

## The Norfolk News

The Fourth of July is coming, so is Norfolk's celebration. Both of them are worth waiting for and the latter will be worth a trip across the continent to see.

The army of the United States has been reduced 10,000 men by order of President Roosevelt, and if there are any who are still losing sleep for fear the country is drifting into militarism, they should be comforted by this order and take a nap.

Oom Paul Krueger was one who did not receive the announcement of terms of peace in South Africa with delight. When he heard the news he exclaimed, "My God, it is impossible!"

Now that peace has been declared in South Africa, the British people will have more time to devote to the commercial aggressiveness of America, and to seeing if there is any prospect of lopping off a few hundred square miles of American territory in Alaska.

It is evident that the populists of the Third congressional district propose to see whether or not the democrats will treat them with fairness. The boom of R. A. Tawney of Pierce seems to be growing and it is not doubted that such sentiment is behind it.

Big Cherry republicans have an ear close to the ground and have named delegates favorable to the nomination of W. M. Robertson for governor. There will be other counties to be proud of the distinction that they were Robertson counties before many years have passed.

Two weeks from today is the date when W. M. Robertson will be named for governor and a month from the same date is the occasion of Norfolk's monster Fourth of July celebration. There is therefore every reason why the people of this city should look to the future with satisfaction.

Democrats who peruse the proceedings of the Ohio and Kansas republican platforms may readily conceive that if their party chooses to enter approaching campaigns on a scuttly policy in reference to the Philippines, the republicans will be only too willing to fight the battle with that as the "paramount" issue.

Senator Allen is of the opinion that unless Mr. Bryan will consent to be the fusion nominee for governor, the democrats and populists will each name a candidate. For the benefit of the fusion cause Mr. Bryan will probably consent to rush into the breach while Mr. Allen will continue to edit the Madison Mail until another breach is opened.

The Chicago meat consumer who was not distressed by the meat "trust" is being made to suffer through the action of the teamsters' "trust." They found it comparatively easy to meet the exactions of the packers but not so handy to overcome the barrier placed in the way of satisfaction to their meat appetite by the teamsters.

The representative of the Filipino people recently interviewed by the house committee stated that Governor Taft is much loved by the people there but he will have difficulty in making the democrats on that committee believe any such silly rot. The governor is despised and they know it whether the people of the island are aware of it or not.

It is little more than two weeks until the republicans meet in state convention and by that time, if W. M. Robertson continues to grow in popularity as he has been doing, it will be just as well to dispense with a ballot for governor, as it will be assured that the republicans and the delegates representing them will insist that he should be the candidate of the party.

In spite of what some statesmen who should know better may say, the American flag is in the Philippines for a noble purpose and time will demonstrate the truth of the assertion. Furthermore it is likely to remain in those islands until the purpose is accomplished with all honors according to the people who oppose a policy of scuttly.

It is most disgusting for certain persons—after the democrats have prepared and proven, to their satisfaction, that the United States army is composed of heartless brutes—to appear and prove the utter falsity of the testimony on which the highly patriotic democrats have based their story. They have no regard for the worthy inspiration for good that prompts democratic hearts.

President Roosevelt, who made several speeches in Nebraska when he was candidate for vice president, may renew his acquaintance with this state this fall. He no doubt recalls with pleasure the reception he got here at that time and would enjoy a similar experience again. Certainly the people would be delighted to have him come and can afford to promise him a rousing welcome.

Mr. Bryan's recent trip into the south, spoken of as a lecture tour, was in reality planned to feel the southern pulse

regarding the reorganization of the democratic party according to a Lincoln correspondent. The result of his trip leaves him assured that the south is determined to stand by him, and he expects to control two-thirds of the delegates to the next democratic national convention.

The key note of General Grosvenor's address before the Ohio state convention was, "Hold the Philippines and let the tariff alone," which will be a winning cry if adopted by the republicans generally. It is safe to say that there is a very small majority of the people in the country who favor the scuttly policy of the democrats and in view of the prevailing prosperity there are few who will wish to risk a return to calamity by a revision of the tariff laws.

Now will those who are endeavoring to make trouble in republican ranks let up a little on the story that Senator Hanna aspires to supersede President Roosevelt in 1904? The Ohio republican state convention has met and Senator Hanna's friends had everything their own way and yet strong resolutions were adopted endorsing the policy of President Roosevelt and strongly commending his attitude on the question of the day.

It is rumored that the Lincoln ring is insanely jealous of the one in Hayes county where seven of the twenty republican committeemen met recently and appointed delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and representative conventions. It is safe to say that if any of the seven committeemen wanted to go to a convention they were given that privilege and no questions asked. This is perhaps the most impermissible sample of ring rule ever chronicled in the state's history.

It is evident that the galleries of the senate sometimes better represent the sentiment of the country than the senator who may be addressing that body. When Senator Carmack made another attack on the soldiers in the Philippines the other day his words were received with hisses of disapproval. The senator should consider those hisses as coming from a large majority of the American people and cease his attacks on the soldier boys if he desires to be popular with any large portion of his countrymen.

It is evident that the Lincoln people are awake to the necessity of doing something to "de-gang" and propose that boss rule shall shortly be eliminated from the republican councils in that city. The best evidence of Lincoln's sincerity will be for it to unite with the balance of the state and nominate a state ticket above suspicion with W. M. Robertson for chief place. After they have done that the voters at large will have reason to believe that the capital city's politics have been thoroughly purified, for the time being at least.

This season promises to be one during which more people will go away for an outing or an extended visit than any summer season for many years, and it is because more people have the money to spend for such pleasures than ever before. They are prospering and getting out of debt and feel that it will not only benefit them but that the expense of some pleasurable recreation can be met without proving burdensome to their finances. It is a condition to be desired and it is to be hoped that nothing will occur to change it for years to come.

The candidacy of W. M. Robertson for governor has taken north Nebraska republicans by storm and has received favor with many from the south Platte country. He would make a desirable candidate to head the republican state ticket and many republicans realize that it will take a particularly clean and able man to maintain the republican plurality that has been created in the state. If the convention that meets on the 15th is fully informed concerning Judge Robertson there is little question as to the results of its ballot for the man to head the ticket.

President Palma is already encountering some of the snares that lay in the path of official life, as the chief executive of his native land. Some enterprising newspaper of that island got hold of and published his message before it was given to congress and the house passed a resolution in which it was stated that the premature publication of the document was a discourtesy on the part of the president. The president has undertaken to discover the leak through which the newspaper gained its intelligence. President Palma is thus early brought to realize that he not only has a congress on his hands but some energetic newspaper people as well.

President Roosevelt expresses his determination to discourage cruelties and outrages in the Philippines, but he objects to having his course along that line pointed out by representatives from portions of the United States where lynchings with inhuman cruelty and barbarity are practiced without a word of protest from those who pose as critics of the action of the soldiers. He holds that those outrages are no excuse for permitting cruelties in the Philippines, but considers that they should act

to control the language of those senators and congressmen representing states where actions are winked at which are a disgrace to the civilization of the people of the United States.

Sioux City commission men see relief in sight for the people who have been compelled to dig deep for the price of their beef steak and the coal with which to cook it. The relief will enforce a vegetable and fruit diet, but this will be welcome, especially in the summer time, to a large number of people. It is said that potatoes are now 65 cents a bushel, with prospects that they may soon be purchased for a quarter. Cabbage will be reduced from two cents a pound last year to one cent this season. Apples will be \$3 a barrel where they were \$4.50 last year. Peaches will be reduced from \$1.10 to 85 cents a bushel. Tomatoes, that brought \$1.50 a bushel last year will go at 50 cents this season. Cherries and grapes will be cheaper, but strawberries will continue high and scarce, because the vines were burned out last summer. This is a pleasing picture for those who eat and do not produce, but the farmer and gardener are not likely to go into raptures over the prospect.

Felipe Buencamino, former secretary of state in the cabinet of Aguinaldo, is here to tell the little Americans in congress, not only that the American soldiers are gentlemen, but that the Filipino people appreciate what the Americans have done for them and are ambitious to become Americans. And the statement comes from Aguinaldo himself that if the Filipino people had realized what the Americans would do for them there would have been no opposition to their occupancy of the islands. It may appear strange that some Americans have to be told that this is a fine country and supports a civilized government by these one time enemies and representatives of an inferior race, but there are some very queer people who enjoy the distinction of being Americans and living under the beneficent government of this country—and then they are hard pressed for campaign material and have no scruples about how some is obtained, even to belittling honored governmental institutions and policies.

Rev. George Armour Fair, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church at Sioux City is of the evident belief that Sunday outings are beneficial. He considers that "people who receive a small salary and who are shut up all week need a little fresh air once a week." It is not unlikely that a broad construction of the intent of the scriptures that Sunday should be a day of rest would enable many to see that rest for a person who is kept in the house all week would be an outing on Sunday, while the contrary would be true of those whose employment keeps them out of doors during the week. Such a construction would not necessarily mean that those who go on an outing should indulge in boisterous sports or dissipation. An outing may be of a genteel sort and in that way receive the sanction of many modern churches. It is not improbable that churches in the near future will attempt to bring their work into conformity with the Sunday outing spirit and carry on their work so that religion and out door rest may be had together. This is possible at camp meetings and chautauquas now but those are only for remote neighborhoods and for but two or three Sundays during the summer at that.

In a lengthy editorial last week the Madison Mail names Hon. W. J. Bryan for the fusion nomination for governor, explaining its reason for so doing. Mr. Bryan was interviewed at Lincoln regarding the matter and while denying that he is a candidate, the interview is couched in language to indicate that he would not refuse such a nomination if it was offered by the fusion parties. It has been expected that this was the plan of the party leaders, as they were so careful in keeping their names from being connected with an office which they knew could not be their's inasmuch as it was necessary for he who assumes to be dictator of the party's policy to win some sort of standing by at least carrying an election for governor in his home state. A weak point in the Mail's nomination is thus expressed: "The Mail sees no force in the argument that the republicans will flood the state with money to defeat Mr. Bryan. If they can defeat him with money they certainly can defeat a weaker candidate with a less sum of money, and they can defeat any candidate with a sufficient amount of money." It is weak in that it is a slam at the voters who are expected to support Mr. Bryan, intimating that they are purchasable cattle, and will be bought regardless of the principals they claim to support and regardless of the candidate who may be named. If the fusionists are purchasable and there is anyone who will desire their purchase it is the wing of the democratic party opposed to Mr. Bryan's policies. They will readily see that by his defeat for governor he will be successfully removed from the party leadership or any possibility of being the democratic nominee in 1904. If the state is flooded with money and the fusionists are bought the purchase price will undoubtedly come from such a source.

Sears for governor? Well, not as long as Judge Robertson is in the field.—Creighton Courier.

The drought and the calamity wailer have again been emphatically turned down by the weather man and crop prospects, prosperity and optimism are still in the ascendancy in Nebraska.

Senator Dietrich may be a young man in the senate, but he is proving himself abundantly capable of keeping any of the older boys from stepping on his toes or crowding him into an obscure back corner.

Appearances are that W. M. Robertson is first in the race for the republican nomination for governor. If appearances are deceitful he is a good, strong second, anyway, and crowding the leader in an uncomfortable manner.

The want columns of the Tribune last evening contained an eloquent exposition of the present-day prosperity. There were eighteen inquiries for female help, fifteen for male help; and there were just three inquiries for positions.—Sioux City Tribune.

The hod carriers of Muscatine, Iowa, struck for a raise from 20 to 22½ cents an hour Tuesday and got it, which is another evidence of prosperity. If there had been 10 men to one job as there was a few years ago the carriers would never have struck, and would not have got a raise if they had demanded it.

The democrats make the charge that the government is endeavoring to suppress information concerning the American army in the Philippines. The democrats certainly exert themselves, if not to suppress, at least to discredit, anything in favor of the army or the government coming from those islands.

There was evidently something wrong with the head of the ticket in Oregon for, whereas the democratic candidate for governor was elected by a majority of between one and two thousand votes, the republicans elected the balance of their state ticket and their candidates for congress by pluralities ranging around the 10,000 mark, and both houses of the legislature will be republican. Nebraska republicans can avoid a showing of this kind by nominating W. M. Robertson for governor.

The Lodge Philippine bill has passed the senate, and it has again been passed up to time to demonstrate that the republican policies in regard to the Philippines are the best, and this it will certainly do. The democrats with one exception voted against the measure. This exception was Senator McLaurin of South Carolina, who has been with the republicans on their expansion ideas ever since the question came up. If there is one feature of the passage of the bill more pleasing than another it is the thought that perhaps for a time speeches on the floor of that high body will not be made in denunciation of the American soldier and in support and praise of his Tagalog enemy.

The astonishing news is given in the World-Herald that the Boer delegates to the peace conference "wrote their names quietly." It had been considered that they would ride in on their chargers, smash the furniture and attach their names to the important document with a Gatling gun, or that they would be brought in in chains, raving wild and after yelling at the top of their voices and dancing the Boer war dance would have accomplished the signing of the articles, but a great daily informs its reader that they wrote quietly and a terrible suspense is relieved. If they had only seized their trenchant pens with an iron grasp and flourished them about their heads for a time or two and then signed with a warm, sizzling sound, no astonishment would be felt, but that they signed quietly is almost beyond belief and the people have the World-Herald to thank that it had a special correspondent on the ground and a cable hired to inform the public that they "wrote their names quietly."

The impression seems to have been given currency in some parts of the state that W. M. Robertson is in the race for governor to be retired in favor of some other candidate after the balloting begins. It is safe to presume that this story has been circulated by those who are opposed to the north Platte candidate. While it would be presumptuous and impossible for Mr. Robertson to hold his supporters under an iron clasp promise that they should vote for him and no one else during the convention—and few delegations would submit to any such dictation—he does desire that his friends should stay by him as long as there is any hope for his nomination, which his backers believe will be until he is nominated; but if it should develop that there is no chance of the nomination coming to Mr. Robertson he will undoubtedly favor his supporters going to the candidate next in their personal favor. Friends of Mr. Robertson who are thoroughly acquainted with him emphatically deny that he has anything of the machine-man attributes and they know him to be sincerely in earnest in his canvass for the position of the republican candidate for governor.

## CRISIS IN COAL STRIKE

Order to Engineers and Pumpmen Goes Into Effect.

BOTH SIDES ARE STANDING FIRM

Life of Organized Labor is at Stake. Should Strikers Gain the Day It Means Vast Destruction to the Mines—Furnace Workers Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 2.—The beginning of what is looked upon as a most important week in the progress of the anthracite coal miners' strike finds the entire region in an apprehensive mood. The order of the United Mine Workers of America calling out all the stationary engineers, firemen and pumpmen unless the companies grant them an eight hour day at present wages goes into effect today and no one can foretell the outcome of the new move. Victory for either side will be of immense advantage and both parties to the controversy are striving with all the power at their command to win. If the union succeeds in shutting down the companies, the mine properties will suffer damage that may reach into millions of dollars, and if the employers should be able to keep the water out of their works without the aid of organized labor it means that the power of the union in the mining region has reached its limit and that all help in the effort to force the mine owners to grant the demands for the army of 147,000 men must come from some outside source.

Three-fourths of the firemen, engineers and pumpmen employed at the 15 collieries in the Mahanoy valley quit work in response to the call of the miners' organization for an eight-hour day.

Garrisoning the Mines. The methods which have been adopted with regard to the nonunion men who take the places of strikers is not known. Practically all the nonunion men to be employed are now in the region. An army of approximately 3,000 armed Coal and Iron policemen, sworn in under a law of the state, is in the field, ready to protect these men and the mining properties. Every colliery in the coal belt has either a board or a barbed wire fence around it. At some of the mines "camp" cars are lying on the siding for the accommodation of the nonunion men, most of whom will live within the colliery confines during the suspension.

About 20 officers, in charge of a coal company agent, boarded a trolley car at the Hazleton house for Free-lance last evening. The streets of the city were crowded and when the officers came in sight about 500 men rushed at them, hissing and yelling. It was feared the crowd would attack the officers and trouble would undoubtedly have occurred had not Chief of Police Ferry and his men held the excited strike sympathizers back until the car left. As the car started the yelling and hissing was resumed. Two of the imported men remained in the city and as they proceeded through the crowd under police protection were hooted. The ten servant girls at the Hazleton house, where some of the officers are quartered, immediately after the episode, quit their posts, with declarations that they would not wait upon the imported men.

FURNACE WORKERS QUIT WORK.

Operators Claim the Strike is Practically Defeated.

Pittsburg, June 2.—The blast furnace operators of the Shenango and Shamokin valleys feel confident that the strike of furnace workers, inaugurated yesterday, is practically defeated. The operators say ten of the 30 furnaces are working and claim to have new men ready to take the places of all strikers. No effort was made to extend the strike to the Pittsburg district, the leaders say, because in some instances superintendents of furnaces asked for more time and arranged for conferences during the week.

Reports to the furnace owners say four furnaces of the National Steel company at Youngstown and three at Newcastle of the same company, are operating. Also one of the Sharon Steel company at Sharon and two of the W. P. Snyder company at Sharpsville. Twenty of the other furnaces in the valleys are banked. The strike leaders claim that most of the valley furnaces are closed down. Thomas H. Flink, the Federation of Labor organizer, who has charge of the strike, says that unless concessions are made the strikers' ranks will be doubled within a week.

Will Vote on Socialism.

Denver, June 2.—Today's session will be the most important of the Western Federation of Labor and the Western Miners' union. The matter of the adoption of socialism or of independent political action will come up in both conventions and it is expected that a vote will be taken before adjournment for the day. President Boyce and some of the other leaders predict a victory for socialism, but it is estimated that this will not carry without much opposition.

Rain Falls in Torrents.

Burlington, Ia., June 2.—The heaviest rainstorm of the year struck Burlington yesterday, damaging crops and residence property. It is estimated that the rainfall was six to eight inches. The Mississippi river has risen a foot in the last 12 hours and is still rising.

## NEW BOXER OUTBREAK.

French and Belgian Missionaries Killed and Converts Massacred.

Victoria, June 2.—Advices were received by steamer that the different missions at Peking have been informed that in southwest Chi Li a new Boxer insurrection has broken out, lead by Go Chi Hing, who killed his wife and family, and others executed the example before the campaign commenced. The Boxers first murdered a French missionary and later killed a Belgian priest and 50 Chinese officials engaged in collecting taxes were killed.

A church was destroyed at Wei Hsin, where a native missionary was killed and a large number of converts slaughtered. Troops were sent against the Boxers, who defeated them. The rebels are credited with a program of overrunning Honan and Shan Tung and then making for Peking. They are well armed.

## NEBRASKA CORN AND WHEAT.

Acreage of Former Decreases and Later Increases.

Chicago, June 2.—The Corn Belt, published by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, in its issue today says:

"Corn planting in Nebraska was done mainly between April 15 and May 2, but some as late as May 10, and reports are in from ten localities, but the planting continued as late as May 20. The condition of ground at the time of planting was better than last year, and the present condition of stand is excellent. A slight decrease of acreage is reported, owing to a corresponding increase of winter wheat acreage. All reports show the condition of winter wheat in Nebraska good. Out of 213 reports on the oats crop 95 said good, 90 fair and 78 that the prospect was poor."

## Hot Fighting in Colombia.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 2.—The British steamer Atlatro arrived here yesterday from Colon, Colombia. She reports that there was heavy fighting at Bocas del Toro last week. The revolutionists are said to have mined the town of Bocas. While the government troops were marching into Bocas to recapture it the mines were exploded and almost all the government soldiers were killed. Colon and Panama are now the only towns in the isthmus in the control of the government, and troops are being poured into these two ports with the hope of stemming the revolutionary advance.

## Will Appeal Murder Case.

Des Moines, June 2.—The attorneys for Louis Busse of Bremer county have taken steps to appeal the case against him to the supreme court. Busse is a German who was engaged in farming in Butler county and, after a quarrel with his wife, he murdered her and attempted to burn the body in a building so as to hide all evidences of the crime. The trial was had in Bremer county and he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. His friends hope to secure a new trial and have the sentence changed to a term in the penitentiary.

## Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Cincinnati, 8; St. Louis, 3.  
American Association—Columbus, 9; Toledo, 5. St. Paul, 9; Minneapolis, 3. Kansas City, 8; Milwaukee, 6. Louisville, 5; Indianapolis, 1.  
Western League—Omaha, 4; Kansas City, 5. Colorado Springs, 9; Milwaukee, 10. Denver, 8; Peoria, 0.

## Threshers Form a Union.

Falls City, Neb., June 2.—The grain threshers of Richardson county have formed a union. The object is to charge a uniform price for threshing. Each member takes an obligation to charge the price decided upon by the union. All supplies needed, such as coal, lubricating oil, etc., will be bought at wholesale.

## Actress in a Sad Plight.

New York, June 2.—Ada Gray, a noted actress in her day, but now a helpless invalid, has been found alone and almost destitute in a little cottage at City Island. Neighbors, who discovered her plight, had her removed to the Fordham hospital, where she probably will be cared for by the actors' fund.

## Grover Cleveland to Speak.

New York, June 2.—Former President Grover Cleveland has accepted an invitation to speak at the opening of the new Tilden club on June 19. About 1,500 men prominent in the Democratic party have been invited. Among those expected are David B. Hill and William J. Bryan.

## No Change in the Covenant.

Pittsburg, June 2.—After a long and animated discussion yesterday the 44th general assembly of the United Presbyterian church decided, in effect, that the time was not ripe to take action on changes proposed on the covenant membership.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The new French chamber of deputies met Sunday for the first time. Walter Powell is dead and Daniel Trewitz is dying as the result of a bicycle collision at Lancaster, Pa.

June 26 and 27, the days of King Edward's coronation, have been proclaimed public holidays in Pretoria. A letter found in the possession of L. Wachman, a traveling salesman, who committed suicide in a Chicago saloon Sunday, leads to the belief that he was a member of a suicide club.

A. G. Corre, aged 61 years, president and principal owner of the Grand hotel and the Gibson house, Cincinnati, is dead, after an illness of three months.