

News in Brief

A two-headed girl has been born in Cairo, Ill., to a negro family of the name of Shane.

When Cashier Tejada of Santiago, Cuba, went to his office he found the customs house safe open and \$6,800 missing.

A fire destroyed all the surface improvements of the American mine at Gladstone, Colo. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein has been operated upon for appendicitis at Windsor castle. She is not yet out of danger.

Senator T. C. Platt has purchased Villa Eden, at Highland Mills, N. Y., to please his wife, who says she is tired of "living around in hotels."

The funeral of Mrs. Samuel L. Clemens, wife of Mark Twain, was held at Elmira, N. Y., at the home of her brother, General Charles J. Langdon.

With two exceptions there have been no young men elected vice president, these exceptions being John C. Breckinridge, 36, and Theodore Roosevelt, 43.

At Trieste, Rear Admiral Barker and the officers of the American battleship squadron were entertained at a banquet by Rear Admiral von Jedina.

Mrs. Hazel McDonald was burned to death and her husband, John McDonald, fatally injured in a fire at a rooming house on Pine street in St. Louis.

John O'Brien and Joseph Furman, alias Day, who, it is alleged, murdered the aged tollgate keeper, Samuel Rossler, near Leaman Place, Pa., have been arrested.

The pope received Monsignor Falconi in farewell audience and expressed his sincere congratulations on the civil and religious progress of the United States.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Morning Post, in a dispatch dated July 14, says the Chinese emperor is reported to be seriously ill of dysentery.

Deputy Ceschron, republican, has challenged M. Gerault-Richard, socialist deputy from Guadalupe, France, to fight a duel. The latter called Ceschron a "jackanape."

Resolutions were unanimously adopted by a largely attended mass meeting of citizens which, in effect, demand that lawlessness and crime must be rooted out of Memphis.

W. H. Ellis left Jubilat for Abyssinia. He had with him the treaty of commerce between the United States and Abyssinia. Ellis took with him two small rapid fire cannons.

The San Francisco Bulletin says that the finest aquarium in the world is to be established in Golden Gate park by Dr. Henry Tevis as a memorial to his brother, the late Lloyd Tevis.

A negro man, name unknown, has been lynched at Gordo, Ala., for making insulting proposals to two white women. The negro was taken from the jail at Gordo by a mob and hanged.

The United States army transport Thomas, from Manila, brought 304 enlisted men, 368 from various commands, eighty discharged soldiers, eighteen marines and thirty-eight military prisoners.

A side track to the home of Judge Alton B. Parker at Esopus, N. Y., was ordered constructed by the West Shore railroad for the increased business at that point on account of Judge Parker's nomination.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad has renewed for five years its lease of the Burlington tracks from Cameron, Mo., to Kansas City.

The entire income of the German emperor—\$3,750,000—comes from the people of Prussia, whose king he is. He gets no pay for being emperor.

The divorce obtained by Lillian Nordica, the singer, from Zoltan Doeme has been upheld by the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

Louis Ames of New York, president; H. A. Hersey, Boston, secretary, and George S. Sears, Chicago, treasurer, were re-elected at the national young people's convention at Providence, R. I.

The London Times correspondent at Tangier cables that the British legation notified him that tribesmen intended to capture him during the night, and that fifty Moorish soldiers were sent to protect his home.

Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, a German-American, was given the unusual honor of speaking, as orator of the day, at the 105th anniversary celebration of the fall of the Bastille.

Another cut of 5 cents in the price of all grades of oil has been made by the Standard Oil company.

Alfred Lovell, assistant superintendent of motive power of the Santa Fe, has been transferred from Topeka, Kan., to Chicago. He will take his entire office force with him on July 15.

Charles A. Mielens of Chicago, mistaking his wife for a burglar, shot her, inflicting a fatal wound.

Fernand du Matheray, Swiss minister at Washington, has been appointed to succeed Dr. De Claparede as minister to Austria-Hungary.

IS NOT FEARFUL

RUSSIA THINKS SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO SEARCH.

THE QUESTION WELL WEIGHED

Serious Complications Are Not Regarded as Probable—Curiosity as to What Germany Will Do About Seizure of Mail Sacks.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The news that the Russian volunteer steamships Smolensk and St. Petersburg, now cruising in the Red sea, are stopping ships of neutral nations and searching them for contraband of war is causing the liveliest interest in all circles. Russia has evidently weighed the question, believes herself to be within her rights, and neither fears nor anticipates international complications. Indeed, some of the powers may have been sounded by Russia on the subject. Nevertheless, foreign opinion is awaited eagerly and more or less criticism is expected.

Members of the diplomatic corps are keenly anxious to ascertain the views their governments will take of the passage through the Dardanelles of these vessels of the volunteer fleet as merchantmen and their subsequent conversion into ships of war. The general view in diplomatic circles, even where sentiment is not particularly friendly to Russia, is that while the passage of the Dardanelles might be considered a piece of sharp practice on the part of Russia, it is an accomplished fact, and the powers will not now regard it as a violation of the treaty of Paris, but will guard against its repetition. The diplomats think that some of the powers may insist that henceforth all volunteer vessels shall be considered as warships within the meaning of the treaty.

One of the most interesting questions in this connection, the diplomats believe, will arise out of Russia's declaration that coal is contraband of war. With prize crews on board, the captured ships could be sent to Russian Baltic ports, but if short of coal they could not put in at neutral ports to replenish their bunkers. This same question may embarrass Russia when the Baltic squadron sails for the far east.

In view of the protest made by Germany in the case of the stoppage of the steamer Bundesrath (seized in Delagoa bay December 29, 1899, during the South African war, as the result of which Great Britain had to pay damages), much curiosity exists as to what Germany will do in the case of the confiscation by the Smolensk of the mail sacks on board the North German Lloyd steamer Prince Heinrich, especially as a large portion of the mail seized was undoubtedly of a commercial character.

PACKERS STANDING FIRM. Will Not Recede from Position Assumed Last Week.

CHICAGO—There was little if any change in the situation of the meat packers' strike here Sunday. With Michael J. Donnelly, the strikers' leader, in St. Louis looking after that end of the difficulty, there was no effort to renew the peace negotiations which lasted through three days last week and were terminated Saturday night without results. Whether another attempt to reach an adjustment of the controversy by arbitration will be made is problematical, as the packers, believing they had the better of the argument in last week's conferences, are little inclined to offer any concessions to the strikers. One thing is certain, the packers say, and that is that they will not recede from the position they assumed in last week's conferences and that the strikers will have to conform to the employers' ultimatum before any further peace plans looking to a settlement by arbitration will be successful.

SOUTH OMAHA—It was announced Sunday night by the managers of the packing houses at South Omaha that work will be resumed in all but the hog killing departments Monday. Enough pork product is on hand to prevent any likelihood of a shortage, and attention will be given to the slaughter of beef and mutton. It is also announced by Cudahy and Armour that no further increase in the price of meats will be made by the packers.

E. A. Cudahy said that his house is getting all the help it can use, and predicted that the strikers would give up before the end of the week.

Davis Didn't Visit Gorman. WASHINGTON.—Henry G. Davis, the democratic vice presidential nominee, arrived here at noon Sunday and at 1 o'clock left for New York. The only persons to meet him at the station were several relatives. It was stated that the current reports that he would stop at Laurel, Md., to see Senator Gorman were erroneous. Mr. Davis going straight through to New York.

GOVERNMENT OF MANCHURIA. Chinese Suggest a Plan for Jap Control.

TIEN TSIN.—The Chinese minister at Tokio has telegraphed the Wai Wou Pou, the Chinese minister of foreign affairs, that the Japanese government has presented a scheme for the administration of Manchuria, the principal clause of which is that the Japanese will govern the province with the number of Chinese troops now in the country.

POPULISTS EXPECT BENEFITS.

Think Parker Nomination Will Drive Democrats to Them.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—After three conferences held Saturday night by members of the executive committee of the people's party with prominent Bryan democrats who are dissatisfied, not so much with the platform as with the presidential nomination made by the democratic national convention, it has been decided to call a national conference of Bryan democratic leaders within the next thirty days, to decide on some line of action during the coming campaign.

This statement is given to the Associated Press on the authority of George F. Washburn of Boston, Mass., national treasurer of the people's party, who, with several members of the national executive committee of that party, has been in St. Louis attending the democratic national convention. Mr. Washburn, when asked to divulge the names of some of his associates in the conference, declined to make them known. The extent of the movement and the names of those engaged in it, he said, would be made public when the call for the national conference was issued, and their prominence, he added, would be a surprise. A number of those present in the conference, Mr. Washburn said, were Missourians while others were from Parker's own state.

Commenting on Judge Parker's nomination, Mr. Washburn said: "Next to Cleveland, the populists most desired the nomination of Parker. His nomination emphasizes the parting of the ways of allied forces and will help immensely to restore the populist party to its former strength and effectiveness."

PAY HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

World's Fair Further Discharges Debt to Government.

ST. LOUIS—A payment of \$500,000 on the government loan of \$6,500,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company was deposited in the sub-treasury in St. Louis Saturday.

"The best answer to any talk that the exposition company would have difficulty in making the payment is the fact that the money is now in the sub-treasury," said President Francis. "Not only have we made the payment, but it has been done a day ahead of time, and we will not know what the receipts for the first fifteen days of July have amounted to until the books are closed on today's business."

The last payment was the first of the \$500,000 semi-monthly payments stipulated by congress when the World's fair loan was authorized. There have been two previous payments, each one comprising a certain per cent of the gross receipts of the exposition company from all sources. The total amount refunded the government is \$907,149.15.

MAY LEAVE NEW CHWANG.

Fall of Kai Ping Renders Russian Occupancy of Port Precarious.

ST. PETERSBURG—Colonel Nevitsky of the general staff in an interview says: "The result of the loss of Kin Chou (Kai Ping) will probably be the evacuation of New Chwang."

"General Kourpatkin's position is more difficult than that which confronted Lord Roberts in South Africa. It is as if Lord Roberts received his supplies by rail via Constantinople, Cairo and Central Africa. It will be a long time before General Kourpatkin will have enough supplies and men to assume the offensive. In the meanwhile he will have to fight rear guard actions, perhaps giving up important positions, like New Chwang, which are of vastly more consequence than Kai Ping."

JAP LOSSES 25,000.

Latest Report Regarding Storming of Port Arthur.

TA TCHE KIAO—The latest reports regarding the attempted storming of Port Arthur on July 10 place the Japanese losses in killed or wounded at 25,000 and those of the Russians at 5,500. The Japanese retired and the Russians occupied the position. The Japanese have now changed their frontal position, and a big battle is expected at the eastern portion of the defenses, owing to the Japanese turning movement.

A Japanese spy was captured Thursday. He was dressed in the garb of a Chinese and was remarkably cool and defiant in demeanor. He said he was a Korean by birth and lived in Japan for twelve years and loved that country. Thousands like him, he declared, were convinced that Japan eventually would be successful, and he advised the Russians to sue for peace as soon as possible.

Canada After Mexican Trade.

MEXICO—The Mexican Commercial club has been formed to encourage trade with Canada. Efforts of Canadians to promote trade with Mexico are cordially seconded by the governments of the two countries.

Incendiary Fire in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Fire Sunday completely destroyed the plant of the Alabama rift roofing company, entailing a loss of \$200,000, only partially insured. The plant has been completed and in operation less than a year. The property covered four acres and consisted of a planing mill, an immense lumber shed, three large dry kilns, a dust house and a boiler house. Three hundred thousand feet of dressed lumber in the sheds and 150,000 feet of rough lumber was burned.

FIGHT ON WATER

AN ENGAGEMENT TAKES PLACE OFF PORT ARTHUR.

JAPANESE FLEE IN DISORDER

Russians Assume the Offensive, Attacking with the Bayonet—Heavy Movement of Japanese East of Hai Cheng.

LONDON—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of July 15, says: "A naval engagement took place today off Port Arthur."

The same correspondent, cabling under date of July 15, says the Chicago Daily News' dispatch boat Fawan has been seized by the Russians and towed into Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press in the field repeats the story of a Japanese disaster at Port Arthur July 10, but does not add anything new, except that after the disaster the Japanese fled in great disorder, pursued by the Russians.

He says that an aide to General Renenkampf and seven Cossacks were wounded in the skirmish in which the general was shot and in which the Japanese were repulsed.

Two divisions of Japanese reinforcements are landing at Dalny, the correspondent says, and wounded Japanese prisoners captured on Black mountain who died subsequently were buried with military honors.

A special dispatch from Ta Tche Kiao, dated July 14, repeats the account of the attempted storming of Port Arthur on July 15, and says that the Russians assumed the offensive, attacking with the bayonet. The Japanese retired in the wildest disorder. The Chinese estimate the Japanese losses at 22,000. The spirit of the Japanese, the dispatch says, is sinking as the result of the Port Arthur defeat.

Cholera and dysentery are epidemic at Feng Wang Cheng and there are many deaths daily.

A heavy movement of Japanese is reported east of Hai Cheng. The Russians reconnoitered almost to Kai Chau before meeting the Japanese. They drew the shrapnel fire of the Japanese, but having found them, the Russians retired without losses.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times in a dispatch filed at 9:45 p. m. July 15 says that the St. Petersburg story of a Japanese repulse with heavy casualties at Port Arthur July 10 is wholly discredited in Tokio, where no such reports have been received. It is believed that the story originated in Shanghai.

A dispatch to a London news agency from St. Petersburg says the war office announces the receipt of a dispatch from Port Arthur confirming the report that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on July 11, the exact particulars of which have not yet been ascertained. According to the dispatch the Russians recaptured all the positions lately taken by the Japanese.

MILES WILL SUPPORT PARKER.

Retired General Writes Letter to the Democratic Nominee.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—Judge Parker has received a letter from General Nelson A. Miles. The entire letter is in General Miles' own handwriting and is as follows:

Hon. Alton B. Parker, Esopus, N. Y.: Dear Sir—Safety for the good ship of state is of the first importance. At a time when a material crisis is pending, when democratic institutions are in peril, when great evils should be eradicated, when important political questions must be decided, it is fortunate that the democratic party has given to the country a candidate for president in whom that great council of representative men have every confidence, and we have the best of reasons for believing that that confidence will be confirmed by the intelligent, patriotic people of the country.

We all do know that the instinct and training of the judge are to hold in sacred regard the constitution and the faithful interpretation and execution of laws. Hence we believe that under your administration its law will be administered with fidelity and integrity. I believe you will be elected and thereby have an opportunity of rendering our country a service of immeasurable value that will redound to the honor of the party and the glory of the republic. I have the honor to remain very truly yours.

NELSON A. MILES.

Will Wed Astor's Daughter.

LONDON.—William Waldorf Astor's newspaper, the Pall Mall Gazette, announces the engagement of Mr. Astor's daughter Pauline to Capt. H. H. Spender-Clay, formerly of the Second Life Guards, who leaped into fame by sending Lord William Nevill to five years' penal servitude in February, 1898, on the charge of fraud in connection with a promissory note.

Sues the Union Pacific.

KANSAS CITY—Suit was filed in Kansas City, Kas., Saturday by the county attorney of Wyandotte county against the Union Pacific railroad company, asking that the Union Pacific bridge over the Kaw river be declared a common nuisance.

The court is asked to restrain the railroad company from obstructing the river channel and to force the company to raise the bridge above the flood line. The county attorney has announced his intention of proceeding against other corporations.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FIGHT OVER EQUALIZATION.

Almost Every County Has Kick on its Own or Neighbor's Assessment.

LINCOLN.—The state house is about to witness the largest aggregation of kickers that has ever assembled there. The board of equalization meets soon to adjust the valuations between counties, and the indications are promising that not a single county will be without representation either to argue against an increase or to demand a raise in the valuations of neighboring counties. While the board has yet to determine upon a formal plan of procedure, it is intimated that the consideration of counties will be taken up in their alphabetical order, Adams being taken up first. The entire galaxy of railway representatives which enlivened the sessions of the board when it was taxing railways will be represented at one time or another during the hearing, demanding that counties which have not been raised in the same ratio as the railways be equalized up. Douglas county, which is regarded by the members of the board as the chief offender, will score the heaviest increase, although it is claimed on behalf of that county that its real estate was assessed up to the limit last year.

The members of the board are standing on doubtful ground just at this time, and little is given out as to the course to be pursued beyond the statement of the governor that the various counties would be brought up to their full valuations, without fear or favor. It is the governor's understanding and that of several other members of the board that it has the right to raise one or all without respect to the valuation of others, the sole object being to bring them all up to the true value.

It is at this juncture that the railways become interested parties. Some members of the board believe that it will be impossible in increasing the valuations of the various counties to bring them up to the cash standard to avoid adding the increase to the railways also. The section of the statute which forms the basis for the board's action provides that the amount which is to be added to or deducted from a county's valuation to bring it to the fair cash value level shall be distributed to all species of property in the same percentage. This means, some railway men believe, that the counties will add the percentage to railway values in the same manner as to other species of property. In such event an increase of 10 per cent in a county would mean that the railway which is already assessed at 69 per cent increase over last year's figures would have to submit to an additional raise of 10 per cent. This is what the railways are afraid of.

On the other hand, many of those who are interested in the matter of fair railway taxation insist that this feature of the law will force the board to add enough to the valuations of the carrying interests to bring them to a level indicated by stocks and bonds, which would have been close to \$60,000,000.

Do Not Need Irrigation. LINCOLN.—Only two of the western counties—Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne—have required any irrigation this summer, and they have taken much less water than in previous years. The first application of water rights received by the state board of irrigation for some time was filed last week.

Killed by Lightning.

ORD.—Chester Churchill, about 19 years of age, was killed by lightning while shocking wheat. The lightning tore his clothing nearly off his body and set him on fire.

Praises Nebraska's Exhibit.

United States District Attorney Baxter has returned from an extended visit to St. Louis and other eastern points. While away he visited the St. Louis exposition, and, like all Nebraskans who have visited the Nebraska state exhibit in the Agricultural palace, is enthusiastic over it.

"It is one of the most attractive and popular exhibits of the exposition," he said. "The moving picture theater is one of the chief show attractions of the exposition, and shows a living, breathing, active Nebraska. The commission has provided a vast amount of Nebraska literature that is being readily and eagerly sought for. It gives a concise and complete history of the resources of the state, and with the fine agricultural, dairy, horticultural and forage exhibits, which are all attractively displayed, Nebraska is receiving the best kind of an advertisement that is bound to bring substantial returns. July 4 over 3,500 people visited the Nebraska headquarters, and all seemed interested in the state and its capabilities."

Get a Teacher from Nebraska.

COLUMBIA, Mo.—Prof. Wilber F. Starr, head of the music department at the Nebraska Wesleyan university at Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed by the executive board of the university as instructor of vocal music in the Teachers' college and musical department of the Missouri State university. Mr. Starr is a graduate of the Depauw university, and has studied music under celebrated teachers in Europe and America. The position of musical director is a new feature of the university here.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The new Methodist church at Beemer was dedicated last Sunday.

Edith Hopkins, whose mother lives in Omaha, suicided in Butte, Montana. Open air church service will be held in Humboldt until the heated term is over.

Ravenna has organized a fifty-two-piece brass band. A large number of the players are members of the old Ravenna cornet band.

Levi Fry, an old resident of Gage county, was adjudged insane by the board of insanity commissioners and ordered taken to the asylum.

The village of Barneston, near the Kansas line in Gage county, has realized enough from licenses in the past five years to make tax levies for city purposes unnecessary.

Preparations have commenced for the coming annual reunion and picnic of the Pioneer and Old Settlers' association of Dakota county, which will be held at Clinton park, adjoining Dakota City, on Thursday, August 25.

There are 891 more children of school age in Omaha than a year ago. The school population is now 31,763. The second ward made the greatest gain, having 617 more children than a year ago. The Third ward dropped 233.

The case of the state against Ora E. Coffin, charged with statutory assault upon the thirteen-year-old daughter of William Wilson of Bellwood, was concluded in the district court at David City, the jury returning a verdict of guilty.

After his dogs had torn a rattler to pieces, Fred Rheinheimer of McCook picked up the head to examine the teeth. Before he knew it the teeth were fastened in his hand, and a quick run to town for medical assistance was all that saved his life.

Adjutant General Culver has issued the following statement relative to the prospective brigade encampment of the National Guard: "An order will be issued fixing the date of the annual encampment on August 17. If sufficient funds are found available an eight-day encampment will be held."

A storm destroyed seven farm houses, barns, outbuildings, etc., in eastern Loup county. The storm struck a mile north of Taylor, reducing Mr. Britain's dwelling to kindling wood, and traveled southeast, destroying the dwellings of Messrs. Lyon, Brumage, Campbell, Dutton and others.

The Beatrice Creamery company of Lincoln, which some time ago purchased the plant of the Bosworth Produce company at Beatrice, expects soon to erect a new building and storehouse and equip the same with modern machinery for the purpose of working country butter. Stations will be established and butter will be made in Beatrice the same as at the capital city.

"The wheat crop in Nebraska will be from ten to twelve million bushels short of that of last year," said C. G. Crittenden of the Central Granaries company, Lincoln. This estimate is based on reports received by the company from their agents located in different points in the South Platte country.

A telegram was received at Beatrice from Menden, Kan., stating that Daniel Freeman, the first homesteader in the United States and a resident of Gage county, had been seriously injured at that place. The telegram gave no particulars and D. W. Carre, a son-in-law of Mr. Freeman's, left for Menden on the first train for the purpose of bringing the injured man home. Mr. Freeman is 78 years of age.

A peculiar coincidence was the death of Ferdinand Conrad and wife, two pioneer residents of Spenser township, Richardson county, which occurred within five days or each other, both being laid to rest in the Home cemetery side by side.

Dan Meehan was arrested, charged with statutory assault, committed upon the person of Bessie Corcoran. The defendant is a practicing physician at Staplehurst in Seward county. The girl has been in the doctor's family several years and came from one of the orphan societies of the east. The defendant was placed under \$1,000 bonds until August 9, at which time the preliminary hearing will be held.

The county board of equalization of Nemaha county having finished its labors, the official figures regarding the new revenue law are now obtainable. The actual average value of land in Nemaha county is \$52.10. The total value of land in 1903 was \$1,885,973 and this year it is \$12,343,350, an increase of \$11,457,377. The total value of personal property in 1903 was \$594,584, and this year it is \$3,822,455, an increase of \$3,227,871.

The Bank of Fairfield has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$20,000, and the incorporators are J. M. Marsh, G. M. Prentice and Ira Titus.

The milling plant of the Wirt Milling company of Tecumseh is to be sold at public auction. Some time ago there was a disagreement among the partners of the company and the mill was shut down while the matter went into the courts. Those interested have now reached an agreement to let the property be sold at auction.