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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The war department has been informed that the damage to the batteries at Fort Morgan, below Mobile, from the storm last week are very extensive.

The postoffice department has ordered the lease of the building owned by J. B. Clark for use of the postoffice at Red Oak for a term of ten years at \$850 per annum.

The Rev. Handley Carr Glynboule-Norrisean, professor of divinity at Cambridge university, has been appointed bishop of Durham in succession to the late Dr. Westcott.

Over 2,000 carriage workers were notified by seven shops at Cincinnati, O., that their services are not needed now and that their places would open in September as non-union shops.

The American Sugar Refining company and all the independent companies have reduced all grades of refined sugar 10 points to the basis of 5.25 cents for standard granulated.

F. H. Crodan has been appointed a clerk in the postoffice at Fort Dodge, W. R. Spence, a substitute clerk, and Arthur L. Hayward, a substitute letter carrier, in the postoffice at Atlantic.

Ex-Governor William J. Stone, vice chairman of the democratic national committee, who has been seriously ill at his home in St. Louis for the past three weeks, is reported as much better.

The contract for building the Indian school at Genoa, Neb., has been awarded to J. B. Herman of Norfolk, Neb., at \$23,595. The bid for hospital has been rejected and will be readvertised for.

The widow of Senor Canovas del Castillo, the late premier of Spain, is dead. Senor del Castillo was shot and killed by an anarchist at the baths of Santa Agueda, at Guesalibar, August 8, 1897.

The German government has ordered the cruiser Vinetta, now off South Africa, to proceed to Venezuelan waters, to be in readiness to protect German interests if an emergency should arise.

"American coal has ousted British coal from the Swiss market," says a dispatch from Geneva, "and the American syndicate is confident of eventually obtaining a monopoly of the entire coal market."

The second of the new submarine boats for the navy was launched at Elizabeth, N. J. The vessel was named the Moccasin by Miss Grace Day of Virginia, sister-in-law of Senator Martin of that state.

A dispatch from Basse-Terre, Island of Guadeloupe, says that the town of Grand Bourg Island of Marie Galante, in the French Antilles, has been destroyed by fire. The town has a population of about 15,000.

Wireless telegraphy has scored another triumph. This time the inbound lined Lucania has signalled the port of New York when fifteen hours out and has sent a large number of messages ashore without errors.

Nelson H. Gates of Nebraska fell from a cliff in Williams canon, Colorado and was instantly killed. Gates and family, who are summering at Manitou, were engaged in mountain climbing when the accident occurred.

Julius C. Beige, president of the St. Louis Shovel company, confirms the reported consolidation of five of the largest shovel manufacturing concerns in the country, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. The new company will be called the Ames Tool and Shovel company.

The tent of the Pan-American circus, which was exhibiting at Port Arthur, was blown down by a high wind. The tent poles fell upon the audience and a number of people were injured.

The American minister, Mr. Conger, is urging Washington's attention to the persistent occupation of Tien Tsin university by the Germans, who refuse to vacate the building or pay rent, thereby preventing Dr. Tenney from continuing his educational work, which the Chinese desire him to resume.

Alfred Gilbert, the sculptor, has been declared bankrupt at London. His liabilities are not revealed.

Secretary Hay will leave for Canton for a general conference with the president on subjects which have engaged the attention of late.

Queen Sophia of Sweden is again seriously ill.

Robert P. Evans of Summersfield, Kan.; William W. Gaunt of Holden and Daniel E. McCollum of Bucklin, Mo., have been admitted to practice before the interior department.

Edmond Audran, the French composer, is dead, aged 69 years.

A standing committee of the German agricultural council has adopted a resolution demanding the double tariff system in the case of agricultural products.

# MORE MILLS WILL RUN

Changes in Their Condition Promised by the Corporation Officials.

## HAVE MEN TO INCREASE FORCE

Plants on Single Turn Will Soon Be Working With Three—Plenty of Skilled Mechanics—Extensive Improvements at the Star.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 26.—Some remarkable changes in the condition of the strike-ridden mills of the United States Steel corporation are promised for the present week that will change the aspect of affairs considerably if carried out. It was stated on good authority today that before the end of the week those of the plants that have been operating on single turn will be run with full force and for the usual three full turns each day. Men engaged have been secured for this purpose, the officials say, in spite of the claims of the strikers that the companies could not get enough men to operate their plants, and the managers of the mills say they will be ready with all the skilled men required to start up the machinery and turn out a heavy tonnage.

The most interesting situation is in the Star mill of the American tin plate plant here. This plant was until this summer considered as doomed. The tin plate company had, it is said, decided to abandon the mill and move the machinery elsewhere. Since the strike has come on them and it was demonstrated that the operation of the mill with non-union men was possible under the protection of a well equipped police force, the officials decided to keep this mill, make extensive improvements in its equipment and make it a permanent fixture of the company. The most significant feature of this plan has been carried out during the past week. That consists of fitting the mill in the same manner as that of the Monessen (Pa.) plant. The former eight mills have been changed to four double mills. Other improvements have been added that will give the plant a larger capacity, increase its force of men and make it one of the most modern of all the tin plants in the country.

With the completion of these improvements, the company will be prepared to place a sufficient number of men in the plant to work the four double mills three full turns. This is said to be expected to take place during the present week. Before Saturday, according to Superintendent Piper of the Star mills, the plant will be operated to its full extent.

Referring to the present condition of the mills, Mr. Piper said: "We received eight skilled men early this morning. J. R. Phillips of the company accompanied the men to the mill and it was not until after they were in and comfortably settled for the night that the strikers discovered their presence. Those men are of the best in the trade and will enable us to move the plant on a better basis than before."

Outside the Star plant today a large number of strikers were on picket duty. They were quiet and orderly, but had their eyes and ears open for any signs of newcomers. The peculiar feature of the strike about the Star plant is the good feeling displayed between the strikers and the manager of the plant. When Superintendent Piper left the building early this morning he met the strikers and laughed good naturedly to them. He said to the anxious pickets: "I had more fun in getting those last men into the plant than at a game of checkers."

## Close the Country Stores.

CAPTOWN, Aug. 26.—A fresh order proclaiming martial law has been issued providing for the closing of all the country stores in the Queenstown district, requiring that all things likely to be useful to the enemy shall be taken to certain specified towns and forbidding country residents to have in their possession more than a week's provisions.

## Prince Chuan in Europe.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Prince Chuan, brother of the emperor of China, and the members of the Chinese mission now on the way to Berlin to apologize for the murder of Baron von Ketteler, German minister in Peking, have arrived at Basel, Switzerland.

## Wilson Will Not Resign.

SANTIAGO DE CILLO, Aug. 26.—(Via Galveston, Tex.)—Henry L. Wilson, United States minister to Chili, formally denied the report that he would soon retire.

## Say They Will Start a Paper.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 26.—Columbus Typographical union at a meeting yesterday approved the action of the Press-Post printers, pressmen and stereotypers in quitting their places and declaring a lockout at the establishment. The management of the paper announced that publication would be resumed at once. Inasmuch as no settlement with the union is in prospect it is thought an entire new force will be put on.

# TOO FEW SOLDIERS IN MANILLA.

Force to Be Increased by Four Companies of Infantry.

MANILA, Aug. 26.—In the city of Manila there are now less than 1,000 effective soldiers and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that the guard duty is too heavy for the present force. As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless in the event of an uprising in the future, such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available.

General Chaffee says he considers the city of Manila to be perfectly orderly and he can see no prospect of an uprising. Commissioner Wright thinks the people "extremely peaceable." He is satisfied that, although among a certain class there is some discontent on account of the land tax, which is not yet understood, this class is not likely to foment trouble.

Many army officers say they are gratified at the increase in the military force. They think that with the military guard withdrawn from the prison another uprising there might result in the release of about 1,800 prisoners. This possibility is regarded as a menace to the city by those who take that view of the case, as they regard the white guard as insufficient.

## WILL NOT HURT AMERICANS.

Cuban Cigar Trade Said to Be Unimportant in Size.

HAVANA, Aug. 26.—Gustav Beck, in the course of a report to the cigar manufacturers' union regarding the outlook of the cigar and tobacco industry, expresses the opinion that there is no danger to be apprehended from American competition so far as Cuban cigars are concerned. He takes the ground that, even if Cuba sent all her cigars to the United States and produced 20,000,000 last year, this could not seriously affect the American producers and manufacturers, who sold 5,500,000,000 cigars in the United States. Even if Cuba were to more than double her present output and to send all to the United States this would not change the situation.

Mr. Beck points out also that the tobacco soil in Cuba is limited and that the American grower has the advantage of the Cuban grower in view of the fact that the cost of his production of tobacco is greater in Cuba than in the United States.

## CUTS TO MOVE THE WHEAT.

Seven-Cent Rate to Chicago on Cargoes From Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—The commercial agent of the Santa Fe railroad today announced to the Kansas City Board of Trade that his road would carry all wheat on which disposition orders were received before evening from here to Chicago for 7 cents per 100 pounds.

The object of the Santa Fe in cutting the rate is to secure the disposition of loaded cars in the local yards. There were 100 loaded cars of wheat in the Santa Fe yards today. Disposition orders were received for the majority of them before evening. The commercial agent said that the receipts of wheat tonight would decide whether or not the 7-cent rate would be effective tomorrow. It is possible that the Santa Fe will continue to make this rate openly while shipments continue heavy. The present is a cut of 3 cents under the agreed rate of 10 cents.

## ARMOUR ON HIS WAY HOME.

Sick Man Leaves Chicago for Kansas City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Kirk B. Armour, head of the extensive Armour enterprises in Kansas City, and who was recently stricken with a critical illness at Watkins Glen, N. Y., passed through Chicago, en route to his Kansas City home. He was in a private car and was attended by Dr. Griffith of Kansas City and trained nurses. To those who made inquiry while the car was in the railroad yards here as to his patient's condition, Dr. Griffith stated that Mr. Armour was resting comfortably.

The party arrived in Chicago over the Lake Shore road at 4 p. m., and went out over the Santa Fe road at 6 o'clock.

## Uzar Is to Visit Germany.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—It is semi-officially announced that the czar, in an autograph letter, definitely accepted Emperor William's invitation to attend the naval maneuvers at Dantzig.

## Oklahoma Line Would Build.

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 26.—The Choctaw Northern Railway company of Geary, O. T., has applied to the Kansas charter board for permission to build and operate a line of railroad in this state. The company has a capital of \$4,000,000. It will build north from Geary, Blaine county, and connect with the Santa Fe in Woodward or Woods counties, and from there to some town along the southern line of Kansas.

# ONE VICTIM FROM HUMBOLDT.

Will Bracelen Is Lost in the Wreck of the Steamship Islander.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 27.—Humboldt people were shocked to learn that Will Bracelen, one of the party of fortune hunters who left here three years ago for the Klondike, had perished in the wreck of the steamer Islander off the Alaskan coast. The information so far is meager, but authentic, and comes from Bracelen's traveling companion and partner, Ed Dennis, to his brother, John Dennis, who returned several weeks ago from the gold fields. The message was dated Juneau, Alaska, and forwarded from Vancouver August 19 and reads:

"John Dennis, Humboldt, Neb.: Been in wreck; injured some; will remain a few days to try and recover Bracelen's body. ED DENNIS."

The case is a particularly sad one, as the young man is the eldest of a family of eight children and for many years was the main support of his widowed mother, Mrs. Sarah Bracelen, in the rearing and educating of her family. Most of the children are now grown, however, the eldest brother being Prof. Charles M. Bracelen, last year principal of the public schools at Blair, and two sisters being teachers in local schools.

One pathetic feature of the case is that each morning since the receipt of the last letter the mother has kept a warm breakfast for the homecoming of her son and each morning when the Portland train has pulled in one might have seen her out attempting to catch a glimpse of the returning traveler.

## NEBRASKA GETS I. S. SHARE.

Fares Well is Distribution of Additional Free Rural Delivery.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Superintendent Macheem of the free delivery service has concluded the work of passing upon the number of rural free delivery routes which are to be established in Nebraska up to and including November 1. The service is to be equitably distributed throughout the state, and, according to the figures made public, Nebraska fares well in the allowances made as compared with other western states. Rural free delivery will be established October 1 at Kearney with two carriers; at Elk Creek, with one carrier; Geneva, two carriers; Waverly, one carrier; Crete, one carrier, and York, two carriers. The service will go into operation November 1 at Grand Island, with three carriers; at Minden and Greenville, with four carriers each; at Mead and Diller, with two carriers each, and at Beatrice, Colon, Grafton, Peru and Fairbury, with one carrier each. On September 1 there will be 109 rural free delivery routes in operation in Nebraska, with 260 pending applications.

Rural free delivery will be established at Yankton, S. D., October 1, embracing ninety-six square miles, with a population of 1,533. Simon Price, Warren Osborn and L. W. Godfrey have been appointed carriers.

## Land Sales by Union Pacific.

OMAHA, Aug. 27.—August sales of the Union Pacific land department thus far aggregate 93,440 acres, as against 62,000 acres sold in July. The drought had a depressing effect upon sales generally during the last month, but the clouds of doubt have rolled away since the exact conditions have become known, resulting in a largely increased demand for the lands of the central west. One sale made recently is that of 3,840 acres of grazing land in Colorado.

## To Feed Cattle in Colorado.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Aug. 24.—C. E. Adams has just returned from a trip to Colorado, where he has purchased 6,000 tons of ensilage. This feed was put up by the Longmont Packing company, who owns the largest silos in the world. The Superior Cattle company will feed cattle there this winter.

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# GREAT INTEREST IN IRRIGATION.

Dry Weather Shows to Farmers Its Great Importance.

LINCOLN, Aug. 24.—The dry weather of July and the resultant damage to crops in several sections of the state have caused Nebraska farmers to display renewed interest in the subject of irrigation. State Engineer Dobson has received many applications for water rights along the Platte river during the last two weeks and inquiries are being made daily at the irrigation office relative to methods of using well water for irrigating purposes. Mr. Dobson is encouraging investigations of this subject and all applications filed at his office are receiving prompt attention.

The state board of irrigation has jurisdiction over flowing streams only and it can do nothing more than assist those who wish to use well water for irrigation. Several successful systems depending entirely upon wells for the water supply are now in operation and Mr. Dobson believes similar methods might be adopted elsewhere and with good results.

## GOLD ALONG THE BLUE RIVER.

Experiments in Saving Flour Gold at Hastings Proves Fruitful.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 24.—The test of flour gold made at Brickton on the Blue river was a good success and proved a big surprise to the Chicago parties who are here with their mill for extracting gold. It was much richer than they expected. A run was made with 300 pounds and the mill had no trouble in separating the gold from the sand into the quicksilver vats. The workmen are compelled to shut down for a few days on account of some of the quicksilver entering into one of the cylinders.

J. F. Hoyt, the inventor of the machine, said that yesterday's test was a great surprise to all, as it showed nearly \$15 to the ton. This is so much better than they had anticipated that all concerned are very much elated over the test and are quite anxious to have the mill in good running order.

## Condition of Nebraska Banks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Lincoln, exclusive of Omaha and Lincoln, at the close of business on July 15, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve held at 34.40 per cent, against 37.48 per cent on April 24. Loans and discounts increased from \$19,683,304 to \$19,883,559; gold coin decreased from \$745,610 to \$733,450; total specie from \$1,049,864 to \$1,034,258; lawful money reserve from \$1,627,590 to \$1,622,625; individual deposits increased from \$21,611,245 to \$22,255,706.

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## Telegraph Wires Laid on Snow.

Consul General Guenther of Frankfurt says that, according to the experiments conducted by Mr. H. Janssen on Mount Blanc, it is not necessary to erect poles for stringing telegraph and telegraph wires in snow covered countries. If the snow is several inches thick it serves as a good insulator; the wires can simply be laid down and be ready for transmission of messages. The consul general adds that similar experiments with equally favorable results were made on Mount Aetna.

## Arrayed in Celtic Garb.

In Ireland the revival of interest in things Irish is not confined to the formation of classes to study the old tongue or societies to print books written in it, but there has even been an attempt made to resurrect the ancient garb of the Celt. The eldest son of Lord Ashbourne is the leader in the dress phase of the matter, and to give emphasis to his faith he wore the scarlet kilt and fawn mantle which are among the costume's leading features at a late society gathering. Its advantages in the way of coolness were acknowledged and it was also voted picturesque, but further than this the impression it made is not recorded.

## A Son's Devotion.

Wallace, Mich., August 26th.—A striking example of a man's dutiful and attentive care of his mother is seen in Mr. Oscar Swanson of this place.

Mr. Swanson's mother has suffered much with Kidney and Urinal Trouble and Female Weakness. Her son has sought out and procured for her everything that he thought could possibly benefit her.

She did not improve, till at last he bought her a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. In a few days she was completely cured, and his faithful son has the reward for his loving efforts, in the knowledge that she is now strong and well.

## Yale's Splendid Organ.

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