

BIG STICK IN SIGHT

FRANCE GETTING READY TO CHASTISE CASTRO.

Situation Becomes Serious—Ultimatum Likely to be Next Move in Paris—Little Progress Made in Settlement of American Claims.

A Washington special says: All diplomatic relations between Venezuela and France are broken, it is said at the state department, and although it is stated no formal or official information has been received, officials assume that in accordance with the usual procedure this will involve the early departure from Venezuela of M. Taigny, French representative there, and from France of M. Mauborguet, Venezuelan agent at Paris.

Officials at Washington are awaiting the turn of events with keen interest.

The trouble between the two nations originated in a cable concession. The breach has been threatened for months.

Paris advises state: The Venezuelan question, although subordinated in public opinion to the Moroccan conference, is occupying the serious attention of the foreign office, but the strictest discretion is observed in this connection.

A highly placed diplomat, however, declared Friday that it might be considered certain that the moment was rapidly approaching when a crisis would occur in Venezuela.

He was unable to state the exact character which events would assume, but asserted that a perfect understanding had always existed between France and the United States.

The two governments were in absolute accord on the question at issue, France's line of conduct being based on that of the United States.

Though M. Mauborguet, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, has not received his passports, diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela are considered to have been broken off. There is no question for the present of a naval demonstration, but there is no doubt that the French government intends to have the fullest recognition of and respect of its rights.

An official note issued Friday night says that although an ultimatum has not yet been sent to Venezuela, France can not tolerate much longer President Castro's refusal to accede to the French demands without considering the advisability of taking stronger means to enforce them.

LONG MARCH ENDS.

Artillery Covers 1,100 Miles in Quick Time.

The Sixth field battery of United States artillery, commanded by Capt. G. W. Getchell, entered Fort Sam Houston, at Houston, Tex., Friday amid the cheers of the local garrison.

The battery broke the world's record for a long distance practice march of artillery, having covered the estimated 1,100 miles from Fort Riley, Kan., to Fort Sam Houston in fifty-five days.

The battery was compelled to make several detours in order to avoid bad roads and unusually rough country.

The artillerymen were a sorry appearing set. Their clothing was in tatters and so covered with mud and dirt that the color of the cloth could not be distinguished. The men were haggard and lean. Many of them were scarcely able to travel. The horses resembled moving skeletons.

Private Arthur Hall died at Austin from exposure and the hardships encountered on the march.

SHE IS NOW A CONVICT.

Mrs. Chadwick Begins Her Sentence in Ohio Prison.

Mrs. Chadwick arrived at the penitentiary at Columbus, O., at 11 o'clock Friday. No special preparations had been made in the woman's department for her reception. She will be compelled to sleep on a cot in the corridor, as the woman's department is filled and every bed occupied.

The prison officials are skeptical as to the illness of Mrs. Chadwick. She will be treated as any other prisoner, and after examination, if it is found she is able, will be put to washing or other heavy work. If not, she will be placed in the sewing department.

Oku Gets an Ovation.

Gen. Oku, who commanded the left army during the war with Russia, made a triumphal entry into Tokio Friday morning. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested by the people.

Would Bar Football.

Delegate R. S. Powell has introduced in the Virginia assembly a bill to prohibit the game of football in Virginia. A penalty of from \$500 to \$100 is prescribed for each offense.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.55@5.00. Top hogs, \$5.30.

Hill Clear of Charges.

Judge Audenreid, at Philadelphia, Pa., Friday, instructed the jury in the case of John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau, who was charged with forgery and falsification of the records, to bring in a verdict of acquittal. The trial has been in progress nine days.

Greene and Gaynor Lose.

At Savannah, Ga., Judge Speer denied the petition of the counsel for Greene and Gaynor that the men be discharged from custody.

MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED.

Packers Are in Danger of Losing Vast Foreign Orders.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says: "Unless congress speedily grants the emergency appropriation for \$135,000 requested by me for additional inspectors and microscopists it is probable that over \$50,000,000 worth of orders for American pork and beef products placed by German dealers will go unfiled."

This statement was made by Secretary Wilson Thursday. Anticipating the high rates of duty on products emanating from the United States imposed by the new German tariff, which becomes effective on March 1 next, and Germany at the present time being in urgent need of meat supplies, Secretary Wilson said that German dealers have flooded the packing houses of this country with orders.

Speaking of this condition of affairs he referred to recent strictures upon his action in creating what was stated to be a deficiency of \$135,000, the amount asked by him, in alleged violation of the statute on this subject enacted during the last congress.

"These statements," he said, "do me a grave injustice and do not credit me with trying to relieve our packers from the desperation in which they have been placed by reason of the lack of a proper inspecting force. He declared that he had created no deficiency, but that on the other hand he was asking only for an emergency appropriation to meet the conditions which an enormously increased business of the last three months, with no increase in the inspection force, had created.

"I am strongly in favor of having the packers pay all expenses of inspections," continued the secretary, "such inspections to be under federal supervision, of course. In fact, they voluntarily have expressed a willingness to do this, and in the present instance have offered to do it, but there is no law by which such an arrangement can be made."

JUMPS THE TRACK.

A Pullman Car Drops Fifteen Feet to the Pavement.

The rear Pullman sleeper, the "Harcourt," on a Wabash train, was derailed on the terminal elevated tracks at Carr Street, St. Louis, Mo., Thursday morning and fell broadside fifteen feet to the pavement below, injuring seven passengers.

The crash of the car, as it landed on the pavement after the fall from the tracks, resounded through half a dozen warehouses and factories that stand near. Many volunteers among the workmen broke open the vestibule of the sleeper and carried out the injured passengers.

The sleeper had just swung into the elevated tracks that skirt the river front when the derailment occurred, and, after running for a few feet along the ties, the car careened to the westward, and broke the wooden railing that runs along the tracks. Toppling as it fell, the car landed in a triangular space bounded by the steel supports of the elevated road and the walls of the buildings facing the levee.

The remainder of the train proceeded to the union depot.

RAILWAY STOCK FORGERY.

Now Believed Operators Did Not Secure Large Sum.

Following the arrest at New York Thursday of Samuel Humphreys, a "newspaper writer," on the charge of selling a bogus certificate of 100 shares of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to a dealer in securities in this city, it was learned that 500 bogus certificates had been planned on a large scale.

As only four or five certificates have been discovered, and each of them is for 100 shares, with an aggregate market value of about \$8,000, it is evident the amount realized by the operators was not very large.

RIOTOUS CAMPAIGN.

Intense Feeling Shown in the Contest in England.

A London dispatch says: The election fight is daily growing in intensity and the party leaders, with the aid of motor cars are displaying the greatest energy in addressing meetings at different places on the same day. The premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who spoke at Shrewsbury Thursday night, was howled down by a Chamberlainite minority, and was compelled to shorten his speech. Disorderly meetings of this kind are not uncommon.

Hart Meets Burns.

Arrangements for a match between Hart and Tommy Burns for the heavy-weight championship of the world have been completed at Butte, Mont. The bout will take place in Los Angeles Feb. 23.

Trial of Divine Opens.

The case of Rev. George Ware, president of the U. B. I. Cattle Company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, went to trial at Omaha, Neb., Thursday, Judge Munger having overruled the motion to quash.

The West Hotel Fire.

Mrs. Samuel Spiesberger, of Chicago, died Thursday afternoon, making the ninth victim of the West Hotel fire at Minneapolis. All the others who sustained injuries are recovering rapidly.

Traveling Man Ends Life.

Will B. Foland, a nursery salesman of Danville, Ill., committed suicide at a Bloomington, Ill., hotel Thursday by drinking carbolic acid. He was despondent over the loss of his position a week ago.

Carliale's Grandson Hurt.

At Mobile, Ala., John G. Carliale, a grandson of the former secretary of the treasury, accidentally shot himself Thursday. It is not thought the wound will prove fatal.

DR. WM. R. HARPER DEAD.

Famous Educator Made a Brave Fight for Life.

Dr. William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago since its inception, one of the foremost educators and one of the most learned Hebrew scholars of his time, died at Chicago Wednesday of cancer of the intestines.

Three years ago Dr. Harper underwent an operation for appendicitis and symptoms were then discovered which led the surgeons to suspect that graver troubles might arise in the future, but they were then of too indefinite a character to permit of an operation, and it was not until Feb. 22, 1905, that an operation was decided upon to determine the nature and cause of severe abdominal pains from which he had suffered for several months.

Dr. McBurney, of New York, the famous specialist in abdominal surgery, came to Chicago expressly for the operation, in which he was assisted by Drs. Billings and Bevans, of Chicago. At the outset of the operation it was discovered that Dr. Harper was suffering from a cancer at the head of the large intestine and that the malady had progressed so far that an operation which would have removed it would have been fatal to the patient. A brief consultation of the surgeons resulted in the conclusion that there was nothing more to be done by them, and the only hope of Dr. Harper lay in remedial measures alone.

In a short time he left the hospital, knowing well that he was a doomed man, that his disease could not be cured and that his death must ensue within a short time, no matter what was done in the effort to avert it. No braver fight was ever made by any man than by Dr. Harper.

He took up his duties at the university as though nothing had happened or was likely to happen to him, and he was at all times apparently confident and cheerful. The x-ray treatment was elaborated in the effort to afford him relief and everything was done for him that the ingenuity and skill of his physicians could suggest.

Although Dr. Harper never deluded himself with false hopes, he faithfully attempted whatever offered him a hope of recovery. At times his condition would improve and then would come relapses that would leave him weaker than before. Despite all that was done for him he lost steadily in all things save courage. Several times the malady progressed in such a manner that small surgical operations were necessary to afford him a temporary relief.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

A Number of Lives are Lost in Minneapolis Blaze.

At Minneapolis, Minn., nine persons lost their lives in a fire which burned the fifth, sixth and seventh stories of the West Hotel Wednesday morning. The financial loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The blaze started in an unknown manner in the packing room on the first floor. Ascending the elevator shaft, it spread when it reached the fifth floor.

Awakened by the ringing of alarm bells in their rooms, the guests, who numbered in all about 700, rushed wildly about seeking safety. Those on the upper floors were driven back into their rooms by the smoke which filled the hallways.

The death roll includes the following: Mrs. J. E. Hodges, Minneapolis; Capt. John Berwin; Alice Larson, chambermaid; W. C. Nichols, grain merchant, Minneapolis; J. P. Peisinger, New York; J. E. Wolfe, New York; Clinton Lamme; Thomas Somerville, Springfield, Ill.; one unknown man.

FAILURE FOLLOWS SUICIDE.

Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, O., Forced to Close.

Formal announcement of the suspension of the firm of Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, O., investment bankers and brokers, was made Wednesday.

The action was taken as the result of a large number of the firm's checks being thrown out by the banks, who hold that since the death of L. W. Prior, who committed suicide Tuesday, the checks could not pass the clearing house. It is said the banks hold ample funds and securities to provide for all claims.

The firm of Denison, Prior & Co. was one of the heaviest dealers in stocks and bonds in the central west. Mr. Prior had been foremost in financing a number of large brewery consolidations in Ohio and in other states.

A GREAT STEAL.

Great Northern is Robbed of Many Thousands.

George Smith, a clerk in the Great Northern division superintendent's office at Minot, N. D., charged with carrying "straw men" on his pay roll, was Wednesday bound over to the district court. Bogus time checks aggregating over \$200,000 have been located, but the specific charge against the alleged defaulter is for \$38.

To Investigate Collision.

A Newport News, Va., special says: A naval board of inquiry composed of officers of the Atlantic fleet was convened aboard the battleship Iowa off Old Point by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, and an investigation into the collision of the battleships Kentucky and Alabama off the Fathom Bank, N. Y., Saturday, was begun.

Big Steals in Chicago.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Sutherland has appeared before Mayor Dunne's "contract graft" committee at Chicago and cited specific instances in support of his charge that at least \$5,000,000 has been paid by the city in the last fifteen years in "graft" to contractors.

Bluejackets are Withdrawn.

All the foreign bluejackets who have been patrolling the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, have been withdrawn.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

New Clue in Murder Mystery—Grip and Clothing Found Near the Scene of the Crime—Slayer of Unidentified Man Still at Large.

Late Friday afternoon a grip was found on Bridge island not far from the site of Callaghan's grading camp near Fremont, which may throw some light on the Saunders County murder. It was covered with snow and had evidently been lying there for several days. It contained a quantity of underclothing and some shirts and collars, which evidently belonged to two parties. On the collars were laundry marks and on some the name Hugh McDonald and on others that of A. F. Adams. There were also some handkerchiefs and a number of toilet articles, a bible that had been read, a number of letters and a diary.

The entries in the diary begin last spring in New York City, where the two men evidently lived. There are cards and addresses of a number of employment agencies from Buffalo to Omaha. The men had been working for Callaghan. Judging from the clothing both were laboring men and a pair of long stockings such as worn by linemen indicates that one of them may have worked at that trade.

The New York City police were notified and an attempt will be made to find out something of McDonald and Adams at their former home. Callaghan's grading outfit broke camp Saturday afternoon and the men were paid off and left. Hundreds have viewed the remains of the murdered man at Bader's undertaking rooms at Fremont and a good many people are positive that they saw him in town on different days last week in company with another party. Since the failure of Charles Pierce and wife to identify the body as that of Thad Browning the grip appears to furnish the best clue that the officers have had. Mrs. Pierce informs Sheriff Bauman that she has received a telegram that Browning is living and is at Kansas City, Mo. Saunders County people are taking an increasing interest in trying to solve the mystery.

A number of farmers from Saunders County have agreed to pay the burial expenses of the man found murdered on the Booth place last week and the body will be taken to Cedar Bluffs for burial. The affair is as deep a mystery as ever.

Sheriff Bauman received a telegram from the marshal of Bonaparte, Ia., stating that Thad Browning was at Winfield, Ia., Monday.

The offer of \$200 reward by the state, which makes the total reward for the arrest of the murderer \$300, has stimulated considerable activity in looking into the matter, but with no better results than before and with little prospect of ever finding out the identity of the man who killed him.

STILL "UP IN THE AIR."

Little Done at Meeting of Sioux City-Homer Line.

A Dakota City special says: Outside of the election of seven out of nine of a board of directors, nothing developed at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sioux City, Homer and Southern Railway held at South Sioux City on the 9th inst., at which time it was expected the future of the proposed interurban route from Sioux City to Homer would be definitely settled. Col. J. H. Aiken and Joseph Crow, both of Omaha, were the only two outside interested parties present at the meeting. At present the future of the road is much of a perplexity. The meeting adjourned subject to call.

John H. Baker, of the Great Western Brokerage Company, Topeka, Kan., who was expected to be present, and who is the party who is negotiating the sale of the bonds, was not present, being detained, it was reported, owing to sickness.

Barn and Horses Burned.

At Nebraska City two horses, the property of Carl Brown, a teamster, were burned to death in a fire that partially destroyed the barn. The fire had gained considerable headway before discovered and no one was able to rescue the horses. The loss on the barn and adjoining buildings will amount to \$200. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Gillstrap Again Gives Bond.

Abner Gillstrap, who on Monday last was released from jail at Dakota City on bonds of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of district court on the charge of selling liquor illegally, was arrested again on a complaint sworn out by C. J. O'Connor, charging him with selling liquor to Indians. He was released on his own bond of \$500.

Signal Officer Resigns.

Lieut. Richards, of the Fremont Signal corps, stationed at Fremont, has resigned because his business required his entire time. Inasmuch as he has been appointed an aide on the governor's staff the National Guard will not entirely lose him. His services in the guard have been of the highest order.

Iowan Accepts Place.

Secretary Walter S. Whitten, of the Muscatine, Ia., Commercial Club, has been invited to come to Lincoln as secretary at a salary of \$2,500. His acceptance has been received.

New Telephone Corporation.

Articles of incorporation for the New Home Telephone Company of Gage County were filed with the county clerk Tuesday. The capital stock is \$200,000.

Farmer Killed by Train.

Marion Blackwood, a wealthy farmer of Glenwood Township, was struck by the Burlington fast passenger westbound one-half mile west of Odell and so badly injured that he died Saturday. He was walking along the track and failed to hear the approaching train.

Elkhorn Valley Doctors.

The Elkhorn Valley Medical Society will meet at Norfolk Jan. 16, with afternoon and evening sessions. A number of papers of interest to the profession will be read.

BRIDAL PAIR SEEK DIVORCE.

Apply to Dakota City Judge Who Married Them.

County Judge J. J. Eimers, of Dakota City, had a novel proposition submitted to him a few days ago, when a couple he had but recently married presented themselves to him asking for a divorce. On Dec. 13—the usual unlucky 13—Harry G. Spencer and Myrtle M. Sumner, both of Sioux City, presented themselves at Judge Eimers' office to offer themselves upon the altar of matrimony. This was agreeable to County Judge Eimers, who, after issuing the license, offered his services to perform the ceremony, which was acceptable, and in the presence of the usual hangers-on around the court house the Spencer-Sumner nuptials were celebrated. All the proceedings seem to be as happy as the proverbial wedding bell.

On Tuesday, Spencer and his new-made spouse again appeared at the office of County Judge Eimers seemingly as happy as they were on the day of their wedding, but this time their mission was one of a different nature. They wished undone that which they had done.

Judge Eimers informed the couple that while his official duties allowed him to tie couples it prohibited him from untying them, and that they would have to seek relief in a district court of Iowa.

FELT THE EARTH QUAKE.

Plate Glass at Falls City Broken by the Disturbance.

The earthquake shock reported to have been felt over Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska Sunday evening at 6:20 o'clock was very distinctly felt in Tecumseh by many persons.

At 6:30 o'clock Sunday night residents of Lincoln felt an earthquake shock that was severe enough in several instances to shake globes from their fastenings on chandeliers. No damage is reported to buildings.

The earthquake shock that was general over the middle west was felt very decidedly at Falls City Sunday night. It shook all the business houses and made considerable commotion among the dishes and pans in the dwelling houses. The plate glass in the south front of Crook & Co.'s hardware store was cracked, but outside of that there was no damage done.

At Humboldt the inhabitants were somewhat startled Sunday evening about 6 o'clock to experience a distinct earthquake shock, something quite out of the ordinary in those parts. The disturbance came with sufficient force to rattle dishes and windows.

The earthquake shock was felt distinctly at Table Rock Sunday night at about 6:20 o'clock. Shutters, doors and in some instances dishes rattled.

FATAL INDIAN FRENZY.

Poisonous Food as Part of Winnebago Religious Rites.

A Homer special says: Thomas Hill, one of the most prominent men in the Winnebago tribe, is dead, a dozen more violently insane and will probably die, and half the tribe suffering more or less from the effects of the eating of large quantities of Mexican mescal beans as a part of the rites of a new religion that was introduced into the tribe by visiting members of a southern tribe some months ago.

Agent McFarridge reports that he is unable to check the frenzy or stop the importation from Mexico of the beans which are said to first drive insane and then cause the death of those eating them.

LIGHTING CONTRACT VOID.

Forced Omaha Deal Knocked Out in District Court.

An Omaha special says: Judge Sutton in the district court declared invalid the street lighting contract with the Omaha Gas Company on the ground that the rate per light was exorbitant, the contract made in disregard of a restraining order of the court, and the action of the mayor and chief of police in keeping members of the city council in the council chamber by force in order to preserve a quorum during the passage of the contract, was illegal.

The question has been the basis of much bitter contention and litigation.

Norfolk's Sewerage System.

Enthusiasm for the sewerage system proposed for Norfolk continues to increase. A public meeting held Wednesday night, at which City Engineer Andrew Rosewater, of Omaha, delivered an interesting address, was attended by most of the business men of the city and many converts to the sewerage system were made. It is planned to vote \$50,000 bonds for the mains.

Gift to Omaha Seminary.

The Presbyterian Theological seminary at Omaha has just received \$50,000 as a gift from John H. Converse, one of the controlling factors of the Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia. President Lowrey, of the seminary, says the money will be devoted to the endowment fund, which is very small.

Dress Catches Fire from Stove.

Mrs. Fred Snyder, of Vesta precinct, Johnson County, was quite seriously burned Tuesday morning. She was standing with her back to a red hot stove when her dress caught fire and she became enveloped in flames. She is resting easily and will probably recover.

Laborers Return to Plattsmouth.

About twenty laborers who were sent to Sheridan, Wyo., to assist in a rush of repairing cars there, have returned and resumed work in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth.

West Point Gaining.

During the month of December sixteen births were registered in the West Point district and during the same time four deaths only have occurred.

Adjudged Insane.

E. G. Rathbun, a farmer and stock raiser who has lived near Ellis, Gage County for many years, has been adjudged insane by the board of insanity commissioners and ordered taken to the asylum.

Tracklayers Reach Fremont.

The Great Northern track-laying machine reached Fremont Monday afternoon and will be there a day or two laying sidetracks. A large gang of men is working putting in the crossings of the Union Pacific tracks.



After a conference with Attorney General Brown at Lincoln Saturday morning, Insurance Auditor Pierce announced that fire companies in other states which have refused to pay the 2 per cent reciprocal tax, as required by the statute, must pay up within a reasonable time or be barred from doing business in the state. Thirty-six fire insurance companies are involved.

In the states in which they are organized Nebraska companies must pay a special tax, and Nebraska desires to play even. Companies located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and California are chiefly affected by this order. When the Nebraska law went into effect the companies brought a test case and won in the supreme court. Later Mr. Brown got a rehearing and the court held that the law was good. The companies immediately filed a motion for another hearing, and this matter is now pending in court.

Nebraska dairymen are badly wrought up over what they term the careless handling of cream by shippers and creameries alike, and at the coming state convention this question is to be taken up and debated.

The assertion is made that farmers do not take the care of their separators that they should and that the creameries have aided and abetted in the wastefulness by fixing no standard for the product to which they insist upon adherence. The result has been a general lowering of the grade of butter. Secretary Bassett is of the opinion that tens of thousands of dollars are annually lost to dairymen by reason of these facts. Some of the creameries have begun to grade cream, and this will prove a great help in making the farmers more careful. Their principal fault lies in their neglect to keep their separators free from bacteria and the result is that the product deteriorates rapidly.

Claiming that the recent decision of the supreme court in the Lange case is a blow at the fundamentals of fraternal societies, the Royal Highlanders have filed a motion for a rehearing. They assert that the court erred in the construction it placed upon the fraternal act in that it held that under that act the clause relating to suicide was a mere by-law and not a part of the charter or plan of organization of the society. Another contention of error is in holding that the act did not apply to domestic societies doing business before its enactment. It is contended that the court's decision is contrary to public policy in that the construction placed upon the fraternal act renders that law retrospective and void under the constitution, as it destroys vested rights acquired before its enactment.

The rule of taxation laid down by the supreme court in the case of the Nebraska Telephone Company against Hall County, just decided, will prove of interest to taxing authorities in the various counties of Nebraska, as it settles a much disputed question. The rule is "that the value of the tangible property of any express, telephone or telegraph company, apart from its gross receipts for the year prior to the time of assessment, and a franchise or right to carry on business does not furnish the value of its property for taxation. Such values should be ascertained from consideration of all of the aforesaid items taken together, and by treating the corporation as a going concern."

State Auditor Searle has rejected a claim of a York County citizen who declared that he had killed thirteen gray wolves and that he wanted the bounty of \$5 each paid by the state for the scalp of that animal. The auditor is frank to admit that he is doubtful if there is a solitary gray wolf in all of York County, and it is his opinion that the scalps are those of coyotes and not wolves. Gray wolves, according to the auditor, are none too common even in western Nebraska, although the few that infest that region cause stockmen no end of loss and worry. In fact, the stockmen are willing to pay a round \$100 for every gray wolf scalp presented.

Nebraska will send a full delegation to the Interstate National Guard Association convention in Washington, D. C., Jan. 22. Four officers of the state guards will go, their identity not yet having been established. C. D. Evans, of Columbus, is secretary of this association, and Adj. Gen. Culver is vice president, so that these two gentlemen will go as part of that delegation. The convention is a school of instruction in military affairs and will discuss affairs of the National Guard and recommend legislation. Lectures will be given by the heads of the various departments of the War department.

In a case from the irrigated district the supreme court lays down the rule that if an appropriator of water does not beneficially use the amount he has diverted into his canal, but allows it to seep away or otherwise exercise economy he cannot come to the courts for relief as against others who are entitled to use of the water also. That is, if there is enough water in the stream, if properly conserved, to satisfy all demands of those who wish it.

The Nebraska Incubator Company has filed articles of incorporation with Secretary of State Galusha. The capital stock is fixed at \$100,000, with Fairfield, Clay County, as the principal place of business. The manufacture of incubators is its business.

Members of the insanity commission are engaged in a dispute with the county commissioners over the payment to them of fees for hearing dipsonamaic cases. The county attorney ruled that the commissioners had no warrant in law for allowing these fees, and the claims, amounting to \$100, were rejected.

The Chase Company, of Omaha, has incorporated with Secretary of State Galusha to carry on the manufacture of spices and extracts and to sell grocery products, with headquarters in Omaha.