

# KIRBY CHOSEN PRESIDENT

### Transmississippi Congress Puts in a Busy Day.

### HILL TALKS OF ORIENTAL TRADE

### Trust and Anti-Trust Resolutions Are Introduced and Referred to Appropriate Committee—Eustis Takes Issue With Thurber.

St. Paul, Aug. 21.—The trust question was in evidence yesterday in the discussions before the Transmississippi congress and a number of resolutions bearing on its various phases were introduced and referred to the committee on resolutions. Colonel Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis introduced a series of strong anti-trust resolutions, which declared that trusts are a menace to a republican form of government and to the hopes and ambitions of youth and urged the president to enforce existing laws against illegal combinations, and if those laws are insufficient he is asked to call upon congress to supply the deficiency. On the other hand, F. B. Thurber of New York introduced a resolution asking the congress to suspend judgment until it can be learned from experience whether or not trusts are an evil. Mr. Thurber, in a speech, said that after months of inquiry he was enabled to assert that the so-called beef trust was a figment of the imagination. This called forth a resolution from William Henry Eustis of Minneapolis, asking that this part of Mr. Thurber's address be expunged from the records of the congress. The motion caused a lively debate and was made a special order for today's session.

A number of notable addresses were made yesterday, those of Lyman E. Cooley upon "Inland Waterways" and of President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway on "Oriental Trade" being of special interest.

Speaking of the proposed isthmian ship canal, Mr. Hill declared he would not lay a straw in the way of its construction at an expense of some \$500,000,000, but in his opinion \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 spent in deepening the channel of the Mississippi between New Orleans and St. Louis would give far better results in the end. As to money spent on the improvement of the upper waters of that same river, he thought it would be much better invested in irrigating the arid regions of the great west. He suggested that it would be the best plan for the government to irrigate and develop 1,000 acres of land at a probable expense of \$5 or \$10 an acre, then sell it for from \$15 to \$20 an acre, thereby creating a fund from which to carry on further irrigation schemes without any expense beyond that first involved.

The committee on permanent organization made its report, and by its adoption by the congress John N. Kirby of Houston, Tex., becomes the new president of the body.

### IOWA PROHIBITIONISTS MEET.

### Hold Two Days' Convention at Waterloo to Name a Ticket.

Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 21.—The Prohibition state convention, in session here, did not get very far past the talking stage yesterday. As a result, a two days' convention will be held. The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock and Captain K. M. Brown of Ames was selected as temporary chairman. The permanent organization was formed with J. H. Campbell of Polk as permanent chairman. The platform will contain a strong woman suffrage plank. The new state central committee has been named, with Malcolm Smith of Cedar Rapids as chairman. The convention has about 200 delegates in attendance.

### Universal Peace Union.

Mystic, Conn., Aug. 21.—Six delegates and fifty other persons interested in universal peace assembled here yesterday for the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Universal Peace union and the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Connecticut Christian Peace society. The exercises will extend over four days. Among those who sent letters were Edward Everett Hale, Carl Schurz, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, and Mark Twain.

### Lightning Kills Two.

Emporia, Kan., Aug. 21.—During a severe thunderstorm, lightning struck the farm house of Henry Moyer, nine miles west of here, killing Mrs. Moyer and her granddaughter. Four other members of the family were in the house at the time and were stunned. Little damage was done to the house.

### Falling Off in Pensions.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 21.—The annual report of Wilder S. Metcalf, pension agent, shows for the first time in the history of the office a falling off in the amount of money paid out for pensions. The total amount disbursed from Topeka during the fiscal year ending June 30 was \$15,905,135.59.

### Kniskern Is Promoted.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Announcement was made of the promotion of Warren B. Kniskern, general passenger agent of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, to the position of passenger traffic manager of that company. The appointment is effective today.

### Taubman Placed on Ticket.

Mitchell, S. D., Aug. 21.—At a meeting of the Democratic state central committee, held here, Thomas Taubman, editor of the Plankinton Herald, was placed on the state ticket for auditor in place of Wayne Mason, who resigned.

### IDENTITY OF BODY IN DOUBT.

### Coroner's Investigation of Chicago Mystery Proves Fruitless.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—After an investigation by the Chicago police extending over a fortnight and two days' coroner's inquest, the authorities are still in doubt whether the body of the murdered woman found in the field at Seventy-fourth street was really that of Minnie Mitchell. Three men stand accused of complicity in her death, and that of Mrs. Anne Bartholin, and are held in heavy bonds to the grand jury, yet Patrolman Watson, who found the body, could not tell its sex because of its advanced stage of decomposition. Coroner's Physician Springer stated that the body must have lain ten or twelve weeks before the brain could have been absorbed, and that had quicklime been used by the murderer, as conjectured, maggots would not have entered the body, as was the case. Even the coroner's jury, when it rendered a verdict yesterday, recommending that Oscar Thompson, Edward Counselman and John Claffy be held to explain the death, stated only that the body was supposed to be that of Minnie Mitchell.

Articles of clothing found near the dead body, however, were identified by the Mitchell family and a week ago the body was buried as Minnie Mitchell by relatives of the girl, who has been missing since July 30, and who was last seen in the company of her sweetheart, William J. Bartholin. Two witnesses, Lieutenant Healy and William Allen, testified that Counselman, the intimate friend of Bartholin, had told them the fugitive wanted money with which to pay for a surgical operation on the Mitchell girl at a north side hospital.

With this conflicting testimony to hinder them, the police are almost stalled in their search for Bartholin.

### MUTINY IN A PENITENTIARY.

### Three Convicts Create Wild Excitement in a Kentucky Prison.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 21.—The officials of the state penitentiary and the citizens of Frankfort were thrown into a state of wild excitement yesterday by a riot in the prison, started by an attempt to gain their liberty on the part of three desperate murderers, Lafayette Brooks, Wallace Bishop and T. Mulligan.

Before the riot, which began at 6 o'clock and lasted until after 10, was quelled and the mutinous convicts captured, Bishop was fatally wounded, Mulligan was shot in the shoulder and a negro convict, Albert Ransome, was hit by a rifle ball.

The rioting started while Brooks, Mulligan and Bishop, one of whom had a pistol, were coming out of the dining room. Suddenly one of the convicts drew a weapon and compelled Guard Gill to give up his arms. Guard Hurst and Foreman Willis were also captured by the convicts, who barricaded themselves in the chain factory, using the captured guards as shields. After several shots had been fired, the convicts agreed to surrender. They emerged from the room with their hands up, but as they proceeded down the stairway, Bishop dropped his hands to his side as if to draw a weapon. He had hardly made the motion when one of the warden's party fired, the bullet striking Bishop in the breast, inflicting a fatal wound. When Bishop fell Mulligan and Brooks sank to their knees, begging the warden to save their lives, and by 10:30 o'clock the two desperadoes, heavily shackled, were placed in their cells and quiet had been restored.

### PLATTSMOUTH AGAIN FLOODED.

### Fire Bells Bring People to Aid of City's Property.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 21.—A mighty river ran down Main street at the noon hour yesterday, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars to the business men and the city. A heavy cloud hung over the city at noon and rain fell in great sheets.

The fire bell summoned the people to action and men worked hurriedly at the mouth of the sewers to keep them open, but all to no purpose. The water rapidly rose, laden with soil and debris, rushing down Vine street to Sixth street, then across to the rear of the business blocks on that side of Main street, the avenue not being adequate enough to carry the volume of water. Two and a fourth inches of rain fell in the course of an hour. The damage is estimated at \$25,000, some of the brick buildings being badly wrecked.

### SEVERE STORM STRIKES IOLA.

### Buildings Wrecked and Two Passenger Coaches Blown Over.

Iola, Kan., Aug. 21.—A severe wind storm struck here last night, doing thousands of dollars damage, but causing no loss of life. The worst damage was done in the factory district in East Iola. Two brick buildings of the Aurora foundry were demolished, and three buildings of the New Jersey Zinc company's smelter were unroofed. Two passenger coaches of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train were turned over. The passengers escaped with slight bruises. D. C. Williams, a foundry employe, was the only person seriously hurt. His shoulder was broken by falling brick. Many frame dwellings were blown down or unroofed and fallen trees and telephone poles litter the streets. The heavy rain which accompanied the storm added much to the damage.

### Eleven Claim to Be Wives of Prisoner.

Ottumwa, Ia., Aug. 21.—Two women have appeared claiming to be the wives of Greely Napier, arrested here and wanted in Harrison county, Missouri, on a charge of burglary. It is stated that eleven other women at various points in Iowa and Missouri claim to be wives of the prisoner.

### Cronje Sails for South Africa.

Jamestown, Island of St. Helena, Aug. 21.—A thousand Boers, including General Cronje, his wife and his staff, sailed from here for South Africa.

# MIMIC NAVAL WAR IS ON

### Maneuvers Begun Off the Atlantic Coast.

### SQUADRON STEAMS OUT TO SEA

### Ships Now Are Considered Enemies and a Defensive Fleet Will Endeavor to Prevent a Landing on the New England Shore.

Rockport, Mass., Aug. 21.—The New England coast from Cape Cod to Portland harbor is on a war basis and will be so for some time to come. The men most interested are the commanders and men of the North Atlantic squadron.

To put the situation in a few words, is to say that somewhere in the Atlantic is a fleet supposed by the North Atlantic fleet to be a hostile one, which by strategy purely intends reaching the New England shore. On the other hand, Rear Admiral Higginson is to use his fleet to stop that enemy. It is a war game to be worked out with real men manning actual fighting machinery, unavoidable conditions of wind and wave, with the probabilities of fog and storm, and what is more important, the ever present danger of disaster on the reefs and shoals, which naturally guard much of this coast line.

The war game began at noon yesterday, when Rear Admiral Higginson moved his fleet out of the harbor of refuge here and went in search of the enemy. Last night the picket line was established and mimic war began at any moment. The conditions, however, make it appear that Commander Pillsbury will not attempt to land until tonight, but his attack is expected then.

The question which confronted Admiral Higginson as he studied his maps on the Kearsarge was the locality and hour of attack. He has established his naval intelligence bureau, connecting all points on the shore from Portland to Provincetown, and the central point is in a shed on the shore of the harbor of refuge. By telephonic communication, the flag ship can be warned of the appearance of a strange vessel off shore, and in such an event the admiral can hastily assemble his fleet and proceed to that point. All was activity on the defending squadron last night, although the night was one of the most beautiful of the summer, almost making it certain that Commander Pillsbury would not be so rash as to attempt to run in to the coast, when his craft could be seen miles away.

### PLANS OF THE MANEUVERS.

### Attacking Fleet Must Seize and Hold Port for Six Hours Before Aug. 25.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The mimic naval war began at noon yesterday. Admiral Higginson and Commander Pillsbury, in command of the rival fleets, designated "blue" and "white," the latter under command of Commander Pillsbury, being the attacking fleet, were supplied with confidential instructions, which went into effect at noon. The problem for the "white" fleet, which is at sea, is to effect a landing between Portland, Me., and Cape Cod before Aug. 25. To be successful, the attacking fleet must seize some unended anchorage between the points named and hold it for six hours. The instructions define the harbor seized as one that must be capable of gun and mine defense, with not less than six fathoms of water, anchorage for several large ships and in all respects suitable for an advance base for an enemy's fleet, including heavy ships.

Under the instructions defining the character of the harbor he must seize, Commander Pillsbury is considerably restricted. The Prairie, which is the heaviest draught vessel in his fleet, draws slightly under twenty-two feet, the Panther eighteen feet and the Supply twenty feet.

Naval officers here generally agree that the chances against the white squadron in the game which is on are very great, and that practically its only chance of success would lie in the existence of a heavy fog, under which Commander Pillsbury might slip through the squadron of scouts and reach shore in an unended harbor. The distance between Cape Cod, the southern extremity of the coast defended by Admiral Higginson's fleet, and Portland, Me., is only about 100 miles. In addition to the torpedo craft and his light ships, which he could use as scouts and string along between these points almost within signal distance of each other, while the heavier ships were held together ready to move at some central point, Admiral Higginson has stationed ensigns all along the shore to report the enemy the instant it is sighted. These naval officers will be reinforced by all marine observers along the coast. To win, the white squadron must be in port for six hours without being confronted with a superior force.

### Begin Mining Coal.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 21.—The coal operators of the Wyoming region took a step forward yesterday. The Warnock washery at Durys, under a strong guard, was kept in operation all day and the Malby breaker of the Lehigh Valley Coal company prepared a lot of coal which had been mined for market.

### Cronje Sails for South Africa.

Jamestown, Island of St. Helena, Aug. 21.—A thousand Boers, including General Cronje, his wife and his staff, sailed from here for South Africa.

### FIVE ARE BURNED TO DEATH.

### Two Women and Three Children Perish in a New York Tenement.

New York, Aug. 20.—In a tenement house fire at 35 Essex street two women and three children were burned to death, another woman was burned severely about the body and face and a man had three ribs broken by jumping from a window to the pavement. The bodies of the dead women were burned beyond recognition. The injured woman is Mrs. Rosa Moses and the man who jumped is Jacob Moscovitz. A woman named Mrs. Hannah Balothin could not be found after the fire, and it was believed that one of the burned bodies found was hers.

Nathan Liebowitzer reported to the police that his four children, respectively three, five, six and eight years old, were missing, and a search of the building resulted in the finding of the badly burned bodies of two children, supposed to be Liebowitzer's. The body of an elderly woman was also found.

### DROWNS HIS FOUR CHILDREN.

### Kansas Farmer Murders Three Girls and Boy, Then Shoots Himself.

Sallina, Kan., Aug. 20.—Joseph Anderson, a farmer living east of Sallina, in a fit of despondency, drowned his four children, three girls and a boy, in a cistern, and then shot himself with a revolver. Anderson is still alive, but will probably die. Financial matters had affected his mind. The crime was committed during the absence of the mother. The oldest child was six years old and the youngest a babe of four months. Anderson left a note on a table in the parlor notifying the mother that the children could be found in the cistern.

### JEALOUS RIVAL SHOOTS PASTOR

### Rev. Lomack, Colored Clergyman, Mortally Wounded by Al McKinney.

Des Moines, Aug. 20.—Rev. Frank Lomack, pastor of the First African Baptist church, will probably die as the result of two bullet wounds received at the hands of Al McKinney last night while escorting Mrs. Sophia Tyler home from the opera.

McKinney sprang from a clump of bushes and opened the duel. Rev. Lomack replying with four ineffectual shots. McKinney is under arrest. He had sought the hand of Mrs. Tyler, and was jealous of Lomack.

### GATES FACTION LOSES OUT.

### Court Denies Application for Injunction in Colorado Fuel Case.

Denver, Aug. 20.—The John W. Gates faction of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company have lost another round in their battle for control of that company. Judge Reiner of the United States district court denied their application for a preliminary injunction to prevent officials of the company from refusing to allow them to vote proxies they claim to have at the stockholders' meeting, scheduled for today in this city.

### Third Robber Captured.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 20.—Lee H. Smith, said to be the third robber of the Mexican Central train, from which \$53,000 was taken, has been captured in the mountains of western Chihuahua. Details of the capture are meager, but it is known that a battle took place, and before the bandit surrendered his ammunition was exhausted and one member of the posse killed. Forty thousand dollars of the treasure, of which Smith had about \$10,000, has been recovered.

### Chief Charlots Dead.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 20.—Chief Charlots, the famous Indian scout of the Rocky mountain district, is dead on the Flathead reservation. It is asserted that Charlots' death removes the only barrier that has prevented the opening of the Flathead reservation for settlement. This he has all ways opposed.

### Apple Growers to Meet.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—At a meeting of prominent apple growers, representing the different states in the Mississippi valley, it was decided last night to hold a convention on Nov. 18 and 19 in St. Louis, and form an organization for the regulation of prices on apples.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The town of Pontjanak, near the west coast of Dutch Borneo, has been almost completely destroyed by fire. Many lives were lost.

Mrs. Jesse Romack, wife of a prominent merchant of Sharpville, Ill., killed her one-month-old baby by cutting its throat with a table knife and then slashed her own throat from ear to ear.

Roadmaster Fred Stevens was shot and killed and Jim Mitchell, a negro porter, dangerously wounded in a fight with disorderly negroes on a Seaboard Air line train near Middleburg, N. C.

Charles H. Thompson, better known as "Butch" Thompson, died at Saratoga after a long illness. Thompson was one of the richest gamblers in this country and leaves property valued at \$500,000.

Private Weik in First Place. Chicago, Aug. 20.—Private Frank Weik, company I, Twentieth infantry, by scoring 181 out of a possible 200 points at the army infantry competition shoot at Fort Sheridan yesterday, brought himself up from second to first place. Weik's score for the two days' shooting at rectangular targets is 350. Preston B. Savage, artificer, company B, Eighteenth infantry, is a close second, with a total of 348. First Sergeant Archie Dubeerry, who stood first in the preliminary practice last week, is third, with 340 points.

# NINE OR MORE ARE KILLED

### Steel Digesters in Delaware Pulp Mills Explode.

### SIX MEN LISTED AS MISSING.

### Three Others Are Probably Fatally Injured—Vats Become Too Full of Steam and Burst—Buildings Are Completely Wrecked.

Wilmington, Aug. 21.—Nine workmen are known to have been killed, six are missing and three others are badly injured by the explosion of two steel digesters in the Delaware Pulp mills of the Jessup & Moore Paper company, on the Christina river, yesterday afternoon.

The known dead are Frank Harris, William Burke, James Nagle, John McCormick, Zachariah Collins (colored), James Stokes, Joseph Lumbacher, Granville Waters, Jos. Henry. The missing are William Scott, Joseph Hutton, William Ruth, fromen.

The injured: James Jester, recovery doubtful; John Collins, burned and inhaled flames; George Durham, burned and scalded, recovery doubtful; Thomas Reeves, may die.

The digesters were located in a two-story building. There were ten of them in the building, each resembling a vat, and about six feet in diameter. They were used for reducing wood pulp. Eighteen men were at work in the building. There were two terrific reports and the next instant the building and the mills about the structures were completely wrecked. One digester was blown into the air and fell to the ground 250 feet away. A dense volume of smoke for a time prevented the outside workmen from going to the rescue. Several men made their escape without any injury.

An alarm of fire was sounded, and the entire fire department and a large force of policemen were soon on the scene. Several workmen were taken out unconscious, only to die in hospitals. The wreckage was piled up for more than thirty feet and the escaping steam made the work of rescue difficult. Those who were not killed outright, were mangled and burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters.

The officers of the company think that too much steam was generated into the digesters and that this was the cause of the explosion. The monetary loss is estimated at \$35,000.

### KILLED BY MINE BLAST.

### Two Men at Rochford, S. D., Suddenly Sent to Death.

Rochford, S. D., Aug. 21.—William Ladd and Peter Olson were killed by a blast in the Ohio-Deadwood mine near here yesterday. They were starting an air drill in a tunnel, 150 feet from the entrance, and it is supposed they struck a charge of giant powder that failed to go when the blasts were fired the night before.

Their bodies were so blown to pieces that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other. Ladd owned a small store here and left a wife and five children. Olson was unmarried.

### PANA WRECKED BY STORM.

### Illinois Town Severely Damaged by Tornado and Cloudburst.

Pana, Ill., Aug. 21.—A cloudburst and tornado struck Pana yesterday afternoon. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done and several persons were injured. The Catholic church steeple was blown down and with it the four-ton bell. Hotels and business blocks were unroofed. Windows were broken, and shade trees are almost a total wreck. The \$25,000 Y. M. C. A. building was almost demolished. The Baltimore and Ohio depot at Millerville was blown away. The loss will reach \$150,000.

### Freight Runs into Washout.

Sterling, Ill., Aug. 21.—A cloudburst near Fenton deluged several hundred acres of land, destroying the corn crop. Two miles of track on the Mendota branch of the Burlington railroad was washed out and a freight train ran into the washout and was ditched. George Wells, fireman, of Fulton, Ill., and Frank Murray, engineer, of Cullton, Ill., were killed. One of the cars was loaded with horses, which were killed and maimed. The loss to the farmers is estimated at \$150,000.

### Four Killed in Wreck.

Schenectady, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Four men were killed and a score of others injured near Hoffman's ferry by the breaking in half of a New York Central freight train and the subsequent crashing of the rear half into the front part, which had stopped. William Horman, William Harkness, Frank Cross and Frank Shubert were killed.

### Moors Attack French Caravan.

Paris, Aug. 21.—A telegram received here from Oran, Algeria, says that a party of Moors recently attacked a French military supply column near Ain Deykell and that numbers were killed or wounded on both sides. Troops are in pursuit of the Moors.

### Trolley Accident Victim Dies.

New York, Aug. 21.—One of the victims of the trolley accident in the Bronx died at Fordham hospital. He was identified as William Keyes of San Jose, Cal. Mr. Keyes is said to be a member of a wealthy family in San Jose.

### Hoffman Is Nominated.

Clinton, Ia., Aug. 21.—William Hoffman of Muscatine was nominated for congress by the Second district Republican convention.

### KRUGER SCOLDS BOER CHIEFS.

### Utrecht Conference Reported to Have Been Somewhat Stormy.

Utrecht, Holland, Aug. 21.—The Boer generals, Botha, Dewet and Delarey, accompanied by Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Fischer, Weissen, Woltraarans and Reitz and others, arrived here yesterday from The Hague to visit former President Kruger and consult with him on the South African situation. The large crowds assembled at the railroad station and in the streets warmly applauded the Boers. The spectators at the station sang the Boer national anthem.

The conference between the Boer generals, the Boer delegates and Mr. Kruger lasted three hours. According to some reports it was rather stormy. At the end of an hour and a half the delegates withdrew, leaving Generals Dewet, Delarey and Botha with Mr. Kruger. Little is given out as to what took place, but it is understood that the generals found the former president of the Transvaal in no way inclined to acquiesce to British dominion in South Africa, and still clinging to the idea of a United South Africa, under the Boer flag. Mr. Kruger is even said to have bitterly upbraided the generals for giving up Boer independence. The generals returned to The Hague last night.

### BOYACA IS FLYING REBEL FLAG.

### Former Government Gunboat Sighted at Sea Off Panama.

Panama, Aug. 21.—The former government gunboat Boyaca, which left here July 29, to carry 300 soldiers to Agua Dulce and which was captured by the Colombian revolutionists, is now at sea, flying the rebel flag. Revolutionary reports of the capture of the gunboat are that she fought two hours before being captured.

The steamer Palena reached port yesterday from the south and her captain reports having met the Boyaca flying the flag of the revolutionists off the island of Tabouilla, about fifteen miles from Panama.

Nothing is known here of the reported surrender of the government general, Morales Berti, to the revolutionists at Agua Dulce. No news has been received from this general for some time, but government officials express the belief that he would only succumb after a gallant fight. The situation here is serious, but there is nothing to show that General Herrera intends to attack Panama immediately and the statement that he is now marching toward this city is discredited.

### Cape Parliament Opens.

Cape Town, Aug. 21.—The Cape parliament assembled yesterday. Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, governor of the colony, announced in a speech that martial law would be removed on the passage of a bill indemnifying the governor and all persons imprisoned for acts committed under martial law.

### European Nations Protest.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Aug. 21.—Advices have been received here that Germany, France and Great Britain, in joint conference, protested yesterday against the blockade of Venezuelan ports. The Venezuelan government will make a reply.

### Craig Named for Congress.

Burlington, Ia., Aug. 21.—John E. Craig of Keokuk was nominated for congress yesterday by the Democratic convention of the First district.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Havana longshoremen and lighter-men of all classes and the dock laborers went out on strike Wednesday.

George Kelly is under arrest at San Francisco on a telegram from Bonne Terre, Mo., charging him with a murder committed there.

Judge J. Gordon Russell was nominated for congress by the Democrats of the Third Texas district to succeed R. C. DeGraffenreid.

Edward and Richard Sutton, aged six and eight years respectively, were drowned together in Cole's creek, near Merchantville, N. J., while wading in the stream.

A tray containing forty-two diamond rings was stolen from a show case in the jewelry store of Webster & Co., Brooklyn, Wednesday, and the thief made his escape undetected.

A call for a convention of commercial telegraphers, to be held in Chicago, Sept. 20, was sent out Wednesday. The purpose is the forming of an international organization.

The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, closed its biennial session Wednesday at San Francisco with the installation of officers. The supreme lodge will meet in Louisville in 1904.

General Russell A. Alger, former secretary of war, has issued a statement announcing himself a receptive candidate for the United States senate from Michigan to succeed the late James McMillan.

John Graham, a ranchman west of El Paso, Tex., after a battle with a smuggler, captured two Chinamen who were being smuggled across the border Wednesday night. With his eight-year-old son, Graham guarded the Chinamen all night.

A Chinese compositor needs a type case at least sixty feet long and has to walk about twenty-five miles a day up and down it.

When we get what we want, we do not enjoy it as much as we had anticipated.—Acheson Globe.

Our Luck. "What is the national air of this country?" asked the foreigner. "This is a republic and therefore has no national air," replied the native.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.