

News in Brief

Japan has more than two thousand newspapers; ten years ago not one. Jules Verne says the great bulk of his work has been done by writing for three hours before breakfast.

The Royal Canadian Yacht club will challenge for the Canadian cup now held by the Rochester Yacht club. Two thousand cloakmakers employed in seventeen shops in Cleveland, O., have voted to go on strike.

There are many log cabins in the Adirondacks that cost their owners over \$100,000 apiece. Even interior furnishings of some of them are of logs.

A portrait of Crown Prince Michael Alexandrovich, brother of Czar Nicholas II, emperor of Russia, is a feature of the Russian exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

The coal chutes of the St. Louis Terminal association, located near the relay station at East St. Louis, were damaged to the extent of about \$50,000 by fire.

Secretary of War Taft arrived at Chautauqua, N. Y., on the private yacht of President Chase of the Jamestown & Lake Erie Railroad company.

Vincezo Mannino, the Italian contractor of Brooklyn, whose 6-year-old son, Antonio, has been kidnapped, offers a reward of \$500 for the return of the boy.

A net increase of 4 per cent is shown in the statement of gross postal receipts for July, as compared with July, 1903, at the fifty largest postoffices.

An epidemic of smallpox has broken out in Zion City, the home of Alexander Dowie, the so-called "divine healer." There are said to be fifteen persons ill with the disease.

Mrs. W. W. Tinker, mother of Joe Tinker, shortstop for the Chicago National league base ball team, committed suicide at their home in Kansas City. She was in ill health.

Ambassador McCormick has cabled the state department the first official report it has had of the results of the work of the prize court at Vladivostok in the case of the steamer Arabia.

A public subscription has been started in Holland toward repairing the ruined cottage at Zaandam, in which the Czar Peter the Great lived while he was working a navy in the docks.

Mr. Jamezryce, member of the English house of commons, has received a telegram stating that the Kurds are invading the province of Bayazid and a massacre of the Armenians is feared.

By the boiling over of a tank of varnish in the varnish works of the Travers-Bailey company in Brooklyn, James W. Travers, his sister, Annie, and William Slower were fatally burned.

Eugene V. Bissell, a former captain of the United States army, committed suicide in his room in the Grand hotel at San Francisco by inhaling illuminating gas. His body was found by a bell boy.

The arrest of Alfred Bureleigh Hart was ordered on allegations filed with the immigration authorities in Washington, that he had been convicted in England of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Fire in the Printers' Exchange at Minneapolis caused a total loss of \$80,000 and serious injury to six firemen, among whom was Assistant Chief Kehoe. One of the firemen will probably die.

No decision has been reached at Rome regarding what nation will in future protect Catholic interests in the far east, in view of the severance of the diplomatic relations between France and the Vatican.

Alfred Bureleigh Hart, said to have been recently the pastor of a church in Brooklyn, is a prisoner on Ellis Island, charged with having come to this country from England in violation of the immigration laws.

The Security Trust and Safe Deposit company of Wilmington, Del., was appointed receiver of the estate of the United Button company, a Delaware corporation which controls a large part of the covered button industry of the country, having several important plants, and it is said its assets amount to \$3,000,000.

Lewis Nixon of New York has closed a large contract with the department of mercantile marine for building ships for the Black sea. The correspondent of the Associated Press is unable to ascertain the number or character of the ships to be built, but it can be stated that they will be constructed in the yards at Sebastopol.

Vice President Velado of the Republic of Salvador has arrived in San Francisco on a vacation trip of six weeks.

The Earl of Halsbury has completed the ninth anniversary of his third appointment as lord chancellor. He is nearly 80 years of age.

Brigadier General Carpenter, retired, is dead. He was 67 years old. W. A. Burns, secretary of the Canadian commission to the World's Fair, has been decorated by the emperor of Japan with the order of the Rising Sun.

JAP FLEET WINS

ADMIRAL KAMIMURA REPORTS SEVERE ENGAGEMENT.

THE CRUISER RURIK IS SUNK

Two of the Russian War Vessels Escape to the Northward—Ships Believed to Be Badly Crippled—Reports That the Naval Battle is Still Raging.

TOKIO.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn today north of Tsushima in the strait of Corea and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromobol fled to the northward, after having sustained serious damage.

Vice Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight. The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them were killed or drowned.

The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, the Idsumo, the Iwate, the Takashiko and other light cruisers.

Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

Japanese guns dominate the dockyards at Port Arthur, and in view of this fact it would seem to be impossible again to make seaworthy or fightable the Russian battleships which have returned to Port Arthur. It is probable that the Russian battleship Czarevitch will disarm at Tsing Chou.

The best possible naval force that Russia can now concentrate at Vladivostok is four cruisers.

The imperial prince, Hiroyasu Kwacho, was slightly wounded aboard the battleship Mikasa in last Wednesday's engagement. The Russian armored cruiser Rurik was sunk in the engagement in the Strait of Corea. The armored cruisers Rossia and Gromobol escaped to the northward heavily damaged.

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio saying that Admiral Kamimura reports that his squadron, after five hours' severe fighting with the three ships of the Vladivostok squadron on the morning of the 14th, in the mouth of Tsushima island, sank the Rurik. The other two ships, which appeared to have suffered heavily, fled northward. "Our damages," says the report, "are slight."

NEBRASKANS FIRST TO FILE.

Prize Winners at Rosebud Begin Locating Claims.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—The Rosebud reservation was thrown open to civilization at 9 o'clock Monday morning, when William McCormick, No. 1, filed on a quarter section of land lying lengthwise along the side of the town of Roosevelt. Three other towns have sprung up, Burke, Gregory and St. Elmo.

Talus Ruge, who drew No. 2, filed on a quarter section adjoining Meched prior to the opening, as hundreds McCormick. There were fears of blood-squatters had gone on lots in the townsites and were defying newcomers to dislodge them at guns' points.

Governor Herried arrived to investigate the situation with regard to sending troops. Probably troops will not be sent.

The county seat fight has already begun among new towns. Locating agents claim knowledge of towns to which the Northwestern railroad will build, though officials refuse to give any information. Among the first hundred several did not or could not file. The land office is protected by armed guards while filing money remains inside.

Treasury Balance.

WASHINGTON.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, \$150,425,598.

SENATOR VEST PASSES AWAY.

Aged Statesman Succumbs After Prolonged Fight for Life.

SWEET SPRINGS, Mo.—After lingering for weeks between life and death former United States Senator George Graham Vest passed peacefully away Tuesday. He had been so near death for the last three days that the end came without a struggle.

He was conscious until about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when he sank into a state of coma from which he never aroused. He lost the power of speech Saturday morning, but for several days before that he talked very imperfectly, and during the last thirty-six hours of his life his breathing was barely perceptible. The flutter of his pulse was all that showed life still remained. The remains will be taken to St. Louis for interment.

Wanted for Murder in Nebraska.

DENVER, Colo.—George Van Halter, who is wanted by the Omaha police for murder, was arrested by Detectives Saunders and Kenny. Information as to the culprit was received at the police department yesterday morning and every effort was made to locate the alleged murderer. He was finally located at a house in the neighborhood of Seventeenth street and Pennsylvania avenue and was arrested. Van Halter will be held until some word has been received from the authorities at Omaha.

DIE IN A WRECK.

Lives on One Hundred Passengers Snuffed Out.

PUEBLO, Colo.—The wreck of the World's Fair flyer on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Eden, seven miles north of Pueblo, Sunday evening proves to have been one of the greatest railroad disasters in the history of the country. Two crowded passenger cars and a baggage car were engulfed in the torrent that tore out a trestle spanning Steele's Hollow, otherwise known as Dry Creek, and, so far as is known only three of the occupants of these cars escaped death. Fortunately, two sleeping cars and a diner, completing the train remained on the track at the edge of the abyss and none of those on board were killed or injured.

How many perished probably will never be definitely known, for the treacherous sands are drifting over the bodies. Searching for the dead was begun about midnight on an extensive scale and is still in progress tonight. All bodies found were brought to Pueblo and placed in four morgues here.

At 8 o'clock Monday evening seventy-six bodies had been recovered and of these fifty had been identified. During the day bodies were recovered all the day along Fountain river from the scene of the wreck to this city.

At 1 o'clock Monday afternoon two bodies were taken from the stream at First street, Pueblo, more than eight miles from the point where the disaster occurred and it is probable that some may be recovered even further down stream. None of the bodies are badly mutilated and all are in such condition as to be recognizable. Many identifications have been made by articles found on the bodies, no persons who viewed them recognizing the features.

Two carloads of human freight plunged into the raging torrent that destroyed the trestle over the usually dry arroyo known as Steele's Hollow, near Eden, about 8 o'clock Monday. Two sleeping cars and the diner stopped at the brink of the hungry chasm filled with a boiling current that quickly snuffed out probably 100 lives. So quietly had the catastrophe been enacted that the occupants of the three cars remaining on the track did not realize that an accident had occurred until they alighted from the train. Then they were utterly powerless to render assistance to the victims who had disappeared in the rushing waters.

NO WORD FROM LEISHMAN YET.

State Department Has Heard Nothing From Minister.

WASHINGTON.—The State department has heard nothing from Minister Leishman at Constantinople since last Monday, when he cabled that the port had promised to see that he received by today the sultan's answer to his representations touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey. If today's engagement is not kept the department probably will send additional instructions to Minister Leishman as soon as he officially reports the additional breach of faith. In that event he is expected to go to Smyrna to communicate personally with Admiral Jewell, commanding the European squadron, and perhaps to take up his quarters aboard the flagship Olympia, thus marking a diplomatic crisis.

READY FOR NOTIFICATION.

Former Senator Davis Starts for White Sulphur Springs.

ELKINS, W. Va.—Everything is in readiness for his formal notification, so far as Vice Presidential Candidate H. G. Davis is concerned. Shortly after 12 o'clock Monday, accompanied by a party of his family and friends, he will leave for White Sulphur Springs in his private car Graceland, going by the regular trains of the Coal & Iron and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads. With the ex-senator will be his brother, Colonel Tom Davis of Keyser, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, National Committeeman John L. McGraw and sister, of Grafton; the Misses Sheridan of Mount Savage, Md.; Mrs. R. C. Kerens and daughter, Miss Gladys, and Secretary Charles S. Robb.

APPEAL FOR MRS. MAYBRICK.

English Paper Urges a Free Pardon for American Woman.

LONDON.—In the form of a letter from a correspondent, signed "Heathcote Hardinge," the Daily Chronicle Tuesday morning makes a strong appeal on behalf of Mrs. Maybrick. The letter urges that Mrs. Maybrick is innocent and that she ought to be granted a free pardon, and contends that she never would have been convicted had there been a court of criminal appeal in England. The Chronicle also prints an editorial which strongly supports "Heathcote Hardinge's" views of the case. A bill was introduced in the house of commons Monday by two prominent lawyers providing for the retrial of criminal cases.

Must Stop Shooting Birds.

WASHINGTON.—A cablegram has been received from Lieutenant C. S. Owen, commanding the detachment of marines at Midway island, the landing point of the Pacific cable, stating that the employes of the cable company have threatened to leave the island by the next steamer if the order of the navy department prohibiting them from carrying arms and shooting the beautiful birds of the island is enforced. The department however, has replied that the order must be rigidly enforced.

WORK OF CABINET

THE TURKISH SITUATION DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.

OUR MINISTER IS HEARD FROM

After Several Days of Silence Sends Message from Constantinople—Negotiations Understood to Have Taken a More Favorable Turn.

WASHINGTON.—Foreign affairs, to the practical exclusion of everything else, was considered at Friday's meeting of the cabinet. The Turkish situation was discussed at length and a line of action, in case Minister Leishman's efforts are unavailing, was agreed to, but its nature was not disclosed.

Secretary Hay also presented to the cabinet some important information cabled the state department by Minister Griscom at Tokio confirming the reports of a great naval engagement off Port Arthur. It is said the discussion of the Japanese-Russian war was purely academic and not in any sense relative to the attitude of America toward either of the contending powers.

After several days' silence, Minister Leishman has been heard from through a dispatch dated at Constantinople Thursday night, recounting the results of the exchanges between himself and the foreign office officials there. The state department did not see fit to make public the minister's communication, but did make the general statement that negotiations had taken a more favorable turn and there was an expectation of a speedy and satisfactory adjustment.

There is, however, a vagueness about the Turkish statements and promises that has caused the department, having in mind past experiences in the way of promises, to instruct Mr. Leishman to see to it that these propositions are reduced to such concrete form and are made in such a binding manner that there cannot be any question as to their fulfillment hereafter by the Turkish government.

It is confidently expected that the Turkish negotiators will accede to such a demand on the part of Mr. Leishman and it is predicted that the negotiations will be concluded successfully by Monday next.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Naoum Pasha, under secretary of foreign affairs, called on Minister Leishman at Therapia, a town on the Bosphorus, nine miles northeast of Constantinople. He reiterated the assurances of the government regarding a speedy and favorable reply to the demands touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey.

Subsequently Izzet Pasha, secretary of the palace, and Minister of Mines Selim Pasha had a long interview with Minister Leishman for the purpose of determining upon the text of a reply which may prove acceptable to America.

FOUGHT ENTIRE AFTERNOON.

Togo Sends a Report of the Naval Engagement.

TOKIO.—Admiral Togo has reported as follows:

"On August 10 our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gagan rock. The Russian vessels were emerging from Port Arthur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably. His formation became confused and then ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and several torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Other of the enemy's ships retreated separately toward Port Arthur. We pursued them and it appears that we inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Czarevitch floating at sea. The Czarevitch probably was sunk. We have received no reports from the torpedo boats and the torpedo boat destroyers which were engaged in the attack on the enemy. The Russian vessels, with the exception of the Novik, the Askold, the Czarevitch and the Pallada, appear to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight. Our fighting power has not been impaired."

FOREST FIRE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. Johns is Threatened and Blue Jackets Aid Citizens.

ST. JOHNS, N. F.—The ravages of forest fires along the outskirts of St. Johns continue and threaten the section in which the asylum for the insane, containing 200 patients, is situated. A force of police, with a detachment of blue jackets, from the cruiser Charybdis and the French warship Troude, have gone to the scene in an endeavor to prevent the fire from destroying the asylum and other buildings. The conflagration is so extensive that railroad trains are unable to penetrate the forest.

Farmers Ask for Rates.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—A petition has been filed with the state board of railroad commissioners by the people of Twin Brooks and vicinity, protesting against the high freight rates which the people of that place and vicinity have to pay when compared with the rates charged east of Milbank and other towns. The farmers in the neighborhood of Twin Brooks are said to have discovered that the rates on grain from Twin Brooks have been too high, and efforts will be made for a reduction.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FOURCLOUD HAS A BAD RECORD.

Former Wives Either Die or Run as Result of His Brutality.

PENDER.—George Fourcloud, the Winnebago woman-killer, who is under arrest for the murder of Cora Elk, is a young man about 24 years old, having a criminal record. At the beginning of his career he first lived a short time with the daughter of Mrs. John Hill. This girl he is accused of cutting with a knife, kicking and otherwise mutilating until she died of these injuries.

His next was Mary Ann Decora, a beautiful young Indian girl, who soon succumbed to his brutal treatment. His third was the daughter of White-boy.

She was young and buxom, evading his brutal treatment when he was intoxicated, but finally ran away from him.

His fourth was Dolly Bighead. To this girl he was legally married. After he had pounded and bruised her until she was almost killed, she ran away from him also.

Only two months ago he assaulted his mother while in a drunken brawl, breaking her arm and almost killing her.

His fifth victim, Cora Elk, who was found dead near the agency a few days ago, was also a young girl. With her he had lived but a short time. In a drunken rage he is supposed to have kicked and bruised her until she died from these injuries. After he had killed her it is alleged that he dumped her body into a spring wagon and hauled her some distance from the place of the tragedy and dropped her by the roadside, where she was found dead.

John Fourcloud, the father of the accused, was a prominent Winnebago, having been a member of several councils of the tribe, going to Washington with other members to plead their cause to the Great Father.

The career of George has been that of a vicious inebriate, having a peculiar mania for women, and these the brightest of the tribe. He has been bound over to the United States court and taken to Omaha for safe keeping.

Small Boy Mangled.

COLUMBUS.—Earl, the little 6-year-old son of Henry O. Studley, a farmer living five miles west of town, met with a very peculiar and painful accident. He was riding on a sulky plow with his father. One of the horses stopped very suddenly to kick at a fly, when the little fellow fell from his seat. The team started as suddenly as they stopped and the rolling cutter ahead of the plow ran over the back of the boy's neck, badly injuring him but it is thought that he will recover.

Get Pay for Cells.

The Van Dorn iron works of Cleveland secured \$27,610 from the state treasury, the balance due on its contract for the new cells at the penitentiary. The warrant was bought by the treasurer, which, together with others bought during the day, reduced the amount of money in the permanent school fund from \$96,000 to \$61,000. The treasurer also cashed \$20,999 worth of warrants for payments on the university buildings.

Touched by a Pickpocket.

OMAHA.—Although warned that pickpockets were upon the train, Walter Fairbanks of 1435 Vine street, Denver, Colo., lost \$1,100 by the time he had reached the Union station in Omaha. He was returning home from the golf tournament in Minneapolis when robbed.

Paroled by the Governor.

NORFOLK.—Max Spahr, who was sent to the penitentiary from Norfolk for a three years' term to pay the penalty for cutting the throat of a negro from ear to ear with intent to kill and rob, after having been paroled by Governor Mickey, escaped from his parole and has been returned to the penitentiary by Sheriff Clements of Madison, having been located in Pennsylvania through the agency of a sweetheart.

Canning Factory Starts Up.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Over 300 persons were given employment at the Oteo Preserving company plant when the company began operations canning sweet corn and tomatoes.

Farmer Loses Arm.

PLATTSBROUGH.—While working with a corn sheller Herman Snijs, a farmer, stumbled and fell, and his left arm was drawn into the gear of the machine. Amputation was necessary.

Troop A, Nebraska National Guard, has received new equipment and now has Krag-Jorgenson rifles, instead of its former ancient carbines.

Hail Does Much Damage.

NEBRASKA CITY.—The hail storm that visited this county did a great deal of damage. One strip eight miles long and a mile wide, three and one-half miles west of this city, was almost swept clean, and great damage was done to the corn and fruit crops. Nearly all of the corn in that district was stripped of blades, and in many instances the trees were stripped of their leaves, while the fruit was all injured or knocked off. Nearly two inches of rain fell in some portions of the county.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Albion had a fire last week with an estimated loss of \$2000.

The street fair in North Platte, held for one week, was a very successful affair.

The Royal Highlanders organized a castle at Geneva with fifty charter members.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Cass county old settlers' reunion to be held at Union August 19 and 20.

Dates for the Ravenna harvest carnival have been changed, and the events will not be held September 14, 15 and 16.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Oconee is not as good as anticipated. In an election at Oakland the lighting bonds carried.

According to word received by Game Warden Carter prominent citizens of Norfolk have been fined \$10 and costs for killing prairie chickens.

Mrs. Rush O. Fellows, formerly a resident of Plattsmouth, but now of Belle Fourche, S. D., has been nominated by the democrats of that county for superintendent of schools.

Gus McDougall, a well known young man of Humboldt, had a thumb torn from his right hand while attempting to clean the chaff from a separator operated by himself and brother.

At a special term of the district court, held in Ogallala, Judge Grimes presiding, James L. Mahaffa was tried for horse stealing, found guilty and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Bravely tugging at the body of a drowning companion, Horace English, a 12-year-old boy, of Lincoln, saved the life of Dewey Davis. The two were swimming in Salt creek, and the Davis boy was carried beyond his depth.

Morris, the watch thief, who broke jail at North Platte, was captured again. Castall, who escaped with him, tried to board the night train east, but when he climbed the blind baggage he was met by an officer, who ordered him off. He, however, escaped.

Two men by the name of Gressman, aged thirty and fifty years, were struck by lightning and instantly killed. These men lived about eight miles west of Cedar Rapids and came from Missouri about eighteen months ago. They were engaged in shingling a school house at the time of the stroke.

The Omaha & Nebraska Central Railway company has filed its articles of incorporation with the county clerk of Hamilton county, giving Omaha as the principal place of business and reciting that the company is incorporated for the purpose of constructing, operating and the maintenance of a railroad in the state of Nebraska.

Fred M. Shanghnessy of Plattsmouth, a Burlington brakeman, has brought suit against the company in Mills county, Iowa, to recover damages in the sum of \$15,000. Last November he was struck by passenger train No. 13 in the yards at Pacific Junction and sustained injuries from which he remained in a serious condition for six weeks.

Herman Smith, living five miles west of Murray, had his left arm mangled in a corn sheller. He was passing the sheller when he stumbled and fell, and his arm was drawn into the gear up to his body. He was not liberated until boxes and shafts were removed. He stood with his torn and bleeding arm in the machinery for twenty minutes. Amputation will be necessary.

City Marshal Dargan, of Chadron, according to telephone orders from Fort Robinson, arrested Tom Kathin of Company I, Tenth cavalry, as a deserter. He was taken back to the fort.

An inquest was held before Dr. Armstrong, the coroner, of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Peilan of South Omaha, who were killed near Avery, while walking on the track. The jury returned a verdict that they were killed by the Union Pacific fast train No. 11, and placed the blame on no one.

A severe hail storm visited Custer county, extending from the middle Loup near Walworth, twenty miles south, and from two to three miles in width. Most of the small grain was in shock and while it was badly beaten out the loss will not be so great as had it not been cut.

Frank Wylis, a young farmer living near Ellis, attempted to slide to the ground from a hay stack and struck on the handle of a pitch fork and was impaled until taken down by several farm hands who were working nearby. For a time it was thought he could not recover, but at last accounts was slowly recovering.

While George Gudhardt of Sarpy county was returning home from South Omaha he was held up by three men near Sarpy mills. The men forced Mr. Gudhardt to take them to the R street car line. They did not molest him in any other manner.

The story of the engagement and the proposed wedding on the Rosebud reservation of William McCormick, the lucky man in the recent land drawing, is denied by his Lincoln friends. McCormick has gone to the reservation to make his selection.