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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

News in Brief

The Mexican mints have now been definitely closed to the free coinage of silver.

The French government has taken every precaution to secure the observance of the neutrality of French water in Indo-China.

The executive committee of the National Association of Letter Carriers has completed arrangements for holding the convention in Portland in September.

T. C. Haynes, secretary of the Rand, McNally Publishing company, Chicago, shot and killed himself in his room at the Marquette club. He was almost 80 years old.

Governor General Northcote, of the commonwealth of Australia, it is said, will invite Secretary of War Taft and party to visit Australia during the party's forthcoming visit to the Philippines.

The stockholders of the United States Steel corporation, in session at Hoboken, N. J., re-elected the eight retiring directors and ratified the purchase by the steel corporation of the Clairton Steel properties.

The once mighty Winnebago tribe is facing a miserable end, though it has \$900,000 with the national government to its credit. The Indians are dying by scores of consumption, and are heavy expense to several towns.

Miss Susan B. Anthony declares that divorce is a refuge for women, but her plea does not prevent the National Women's Council in Washington from adopting condemnatory resolutions.

A crisis in the Russian revolt is expected on May day and the people are much alarmed. Large quantities of bombs and arms have been smuggled in and bloodshed on a large scale is expected.

Hammond Lamont, managing editor of the New York Evening Post, has accepted the invitation of the University of California to become a member of the faculty during the summer season, from June 26 to August 4.

Secretary Barnes of the Kansas horticultural society, has received reports on the condition of the fruit crop of the state. The indications are bright for a big apple crop; also a good crop of pears, cherries and plums.

J. H. Gwinn of Pendleton, Ore., secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, will be installed as secretary of the National Live Stock association, with headquarters in Denver, May 1, succeeding the late Chas. F. Martin.

Loaded with 10,000 tons of goods which Russia would consider contraband of war, the steamship Manchuria has set sail for Japan. The cargo includes food stuffs and heavy machinery for the railroads and bridges in Manchuria.

Gypsy, a huge elephant in Lincoln park, Chicago, will be operated upon for appendicitis. Physicians are preparing an apparatus. The elephant will be dieted for weeks. Over a barrel of ether will be used to put Gypsy to sleep for the ordeal.

A dispatch to the London Exchange Telegraph company says that the Jews are leaving Kishineff and other south Russian cities because they are afraid the Russians will take advantage of their Easter religious celebrations to persecute them.

John M. Thurston, former United States senator from Nebraska, has been retained to press claims for indemnity on account of the massacre of several Americans by Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, January 19. The claims will aggregate \$450,000.

Several of the ten pension examiners against whom Commissioner Warner has preferred charges, handed in their resignations. Commissioner Warner will report to the secretary of the interior on the case shortly. In the meantime it is understood that all ten of the examiners will resign.

The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court for the Eastern district of Kentucky, in the case of the city of Covington vs. the National Bank of Covington, holding to be invalid the Kentucky law requiring national banks of that state to make return of all shares for taxation purposes.

An American, J. G. Jenkins, who is relinquishing the premiership of South Australia in order to become the agent general for that state in London, will enjoy the distinction of being the first man who was born a citizen of the United States to represent a British colony in London. He is a native of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania.

Spotted fever is proving a mystery which puzzles doctors, who are seeking a remedy. The weekly trade reviews report improved conditions due to the good crop outlook, the opening of lake navigation and the increased use of money.

Joseph Jefferson, veteran actor, is critically ill at winter home at Palm Beach, Fla.

Former Senator John M. Thurston declares that he will make good every dollar contributed to the Maritime League if any question is raised as to the use of the money.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8-oz. packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Epigrammatic Description.

A forester stood one day at a lumber camp in West Virginia to inquire his way. The "strawbores," or assistant foreman, a lumberman from Minnesota, told him the road he must take, but warned him that it was "so rough a wildcat couldn't travel it." Seeing the look of perplexity on his face, he qualified his statement thus: "I reckon he might get over it, but not the way the wildcat would like to go."

Heights and Depths of Man.

The most selfish and ignoble races that ever flew through the air or swam in the sea never availed themselves of the accidental possession of power to establish orders of patrician and plebeian, or of lord and commoner, and thus to doom one portion of their number to perform all the toil and bear all the burdens of the tribe, while they themselves monopolized all its leisure and its luxuries.—Horace Mann.

Real Old Irish.

A letter bearing the following address took four days in delivery: "Bean n' ghi abramn teac-osa priontaidhech radharc an chuain, Kilkonan, Aran Island Galway." This is not a joke. Translated, it is merely this: "Mrs. Gouran, Private Hotel, Harbor View, Kilkonan, Aran Island, Galway," and it represents an effort to revive the Gaelic language in Ireland.

Better Than Moral Suasion.

"Tommy," said the teacher to a pupil in the juvenile class, "can you tell me what capital punishment is?" "Yes, ma'am," answered Tommy. "It's when a fellow is naughty and his mother locks him up in the pantry where there is lots of cake and jam."

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1906.

Rights of German Landlords.

Numbers of the large German territorial magnates can compel their tenants to work for them in a number of different ways. On several estates in Germany the tenants who are tradespeople have to give their services to their landlords for nothing whenever he may require them to do so.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kane, Ltd., 601 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

British Leaven.

The British empire outside of the United Kingdom only contains some 8,500,000 people of British descent—that is to say, only one in forty of its total population.

Perfect Timing Device.

In Australia there is used an electric clock which is so perfect in its work as to make it impossible for the timers to either deceive or innocently make a mistake.

Sensible Housekeepers

will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

Religious persecution is the effect of an exaggerated vanity rendered ferocious by the best intentions.

When you notice a vague accusation you give it a reality and turn a shadow into a substance.

The "marriage collar" so many husbands wear is, naturally, one of the "turn down" variety.

A floating debt is a poor thing to keep a man's head above water.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does, you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Trust to luck—if you want to go hungry.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow?

Then use Defiance Starch; it will keep them white—16 ounces for 10 cents.

It doesn't take a headstrong fellow to butt in.

When You Buy Starch

buy Defiance and get the best; 16 ounces for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

To love more than once is a feat easily accomplished by both sexes.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Peck* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Values of commodities depend on whether you want to buy or sell.

READY FOR FIGHT

PLANS PERFECTED FOR A DECISIVE BATTLE.

WILL WIN OR SINK THE SHIPS

This is what the Russian Commander Proposes to Do—Every Detail of the Coming Conflict Given His Personal Attention.

SAIGON, Cochinchina—Advices just received from Kamranh bay say that twenty Japanese warships passed the bay between 8 and 9 o'clock on the evening of April 23.

Two ships, loaded with rice from Saigon and bound for Japan, have been captured by ships belonging to the Russian squadron.

Russian officers are reported to have declared that Admiral Rojestvensky is determined to fight Admiral Togo and will endeavor to vanquish the Japanese squadron or sink with it. Admiral Rojestvensky has given every detail of the coming conflict his particular attention. Togo's flagship will be his objective, according to a special.

More firing at sea was heard at Kamranh bay Sunday morning. The reports were extremely faint.

The statements that the crew of the Russian protected cruiser Diana joined Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron are again pronounced absolutely unfounded. On the contrary, while the Diana has been interned, the most minute precautions have been taken to prevent the slightest breach of neutrality. With the exception of Dr. Storm, who was invalided to Russia, one non-commissioned officer who died and two sailors who were invalided, the crew remains the same. The commander of the Diana has been given his parole and reports daily to the French commandant. All the essential parts of the Diana's machinery are on board the French battleship Rebutable.

CHICAGO—A special to the Daily News from Hong Kong says: Great excitement prevails in Chinese circles here over a report that the Baltic fleet has seized the island of Hainan. The viceroy of Kwang Tung has dispatched officials to investigate the matter.

PARIS—A dispatch from Saigon to the Petit Journal states that nine warships, supposed to be Vice Admiral Nebogatoff's detachment of the second Pacific squadron, doubled Cape Bake the nights of April 25.

COMMITTEE CALLS VINING.

Former Omaha Man to Discuss Railroad Rate Regulation.

WASHINGTON—E. P. Vining, who was for a number of years head of the traffic department of the Union Pacific, and looked upon as one of the strongest railroad men in the country, will appear before the senate committee on interstate commerce next week at the personal instance of Senator Millard.

Mr. Vining is at present residing in Boston, having retired from the railway service. Senator Millard, knowing of the ability of Mr. Vining as a traffic man, felt that the testimony such a man might give will be of incalculable benefit not only to the committee, but to the country at large. The senator began a systematic inquiry as to Mr. Vining's whereabouts and finally located him in Boston. Chairman Elkins sent a request to the former traffic manager of the Union Pacific to appear before the committee and the request was cordially accepted. Mr. Vining is out of the railway business and it is thought that his testimony will have great weight with the committee.

HEALTH REPORT FROM PANAMA

March Compares Favorably With Any Country.

WASHINGTON—The March health report of Colonel W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian canal zone, received here, shows a steady improvement in conditions there. There were about 9,000 employees of the commission at the end of the month. The sick in hospitals numbered 153, and the total deaths for the month were only eleven. This is equal to a rate of fourteen per 1,000, a rate which Colonel Gorgas says would be considered favorable anywhere. In the thirty days ended with March there had been four cases of yellow fever throughout the whole isthmus, of which one was in Panama. In the previous thirty days there had been twelve cases. Each house in Panama City has been fumigated; a great many of them several times.

Russians Concentrating.

TOKIO—It is reported from various sources that the Russians are concentrating their forces in the vicinity of Possiet bay and are planning to cross the Tumen river and then move southward into northeastern Korea. The numerical strength of the Russian forces is variously estimated. It is doubted that the Russians seriously plan aggressive action, and it is rather believed that they are preparing to bar the way of the Japanese to Vladivostok.

Sidney Keeps Land Office.

WASHINGTON—Senator Millard called on Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Richards relative to continuing the Sidney, Neb., land office. He was successful in securing the promise of the department that the Sidney office should remain undisturbed for at least another year. The Sidney office has fallen below the statutory requirements as to the number of acres of public land yet remaining within its territory and also as to cost of maintaining the office, and it had been decided to abolish the office.

A BANK DEFAULTER.

President of the institution Goes Wrong.

MILWAUKEE—Frank G. Bigelow, until now president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, was arrested charged with the embezzlement of over \$100,000 of the bank's funds. The arrest of Mr. Bigelow followed his confession to the board of directors of the bank that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Mr. Bigelow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank and the facts in the case were laid before the federal authorities.

The complaint was sworn to by United States District Attorney H. K. Bitterfield. It charges that Bigelow, as president of the First National bank, embezzled a sum exceeding \$100,000. A complaint and warrant identical with those in Bigelow's case were made out to Henry G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank, but Goll could not be found up to 7 o'clock last night. President Bigelow was taken before United States Commissioner Bloodgood. He waived hearing and was held to the federal grand jury under \$25,000 bond. Dr. Horace N. Brown and Arthur N. McGeech certified as sureties and Mr. Bigelow was released. The next federal grand jury has not yet been summoned, but it is expected it will meet some time next month.

President Bigelow's confession was made at a special meeting of the board of directors, held Saturday evening and continued Monday. In addressing his fellow directors President Bigelow said he had a painful statement to make—a confession that he had misdirected the funds of the bank and that an examination of his books and a comparison of figures would show that he was indebted to the bank to the amount of over \$1,450,000. This money, he said, had been lost in speculation in wheat and stocks. Not a dollar of it could be recovered and the only sum he could offer toward recompensing the bank were personal securities valued at approximately \$300,000.

The confession of President Bigelow astounded the directors of the bank. Mr. Bigelow had been recognized as one of the foremost financiers of the northwest. He has been associated with the bank in various capacities for more than fifteen years and his business connections—trust companies, manufacturing concerns, real estate deals and other similar ventures—number scores. He was honored a year ago by election to the presidency of the American Bankers' association and by its members was looked upon as a leader in financial matters.

In making his statement to the directors of the bank, Mr. Bigelow said he had become involved in speculation several months ago. This was on Wall street. More recently he had been a persistent bull in the wheat market, and recent loss there had added to heavy reverses on Wall street.

JAPS READY TO FIGHT.

Date and Place of Naval Battle Now Depends Upon Russians.

TOKIO—The movements of the squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Rojestvensky and the intentions of the Russian commander continue to be the subject of general interest and speculation. The last Japanese reports are conflicting and confusing. They do not indicate definitely the purposes of Rojestvensky, but it is evidently the intention of the Russian admiral to await a junction with the division commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff, which increases the probability of his intention to give Admiral Togo a decisive battle. It is assumed that Rojestvensky will bring all the ships and guns possible into action if he intends to fight decisively, or that he will detach and abandon his slow, cumbersome and useless ships if he intends to run the gauntlet to Vladivostok. It is believed that the location and date of the engagement will depend entirely on Rojestvensky.

The Japanese defensive plans are concealed with absolute secrecy. The proclamations issued are viewed calmly by the officials and public. The people appreciate the importance of retaining the sea power of Japan and the great consequences which hinge on victory or defeat, but they are confident of success owing to the superiority in number and strength of the armored cruisers of Japan, which it is believed will counterbalance the Russian superiority in battleships.

Pope Celebrates Mass on Easter.

ROME—Pope Pius X on Sunday received many Easter greetings and celebrated mass in the hall of the Consistory in the presence of many people, to whom his holiness gave communion. The Americans who were admitted included Martin Maloney and daughter, Helen, of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Shripson and family of Baltimore. Afterwards the pope confirmed two sons of Senator Ivanecy, the consul general of Portugal here. King Victor Emmanuel suspended all state affairs.

Cruiser Sent to Santo Domingo.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Rush orders for the cruiser Tacoma to proceed to Santo Domingo were received late on Friday. That vessel began to coal immediately, moving down to the navy yard, where fuel and stores were taken on board, and it is expected that she will get away from port before daylight. It is stated that a number of warships have been ordered to Santo Domingo by the Italian government, and as trouble is anticipated, the Tacoma was ordered there to protect American interests.

HAS PASSED AWAY

Joseph Jefferson, the Famous Actor, Is Dead.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Joseph Jefferson, the eminent actor, died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach at 6:15 Sunday evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness and after a heroic struggle of days which had exhausted his vitality. At his deathbed were his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson; his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham; Dr. R. B. Potter and his faithful old servant, Carl Kettler.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell, which came after a rally on Thursday morning and was followed by an apparent improvement until Friday, the family has been waiting for the end. Mr. Jefferson's condition Saturday night grew steadily worse and the family, which had retired, was summoned and Dr. Porter called. The patient's condition continued to grow worse all through Sunday and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement.

The sickness of Mr. Jefferson which ended in his death, was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, Charles B. Jefferson, at Hobe Sound, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland. It is believed that from a slight indiscretion in his eating he suffered an attack of indigestion. Since his return to his home his condition grew worse, with slight rallies, until the end.

The body of Mr. Jefferson will be taken to Buzzards Bay, Mass., leaving here Monday afternoon, accompanied by all his family who are here. It will reach New York Wednesday.

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