

TORNADO HITS MINNESOTA

Men Injured and Much Property Damaged at New Ulm.

MANY BUILDINGS BLOWN DOWN.

Occurs on Anniversary of Big Cyclone of Twenty Years Ago and People Are on Guard—Follows Hot Spell That Broke the Record.

New Ulm, Minn., July 24.—A tornado passed a mile north of New Ulm from west to east yesterday. Several buildings were blown down and two men injured. The injured men are: August Woodman and William Thomlitz, both of whom sought shelter in a barn, which was blown down upon them. Several farm buildings in the district were wrecked. A heavy rain accompanied the storm. Half an hour prior to the time the storm struck this section the government thermometer showed 105, the highest point reached this season. The air was close and heavy and the anniversary of the disastrous cyclone of 20 years ago having just been passed, all residents in the vicinity of the disturbance sought refuge in cellars. Reports from the country to the west of here are to the effect that considerable damage was done.

GENERAL DROUGHT SITUATION.

Scattered Thunder Storms Reported in the Heated Area.

Washington, July 24.—With the exception of scattered thunder storms yesterday, the most important of which, so far at least as reports to the weather bureau show, was that at North Platte, Neb., where eight one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell, the drought and intense heat continued throughout the states of the corn belt. Temperatures again averaged over 100 degrees in that area, making the 36th consecutive day in which the thermometer, has risen to 90 degrees and higher. Aside from North Platte, a trace of rain was officially reported at Des Moines, two one-hundredths of an inch at Kansas City, some rain fall in Texas, some in Arkansas and also some in northern Minnesota. These storms, he said, brought only temporary relief and afford little sustenance to the over- parched ground, which, after the greatly protracted drought, needs a general rain. According to present indications there seems to be no prospect of such a downpour for the next two days at least. Beyond that time the officials will not make any predictions. There is no prospect of any relief from prevailing conditions in the central valleys and the middle western states, and Forecaster Frankfeldt repeats his forecast of continued warm weather with light and scattered thunder storms in that section.

KANSAS LOOKS FOR SHOWERS.

Temperatures Range to One Hundred and Ten Degrees.

Topeka, July 24.—Temperatures in Kansas yesterday were as high as 110. One death occurred in Abilene and prostrations in Leavenworth, Atchison, Osage City, Topeka and some of the smaller towns. The state is overcast with clouds and the air is humid. Thunder storms of various degrees of intensity came during the afternoon. Leavenworth had two showers of 20 minutes each. No relief other than a slight cooling of the atmosphere resulted. The indications are for showers. The situation throughout the state has become very uncomfortable and water is becoming scarce. Nearly a month of a temperature of 100 and over, with not a drop of rain, is the story coming from many Kansas towns. Many farmers are rushing their stock to market, trying to buy feed and trying to find water for stock.

GREAT HEAT IN THE NORTH.

Minnesota and the Dakotas Are Suffering—Harvesting Difficult.

St. Paul, July 24.—Reports from all sections of the states of Minnesota and the Dakotas show that the heat wave continues with, if anything, increased intensity. Many stations report yesterday as being a record breaker, with maximums ranging from 100 to 108. Blamark reports a maximum temperature of 106, the highest in many years. The heat has had the effect of maturing grain much earlier than usual and in northern Minnesota and Dakota the wheat is about ready to cut. Work in the harvest fields, however, is carried on with great difficulty, many prostrations of men and animals being reported.

Showers in Nebraska.

Lincoln, July 24.—Showers visited the east central part of Nebraska last evening, but there was no general rain-fall and none at all in the sections most sorely drought afflicted. The precipitation at Grand Island was nearly a third of an inch, and it ranged downward from that to a sprinkle in the towns of Alma, Franklin, Trenton, Hastings and Aurora. The maximum temperature for Lincoln yesterday was 103. In the western part of the state live stock is being marketed at any price the farmers can get.

Heat Still Intense.

Burlington, July 24.—The heat is still intense. The maximum yesterday was 108. The corn throughout Iowa is reported to be holding out remarkably well. Forty minutes rain is reported at Chariton.

Death and Insanity From Heat.

Omaha, July 24.—Death and insanity claimed their quota of victims in Omaha yesterday, the former taking four, the latter claiming three, the direct result of excessive heat.

ACCUSED OF BENDER CRIMES.

Governor of Kansas Issues Requisition for Four Suspects in Colorado. Topeka, July 24.—Four persons, believed to be members of the notorious Bender family, accused of committing a score of murders at their home near Galena, Kan., 20 years ago, are believed to have been located near Fort Collins, Colo., and Governor Stanley has issued requisition papers on the governor of Colorado for their return to this state. The first steps towards bringing the suspects to Kansas were taken upon the representations of Frank Ayres of Fort Collins, who asserts that one of the quartette, Kate Bender, was once his wife. Governor Stanley issued the requisition upon affidavits of four men who went to Colorado especially to identify the suspects.

The Benders committed a series of the most atrocious crimes ever recorded. They lived on a small farm near Galena and for years, as it developed after their flight, had lured travelers to their place, murdered them for their money and buried their bodies in the yard around their home or under the house. The home was arranged with trap doors. All four members of the family were accused of aiding in the murders. An investigation into the disappearance of a man who had stopped at the Benders, and whose bones were found beneath the house, led to their flight one night. A heavy reward for their arrest was offered by the state, but they were never found. The family consisted of man, wife, daughter and one son. The parents would now be in the 70s and the children about 50 years of age.

MILK DEALERS PUNISHED.

Several Arrested and Fined for Use of Preservatives.

Des Moines, July 24.—The milk dealers in Des Moines are feeling the effects of Iowa's stringent law in regard to milk adulterations. J. J. Myers, a prominent butcher and dealer in milk, paid a fine for being guilty of hauling milk in which formaldehyde had been placed as a preservative. He claimed that he had purchased the milk from the dairymen and did not know that anything had been placed in it for preserving, but the law makes no distinction of this kind and he paid his fine. He then filed information against the proprietors of the Iowa dairy, under the state law, and they were arrested for adulterating their milk. The tests showed they had been handling milk in which formaldehyde was used. The company receives milk from more than a dozen different sources and the proprietors say they are unable to tell who it is that is using the adulterant.

BANK SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

Burglars Enter by a Window, but Use Too Heavy Charge of Dynamite.

Beemer, Neb., July 24.—The Beemer State bank was broken into last night by burglars. Entrance was made through a window. After getting in the burglars put a dynamite fuse into one of the safes and blew the doors and bottom out, the blast breaking the windows of the building. The explosion aroused several citizens and the burglars becoming alarmed, fled without getting any cash. The safe is damaged to the extent of \$100 or more. Bloodhounds were brought up from Lincoln, but could do no good on account of the hot, dry weather. Sheriff Phillips and a party of men from West Point and also a party from Wisner were down to help catch the robbers. The bank offers a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of the robbers.

HUSBAND IS SLAIN.

John Hagey Dies at Braddyville, Ia., of Pistol Wound.

Braddyville, Ia., July 24.—John Hagey, a member of the town council and the school board, died yesterday from a bullet wound inflicted by John Russell, who lived with the Hageys until recently and who was turned from the house by Hagey as the result of an infatuation for Mrs. Hagey. Later, when Hagey again found Russell at his house in conversation with Mrs. Hagey, he attempted to shoot the intruder, who returned the fire with fatal effect. Russell is still a fugitive.

Battleships Reach Bremerton.

Seattle, July 24.—The battleships Iowa and Wisconsin yesterday dropped anchor off the naval station at Bremerton. It is not known when the vessels will be docked, except that work on them is to be taken up and pushed to completion. Work on the Wisconsin will be taken up first, and will consist of fitting flying bridges, some cabinet work, etc. The Iowa will be docked between the 1st and 15th of September.

Revenue Officers Destroy Still.

Nashville, July 24.—The big posse of revenue officers and deputy marshals that went to Putnam county to aid in capturing the illicit still where the battle of Saturday occurred, returned here last night. They found the still and destroyed it. None of its operators was caught, however.

Waterspout in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., July 24.—A dispatch from Cisco reports a waterspout 12 miles west of there, which washed away ten miles of the track of the Texas Central railroad. An engine went through a bridge and Engineer Thomas Beene was killed.

Milwaukee Wins Third Race.

Chicago, July 24.—The Milwaukee crossed the line first yesterday in the third trial race for the Canada cup. Her victory was complete, as she led the Detroit over the finish by over two minutes, and beat the Cadillac and Illinois by about six minutes.

SCHLEY COURTS INQUIRY

Requests an Investigation by Fellow Officers.

WILL SUE MACLAY FOR LIBEL.

Secretary Long Will Probably Name Dewey, Ramsay and Benham as Court of Inquiry—Case Promises to Be a Celebrated One.

Washington, July 24.—The Washington Post last night telegraphed Admiral Schley that in an editorial it insisted that he owed it to himself, as well as to his friends, to begin proceedings against Maclay, the author of the History of the United States Navy, to disprove the latter's charge, adding "Will you do this? Please wire statement."

It received the following telegram from Admiral Schley:

"Great Neck, L. I., July 23.—Editor Washington Post: I believe the first step should be investigation of all matter by a court, then a civil action afterwards. I am preparing to take this course."

The Post, as a result of extensive inquiries based upon the admiral's dispatch, says: "Admiral Schley proposes to ask an investigation at the hands of a naval court of inquiry and then to sue Historian Maclay for libel. His action is the sequel to the developments during the past week, when the entire country has been surprised by the publication of the unexplained abuse poured out on him in the third volume of E. S. Maclay's History of the United States Navy, in which publication he is said to have run away in 'cutting flight,' and is, in addition, denounced as a coward, a cur and a traitor."

The Schley court of inquiry will undoubtedly be one of the most celebrated cases in the naval or military history of the country. The high rank of the officers involved in the controversy and the intense public feeling which has been aroused will combine to give to the investigation a dramatic interest. Nothing has occurred in Washington for many years that will compare with it. Secretary Long has already stated that if Admiral Schley requested a court of inquiry he would grant the request, and also expressed his willingness to personally select the court. While he has not made any statement as to its personnel, there is every reason to believe that he favors Admiral Dewey and Rear Admirals Ramsay and Benham.

Schley Asks Court of Inquiry.

New York, July 24.—The Herald says: "Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley has asked Secretary Long to appoint a court of inquiry to determine the facts in regard to his course in the Santiago campaign. When Admiral Schley was pressed to make some statement of his position, he wrote the following sentences: 'I really think that as this matter is liable to take the form of a judicial investigation, I ought not to be subject to interview. I think that action is preferable to words and I have decided to act. More than this I ought not to be expected to say, but I will add that it is a very great pity that there should be any controversy over matters where everybody did his best.'"

STRIKE GOES INTO COURT.

Steel Magnates Want Injunction Against Former Employees.

Pittsburg, July 24.—The steel combine forces have decided to carry the strike into the courts. It is learned that former Judge P. M. Smith of Wellsville, O., has been retained by Persifer F. Smith, district manager of the American Sheet Steel company, to prepare papers for presentation within a few days to a federal court, asking for a restraining order to stop strikers from picketing or molesting in any way nonunion men on the highways. The move promises a crisis in the strike, thus far one of watchfulness and waiting. The application for an injunction may be made in the United States district court and at first will apply only to Wellsville, but it is believed the plan is to pursue similar tactics at McKeesport and other places where necessary.

A rumor is in circulation that a carload of men will run into Wellsville today to supplement the force now at work. According to strike leaders, the officials of the Wellsville mill are apparently seeking to bring on an open conflict in order to invoke the aid of the sheriff's deputies, and if possible the militia. Earnest and renewed warnings have been sent to the strikers to remain cool and keep within the law.

Serve Notice on Crooks.

Fort Sill, O. T., July 24.—A Law and Order League has been organized here to suppress the dozens of crooks who have infested the country since the Kiowa-Comanche registration began. Its members threaten to mete out summary punishment. The organization has decided to print and distribute 1,000 handbills bearing the following: "Notice is hereby served on all confidence men, pickpockets, thieves and crooks who are caught plying their vocations that they will be hanged to the nearest tree."

Firemen Back at Work.

Wilkesbarre, July 24.—The stationary firemen and the coal operators are again at peace. Nearly all the strikers, including a number of engineers who went out in sympathy with the firemen, were back in their old places today. The officials of one or two of the large companies said they would employ the men when there was work for them.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS.

Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, Ia., Chosen Grand Exalted Ruler.

Milwaukee, July 24.—The grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks completed the first day's session late last night, having elected officers as follows: Grand exalted ruler, Charles E. Pickett, Waterloo, Ia.; leading knight, A. G. Field, Columbus; loyal knight, William B. Brock, Lexington; lecturing knight, Judge A. H. Pickens, Denver; secretary, George A. Reynolds, Saginaw; treasurer, E. C. Orris, Meadville, Pa.

The most important business of the day was the election of the grand exalted ruler. As predicted from the first, Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, Ia., had a walkover, being elected on the first ballot, with 514 votes against 162 for Judge Nethaway of Stillwater.

The feature of the social side of the big gathering was the first big outdoor event, the magnificent parade of military and civic orders, which passed through the principal streets yesterday afternoon. The pageant was witnessed by many thousands of people. It is estimated that 50,000 strangers are in the city.

MINING CONGRESS OPENS.

Principal Object Is to Secure a Department of Mines.

Boise, Ida., July 24.—The fourth annual session of the International Mining congress convened at the Columbia theater yesterday. The meeting was opened with an address of welcome by Mayor Alexander, who then delivered the keys of the city to the visitors. Responses were made by E. L. Shafner of Cleveland and others. President L. Bradford Prince of New Mexico then delivered his annual address. He reviewed the previous sessions and spoke of the work to be done. Mr. Prince stated that the principal object of the congress was to secure the establishment of a department of mines. He said it was necessary that the great industry ought to have recognition in order that the development might go forward at a pace that would keep it abreast of development along other lines. There were many problems confronting the industry, he said, that could not be solved satisfactorily without the direct aid that could be given through a government department of mines.

DR. KOCH'S LATEST THEORY.

Bovine Tuberculosis Is Not Transmissible to Human System.

New York, July 24.—Professor Koch of Berlin announces, says a Herald dispatch, his discovery that bovine tuberculosis is not transmissible to the human system. The famous bacteriologist, in an interview, made the statement that he has demonstrated that meat and milk tuberculosis infected cattle may be consumed with absolute impunity. English experts talked of the theory with mingled astonishment and contempt and asserted that the German professor would encounter stubborn debate and learned disproof of his "mad idea."

Stop Exportation of Negroes.

Birmingham, Ala., July 24.—The exportation of 400 negro laborers to Chicago and other northern cities to work in steel mills was stopped here last night by the arrest of two negro labor agents on a misdemeanor charge. One furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway company was banked last night on account of the scarcity of negro labor. The party of negroes was to have left on a late train, but when the organizers were arrested their ranks were broken in great confusion. It is said some of the arrested had intended taking the place of strikers in Pennsylvania.

Judge Harney Under Arrest.

Hatney, Mo., July 24.—Judge E. W. Harney of the district court is constructively under arrest for refusing to testify before a notary public. He had been called to give a deposition in the application for a new trial in the Minnie Healy mining case, which he recently decided in favor of F. Augustus Heinze and against Miles Finlen and the Boston and Montana company. He denied the jurisdiction of the notary. Mrs. Brackett, a stenographer, in the office of Heinze, and Deputy Sheriff Rowe are also in the sheriff's custody for the same offense.

Burned by Live Wire.

Dubuque, Ia., July 24.—Carl Jacobson, a lineman in the employ of the Union Electric company, was terribly burned by a live wire. He then fell from a 30-foot pole, breaking his leg. His injuries are thought to be fatal.

Wheeler Again at Liberty.

Loup City, Neb., July 24.—Joseph Wheeler, an old man arrested on a charge of incest and who jumped his bond about two months ago and was captured at Marshalltown, Ia., broke jail last night and escaped.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The steamer St. Paul has arrived from Alaska with about \$2,500,000 in gold.

Efforts are being constantly made by United States authorities to hurry the Cubans in the formation of their government, so that reciprocity trade negotiations may be begun.

Archibald Sattley, vice president of the Sattley Manufacturing company, extensive manufacturer of farm machinery, died Wednesday at Springfield, Ill., of pneumonia, after a brief illness.

Contracts were let Tuesday by President Ramsey of the Wabash railroad for work on the Pittsburg, Carnegie and Western railroad, which will be the line over which the Wabash will gain entrance into Pittsburg.

BANK PRESIDENTS ON CORN

They Estimate a Loss of 312,000,000 Bushels.

CROPS ARE A FAILURE A3ROAD.

Russia Reports Drought and Desolation in Many of Its Cereal-Raising Districts—Phenomenal Heat Prevails in Northern Section.

New York, July 24.—The Journal of Commerce, which yesterday telegraphed to a large number of bank presidents in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, prints a special report, which says: "There is every reason to believe that the early reports of damages to the corn crop by drought have not been exaggerated. On the contrary, it is evident that the situation is worse than reported and that the damage is beyond repair. The region of most damage lies in an irregular circle of 600 miles in diameter, with St. Joseph, Mo., as the approximate center."

The following question was sent to the bank presidents: "Kindly wire your opinion of percentage of damage to corn and live stock by drought in your vicinity."

"The answers indicate very serious losses in the region specified. In Kansas many report 75 per cent damage to corn, in Missouri the majority of the reports are between 50 and 75 per cent, in Nebraska the reports are generally between 25 and 50 per cent, while in Iowa the damage is between 25 and 30 per cent."

"It would seem from the returns given that a loss of 50 per cent in this region would be an exceedingly moderate estimate. This would indicate a loss of at least 312,000,000 bushels in the region of greatest drought and probably considerably more. It should be borne in mind that these figures refer to only the small area of greatest damage. No attempt has been made to ascertain the damage elsewhere. The damage to live stock is considerable in Missouri and Kansas, but very slight in Iowa and Nebraska."

Crop Failure in Russia.

Washington, July 24.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the United States department of agriculture, dated July 21, states that a temperature of 103 degrees was reached that day in Odessa and that phenomenal heat was prevailing through all of northern Russia. A cablegram to the department from London, dated July 20, mentioned reports that the crops in Siberia appear to be nearly a total failure.

BOERS BURN SUPPLY TRAIN.

Kitchener Reports Another Unexpected and Successful Attack. London, July 24.—The British war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, July 23: "A train from Cape Town, with 113 details and stores, was held up, captured and burned at Scheepers, eight miles north of Beaufort West, on the morning of July 21. Our casualties were three killed and 18 wounded. An inquiry is proceeding. French reports that Crabbie, with 200 men, was attacked in the mountains near Cradock by Kritzinger at dawn July 21. The horses stampeded. An all day fight followed. Crabbie fell back on Mortimer. Our loss was slight."

Sleeper Goes Over Embankment.

Denver, July 24.—One mile west of Marshall pass, a Pullman sleeper broke loose from the west-bound passenger on the narrow gauge line of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad yesterday and rolled down an embankment. A dozen passengers were injured, but no one was killed. The car turned a complete somersault and alighted on its trucks 14 feet below the track it had left. The cause is unknown.

Distributes His Fortune Before Death.

St. Louis, July 24.—David Block, a well known member of the Merchants' exchange, died last night in moderate circumstances though he might have passed away a millionaire. He was bedeviled with Carnegie that it was almost a crime to die rich and several months ago, acting on this theory, he called his children about him on his birthday and distributed his fortune among them equally.

Constitution Wins Again.

New Haven, July 24.—Again yesterday did the Constitution prove speedier than the Columbia in light airs and fluky weather. On elapsed time she won by five minutes and sixteen seconds, and by four minutes, six seconds corrected time, the length of the course being 28 miles.

Canners Withdraw Price Sheets.

Marshalltown, Ia., July 24.—Representatives of 70 Nebraska and Iowa canning factories met here yesterday to discuss the situation in view of the protracted dry weather and decided to withdraw all price sheets until they can ascertain the probable shortage of the season's pack.

Rev. Charles Edward Brown Dead.

Ottumwa, Ia., July 24.—Charles Edward Brown, father of former General Manager W. C. Brown of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, died yesterday at the home of his grandson, aged 88. Old age with the extreme heat as a factor caused the death.

Rumors of Peace Negotiations.

London, July 24.—"We hear rumors," says the Daily News, "that negotiations with a view to peace in South Africa are proceeding in Louisa."

CONDITION OF NEBRASKA CROP.

Early Corn in South Section Ruined. North Part in Better Shape.

Lincoln, July 24.—The past week has been hot and dry. The rainfall consisted of only a few scattered showers, with generally very light fall of rain.

The past week has been a good one for haying and threshing, but a very unfavorable one for corn. Early planted corn has been practically ruined in the southern counties. Late planted corn is quite generally beginning to tassle very small and is in critical condition. In southern counties it has been damaged considerably and with rain soon would produce only a partial crop. In northern counties the late planted corn is in better condition, although it has suffered considerably from drought. In many western counties a large percentage of the oats and spring wheat has been cut for hay and in many southern counties a large portion of the oat crop will not be threshed. Fruit of all kinds and garden vegetables have been damaged by the drought. Apples and peaches are dropping badly.

CONDITION OF THE IOWA CROP.

Early Corn Badly Damaged, but Rain Soon Would Save Late Planted.

Des Moines, July 24.—The week afforded no relief from the excessive heat prevalent the preceding week and larger part of the month. The past two weeks have broken all previous records of sustained high temperatures for so long a period in this state. Some mitigation of the torrid conditions was afforded by scattered showers in portions of the eastern and north central districts, but the drought has not been broken. The reports indicate that early corn in the tassling stage has suffered material damage in all parts of the state and especially in the southern and eastern districts. Late planted corn on deep, rich soil is showing much less injury and copious rains within a week would brighten the outlook for about three-fourths of the crop. The extent of actual loss cannot be estimated at this time. Harvesting small grain crops is nearly completed and threshing is in progress. Pastures, potatoes, apples and garden truck show continual deterioration.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—St. Louis, 5; Chicago, 6. Philadelphia, 2; Boston, 1. Pittsburgh, 9; Cincinnati, 2. New York, 3; Brooklyn, 8. American League—Chicago, 10; Philadelphia, 6. Milwaukee, 7; Boston, 9. Western League—Kansas City, 10; Des Moines, 2. St. Joseph, 0; Omaha, 2. Denver, 8; St. Paul, 7. Colorado Springs, 4; Minneapolis, 1.

HAULS DOWN A BRITISH FLAG.

Federal Commissioner Whipple of Unalaska Misunderstands Courtesy.

San Francisco, July 22.—News from Unalaska gives details of the alleged arbitrary acts of Federal Commissioner Whipple, who recently fined sailors and masters of ships. On the fourth of July the master of the British ship Glenova hoisted the English flag in honor of the American holiday. Judge Whipple was enraged when he saw the British flag flying and sent an officer on board and hauled it down. News of this outrage reached Captain Harry Knox of the United States gunboat Concord, which was in the harbor. He personally went to the Glenova, hoisted the British flag, returned to his own vessel, and then fired a salute in honor of the Englishman's courtesy.

Burns With All on Board.

Menominee, Mich., July 22.—Government Light Keeper Young saw a vessel afloat about 17 miles southeast of Green Island. He reported to the tug Menominee and that boat went out to the scene but the boat sank before it could be reached. It is not known what boat it was. It is feared that all on board were lost, as no report from any one on board the vessel has been received.

Four Killed at a Crossing.

Lebanon, N. H., July 22.—A carriage containing James Goodwin, William Thurston, Thomas Burns and Eddie McCabe was struck by the Montreal express on the Boston and Maine road shortly after midnight and all four were instantly killed.

Surprises Boer Commando.

Kroonstadt, July 22.—Major Pinecoffin surprised a Boer commando at Honingspruit July 19, capturing Commandant Hatting, two sons of General Prinsloo and 24 others, and killing and wounding 17.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Henry King Elkins, a pioneer lumberman of Chicago, died Sunday after an illness of nearly a year.

Secretary Root, who has been making an inspection of military posts in the west, returned to Washington Sunday.

Brigadier General Samuel T. Cushing, retired, formerly commissary general of subsistence, died in Washington Sunday.

The Spanish senate rejected a motion which had been proposed by Premier Sagasta, to determine by inquiry who was responsible for the disasters to Spain in the war with the United States.

Luther B. Richardson, ex-mayor of Grand Forks, N. D., and formerly territorial secretary, died Sunday. He had been prominently connected with the political history of the state for the past 25 years.

Two hundred workmen at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, are placing beneath the hull of the tremendous new battleship Maine the broad timber ways on which the vessel will glide into the Delaware at noon on July 27.