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A DISLOYAL PROVINCE

REBEL SENTIMENT IS STRONG NEAR CUBAN CAPITAL.

President May Promise Immunity to All Insurgents Who Will Quit Within Thirty Days—Situation in General Is Increasingly Serious.

The anxiety of President Palma, of Cuba, to extend every possible opportunity for peace without bloodshed, and his desire to permit those who joined the insurrection under misguidance to repent and return to their homes unmolested, combined with the general wish to end a situation fraught with so much loss and suffering, has led to consideration by the president and his cabinet of a project decreeing a thirty-day amnesty period, during which the insurrectionists are invited to lay down their arms and return to their peaceful pursuits. It was proposed to issue the decrees Monday but persons close to the president strongly opposed the measure and the matter was deferred, and may be relinquished.

So far as actual conflict Sunday proved to be a day of inactivity, but preparations proceeded without abatement. A fund of \$2,000,000 has been set aside by the treasury for defense, and drafts on its are heavy and constant.

The situation is so increasingly serious that it is tacitly admitted in all government circles that the enlargement of the army will not stop at any given number, but will continue indefinitely.

While the number of men at present leaving their regular occupations to enlist for war the small employers are beginning to find that they will soon be confronted with a considerable scarcity of labor. Many laborers are gathering in front of the bulletin boards on which are displayed the call for volunteers issued by President Palma Saturday night. They discuss the attractiveness of a soldier's life at such unusual pay, and as a result may resolve to enlist.

It was learned that several new regiment bands had taken to the brush.

BATTLE IN RAILWAY CAMP.

Two Men Killed in Fight Between Posse and Negroes.

News from Leonard, Harlan county, Ky., states that a pitched battle occurred at a railway camp at Crab Orchard, Va., near the Kentucky state line, between an officers' posse and a gang of negro workmen led by John Powers, a white man, in which Powers and Charles Smith, white, were killed and William Barker, a member of the posse, an unknown white woman and three negroes, unknown, were wounded. One negro secured goods at the railway commissary on a fraudulent order. Officers were sent to arrest him, but Powers and the other men chased the officers away. Seventy-five possemen were summoned and returned to the camp. There Powers and Smith had taken up with the negroes and opened fire on the posse, wounding Barker in the face. The officers returned the fire and a pitched battle ensued, resulting as above.

WOMAN WIPES OUT FAMILY.

Wife and Mother Suddenly Loses Reason.

Suddenly becoming insane, Mrs. Frank Polsgrove, wife of a well known farmer living near Pigott, Ark., Saturday night killed her husband and 4-year-old child with an ax and fatally wounded her two other children, a boy of 13 years and a girl of 7. The demented woman then set fire to the building, the bodies of the man and 4-year-old child being cremated. The other two children were found in a field adjoining their home Sunday morning badly mutilated and it is not believed they can live. The mother when apprehended confessed and begged that she be killed.

Electrical Storm in Detroit.

One woman killed, five persons shocked, many houses damaged, crops ruined, is the result of an electric storm that swept over southwestern Michigan Sunday.

Aged Illinoisan Found Dead.

The body of W. Schmidt, 80 years old, supposed to live in Pellville, Ill., was found in the woods near Baltimore, Md. He is supposed to have died of fatigue.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.00@5.10. Top hogs, \$6.05.

Two Trainmen Killed.

Two trainmen were killed and three injured in a head-on collision of heavy ore trains Saturday near Milltown, Pa., on the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad.

Collision on Electric Line.

A special car on the Decatur, Springfield and St. Louis railroad Sunday night dashed into a regular passenger car just west of Riverton, Ill., injuring four persons.

CHEAPER INSURANCE.

Measure Prepared to Urge in State Legislatures.

Millions will be held in reserve for the policyholders of life insurance companies and the cost of insurance will be materially lowered if a bill approved by the insurance commissioners at their session at St. Paul Friday meets with the approval of the various legislatures next winter.

The bill, which requires an annual apportionment and accounting of surplus life insurance companies, it is maintained by many of the commissioners, strikes at the root of all the evil of life insurance companies' management by holding their officers accountable for the enormous surplus funds accumulated under the deferred dividend contracts under which nearly all of the large companies operate.

The matter of apportionment of the surplus was brought before the committee in a report printed by Zeno M. Host, insurance commissioner of Wisconsin, on "annual accounting and distribution of surplus life insurance companies."

The bill provides that "every life insurance company conducted on the mutual plan or in which policyholders are entitled to share in the profits or surplus, shall make an annual apportionment and accounting of divisible surplus to each policyholder beginning on or before the second policy year or on all participating policies hereafter issued and each such policyholder shall be entitled to and be credited with or paid in a manner provided such a portion of the entire divisible surplus as has been contributed thereto by his policy."

CLAIMS OF "SOONERS" UPHELD.

Troops Required to Preserve Order in New Wyoming Town.

Upon request of Sheriff Stough, of Fremont county, Wyo., Gov. Broows ordered out Company B, of the state national guard, stationed at Lander, to proceed to the Shoshone reservation to aid the sheriff in preserving order on the new townsite on the reservation.

The difficulty on the reservation began on the night of Aug. 14, the day before the reservation was opened, when about 300 "sooners" gathered on the border of the reservation, and on the morning of the 15th every town lot on the new townsite was occupied by a squatter. Indian Agent Wadsworth held that the rule restricting general settlement on the reservation homesteads until October 15 applied to townsite settlements, and drove the settlers off with federal troops. Commissioner of the General Land Office Richards secured a country ruling from the secretary of the interior, and Wadsworth has received instructions to withdraw the troops.

BIGGEST INSURANCE LOSS.

Insurance Companies to Pay \$1,225,000 for Palace Hotel.

The insurance loss on the Palace hotel building at San Francisco has been adjusted at \$1,302,610. This is more than the insurance companies will have to pay, for the total insurance of the building was only \$1,265,000. It being a total loss, therefore, a liability of a trifle of over \$1,250,000 will be distributed among ninety-eight companies involved in the loss. This is said to have been the largest loss upon a single risk ever adjusted in this country. After the Baltimore conflagration two years ago the largest amount paid upon one risk is said to have been \$771,000, upon the Equitable Life Insurance company's building. The round value of the building before the flames consumed it was appraised at \$1,802,610.22. The damage done by the earthquake was estimated at about 8 per cent.

DR. REED MEMORIAL FUND.

Tribute for Discovery that Mosquitoes Spread Yellow Fever.

Interest in the Walter Reed memorial fund has been revived by the book entitled "Walter Reed and Yellow Fever," which Prof. Howard A. Kelly, of Johns Hopkins university, has just published.

Surgeon General O'Reilly, of the army medical department, and other prominent army and naval surgeons as well as scientists throughout the United States and in many foreign countries have interested themselves in the movement to provide a fund for the support of Mrs. Reed and her children which shall eventually be used in erecting a memorial to the distinguished physician who demonstrated that mosquitoes are responsible for the spread of yellow fever. The purpose of the originators of this movement was to raise \$25,000. Of this amount only \$17,000 has been subscribed.

Frisco Restricts Relief.

The relief corporation of San Francisco has announced that after Aug. 25 no more provisions will be supplied to refugees that are able bodied. Those worthy, ill or suffering from old age may still draw rations.

Opponent of Road Buries Bombs.

James R. Devore, of Elkhart, Ind., admitted to the police that he planted a dynamite bomb unearched by graders in opening a road through his property.

Big Fire in New York.

Nearly an entire block front of business buildings in West Fourth street between Mercer and Green streets were partially destroyed by fire Friday night, causing damage to a dozen firms exceeding \$250,000.

Canada Gets 12,000 Americans.

Brigadier J. W. Cousins, of the Minneapolis Salvation army, says 12,000 immigrants had been sent from this country to Canada during the last eight months by the Salvation army.

ONE DAY FOR MURDER.

Pennington Didn't Mean to Kill Annie Toblin.

For killing his wife, whose name was Annie Toblin, and who came there from Sioux City, Ia., Charles M. Pennington, of Denver, Colo., Thursday was given one day in the county jail after he pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter with the charge of murder against him.

The story of Pennington's crime and the light sentence is unusual from start to finish. Never has a similar case come to trial in the criminal court of Denver county, so far as present officials remember, in which a man simply slapped his wife and she fell over dead.

The crime was enacted at 2:45 a. m. May 2. Pennington's common law wife had been drinking and Pennington tried to force her to leave the room of Agnes Shea at 1756 Curtis street.

The trouble had started early in the evening of the preceding day, when the woman, who was known in Denver as "Babe" Pennington, went to Pennington's saloon where Pennington was dispensing liquor, and some words of a quarrelsome nature were exchanged. The woman left the saloon and about six hours later Pennington went to the room of Agnes Shea and commanded his wife to "come on to our room." She was lying on a bed with her coat and skirt off, and refused to go, being in a sort of stupor, supposedly from the effect of drinking and sleeping.

When she told Pennington that she would not go she asked him to get her some beer and a sandwich, "and then I'll go," she added. After his getting the food some hot words were exchanged whereupon Pennington struck her a blow on the jaw nerve. She fell without a word and five minutes later was pronounced dead by physicians.

DIVORCE FLAWS AMAZING.

One Decree in Five Not Legal, Census Bureau Finds.

Amazing irregularities in many of the divorces granted in New York within the last twenty years have been discovered. So far there is a flaw in one divorce out of every five examined.

These defects were found by William H. K. Jarvis, of the census bureau, and his corps of fifteen "divorce girls" sent from Washington for statistics of divorces. If made known they would make bigamists of many couples married in good faith and illegitimize many children. How much and how many of these discoveries will be made public depends largely on action to be taken by Mr. Jarvis. If he applies to the court for necessary data in thousands of cases, an order may be granted to "unseal the papers."

The fifteen examiners from the census bureau have reached the year 1887 in their examination and compilations. Already they have found that nearly 20 per cent of the papers filed away are incomplete. They do not contain any final award of decree by a judge. Without this they are invalid.

HELLO GIRLS ON A STRIKE.

Three Hundred and Fifty Object to Order Issued by Company.

Three hundred and fifty telephone girls employed at the central exchange of the Chicago Telephone company struck Thursday, putting 7,000 telephones out of commission in the business district.

The cause of the strike was an order issued by the company directing the girls to enter the building through a rear door, which in order to reach the girls were compelled to go through a passageway 100 feet long that the girls declared was dirty and otherwise objectionable.

New Standard Indictment.

The federal grand jury for the western district of New York returned indictments Friday against the Standard Oil company and the New York Central Railroad company, charging violations of the interstate law in giving and accepting special rates in the shipment of oil.

Girl Kidnaped Last October Found.

Nellie Rainey, kidnaped from her home in Bedford, Ind., last October, was captured by the police at Evansville, Ind., Wednesday night in company with Ernest Tanksley. The girl's father spent a fortune hunting for her.

Many Firemen in Peril.

Thirteen firemen were either overcome by smoke or injured by explosions while fighting a fire in the paint manufacturing plant of John Lucas, in Chicago, early Thursday. The loss is \$65,000.

Exchange Seat for \$93,000.

A seat on the New York stock exchange was sold Thursday for \$93,000. This is the record price for a seat on the exchange and was reached but once before.

Western League Ball at Sioux City, Ia.

Following is a schedule of Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future:
Lincoln Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29
Omaha Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2

Monster Log Raft.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett arrived in San Francisco Thursday from Astoria, having in tow the largest log raft that has ever come into this harbor. It contains 11,000,000 feet of lumber.

Teddy, Jr., to Hunt Bears.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., passed through Colorado Springs, Colo., Thursday en route to the bear country around Glenwood Springs, where he will hunt and fish for several weeks.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Father Fights to Secure Children—J. A. Johnson, of Page County, in Peculiar Struggle—Dead Wife's Parents Insist on Keeping Two Girls.

Between the grandparents of Effie Johnson, an 11-year-old girl, and her father, J. A. Johnson, who is a well known farmer of Page county, Ia., a bitter contest has arisen over who shall have the custody of the child. It has been fought out once in the district court at Beatrice, Neb., where the grandparents reside, and is now before the supreme court of this state. Notwithstanding that Seth Terry, the girl's grandfather, has been ordered to surrender her, he has so far refused to do so. For this the district court committed him to jail on a contempt warrant, but a short stay has been secured pending the appeal.

Johnson's wife, who was Terry's daughter, died in 1902, leaving two children, Beulah, aged 15 at that time, and Effie, who was 7. Shortly after the mother's death the two girls were brought by their father from their Iowa home to Nebraska and left for a time with the grandparents. When he asked to have the girls sent back, the Terrys would not let them go. Johnson came to this state, started proceedings in court and got an order for the custody of the young girl. Mr. and Mrs. Terry insisted that she should still remain with them, notwithstanding the order, and they forbade Johnson to come upon their premises. He went to the county attorneys, who started contempt proceedings. The couple have now been given until Aug. 27 to comply with the court's mandate. Owing to an appeal which the Terrys have filed Johnson is required to give bond for \$1,000 that the child will not be taken permanently out of Nebraska until her rightful custody is finally determined.

BRIDAL PAIR DEAF AND DUMB.

Wedding Results from Acquaintance Begun Ten Years Ago.

The marriage of Chas. A. Kluge, of Cheney, and Emma S. Luhn, of Falls City, Thursday morning at the home of Mrs. J. H. Haddock, near Benson, closes a brief courtship conducted in the sign language, as both of the contracting parties are deaf and dumb. Mr. Kluge, in spite of his defect, is a prosperous farmer, and, like his bride, was at one time a student in the deaf and dumb institute of Omaha.

Mr. Kluge and Miss Luhn began their acquaintance when they were students in the institute. In 1896 Mr. Kluge graduated and went to Cheney, where he began farming. Miss Luhn was in school for some time, but did not graduate. When Mr. Kluge became matrimonially inclined he began a correspondence with his old schoolmate and three days ago came to Omaha to see her. The visit resulted in the determination to wed.

FLOOR PROVES COSTLY BED.

Springview Man Loses \$50 While Sleeping Off a Drunk.

Mr. Blakely, of Springview, came to Long Pine Monday, with the intention of taking the midnight train east, but got intoxicated during the afternoon and in this condition went to the office and waiting room of the Rome Miller hotel and fell asleep on the floor. He had on his person a \$90 draft, payable to himself and \$50 in change. He missed his train, and when he woke up the following morning he found the draft and his pocketbook on the floor, but the \$50 was gone. An effort is being made to locate the thief, but as yet no trace of the money has been found.

Dredging Finished at Tekamah.

The large dredge boat has been moved this week from the completed combination ditch at Tekamah to the Cameron spur, south of town, where work will be commenced in a few days. Hollenbeck Brothers, of Council Bluffs, have the contract for moving the machinery and boat. The small boat has been moved to the spur north of town and will be set up ready for work by next week.

McCook Breaking Records.

Two records were broken this week, in McCook. First, Judge R. C. Orr, of the district court, made a new record in the district court of the county by naturalizing thirty-four citizens in one day, under the new law. Secondly, the McCook postoffice fractured all records in its money department by issuing \$2,500 worth of money orders in one day, of which \$2,000 were international, destined for Greece.

Trains on New North Platte Line.

It has been announced by one of the Union Pacific officials that as soon as the North Platte line of that road reaches Oshkosh, Neb., which will be in about two weeks, a regular train service, consisting of one accommodation passenger and freight train each day each way, will be put in service for the accommodation of shippers and passengers.

Woman Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. Victor Kasper, of Schuyler, attempted suicide Wednesday with a butcher knife. Neighbors saw the act and caught her before much cutting was done.

Land Prices Attractive.

Prices on land in western Nebraska have attracted the attention of a number of farmers, who wish to invest their surplus capital in real estate.

Aged Lady Dead.

Mrs. H. J. Hudson, of Columbus, one of the earliest settlers of Platte county, died Wednesday morning. She was about 86 years old, was the widow of the late Judge H. J. Hudson, who was so well known throughout the state and who died several years ago.

Horses Gored to Death by Bull.

Robert Holliday, living a few miles north of Plainview, lost a valuable team Saturday, gored to death in the barn by a mad bull. The heat made the animal crazy.

DIVINE A DRINK VICTIM.

A Former Nebraska Minister is Sent to Hospital.

On complaint of his wife A. M. Perry, of Lincoln, a former well known Methodist divine, once a preacher at Elmwood and at Ashland, was arrested at a hotel at Lincoln and Wednesday committed to a state hospital under the dipsomaniac law. Perry had been reduced from the ministry on account of his habits.

The woman complained that he often threatened her when drinking. He denied that he had a taste for liquor. A fellow divine started the habit, he said, by giving him a glass for neuralgia. He protested against being sent to the hospital, but when committed said he would write 2,000 temperance tracts and sermons.

BULLETS BARELY MISS SLEEPER.

Shots Fired at Dog Pass Through Door of House at Blair.

A shooting affair, claimed to be accidental, took place at Blair Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, when Burt Norris, who confesses to the shooting, landed several bullets through the door panels of the house of Rab Gillian. The bullets passed over the bed in which Gillian's wife was sleeping. Norris said he had shot at a dog. The two men met in the park during the picnic and indulged in a scrap, in which Gillian secured a bad scalp wound from a stone in the hands of Norris. The officers arrested Norris and put him in jail. There have been many complaints of promiscuous shooting in the suburbs of the city of late.

STARVES WITH PLENTY OF CASH.

Money Unearthed in Home of a Burwell Man.

About a month ago an old German, by the name of Adam Bohn, of Burwell, died and on his person was found \$1,580 in cash. Dr. Britt was called and pronounced that death was due to starvation. Adam Bohn was a strange character and at his death he had thirteen guns and revolvers, some of which were of the latest and best makes. John Bohn, his son, remained in charge of the buildings and farm of his father and now he reports having found two cigar boxes full of money, in all about \$1,000 or \$2,580.

SAD RANDOLPH ACCIDENT.

Sixteen Months' Old Boy is Scalded to Death.

The 16-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wagner, of Randolph, died as the result of burns received from scalding water. A young woman who was assisting the child's mother about the house stepped on her own dress, and in trying to save herself from falling caught hold of a gasoline stove on which was a kettle of scalding water. The water was overturned on the head and face and upper part of the child's body. The girl's arm and leg were also scalded.

FIRE AT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

State Buildings Damaged to Extent of Three Thousand Dollars.

Fire Tuesday morning was discovered in the roof of the main building of the girls' industrial school, located at Geneva. The city fire department responded to the call and, cutting holes through the roof, extinguished the flames, which had done slight damage. The damage by fire and water will be about \$3,000. None of the inmates escaped.

May Reconstruct Gas Plant.

C. B. Adams, superintendent of the gas plant at Lincoln, in the capacity of consulting engineer, visited Beatrice recently and held a lengthy conference with Smith Brothers and H. V. Riesen, representatives of the holders of the City Gas company, relative to reconstructing the plant in Beatrice. Mr. Adams personally examined the mains and plant, and his improvements, which will cost probably \$10,000, will be made according to his recommendations. The work of reconstructing the plant will begin at once.

Robber Finally Caught.

Elmer Tuttle, of Salem, is in the county jail at Falls City, charged with assaulting and robbing Andrew Ogden on the night of June 21 last. Suspicion at once pointed toward him as the guilty person, but before a warrant could be served upon him he left the country and stayed away until a few days ago, when he returned to Salem.

Boat Line on Missouri.

Fred Tiehman, of Fargo, Neb., and Len Walters, of Corning, Mo., are dealing for a boat of large dimensions to be used in operating a boat line on the Missouri river. They expect to get the outfit at work soon and give the matter a substantial test yet this season. If the business warrants, the equipment will be enlarged to suit any transportation demands.

Expensive Shoes.

Francis Trent and Ed. Thompson, two typical "hobos," were arrested by Sheriff Gillen at Seward for stealing two pairs of shoes from Richard Hartwig's shoe store. They were taken before Judge Gladwish and pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each with costs. Of course they will board it out at the expense of the county.

Woman Booze Fighter.

Mrs. Lillie M. Peterson, of Crab Orchard, aged 30, was brought before the insanity board Thursday and found to be a dipsomaniac. She was ordered taken to the Lincoln asylum and Deputy Sheriff B. B. Buffum and wife took her up on an evening train. Mrs. Peterson has two children, the youngest being 11 years of age.

Death of Old Settler.

Mr. John Eicholz, one of the oldest settlers of Schuyler, died at his home Thursday morning after a sickness of over a year. He has been in that city over thirty-eight years, coming there when there were but few dwellings. He was 70 years old.

Death of Herko Kover.

Herko Kover, one of Nebraska's oldest settlers, died Wednesday night after a lingering illness of diabetes, aged 63. He belonged to the staff of Govs. Holcomb and Dietrich.



Gov. Mickey has named Monday, Sept. 3, as Labor day and has issued the following proclamation:

In keeping with the custom and laws of our state, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby designate Monday, September 3, next as Labor day.

It is desired that the day be generally observed and that, as far as possible, the working people throughout our state be encouraged to take a respite from their daily labors and spend the day in rest and wholesome amusements.

We are laborers in the world's vineyard and our success or failure is determined by the manner in which we perform our daily tasks. We cannot tell by the clothes that a man wears what kind of a citizen he is; the homespun and the overall take rank with the finest of broadcloth when measured by the test of citizenship. Labor is ennobling; it is dignified; and the debt this country owes to labor can never be estimated. The excellence of our nation and of our own commonwealth is due to labor, backed by brains and capital, and guided by the hand of providence.

Labor and capital must of necessity dwell together. Both are needed by each; one neither "is good or fair alone." Then, may they go hand in hand and peacefully, for the future development of our great nation depends largely upon the attitude these two great factors hold toward each other.

Today we are enjoying an unprecedented period of prosperity. The mills and the factories are turning out their products both day and night. All kinds of labor is in urgent demand. Enterprises of great moment are lagging because of the lack of help. Wages are higher than ever before and so much better than in any other country in the world.

Let us not be unmindful of the blessings that we enjoy, nor, in our restless natures, forget the hard times of the past when thousands upon thousands of our people were tramping across these United States without funds and without employment. In this time of peace and plenty let us pause for a moment and reflect.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state, at the capitol in the city of Lincoln, this 17th day of August, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and six, and in the fortieth year of the state.

Details for the home-coming of Wm. Bryan have been arranged so far as possible at a meeting of the different committees. The welcome home will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Mr. Bryan, according to the present itinerary, will not arrive until late in the afternoon of that day and there will be no elaborate parade as was intended. The exercises will take place at the state capitol grounds and will be in the open. Gov. Mickey will deliver the address of welcome, to which Mr. Bryan will respond. There will be other addresses, but present plans do not contemplate any speakers outside the state. The reception will occur in the evening in the capitol building, followed by night fireworks. The business and residence parts of the city will be elaborately decorated and a great crowd is expected from this and other states.

Gov. Mickey has received the following letter from Clarkson, addressed "The State Capitol:" "Will you please let me know what the governor pays for pocket gophers? I have shot one with a shotgun and it was all full of holes and torn up from the shot, so I think it won't be worth shipping it. So let me know what the governor pays for them and send me a few shipping tags, and does the governor want the hides or the whole gopher?" The governor has always figured the "tail goes with the hide," but as gophers are a drug on the market, so far as the state house is concerned, he is not now offering any premiums for this kind of a pelt, though he has been after a few other scalps lately.

Adj. Gen. Culver has ordered the acceptance of the resignation of Second Lieut. Gilbert R. McDill, of Company M, of the Second regiment, stationed at Albion. McDill failed to attend the encampment at Fort Riley and rendered an insufficient excuse. He is a photographer, and is said to have remained away from camp, although badly needed. In Company E of the First regiment at Wilbur John H. Linton has been elected captain to succeed J. J. Grim, who was elected major. J. C. Ferguson has been elected first lieutenant and J. L. Grim second lieutenant.

The intense heat which existed for nearly a week in southern Nebraska was moderated only to the extent of one degree Saturday, the maximum being 96. There were two deaths and two prostrations in or near Lincoln as a result of the heat. William Love, a blacksmith, fell dead in his shop, and George Hendershott, an aged farmer, succumbed while working in the field and expired before help reached him.

James D. Phelan, chairman of the San Francisco relief committee, has written Gov. Mickey asking him for a statement of the money sent and yet to be sent by the various committees organized in Nebraska for the relief of the California sufferers. Gov. Mickey desires to notify him at once of the money they have on hand and have sent west.

Treasurer Mortensen has figured out that since Dec. 31, 1904, the counties of the state have issued \$450,000 school bonds. The treasurer was figuring to see if the constitution was amended so that the permanent school fund could be used for investment in school district bonds, whether the result would remove the pressure. He concludes the amendment should also give the treasurer the right to buy good municipal bonds, as well as school district bonds.