis a check for \$750 to defray the funeral expenses of Detectives Shea, Dwyer and McClusky, who were killed in a battle with alleged train robbers.

The peace treaty between Chile and Bolivia, which has just been signed, will be submitted to congress during the present session. One of the principal clauses declares that Bolivia renounces a port on the Pacific.

Burglars entered the home of Court Second, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and robbed it of \$1,900 worth of jewelry and silverware. Second is a Santa Fe engineer and was out on the road.

President Loubet gave a dinner in honor of King George of Greece, who is now visiting Paris. The president had on his right Lady Monson, wife of the British ambassador, and on his left Mrs. Nelidoff, wife of the Russian ambassador.

President Roosevelt has directed the appointment of Mrs. James Long street to be postmaster at Gainesville, Ga., to succeed Colonel Henry P. Barrow, removed, on the report of an inspector that Colonel Barrow is not a resident of the community in which the postoffice is situated. Mrs. Long street is the widow of General James Longstreet, of the Confederate army.

Col. Anthony, the Kansas pioneer editor, is so seriously ill that he is hardly expected to survive.

Dispatches received in London from various points report a rather severe earthquake and much damage to property throughout Scandinavia and Denmark.

Murat Halstead, the veteran journalist of Cincinnati, has been elected president of the American Newsboys' company, which was organized to publish the American Newsboys' Magazine. He also has been chosen editor of the magazine.

CITY WILL FALL

JAPANESE HAVE PORT ARTHUR AT THEIR MERCY.

POSITIONS COMMAND TOWN

Mikado's Men Can Drive Russians from Main Forts at Their Pleasure — Japanese Losses in Last Assault on Port Arthur.

CHE FOO—Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

The last assault has gained for them positions which insure their ability to capture the main east forts whenever they are ready. It is calculated by the Japanese that if the Russians do not surrender the former will be capable of prolonging their final stand at Liaotai mountain on the Tiger's Tail for a much longer time, with the mere hope of prolonging the struggle. Long before the second Pacific squadron arrives the Japanese flag will wave over the wrecked citadel. This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city.

The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the hills, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

When the Japanese occupy the east fort ridge they will completely dominate the other Russian forts with their artillery.

LONDON—The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent, telegraphing Thursday, says that the Japanese losses during the last assault on Port Arthur were heavier than on any of the previous attacks. The bombardment, he says, was so fierce that the streets of Dalny were said to tremble, as though from an earthquake.

The same paper's correspondent with General Oku, under date of November 2, says that the indications are that a terrific engagement is about to commence.

CHE FOO—The Japanese are now in a position to commence the beginning of the end of the operations to capture the eastern fortified ridges. Their siege park has been completed by the placing of 11-inch howitzers. During the night of October 29 all the reserves advanced through a network of trenches in front of the eastern fortified ridges from south of Keekwan to west of Keekwan and to the west of Rihlung mountain, called by the Japanese Shochosan.

The bombardment began at dawn October 30, and infantry attacks were planned to go against Rihlung mountain, an untreacher hill between the coast of Banjusan and the east of Keekwan and on three Keekwan forts.

SLOWLY GETTING TOGETHER.

Russia Agrees to Part of Terms on North Sea Court.

ST. PETERSBURG—Negotiations regarding the North sea court of inquiry have not yet been concluded.

The Associated Press is informed the present position is as follows: The terms of the draft of the treaty of the legislation of the court are under consideration by the emperor, who may desire some modifications, but these, if any, are not expected to be of importance. One of the plans already agreed on is that Great Britain and Russia will jointly propose that France and the United States appoint a high naval officer as a member of the court, which probably will sit in Paris.

The four officers of the Russian Baltic squadron, who, it was originally arranged, were to remain in Paris until the arrival of Admiral Kaznakoff, are coming on to St. Petersburg to present the report of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to the emperor.

Massacres Whole Crew.

LONDON—According to information from the island of Perim, at the entrance to the Red sea, an investigation of Massira island made by the avian of Muscat shows that the captain and a boat's crew of twenty-one men, which left the British steamer Baron Innomial, which ran ashore at the Kuria Miska islands, were massacred by the natives there. Nine of the murderers have been arrested. Information was that the boat had captured and all of the occupants drowned except one boy.

Another Rhodes Scholarship.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Next year Nebraska will get another Rhodes scholarship appointment. A notice of this was sent to Chancellor Andrews by George R. Parkin of London, secretary of the scholarships.

No Spirit for Gayety.

ST. PETERSBURG—There was little attempt Thursday to celebrate, except in a perfunctory way, the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas. The imperial family attended a Te Deum at the Kazan cathedral and there were services in all the churches. Later the troops were paraded, the theaters gave free exhibitions to the school children, and there was music and holiday displays in the parks, but on account of the anxiety regarding Port Arthur everything was on a small scale.

BEGIN AN ATTACK.

Furious Assault on Port Arthur Outer Defenses.

CHE FOO—The general assault upon Port Arthur, which began in a preliminary way October 24, developed into a fiercely raging battle Monday, when, according to a hitherto infallible authority, the Japanese flung heavy forces against the fortress in their third attempt to secure a commanding position.

The Japanese have been preparing for this assault for a month. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this occasion, but to accomplish another important forward step. This plan was adopted following the first assault, when thousands of lives were sacrificed in an attempt to swarm over the fortifications by a mere force of number, regardless of loss.

This assault, like the previous one, was a climatic incident of weary weeks of trench digging, gun mounting and small engagements. In the opinion of experts the assault will cease when the Japanese have secured such position as will enable them to creep steadily closer under the noses of the Russian guns. It is believed that two more general assaults will be necessary before the distance between the belligerent lines is sufficiently shortened to make an attempt to enter the main forts and make the end of the siege practicable.

A steamer which has just arrived here from New Chwang reports having heard heavy firing at Port Arthur Monday night and Tuesday until it was out of earshot, indicating a continuance of the battle which began October 24 in a preliminary manner and developed Monday into the third attempt of the Japanese to secure a commanding position.

The Japanese opened fire with their artillery along the whole line, incidentally continuing their daily practice of dropping shells into the harbor. The Russians replied, the sounds, as of distant thunder, telling the inhabitants of Port Dalny that the long expected assault on the fortress was imminent. The bombardment continued furiously until the afternoon of October 26, when the Russian guns on the Etso mountain, Antse mountain and Rihlung mountain became briefly silent.

COMPILATION OF INDIAN LAWS.

Two Volumes of 1,200 Pages Each Fully Indexed.

WASHINGTON—A revised edition of the compilation of the laws and treaties relating to Indian affairs, compiled and edited under direction of congress by Charles J. Kappler, chief clerk of the United States senate committee on Indian affairs, has been issued by the government printing office. This compilation is embraced in two quarto volumes of 1,200 pages each, and contains all treaties ever made with the Indian tribes and all laws relating to the various Indians enacted by congress up to the present time, together with executive orders creating reservations, proclamations, statistics, trust funds, etc. The revised edition includes the signatures to the treaties, many treaties that were heretofore unobtainable and other useful information. Each volume is fully indexed, making research easy. The statutes at large is followed in its makeup. The compilation of the Indian treaties and laws has been recommended for many years by the secretary of the interior, commissioner of Indian affairs and both Indian commissions of congress.

ANNIVERSARY OF PANAMA.

Reception in the Afternoon Followed by a Ball at Night.

COLON—Thursday's celebration of the first anniversary of independence was an orderly one. High mass was held in the morning, and in the afternoon there was a meeting at which municipal officers delivered orations. This was followed by a reception tendered by the governor, Porfirio Melendez; the civil and military governor of Colon, Commander Merriam of the American cruiser Dixie, the consular officers and many other persons attending. The Dixie fired a salute of twenty-one guns. At night there was a display of fireworks and a public ball. The town was decorated in red, white and blue, and pictures of President Roosevelt, President Amador and Governor Melendez were prominently displayed.

Booth-Tucker in London.

NEW YORK—It was announced that Commander Frederick Booth-Tucker, who for eight and a half years has commanded the Salvation Army forces in the United States, is appointed to the international headquarters in London, and will act as secretary and represent all countries outside of Great Britain. This will make it necessary for the commander to travel in all parts of the world. Commander Booth-Tucker's farewell meeting in New York City will be held on November 15.

Study the Country.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Passenger and immigration representatives of the Northern Pacific stationed in the important centers from Maine to California, will gather in St. Paul this week and will leave Thursday morning in private cars attached to the regular westbound through train on a comprehensive tour of the territory served by the Northern Pacific. The trip is to be made for the purpose of giving the representatives of the system personal knowledge of the west, its cities and growth.

GLOOM IN RUSSIA

FEAR EXPRESSED FOR THE SAFETY OF PORT ARTHUR.

DESPERATION IN THE WAR OFFICE

General Nogu Making a Supreme Effort to Capture the Fortress—Feels Confident That Success Will Soon Attend His Efforts.

ST. PETERSBURG—There is considerable anxiety here over the military situation. No late news has been received from Mukden, General Sakharoff's report of November 1 merely indicating that matters were at a deadlock around Shakhe. The Japanese have made some tentative moves on both flanks, which were checked, but there are no signs yet of a general advance by their army.

Foreign reports from Port Arthur are decidedly gloomy, while the authorities continue to profess confidence in General Stoessel's ability to hold out, the popular feeling is that the heroic garrison, which already has made a historic defense, must now be near the limit of human endurance.

The official reports from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur, beginning October 26, have created visible depression at the war office. The sustained character of the bombardment with siege guns and the breaching of the walls by underground mines, but above all the fact that the Japanese government after weeks of silence regarding the operations of the besiegers have given out these reports before actual success has crowned their efforts, convinces the military authorities that after long preparations General Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress, but feels so confident of success that the result of the preliminary operations has been made public.

They believe the assault was timed for the announcement of the fall of the fortress to be made upon the birthday of the mikado tomorrow, which, by a strange coincidence, is the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas and a great Russian holiday. Tomorrow, therefore, is expected to be marked by fate for a day of immense rejoicing either for Japan or Russia, according as the present assault succeeds or fails. The war office is trying to buoy up the Russian hopes with references to the long and successful defense Lieutenant General Stoessel has thus far conducted, but things have now reached such a pass with the garrison and the character of the present attempt upon the fortress is evidently so determined that the authorities frankly admit they would not be surprised if the end was at hand. In the face of the gloomy reports direct from the Invalid Russ, the army organ, today announces that the storming operations ended with a repulse of the Japanese on Monday, but the paper fails to give its authority for this important statement. No official report warranting it has been received by the war office.

BATTLE MAY BE DEFERRED.

There May Be No More Fighting This Year.

ST. PETERSBURG—The expectation of serious developments at the theater of war has again failed of realization. Today's official dispatches record nothing more serious than the usual skirmishes. The strategists at the war office are generally inclined to believe that the expected great battle may be deferred and possibly may not occur this year, though the Japanese may make a desperate attempt to flank General Kuropatkin and compel him to surrender Mukden. If General Kuropatkin is convinced that the Japanese are now numerically superior, he may decide to draw off, as it would obviously be unprofitable to risk a general engagement until the vast armies to be placed under his command can reach Manchuria. Whatever happens it is not likely that the Japanese can take Kuropatkin unawares. Repeated reconnaissances beyond the Japanese lines betray the strength and purposes of Field Marshal Oyama's movements. If the Japanese really intend to advance it is likely they will do so immediately, and not await the arrival of the eight Russian corps the first installment of which is already at Mukden.

Requiem Mass for Alexander III.

ST. PETERSBURG—The emperor and empress and the imperial family attended a solemn requiem mass at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in memory of Alexander III, who died ten years ago Wednesday. The emperor will in a few days bid farewell to the Fourth army corps, which will be included in General Gripenberg's army. It is now understood that General Linovitch's army will be designated the first and General Kaibler's the third, the composing standing as explained in former dispatches.

Trouble in Central America.

MAZATLAN, Mexico—New reaches Mexican west coast ports from visitors from Guatemala that the little republic is on the verge of another revolution, which is said to be the result of an act of war on the part of the Republic of Salvador. General Salvador Toledo is now preparing to invade Guatemala at the head of forces furnished by the Salvadorean republic, and it is feared the trouble is likely to involve all Central America. President Cabrera of Guatemala has turned against Toledo.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

\$27,500 FOR A LOST LEG.

This is the Amount Recovered by John Connelly.

OMAHA—John Connelly, a Wyoming stockman, recovered a verdict against the Union Pacific road for \$27,500.

This was for loss of both legs which were cut off by a train at the foot of N street, South Omaha, some years ago.

Connelly had sued for \$50,000, and this was the fourth trial of the suit.

The verdict is the largest that has ever been recovered here in a personal injury damage case against a corporation. T. J. Mahoney and J. A. C. Kennedy appeared for the plaintiff, and A. W. Jeffers was associated with the Union Pacific lawyers for the defense. The defense waived its argument in order to cut off Mahoney's closing argument for the plaintiff. The only argument made was by Mr. Kennedy, who opened for the plaintiff.

AGED FARMER IS FOUND DEAD

Wife Who Makes Discovery Has Difficulty in Sending for Help.

LEXINGTON—Christian Olson a prominent citizen of Dawson county, was found dead by his wife at the west end of his farm, about one mile from the house, where he had gone in the afternoon on horseback to fix a fence. Not returning, his wife went in search of him, finding his corpse near the fence. She went in quest of help, got lost in the cornfield, but later got to a neighbor's house, finding no one at home. She finally got to a telephone, but it was 11 o'clock before aid reached her. Mr. Olson was about 80 years of age and subject to attacks of asthma. Mr. and Mrs. Olson lived alone on a farm two miles south of this city.

MURDERER GETS SIX YEARS.

Sentence of Tim Carr for the Killing of Charles Best.

PAPILLION—Tim Carr, who was found guilty of manslaughter after trial for the murder of Charles Best at Sarpy Mills park on the evening of July 4, was sentenced by Judge Sutton to six years at hard labor in the penitentiary. Carr's aged mother, his sisters and other relatives were present when the sentence was pronounced and were greatly affected, but Carr seemed in good spirits because the sentence was no heavier.

When Carr was led back to jail weeping among the women was general, and mingled with this was a prayer by Mrs. Carr for the protection of her son.

Children Are Taught to Beg

FREMONT—The police put a stop to a begging scheme which had been worked successfully by means of some children in the residence portion of the city. The youngsters carried papers showing that they were living in a wagon in the southeastern part of town, that their father was sick and they were absolutely destitute and there were nine children in the family. Last week they worked the same part of town successfully, and when the matter was investigated no such people could be found.

Fires Two Shots at Operator.

BEATRICE—What seems to have been a bold attempt at robbery was made at 2 o'clock in the morning by an unidentified man who fired two shots through the window of the Burlington station at Dewitt, at Night Operator Barnes, one of which took effect, wounding him slightly in the arm.

Judge Parker has expressed high appreciation of the part William J. Bryan has taken in the present campaign.

Shooting at Valentine.

VALENTINE—Four persons were shot, two perhaps fatally at a dance hall near Fort Niobrara. Raymond J. B. Smith, a quarterblood Indian and Lulu Johnson each received bullets through the body from the effects of which they will probably die. Arthur Trumbull, a livery driver, and John Stratton were seriously wounded. The injured persons were preparing to leave in a wagon when fired upon from ambush. The two horses were killed.

Potatoes Yield Big Returns.

YORK—William Paden, a farmer living west of York, planted thirty acres of potatoes and cared for them, and this fall sold the potatoes in the ground for \$50 per acre. The purchaser is to dig and gather and market them without expense to Mr. Paden.

The 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ossowski of Gage county was shot in the right arm by the accidental discharge of a 22-calibre rifle in the hands of her brother, who was playing with the weapon.

Large Sale of Sheep.

FREMONT—Between 40,000 and 50,000 sheep will be fed in the vicinity of this city this winter. The number is smaller than usual, but is large considering the scarcity of feeders and the high prices prevailing. The largest sale made at the Fremont stock yards so far this season was made by E. Payne, a sheep man from Boise, Ida., to H. E. James, St. Paul, Minn., when they will be shipped for feeding purposes. The sale consisted of 6,000 head of 62-pound lambs and 80-pound wethers.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The parishoners of Rev. Smith at Bradshaw surprised that gentleman by calling on him in goodly numbers, each one bringing some article suitable for the preacher's larder.

D. J. Kimmerly was badly injured in a runaway accident in Beatrice by being thrown from his wagon on to the pavement. He is 70 years of age and will be confined to his home for some time because of his injuries.

Orville Bateman, 12-year-old son of J. R. Bateman, of Stella, accidentally discharged a shotgun, blowing his entire left hand off and shattering the bones so that it was necessary to amputate the arm a couple of inches below the elbow. The accident occurred while the young man was out hunting.

Will Moore and James Daggett, who live fourteen miles southwest of Clearwater, were out hunting and the team which they were driving jumped just as Daggett was getting into the wagon, causing him to drop his gun. Both barrels were discharged into the right leg, just above the ankle. The leg will be saved.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the ladies hall of the Grand Island college was observed by the faculty, students and friends of that institution, the contents of the cornerstone being issues of the college paper containing a history of the institution, articles of incorporation of the college, etc. The hall will cost \$20,000.

Charles Wells, a farmer living three miles from Fairbury, committed suicide. He left the house during the night and not being able to find him in the morning his wife called in the neighbors at daybreak and they found him hanging in the barn loft. He was in good financial circumstances and his domestic relations were harmonious, so no reason is known for his act.

Copies of the new manual and the regulations provided for the new magazine rifle have just been received from the war department by the adjutant general, and the Nebraska national guard will hereafter be drilled under the new rules. The regimental and battalion movements are much simplified and the new regulations are much more condensed than the old ones.

Detective Malone of the Burlington has returned from Colorado, where he succeeded in causing the arrest of three persons, who gave their names as J. M. Harris, an ex-convict; Charles Mock, also an ex-convict; and Earl Bush, 16 years old. They have all been bound over to the district court in Akron, Colo. Bush made a confession, naming the towns where they had stolen merchandise from the cars.

Brakeman L. W. Hansen of Emerson owes his life to luck. Beneath the wheels of his freight train on the Omaha road he was nearly ground to death in the switching yards at Norfolk. Tossed headlong from the top of a moving car by the sudden setting of the air, his body lit beneath the trucks and was churned for some distance, being shoved along by the guards and kept by them from the wheels. His injuries are serious but he will recover.

A committee of dentists representing various dental organizations over the state met in Lincoln and formulated a bill which, if it passes an examination by competent lawyers, will be presented to the next legislature for passage. The bill is based on the law now in force in California and one of the purposes of it is to raise the standard of the profession in the state. The provisions of the California law are said to be the strictest of any state in the union.

Albert Abrahamson, a bachelor farmer 50 years of age, living twelve miles northwest of Shelton, was robbed of money and securities to the amount of \$1,250. A trunk in which he kept the valuables had been taken from the house, carried to a corn field and broken open.

At a meeting held in Shelton which was attended by representatives of the independent telephone companies of that part of the state the Central Nebraska Toll association was organized. The object of the organization is to arrange for toll rates over the various independent lines.

Willie, the 14-year-old son of D. C. Fender, section foreman of the Northwestern railway at Battle Creek, was the victim of a shooting accident. He had been out hunting and when crossing the railroad bridge west of town his gun, which he was carrying in the left hand, barrel up, slipped between the ties of the bridge, the hammer striking a tie and discharging the gun, the full charge taking effect in the left hand and the left side of the chest and head. He is badly injured, but may recover.

The Ashland Light, Mill & Power company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$15,000. The incorporators are C. H. Brown, R. K. Brown, J. C. Ralsback and F. E. White.

The farm home of George Halmas, located five miles northwest of Plattsmouth, was burned to the ground. The fire originated in one of the upper rooms of the building, and is supposed to have started from a defective flue. Fred Grigsley of Seward county was severely injured by being thrown from a load of hay.