

AROUND THE EARTH

OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

IN HANDS OF CONGRESS

A MESSAGE ACCOMPANIES THE REPORT.

Proof of a Submarine Mine Given in the Findings of the Court of Inquiry—No Evidence Found as to the Responsibility.

Message to Congress.

Except on the occasion of the inauguration of a president, no such crowds as surged through the corridors and stormed the galleries for admission have been seen at the national capitol for a quarter of a century. Public interest over the report of the Maine court of inquiry was at a white heat. People began to assemble by daylight Monday, and at 9 o'clock, three hours before the time for the houses of congress to meet, the public galleries were crowded and long lines of disappointed persons stretching down the stairways. Many distinguished persons were in the reserved galleries. There was nearly as much excitement on the floors of the two houses as in the galleries. In the house, as soon as the preliminary business was disposed of, the report of the Maine court of inquiry, accompanied by a message from the president, was read. There was an outburst of applause when the message was concluded. It was referred without debate to the committee on foreign affairs.

The president after reciting his reasons for sending the big battleship to Havana, the explosion, which took the lives of 262 of the United States' bravest men, concludes his message as follows:

There were two distinct explosions, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the vessel very perceptibly; the second, which was more pronounced, is attributed by the court to a partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines. The evidence of the divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished. Upon the evidence of concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

Frame 17 of the outer shell of the ship, from a point 11 1/2 feet from the middle line of the ship, and six feet above when in normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about 4 feet above where it would have been the ship sunk uninjured.

The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed "V" shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 32 feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against a continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed from the outside plates. This break is about 6 feet below the surface of the water and about 33 feet above its normal position.

In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by an explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship, at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to the fault or negligence of any officers or the crew.

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon to be communicated to the government of her majesty the Queen of Spain, and I do not permit myself to doubt the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

It was the duty of the executive to advise congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

CAN EXPEL MEMBERS.

Missouri Judge Holds that Boards of Trade Have that Right.

Judge E. P. Gates, at Kansas City, has rendered a decision which is important to every board of trade and commercial organization in the country. The case grew out of a dispute between the F. A. Farmer Commission Company and the Perrine Bros. Commission Company, over the payment of a debt of \$2,372.50. The Farmer Company was ordered to submit the dispute to arbitration, and when the committee ordered the Farmer Company to pay the sum in dispute to the Perrine Company the Farmer Company flatly refused. Then the board of trade notified the Farmer Company that it would be expelled, and to prevent this Farmer obtained a temporary restraining order. Judge Gates dissolved the order, holding that the members of the board of trade must be bound by its by-laws, otherwise the corporation would be inactive. He held, therefore, that the board had the right to expel the Farmer company.

To Prevent Yellow Fever.

With a view to preventing, if possible, a recurrence of the yellow fever epidemic of last fall in the southern states, the marine hospital service of the treasury department is taking extraordinary precautions to compel the most punctilious observance of the sanitary and quarantine regulations throughout its jurisdiction.

Sheep Shearing Pens.

Extensive sheep shearing pens are being erected at the ranch of J. F. Ash, three miles from Basin City, Wyo., on the Big Horn River. Twelve thousand head of sheep have been contracted for the opening of the shearing season and over 50,000 will be handled during the year.

Death of a Congressman.

Representative John Simkins of the Thirtieth district of Massachusetts, died Sunday night at his residence in Washington of heart failure, induced by gastric complications.

CURES SPLENETIC FEVER.

Dipping Process Indorsed by Dr. Connaway.

Under the direction of the Missouri sanitary board Dr. Connaway of Fort Worth, Texas, has been conducting experiments relative to the eradication of the southern or splenic fever. The cattle were procured from the Texas experimental station. The doctor concludes that ticks communicate the fever, and even goes so far as to affirm that ticks hatched in the laboratory are entirely capable of communicating the disease if they are the progeny of ticks taken from cattle brought from the infected districts. The doctor says he has every confidence in the dipping process becoming generally successful, and its results will be to entirely free cattle from the fever breeding ticks. Three dipping, he says, are necessary to thoroughly do the work of making southern cattle perfectly safe for shipment to northern ranges.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Favorable Western and Northwestern Reports the Feature.

Bradstreet's Weekly Review says: The favorable features of the week in distributive trade have been the reports coming, with few exceptions, from all parts of the west and northwest and marred only by the check to business and shipments caused by heavy rains and high water in the Ohio valley. The coarse cotton goods situation does not improve in any way and declines in print cloths to a still lower record quotation render increasingly imminent action by manufacturers toward curtailing production in this line. While some woolen goods mills have already booked good orders the business done as a whole has not been up to anticipations. Raw wool, however, does not reflect the rather unsatisfactory condition in the manufactured product in lower quotations.

TO DISFRANCHISE NEGROES.

Louisiana Constitutional Convention Perfects a Plan.

By a vote of 95 to 28, with eleven delegates absent, the Louisiana constitutional convention, in session at New Orleans, on Friday adopted a suffrage plan. It took forty-five days to reach a verdict. The avowed purpose was to eliminate the negro from Louisiana politics. The measure adopted, by providing for educational and property qualifications and a poll tax, is presumed to answer the purpose effectively. At the same time it was desired to let in as many white people as possible, and this is accomplished by exempting naturalized voters as well as those who were voters in 1867, with their sons and grandsons.

BIG PENSION FRAUDS.

Gigantic Swindle Discovered by U. S. Agents at Providence, R. I.

Pension frauds, said by the investigating agent of the pension department to be the greatest ever known in the United States, have been discovered in Providence, R. I. Two arrests have been made and fifteen other warrants have been sworn out against claim agents of that city and vicinity and others, charged with perjury and uttering forged checks or pension vouchers. The amounts fraudulently secured will reach in the aggregate many thousands of dollars. In one case alone \$15,000 had been traced.

GLADSTONE IS VERY ILL.

Sir Thomas Smith, Surgeon to the Queen, Called in Consultation.

Sir Thomas Smith, surgeon extraordinary to the queen of England, who was called in consultation upon the case of Mr. Gladstone, said to an interviewer that after the examination Mr. Gladstone begged him not to say a word about his condition unless the queen asked for information on the subject. The surgeon confirmed the report that Mr. Gladstone was suffering intense pain and was very ill.

Billy Hart Badly Hurt.

During the practice game of the Pittsburgh National League team Saturday afternoon at Little Rock, Ark., Pitcher William Hart, who played with the St. Louis Browns the last two seasons, and recently joined the Pittsburgh club, was struck by a ball from the bat of William Schriver and had his jaw broken in two places. It is believed that he will be able to resume his place in the team in three or four weeks.

Kills His Wife and Himself.

William Osterhage murdered his wife at Vincennes, Ind., Thursday, then then placed the revolver to his head and blew his brains out. Mrs. Osterhage had just returned from a three weeks' visit at Petersburg, and in less than half an hour was murdered. The husband and wife had been separated for some time, and on her return he begged her to live with him, but she refused to do so. Then came the tragedy.

Women Burn a Saloon.

A report comes from Olathe, southwest of Wichita, Kan., and near the Oklahoma line, that twenty women raided and burned a saloon building a mile south of there. It was claimed to have long been a Sunday resort for lawless characters. Rev. A. C. Fairchild, a Baptist minister who had been prominent in the crusade, was shot and severely wounded by unknown parties as he was returning home.

Train Rols Down Embankment.

A combination train on the South Park and Hill Top Railroad at Denver, Colo., left the track Sunday and rolled down an embankment. None of the passengers were seriously injured, but a number of persons sustained cuts and bruises.

Declines to Sell the Dante Buena.

The Fanfalla, a newspaper published in Rome, says the Italian government has declined to sell to the United States the warship Dan a Buena, for which 30,000,000 lire was offered, being 5,000,000 over her cost price.

Killed While Resisting Arrest.

Skilled Bell attempted to arrest George Yarber at Brownwood, Texas, when the latter opened fire, fatally wounding the sheriff. Yarber was shot through the heart, dying instantly.

SIGSBEE LEAVES CUBA

AFFECTING FAREWELL ABOARD THE OLIVETTE.

Beautiful Floral Tribute Presented by Consul General—Capt Sigsbee Pays a High Tribute to Gen. Lee in Responding—Other News Items.

Sigsbee Leaves Havana.

Capt. Sigsbee of the Maine and other officers left Havana for Key West Saturday morning on the steamer Olivette. No one present will ever forget the scene in the cabin of the Olivette just before that boat sailed for Key West. On the center table stood a large floral piece intended to represent a ship. Near the flowers stood Consul General Lee. At his left was Capt. Sigsbee, while grouped around were naval officers and newspaper men to the number of a score. American ladies were there, too. In a voice trembling with emotion Gen. Lee, in behalf of the newspaper men, presented the flowers to the captain. With wet eyes, and those who looked on felt the moisture, too, Gen. Lee bade Capt. Sigsbee and his companions adieu, wishing them "good fortune now and always," to which there was a deep chorus of assents, as Capt. Sigsbee stepped forward in the circle. The captain could not trust himself to speak of his ship, but he could say, and gladly, what he had put into cipher dispatches to the navy department, that all the newspaper men in Havana had treated him with absolute good faith; had never intruded upon him, and had never taken advantage of the confidence placed in them. On his part, he added, he had never refused to see newspaper men.

Then, turning to Gen. Lee, Capt. Sigsbee paid him a high tribute. He said:

"We all love him (Cries of 'right, captain, we do') as being bravery, geniality and good judgment personified." The captain also said: "The United States has no better representative abroad than gallant Fitzhugh Lee, consul general at Havana." (Loud applause.)

Capt. Sigsbee thanked the donors and they all left the Olivette as the whistle blew, after giving a parting grip of the hand to all those leaving for home.

MURDER AND INCENDIARISM

White Couple and a Colored Man Killed in Atlanta.

Firemen responding to an alarm at an early hour Monday morning at Atlanta, Ga., found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Briley, white, and Robert Wilkinson, colored, in a store at 75 Humphreys Street, which was being rapidly destroyed by fire. The bodies, however, were taken out without being marred by the flames. All were horribly mutilated, the instruments, two heavy hatchets and a meat knife, being found on the floor. Mr. Briley was struck from behind, as two large wounds back of the ear attested. Mrs. Briley had five wounds in the back of her head, and her throat was cut from ear to ear. The head of the negro was crushed in. Mr. Briley was the proprietor of the store, and it is believed that robbery was the motive.

BAD FOR COTTON.

War Scare Seriously Interferes with Its Transportation.

The cotton buyers and brokers of Texas are becoming alarmed at the situation in their business brought on by war rumors. They find it impossible to secure insurance on export cotton from either Galveston or New Orleans, as the insurance people will not accept the cotton with the present war cloud hovering over the country. Several foreign firms have wired their state buyers to ship on British bottoms only, as they are considered the only safe means of transportation in case of war. At least a third of the Texas cotton crop is to be moved yet and the present war scare is felt seriously in the marketing of the product.

TRAGEDY OF THE ARCTIC.

Disastrous Experience of the Sealing Steamer Greenland.

A St. Johns, N. F., dispatch says that the sealing steamer Greenland, which put into Bay de Verde Sunday night with a story of terrible disaster to her crew on Wednesday and Thursday while among the ice floes in search of seals, arrived there Monday. She reported 25 men dead, 23 missing and 66 so fearfully frost-bitten that about 20 of them will lose their limbs. The colony is aghast at the magnitude of the disaster. Nothing like it has ever been known before.

Jackson Wants Another Fight.

Jackson has now made up his mind not to retire from the ring. He wants another match with Jeffries. The Olympic Club has the call on Jeffries and Sharkey for next month. Jeffries has agreed and Sharkey is expected to consent. If Sharkey makes it impossible to arrange a match Jeffries has agreed to meet Maher before the Olympic Club. The battle, whichever man he takes on, will be pulled off the latter part of April.

Votes the Anti-Cigarette Law.

Lieut. and Acting Gov. Worthington of Kentucky has vetoed the Walker anti-cigarette bill. The measure contained stringent penalties against the manufacture, sale or use of cigarettes or cigarette material or having these articles in one's possession. It was backed by the W. C. T. U., but warmly opposed by the tobacco interests of the state.

Chalmers Murderers Indicted.

William Lamson, a merchant; G. W. Gains, agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and L. A. Sharpe, a section hand, all of Gibson Station, I. T., have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Wagoner, I. T., for murdering Ed Chalmers and wife, who were killed by a mob near Wybank.

Want to Fight Spain.

Three hundred and fifty La Fayette students made anti-Spanish demonstrations at Easton, Pa., the other night. They marched through the streets, offered President McKinley their service in war and afterward burned a flag supposed to represent the standard of Spain.

MAINE WAS BLOWN UP.

Naval Board's Verdict Is that Explosion Came from Outside.

The naval board of inquiry into the Maine disaster finds the explosion which destroyed the Maine came from the outside; does not fix the responsibility for the disaster; does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief is expressed that it was what is known as a floating submarine mine. The board finds there were two explosions, the first from the outside, which set off one of the smaller magazines.

Secretary Long and Lieut. Commander Marix delivered the naval board's report to the president at 9:40 Saturday morning. Long and Marix remained till the members of the cabinet appeared, when the former went into the cabinet room, while Marix remained in an adjoining room subject to call. The report of the board was gone over carefully, and a general discussion of its leading features followed. Marix was called in to answer questions and explain some matters not fully covered by the report. The meeting lasted till after 1 p. m. After the adjournment the members declared that no further statement would be made till the contents of the report were transmitted to congress.

A sensational report was current in Washington at midnight Friday that the president had decided to intercept the Spanish torpedo flotilla which sailed from the Canaries Thursday. It is said that papers have been sent to two vessels of the north Atlantic squadron to proceed to head off the torpedo fleet. This report could not be verified. Whether it is true or not, every official of the government admitted that the situation is far more grave than it has been since the strained relations between the United States and Spain first became a subject of general comment.

WALSH WAS MURDERED.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury After Two Weeks' Deliberation.

Thomas Walsh of Joliet, Ill., was murdered. This is the verdict reached by the coroner's jury. Walsh disappeared from a barber shop adjoining the wholesale grocery store of his brother, Robert Walsh, Saturday night, March 5. Sunday morning his body was found in Plainfield in a ditch by the side of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad tracks, ten miles from Joliet. The Joliet police have inclined to the theory that it was suicide, but the jury thought otherwise, after two weeks' deliberation. The verdict was generally satisfactory to the members of the Walsh family and a disappointment to the police department.

Window Glass Plants Shut Down.

The window glass troubles are spreading. The Anderson Window Glass Company plants at Anderson, Ind., threaten to shut down. At Frankton the plants were shut down by a strike. Indications are that every plant in the country will be shut down before the week is over. President Burns' action in withdrawing from the arbitration session at Orestes hastened matters.

Scarcity of Seed Grain.

A dispatch from Otto, Wyo., states that there is a scarcity of seed grain in the Big Horn basin this spring that threatens to seriously interfere with planting a full acreage of grain, especially of wheat. The high prices last fall induced many of the ranchmen of the region to sell closely and they are now short of seed.

Parnell's Mother Dead.

Mrs. Delia Tudor Parnell, mother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, died Sunday night at Avondale, Rathfriland, County Wicklow, Ireland, as the result of burns received Saturday from the igniting of her clothing while she was sitting before a fire.

Hanging at Colfax, Wash.

John Leonard was hanged at Colfax, Wash., Friday before a thousand people, for the murder July 18, 1896, of Jacob Matquist, a Swede saloonkeeper at Texas Ferry.

Sail for New York.

Lloyd's reports that the United States cruisers San Francisco and New Orleans, which sailed from England Monday, are bound for New York.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.04 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 10c; potatoes, common to choice, 50c to 70c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 31c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$2.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 97c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; rye, 51c to 53c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 51c; clover seed, \$2.55 to \$2.95. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 97c to 99c; corn, No. 3, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 49c to 51c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 44c; pork, mess, \$9.50 to \$10.00. Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 98c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.03 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; butter, creamery, 16c to 20c; eggs, Western, 10c to 11c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Nebraska Man Has Negotiations With a Counterfeiter—Was About to Purchase \$20,000 of the "Queer" When Dealer is Nabbed.

Nebraskan Arrested in Missouri. A. A. Kincaid, who claims to be a rancher at Whitman, this state, was arrested at Milan, Mo., last week on the charge of offering counterfeit money for sale and using the mails for fraudulent purposes. When arrested Kincaid had \$870 in a belt underneath his clothing. He also had over fifty letters from people in different points in Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri, relating to the dealing in green goods. Of the money on him \$200 was in crisp new bills issued by the Merchants National Bank of Omaha. One of the letters in the possession of Kincaid was from a man named Andrews, at Kearney, who was about to buy \$20,000 of the "queer." Another from a woman school teacher named Westgate, at Decatur, Ill., indicated he was trying to make a deal with her.

The State University.

The announcement that President Schurman of the Cornell University would speak to the students of the University of Nebraska one morning last week, brought out an audience that taxed the capacity of the chapel to its utmost. Upon the platform were seated Deans A. H. Edgren, Prof. C. K. Richards, Prof. S. W. Card, Prof. T. L. Lyon, Dr. John White, Dr. E. L. Hinman, B. E. Moore, A. Ross Hill, R. E. Chandler, F. G. Franklin, Judge Irvine, Judge Tibbette, Judge Cornish and a number from Omaha, all of whom were graduated from Cornell University. When President Schurman appeared he was greeted with a rousing University-of-Nebraska yell, followed by one more familiar to his ears from those calling Cornell alma mater. His address was well received by all in attendance.

Suicide at Weissert.

Charles Davis of Weissert committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle. He was at home at the time and took the gun from the house and went out, placing the muzzle of the gun in his mouth. The report of the gun attracted the attention of his wife and some men near by who were working on a fence. He was about 60 years old, an old soldier and the father of fifteen children. His youngest is only about 4 years old, the next youngest 10. Several are married. He leaves his family in poor circumstances.

Arrested in Omaha.

James Williams, wanted at Springfield, Ill., for the embezzlement of \$10,000, was arrested in Omaha last week. Williams spent Springfield four weeks ago, and soon after his departure it was discovered that he was an embezzler. He confessed to the full amount of the embezzlement. He said that gambling and liquor was the cause of his downfall and expressed a willingness to return to Illinois without going through the formality of securing requisition papers.

Wants Gallagher on His Staff.

Governor Holcomb has asked for the appointment of First Lieutenant Hugh J. Gallagher of the Sixth United States Cavalry to take the place of Major E. G. Fechet as instructor of the Nebraska National Guard. Lieutenant Gallagher entered West Point Academy from Iowa in 1880 and graduated in 1884. He has made first lieutenant of cavalry in 1891 and assigned to the Eighth regiment, but was transferred to the Sixth regiment in a few days.

Kills a Horned Rabbit.

Lon Janken of Baneroff, while hunting one day last week, killed what might be termed a horned rabbit. The little animal's head had projecting from it over thirty horned projections, which ranged from one-eighth to one and one-half inches in length and resembling in every way horns. Close inspection proved that the horny substance was attached only to the skin and is probably of a superfluous growth, the cause of which is not evident.

But One Passenger Train a Day.

The state board of transportation has received a petition signed by seventy-one citizens of Hildreth in Franklin County, asking for better railroad accommodations. They complain that they have but one passenger train a day, that it is usually eight or ten hours late, and that in order to make connections with the main line they are compelled to drive from sixteen to twenty miles.

Footpads at Work.

Chris Bader, yardmaster of the Burlington at Nebraska City, was held up by three masked men while on his way home the other night and relieved of \$9. Bader lives in the suburbs and was only about two blocks from home when the men stopped him. That city seems to be infested with a gang of robbers and tramps. Several attempts have been made to rob houses.

Will Burn Gumbo.

The Burlington and Missouri Railroad is making preparations to burn gumbo—used for ballast—at Table Rock this summer and will employ about 100 men on the work. The beginning of hard times four years ago stopped the work and since then the kilns have been idle.

Flour for Starving Cubans.

Johnson County will send a carload of flour to the starving Cubans. Organization has been perfected and the county is now being solicited by precincts. Grain and cash contributions are being made in generous quantities and the same will be exchanged for the flour.

New Secret Society.

A lodge of "Royal Oaks" has been organized at Osceola with twenty-five charter members.

Hurt in a Runaway.

A four-horse team belonging to Fred Moulton of Elk City and hitched to a large disc pulverizer ran away, throwing Moulton off, cutting one foot severely and bruising him up badly. One horse was badly cut about the legs.

Burglars at Nebraska City.

The residence of E. K. Bradley of Nebraska City was entered by burglars while they were in Omaha visiting friends. Clothing, linen, silverware and house-keeping utensils valued at about \$500 were taken.

GOVERNOR AND THE MILITIA

Holcomb Gives the New York Herald His Opinion.

Governor Holcomb has received the following telegram relative to the use of the National Guard in time of war, and the authority for calling the same into service: "What in your opinion is the authority of the president of the United States over the militia of the several states in time of war, and can he call upon them to form a part of the federal forces for the purpose of sending them outside the country, as well as to repel invasion? Would any attempt to send militia to Cuba meet with any such opposition from the militia as in 1892, when the question of sending the militia out of the United States was raised? What is your opinion of the bill introduced into congress giving the president absolute power to call upon the militia direct without waiting for governor's assent?"

In reply to the above the governor sent the following:

Answering your telegram regarding state militia will say aside from provisions made by congress, laws of Nebraska provide that organized militia of the state may first be ordered into active service to repel invasion, etc., upon requisition of the president; unorganized militia thereafter as may be required proportionate to population. When once in active service it would seem militia becomes part of federal forces and subject to same laws and regulation. Am not sufficiently well informed regarding congressional bill affecting state militia to speak advisedly.

Child Badly Burned.

A little daughter of Hon. S. W. Christy of Edgar while playing near a bonfire in the street, happened to get too near. Her dress caught fire and was soon blazing furiously. She ran toward her mother, who was in the back yard and the flames flaring backward as she ran did not touch her face. Her mother succeeded in smothering the fire with her own coat, but was burned quite badly while doing so. The little girl was considerably burned on the lower limbs, but it is thought not fatally.

Ex-Treasurer Acquitted.

The trial of ex-Treasurer Peter Turney and his bondsmen to recover a claimed shortage of about \$4,000 in his second term, occupied the attention of the district court all last week at Aurora and resulted in an acquittal. It was the second case. In the first one about the same amount was sued for and the jury gave a verdict against him of about \$1,100. The case was carried to the supreme court on error and is still pending there. The cases have involved an expense of over \$4,000.

Many Loans Invalidated.

Eastern loan companies by the dozen have been wiring their correspondents in Omaha for definite information concerning the court decision recently made which invalidates hundreds of loans all over Nebraska. Much alarm has been occasioned. If any loss results it cannot be attributed to the Nebraska law, but to the carelessness of agents in making loans and not having acknowledgments of notaries properly made.

Aged Couple Burned to Death.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kegan, an aged couple living about five miles west of Bloomfield, were burned to death last week while asleep. It is believed by the neighbors that they became intoxicated, as they were both addicted to drink and were in town during the day and carried liquor home with them. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Killed at His Children's Grave.

W. W. Pool, manager of the Nebraska Land and Cattle Company's ranch near Ravenna, killed himself by shooting through the heart. His body was found in the cemetery lying across the graves of his children. He was an old settler in Buffalo County and was a very keen, intelligent and wide awake business man.

Accidentally Shot.

A young man living with Richard Johnson, eight miles south of Scribner, while handling an English bulldog revolver, was badly injured by a discharge of the gun. The bullet struck him in the fleshy part of the leg between the thigh and knee, making a serious wound.

Breaks a Leg.

As Peter Sell of Scribner