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## RUSSIAN FLEET SAILS

Vessels, Cleared for Action, Leave Port Arthur.

### THEIR DESTINATION UNKNOWN

May Establish a Blockade—Russian Commander at Vladivostock Notifies Japanese to be Ready to Leave at Moment's Notice.

Port Arthur, Feb. 4.—The entire Russian fleet, with the decks of the vessels cleared for action, left this port this morning.

The destination of the fleet is unknown, by *Navy State historical Society* believed here that something will take place, and it has been reported that a blockade of Japanese vessels is contemplated.

### WARN JAPS TO LEAVE.

Order of Russian General Says a Siege May Come Soon.

Vladivostock, Feb. 4.—The Russian commander has notified the Japanese residents of the city to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

He gave out the statement that a siege is likely to be in effect at any time now.

### War on, Perhaps.

London, Feb. 4.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon a special was received by the Evening News which says that Japan has refused further negotiations and has decided to begin action at once. This is interpreted here as meaning that war has already commenced in the far east.

### Calls Convention.

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—Chairman Harry C. Lindsay, of the republican state committee, yesterday issued his formal call for the state convention of Nebraska republicans to be held May 18 in Lincoln. The call specifies that the vote cast for J. B. Barnes for supreme judge at the election last November will serve as the basis of representation. The different counties will be entitled to one delegate for every 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Judge Barnes.

### CHANGE DATE OF OMAHA MEET.

Farmers' National Co-operative Convention to Be Held in March.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The meeting of the Farmers' National Co-operative association, which was to have been held in Omaha, June 14, will be held March 1, and all persons interested in co-operation are being invited to attend the meeting. The change in the date is because June is such a busy month with the farmers that many of them would be unable to attend the meeting on the original date. The meeting in Omaha is being held for the purpose of consolidating the various co-operative movements and organizing the American Farmers' exchange and to inaugurate measures deemed necessary to secure better prices for farm products.

### HANNA IS SUFFERING SERIOUSLY

A Physician in New York Has Been Sent for as He Has Recurring Attack of Grip.

Washington, Feb. 4.—New York physicians have just been wired to come to see Senator Hanna. A bulletin says that he has recurrent attacks of grip with unusual physical depression.

### SENATOR GAMBLE ACTIVE.

Will Take up House Bill Opening the Rosebud and Urge its Passage.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Gamble will take up the house bill opening the Rosebud Indian reservation to settlement and hopes to secure a favorable report from the Indian committee, of which he is a member. "I have no fear about the bill," said Mr. Gamble tonight. "I have seen Senator Platt, of Connecticut, and he told me that he would not oppose the measure. This gives us a fair field and I hope to see the bill signed and made a law by next week."

### Will Move Cave to St. Louis.

Hot Springs, S. D., Feb. 4.—J. H. Keith, of Cascade, has concluded arrangements for exhibiting his famous Crystal Cave at the St. Louis exposition. This is one of the chief exhibits which constituted one of the chief attractions at the Chicago exposition, and was visited at that time by 2,000,000 people. The exhibit requires three cars to convey it to St. Louis, where it will arrive during February ready for exhibition at the time of the opening.

### NEW TRIAL FOR KEERL.

Convicted Murderer Will Have Another Chance.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 4.—Because of defect in the information charging murder, and errors in the instruction of the presiding judge to the jury on the question of insanity, the supreme court has reversed the order of the Lewis and Clark county district court denying a motion for a new trial, made by the attorneys for James S. Keerl, who was convicted in Helena last fall

of second degree murder for the killing of Thomas Crystall, a bartender with whom he had quarreled while under the influence of liquor. The trial was long drawn out and bitterly contested, and attracted a great deal of attention because of the defendant's former social and business standing in the community, he for years having ranked as one of the most proficient civil engineers in this section. All members of the supreme court concurred in the action.

### RECEPTION FOR THOMPSON.

Lincoln Friends Will Tender Brazil Minister Welcome.

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—A reception will be given at the Lincoln next Tuesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson. Mr. Thompson, the United States minister to Brazil, has returned to this country for a short visit and will be in Lincoln by that time. A meeting of about fifty leading citizens and business men was held at the Lincoln last night and preliminary arrangements for the reception were made.

## YAQUI INDIANS KILL

Attack a Stage and Murder the Passengers.

### CRIME WAS AT ORTIZ, MEXICO

Band of Natives Attack a Coach and Kill all the Passengers in Country Near Ortiz—Effort to be Made to Bring Them to Justice.

Ortiz, Mex., Feb. 4.—Yaqui Indians attacked a stage near this place and killed all the passengers. A force of officers and citizens will endeavor to capture the band and place them under arrest.

### GYMNASIUM FOR FT. ROBINSON

Forty Thousand Dollars Appropriated for the Use of Cavalrymen.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Fort Robinson, Neb., is to have a new gymnasium, to cost \$40,000. Some time ago a recommendation was made for a gymnasium at Fort Robinson to cost \$16,000. Later an effort was made to divert this amount to other forts in greater need of improvements. Quartermaster General Humphrey, however, was firm in his determination that Fort Robinson should have a gymnasium commensurate with its importance as a cavalry post, and yesterday it was decided to build a "gym" to cost \$40,000 instead of \$16,000, as originally planned.

### SHARKS OFFER BRIBE.

To Stop Interference With Their Money Lending Business.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Loan sharks, whose business has been ruined by the district attorney's anti-usury crusade, have made a formal offer of a \$25,000 bribe to Assistant District Attorney Isadore J. Krasel to induce him to drop the prosecutions. As a result of the bribe, Acting District Attorney Rand is preparing to move against several persons. Charges of attempted bribery will be made as soon as the district attorney can rivet one more link in the chain of evidence. When the usurers saw that Mr. Krasel would not accept the \$25,000 bribe they intimated that the sum would be doubled. Mr. Krasel's answer was to cause the arrest of four more persons on the charge of usury.

### WEDDED A LABORER.

Wealthy Wellesley Girl Elops With a Farm Hand.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 4.—Miss Grace Whitaker, daughter of Mrs. Clifford Weld and heiress to \$1,000,000, has eloped from her mother's country estate at Middleboro, Mass., with Kenrick Harrison Tribon, a laborer, and the couple were married upon arrival in this city. Tribon is 25 years old and of good appearance, but has never had any educational advantages and has always worked as a farm hand. Mrs. Tribon is 20 years old, a graduate of Wellesley college, handsome, dashing and brilliantly accomplished.

The couple had never shown indications of anything ardent in their acquaintance, and the elopement occurred during the bride's mother's absence in New York and caused a surprise to the people of Middleboro. They were aided in eloping by another employe, who hitched up a team upon Miss Whitaker's orders, but Myles Standish, the head farmer on the Weld estate, suspecting their object, telephoned to Mrs. Weld and also to the police of the neighboring town. They, however, thwarted this by leaving their rig with a farmer and boarding an electric car, traveling in that way to this city.

The couple are spending their honeymoon at Plymouth, anxiously awaiting the parental blessing, which does not seem probable to come to them.

### Socialist Secretary.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—The national committee of the socialist party has elected William Mailly secretary for another year. There was no opposition.

## BAD FIRE AT FAIRFAX

Four Business Houses Destroyed This Morning.

### THE LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$6,800

A Saloon, Meat Market and Two Office Buildings Went in Early Blaze in South Dakota Town—Livery Barn and Hotel Threatened.

Fairfax, S. D., Feb. 4.—Special to The News: Fire at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed four buildings in the business part of the city and threatened two others which were saved by hard work. The loss is estimated at \$6,800, with insurance of but \$1,200.

The buildings burned:

Mike Slagel, office building; loss \$400; insurance, \$200.

S. E. Atkinson, real estate office; loss \$400; no insurance.

E. Aosta, meat market; loss, \$2,500; no insurance.

E. Stannard, saloon; loss, \$3,500; insurance, \$1,000.

The fire started on the west side of Main street, apparently in the Slagel building, and its origin is a mystery. From the Slagel building it quickly communicated with the Atkinson building and the saloon and meat market, Hotel and Barn Catch.

During the progress of the fire it caught in the Alford livery barn and the Merchants hotel, but by the prompt and vigorous action of the fire fighters these buildings were saved and the flames were prevented from spreading from the four doomed buildings.

Fortunately there was no wind, or the loss would undoubtedly have been much larger. When the blaze was first discovered it had gained good headway, and it was impossible to suppress it for several reasons.

There was no night watch on duty, or it is believed that he could have extinguished the blaze in its incipient or given an alarm that would have aroused the citizens and enabled them to do some effective work.

Water Mains Burst.

The work of the firemen was greatly handicapped by the fact that one of the water mains had burst yesterday and had not been repaired in time for use. It was impossible to reach the blaze with a stream of water from the hose and all efforts toward its suppression were necessarily limited to a bucket service, which was ineffectual so far as the four business houses were concerned.

Very little was saved from the doomed buildings. In the meat market the fixtures went up in smoke and some of the stock in the saloon was destroyed as well as the fixtures, and the furniture and books and papers in the office buildings were destroyed.

### CASE OF NEGLIGENCE.

Coroner Robbins Views the Remains of Child Found Dead.

Sioux City, Feb. 4.—Lying in a room so cold that the bottle of milk by its side was frozen, the 4-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Niekum was found by County Coroner J. H. Robbins when he was called to view the body. It is his opinion the child died from neglect.

It seems the child had been given the bottle of milk early in the morning and left alone in the cold room while the parents busied themselves with their work in another part of the house. When they went to see the baby later in the day they found it dead.

Frat Men in Biennial Session.

Minneapolis, Feb. 4.—Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, one of the most prominent of the college Greek letter societies, are gathered here for the biennial session of the Province Delta. The attendance includes delegates from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota. Elaborate entertainment has been provided for the visitors by the University of Minnesota chapter, which is acting as host to the convention.

### Northwestern Betterments.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 4.—Orders have been received here for the work of permanent improvement to be made by the Chicago & Northwestern road on the Minnesota and the Dakota divisions. For the former division, the sum of \$92,000 has been set aside, and for the latter division the sum of \$29,000. The work to be done comprises masonry and steel bridges. The appropriations are generous, considerably in excess of last year.

### COAL MEN MEET TODAY.

Three Hundred of Iowa and Nebraska Gather to Talk.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—The Coal Dealers' Association of Iowa and Nebraska held the first of their mid-winter meetings in Creighton hall today. This is one of a series of meetings which are being held in Nebraska and Iowa, two others having been held, one at Sioux City and the other at Waterloo, Iowa.

Two of the main questions to be discussed will be short weights and demurrage. An address will be deliv-

ered by C. H. Chisam of Council Bluffs, president of the association. M. A. Moore of LeMars, Iowa, will also deliver an address.

A commissioner from the Illinois Shippers' association will also be present and take part in the discussions. A telegram was received this morning that A. W. Morse, secretary of the Northwestern Coal Dealers' association of Minneapolis, would be present and participate. An attendance of 300 is anticipated. The session will last but one day.

The visitors will be entertained in the evening by the Omaha dealers with a banquet at the Commercial club.

### County Judges of Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the County Judges and Commissioners' association of Texas began in Fort Worth today with nearly 100 members of the association present from various parts of the state. One of the principal matters to receive attention is the Terrell election law, which many of the judges desire to have modified.

## MID-WEST IS PROSPEROUS

Business Reported Good From Chicago Resources.

### BETTER THAN IT HAS BEEN

Improvement Shown in all Lines of Business, Encouraged by Advanced Prices for Securities and Grains—Lumber Market Improves.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—The general business situation in the Middle West is reported better now than it has been for some months. With advanced prices for securities and grains, with cotton at the highest price since the war, and with slight supplies of practically all materials except pig iron, the general condition is genuinely healthy. The change in the sentiment of the trades since November has been remarkable, and the indications are that the improvement will continue indefinitely in almost all branches of business.

Wire and nail mills are full of orders for both domestic and foreign accounts and the light hardware business is likewise showing signs of improvement, many spring orders being received. Metals are stronger, lead ore in the Joplin district advancing to the highest price within the last ten years.

The spring business in the dry goods trade is fair, showing an improvement over last January. The clothing trade reports better advance order business than for several years past. With the shoe trade more business has been done than in the corresponding period last year.

The lumber market is also in improved condition, owing to better demand from many interior sections. There is a heavy demand from western railroads for yellow pine. The wholesale grocery trade, according to best reports, is showing moderate expansion. Roadmen report good business on the road, with easy collections, and the prospects are for a still further improvement in the demand for staples.

## OPPOSE THE EIGHT-HOUR BILL

Organized Labor Working for the Measure, But There is Strong Opposition by Other Interests.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Organized labor is vitally interested in the Eight-Hour Labor bill, which comes up for hearing today before the house committee on labor, and is fighting heroically on behalf of the measure, but from all appearances there is little hope that the bill will meet any better fate than the similar measure defeated at the last session of congress. The present measure is designed to prohibit work on any government contract from being prosecuted more than eight hours a day, even in the shops of subcontractors. The National Building Trades association, which was formed at Chicago last fall, is prosecuting a vigorous fight against the bill and also against Grosvenor's "anti-injunction" or "anti-conspiracy" bill now pending before the house committee on judiciary.

### DEAD IN SNOW DRIFT.

North Dakota Woman Overcome by a Blizzard.

Mandan, N. D., Feb. 4.—Mrs. John Frank, who lived ten miles north of Mandan, was found this morning dead in a snow drift half a mile from her house. She went to the school house during yesterday afternoon's storm for her little girl, and was lost on her return.

### Many Want to Join Team.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 4.—George Howe, who is to be captain of the state firemen's running team which will go to St. Louis during the big exposition to compete in several interstate events, has received requests from forty men to be assigned places on the team. He will try to arrange matters so that every one may have a trial, but only twenty men can be sent with the team.

## THE NEBRASKA Y. M. C. A.

Many Delegates and Visitors in Lincoln.

### TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

Splendid Program for the Meeting Has Been Prepared—Reports of the Officers Show Gratifying Progress Throughout the State.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—Many delegates and visitors have arrived for the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Y. M. C. A., which will be in session here during the next three days. Among the cities represented by today's arrivals were Omaha, Beatrice, Hastings, York, North Platte, Grand Island, Fremont and Chadron.

The splendid program prepared for the convention promises one of the most successful meetings ever held by the state association. W. M. Parsons of Minneapolis, C. C. Colton of Chicago, Rev. O. W. Fifer of York and Dr. E. D. Jenkins of Omaha are among the prominent speakers to be heard. Reports prepared by the various officers show the association to be making gratifying progress in Nebraska.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEST.

President Eliot Says Their Graduates Do Better in College.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.—During the past year President Eliot, of Harvard, had some statistics gathered as to the relative methods of the work and general efficiency of the boy who prepares for college in the public school and those who were prepared in private schools.

These statistics show that the public school boy did better work on the entrance examinations and after he had got into college than the private school boy.

Last June in the Harvard entrance examinations the public school boy both won more honors than the private school boy and fewer public school boys failed in their examinations than the private school boys. Again in the other test the public school man came out victorious. In the entire graduating class at Harvard last June 172 men graduated with honors; of this number 84 came to college from public high schools, 44 from academies and endowed schools, 32 from private schools and 12 from other colleges.

President Eliot says these facts are limited to the year under review, and are based on observation of about 700 persons. So far as they go, however, they lend no countenance whatever to the allegations that the public schools turn out a less vigorous and conscientious class of young men than the other schools.

On the contrary, so far as they go, they tend to prove that the product of the public school has more character and power of work than the product of the other schools.

Concerning athletics, the report says:

"Games in which the public is most interested—foot ball, base ball and rowing—are serviceable to a comparatively small number of students, no one of these three sports serving more than one-sixth of the total number of students, who reported the exercises they used. The game which has been conducted at Cambridge with the least intelligence and success is foot ball, except from a pecuniary point of view."

"Breaking up of college work for individual students and frequent absences to play games at a distance from Cambridge are an evil which ought to be checked. It is a greater evil than formerly now, that the intercollegiate games take place all the year round, in winter as well as in spring and autumn."

### HAD A GOOD TIME.

Then Richard Davenport Goes to Jail for Beating a Board Bill.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Richard Davenport, a mining promoter from Dawson City, Alaska, yesterday was arrested charged with attempting to "beat" his board bill at the Great Northern hotel. He said he came to Chicago for a "good time," and had it, but it cost all his ready money. Davenport declares he is a graduate of a western art school and has property in Alaska.

### Tennessee Democrats.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Pursuant to the call of Chairman F. M. Thompson the members of the democratic state executive committee are in session at the Dulane hotel today for the purpose of deciding upon the date and place for holding the state convention. Views expressed by members of the committee prior to going into executive session indicate that the convention will probably be held about the middle of April, or two weeks later than the date set for the republican convention.

### Vaudeville in a Palace.

Boston, Feb. 4.—In the music room of Mrs. Jack Gardner's palace, in the Fens, there was given this afternoon the first of two vaudeville performances in aid of the Massachusetts

## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 o'clock this Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	17
Minimum	6
Average	11
Barometer	29.96
Total snowfall for month	8.15
Total precipitation for month	.56

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight and east portion Friday.

society for the prevention of cruelty to children. The entertainment was provided solely by amateurs, the performers as well as the audience including the cream of Back Bay society.

## CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

Invitation Issued by President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

### IS TO BE A BRILLIANT OCCASION

Five Thousand Guests are to be Entertained at the Executive Mansion Tonight, Including Many Important Personages of the City.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Elaborate arrangements have been made at the white house for the congressional reception, which the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will give tonight. Nearly 5,000 invitations have been extended and it is expected the attendance will be larger than at any previous function at the white house this season, excepting, of course, the New Year reception. In addition to the members of congress, many important personages in official, military and civil life will be present to lend brilliancy to the occasion and the attendance will be further swelled by the presence of the members of the New York Republican Editorial association and the National Republican Editorial association. Both associations are in session here today and the editors and their wives have been especially invited by the president to attend the white house reception this evening.

### Wisconsin Cheesemakers.

Monticello, Wis., Feb. 4.—The Southern Wisconsin Cheesemakers' association, one of the largest and strongest organizations of its kind in the country, began its annual convention here today with a good attendance. Papers by dairy experts and discussions on various topics relating to practical cheesemaking will occupy the two days of the convention.

### Renominated for Congress.

Ottawa, Ill., Feb. 4.—The republican congressional convention for the Twelfth district was held here today and resulted in the renomination of Congressman Charles E. Fuller.

## BISHOP FARLEY SAILS FOR ROME

Reported That He is the Bearer of the Decision of American Hierarchy on the Primacy.

New York, Feb. 4.—Archbishop Farley sailed for Rome today and considerable interest is manifested in his mission owing to the reports that he is the bearer of the decision of the American hierarchy regarding the project for the creation of a primacy in the United States. The archbishop himself declined to discuss the matter but persons in his confidence declared that his trip to Rome at the present time is merely in accordance with the custom of the church requiring new bishops and archbishops to visit the Holy See soon after their elevation.

Archbishop Farley is accompanied abroad by Father J. J. Hayes, chancellor of the archdiocese, and Father James V. Lewis, secretary to the archbishop.

### Minnesota Y. M. C. A.

Rochester, Minn., Feb. 4.—More than one hundred delegates and visitors assembled here today at the thirtieth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association. Every branch association in the state is represented and in addition there are prominent christian workers from numerous parts of the country. Some of the leading speakers to be heard during the three days the convention will be in session are State Secretary I. E. Brown of Illinois, International Secretary C. C. Echner of New York, Dean Edward Increase Bosworth of Oberlin Theological Seminary and International Railroad Secretary E. L. Hamilton of New York.

Today was devoted chiefly to the reception of the visitors. This evening there will be an informal welcome and tomorrow the regular business of the convention will be taken up in earnest.