

## HAIL STONE LIKE CUPS

### SEVERE STORM IN KEWA PAHA COUNTY LAST EVENING.

#### CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE

Windows on North Side of Buildings Were Smashed—Storm Was Lighter at Bassett—Cold Wave at Norfolk.

Bassett, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: A severe hail storm struck Springview and a part of Kewa Paha county yesterday afternoon, doing much damage. Hail stones as large as tea cups fell and so far one calf has been reported killed. All window lights on the north side of buildings were knocked out. Here at Bassett some hail fell, but no damage has been reported as yet.

#### GENERAL OVER COUNTY.

### Great Hail Stones That Did Damage in Kewa Paha County.

Springview, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: At 2 p. m. yesterday this place was visited by the severest hail storm that has ever been known in the history of the county. Many of the hail stones measured from one to two inches in circumference. The extent of the storm is not known. It is believed to have been general over the county. In the village many windows were broken and roofs badly damaged. Great damage to growing crops is conceded.

#### Fraternal Will Appeal.

Lincoln, May 25.—The head officers of some of the larger fraternal insurance associations will appeal to the state board of equalization to have the order to pay taxes rescinded. Secretary of State Galusha estimates the fraternal property, which will be affected by the board's ruling, at \$10,000,000.

#### Girl Burned to Death.

Gibbon, Neb., May 25.—A seventeen-year-old girl was burned to a crisp in a barn near Rogers Bros. ranch, about fifteen miles from here. Some think it a case of suicide and others think she was murdered.

## SHERCLIFFE TELLS STORY

### Former Iowa Convict Relates His Alleged Relations With Tom Dennison.

Red Oak, Ia., May 25.—With frequent objections from the attorneys for the defense in the Dennison case, Frank Shercliffe, ex-convict, told of the alleged connection of Tom Dennison with the Pollock diamond robbery. In answer to questions, he said: "I met Dennison in Salt Lake, having a letter of introduction to him from a convict I knew in the Utah penitentiary. Later Dennison moved to Omaha and I met there. Dennison came to my hotel near the Union Pacific depot; told me about the diamonds Pollock carried; that Pollock was leaving Omaha that night and for me to prepare myself and rob him on the train."

Shercliffe then described the robbery in detail and said that he hid the diamonds near Missouri Valley, went back to Omaha, told Dennison where the diamonds were buried and then went to Des Moines. There, he said, he received a telegram from Dennison that everything was O. K. This, he said, meant that Dennison had secured the diamonds.

## HILL AND HARRIMAN AGREE

### Have Settled Their Differences and Will Henceforth Work in Harmony.

New York, May 25.—Announcement was made from an official source that a final settlement of all of the difficulties growing out of the old corner in Northern Pacific stock had been reached and that henceforth there would be harmony between the Hill and Harriman forces. The deal is said to be in the form of an agreement between the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific for the joint construction of a connection between the roads in the Clearwater district, to be opened jointly by the two companies.

#### Canton Bank Closes Its Doors.

Canton, O., May 25.—The Canton State bank, with individual deposits of more than \$600,000, closed its doors. The directors state that the bank will not be able to resume business. The failure was brought about by heavy loans to W. L. Davis, vice president of the bank, by the cashier, Corwin E. Bachtell, without the consent of the other directors of the bank. According to the statement made by counsel for the directors, more than \$400,000 has been given to Davis, for which no adequate security has been furnished to the bank. Davis has deeded the bank property valued at \$200,000.

#### Des Moines Man Missing.

Des Moines, May 25.—Clarence Grant, aged thirty-six years, of this city, who was in Minneapolis up to April 19 and who at that time had a large sum of money with him, has not since been heard of, and it is believed he has been murdered. The missing man's mother, who is seventy-six years old, is on the verge of insanity over his continued absence.

## EXTERMINATES HIS FAMILY

### California Man Shoots Wife and Five Children and Commits Suicide.

San Rafael, Cal., May 25.—William Stephens, who lived at Rose Valley, Marin county, murdered his wife and five children, attempted to murder a passing milkman, and then ended his own life.

Stephens was formerly a book agent, but latterly was said to be connected with a rubber goods house of San Francisco. The family also conducted a chicken ranch at their home in Rose Valley. Stephens emerged from his house, revolver in hand, and fired upon a passing milkman. The milkman whipped up his horses and Stephens pursued him for 200 yards, firing as he ran. Stephens then halted in the roadway, placed the revolver to his breast and discharged the weapon. The bullet did not end his life and he sent a second fatal bullet through his brain.

When officers entered the house of Stephens they came upon a shocking scene. The members of the family, each with a revolver wound in the head, were found in their beds. The wife and three of the children were dead and the other two children fatally wounded, dying a few hours later in the hospital. The children ranged from one to eleven years in age.

There is no known reason for the tragedy, but the theory is advanced that Stephens became suddenly insane.

### Age Aid to Striking Teamsters.

Lake, May 25.—Resolutions regarding aid to the striking teamsters of Chicago were passed by the Western Federation of Miners in convention.

## STOLE SCHOOL PAPERS

### FREMONT STUDENTS SECURE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

#### CONFESSED ACT TO THE BOARD

### The Three Boys are Expelled From School and Matter Placed in Hands of County Attorney for Prosecution.

#### Told Girls What They Had Done.

Fremont, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: Ray Tweedy, John Benjamin and Clyde Huserator, students in the High school, confessed this morning to the board of education that they had stolen into the office of Superintendent Gardner and taken the questions that were being prepared for the examinations, and then they destroyed the copies. Discovery was made through the fact that the boys told some girls what had been done and the girls in turn repeated the information to others. Finally the story reached the ears of the superintendent, and when the boys were brought before the board this morning they confessed. The boys were expelled from school and the matter was turned over to the county attorney for prosecution.

## MONUMENT WAS ERECTED

### Tablet Commemorating Council With the Pawnee Tribe at Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: The historical society erected a monument today on the high bluff opposite Fremont commemorating the council with the Pawnee tribe of Indians fifty years ago. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of people who were addressed by President of the Council Rose and Henry T. Clark of Omaha.

## RUSSIANS ARE IN RETREAT

### Tokio Reports Movements of Small Forces on Plains of Manchuria.

Tokio, May 25.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement: "On the afternoon of May 21 a battalion of Russian infantry and six squadrons of cavalry attacked the northern heights at Chinyangpao, ten miles north of Westyuanpao, but were repulsed. On the morning of May 22 a battalion of Russian infantry and three troops of cavalry advanced along the Kirin-Taolu roads toward Chienchenau, and one company of infantry gained the western heights near the village, but were then repulsed. The Russian cavalry on the right bank of the Liao river commenced a retreat on the morning of May 22 and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy had reached a point south of Talun, which lies seventeen miles from Pakumen. With the exception of small collisions, there is otherwise no change in the situation."

#### Rumor of Japanese Defeat.

Manila, May 25.—There is an unconfirmed rumor here that the Russian and Japanese fleets have met south of Formosa, and that the Japanese were defeated.

#### Chicago Man Missing.

Chicago, May 25.—Anton Pitra, treasurer of the American Building, Home and Homestead association, is missing and an investigation of his books is said to have revealed a shortage of about \$11,000. Pitra was a prominent Bohemian resident of Chicago.

## PUTFORD IS A SUICIDE

### WEALTHIEST CITIZEN OF SAVANNA ENDS OWN LIFE.

#### ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIME

### Supposed That He Assassinated Attorney Daniel S. Brody, Formerly Member of the Illinois State Legislature.

Savanna, Ill., May 25.—Bothwell Putford, the wealthiest citizen of Savanna committed suicide today after answering questions regarding the revolver with which he was supposed to have slain Attorney Daniel S. Brody, former member of the Illinois state legislature.

Attorney Brody was assassinated in the hall leading to his office at about 9:30 o'clock Monday morning by an unknown man who fired three shots at his victim, killing him instantly. Subsequently it was believed Putford was the assassin and he was accused of the crime, resulting in his own suicide this morning.

## WASHOUTS IN KANSAS

### Traffic Interrupted on Union Pacific and Rock Island Railroads.

Topeka, May 25.—Heavy rains throughout Kansas did much damage to railroads. At Broughton, the first station east of Clay Center, on the Rock Island, more than a mile and a half of track was washed out. The Denver main line of the Rock Island is tied up. The Concordia branch of the Union Pacific was put out of business by several small washouts. All streams are full. Wheat in central Kansas needed rain and will be greatly helped by the downpour.

#### Woman Kills a Relative.

McArthur, O., May 25.—J. M. Specht, a prominent farmer and miller, was shot by Mrs. Emma Flynn, who was arrested, charged with the murder. She claims that near midnight she noticed what she supposed to be a tramp looking into her window, and that securing a revolver, she fired through the glass and barricaded herself in the house. Specht's body was found by his family on the lawn in front of the Flynn home, with a bullet hole through his head. Mrs. Specht and Mrs. Flynn are cousins and the families have been on the best of terms.

#### Dynamite Found in Shoe.

Connellsville, Pa., May 25.—In the office of District Attorney Hudson is a woman's shoe, the hollowed heel of which, it is said, contains enough dynamite and nitro-glycerine to kill a number of persons. Mrs. Lulu Engle of Uniontown found a pair of boots in her back yard. While examining them she discovered that the heel of one of them had been hollowed out, four exploding caps being placed on four iron pegs set within and the hole filled with waste soaked in nitro-glycerine. The authorities are making a rigid investigation.

#### Explosion in Fireworks Plant.

Rockland, Mass., May 25.—Ten one-story buildings of the National Fireworks company's plant of sixty similar structures at West Hanover were destroyed by an explosion in the "mixing" room. Of the hundred persons employed at the plant, only one man, Arthur Cate, was severely, but not fatally, injured, while four girls were slightly injured by being thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion.

#### Fatal Wreck on Santa Fe.

Hutchinson, Kan., May 25.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 553, northbound, on the Hutchinson branch, collided with a bunch of freight cars here on account of an open switch. Mail Clerk C. D. Wolf of Kansas City was killed. Engineer John Snyder and Fireman A. C. Vaughn, who jumped, received probably fatal injuries. Five others were slightly hurt.

#### Oldfield Has Close Call.

Chicago, May 25.—Barney Oldfield, the well known autoist, had a narrow escape from death while speeding his machine in a try-out preparatory to the races of the Chicago Automobile club. While he was going at a high rate of speed one of the tires exploded and the machine plunged through the fence. Oldfield was picked up unconscious, but no bones were broken.

#### Hawaiian Strike is Over.

Honolulu, May 25.—The mill at Lahaina is again working. The police have taken charge of the laborers' camps, ousting the Japanese who have not returned to work. The strike, it is believed, is practically over. Governor Carter, in a special message to the legislature, states that the outbreak shows the need of an appropriation for the National Guard, as he originally recommended, but which the legislature showed a disposition not to make. He also asks an additional appropriation of \$2,000 for expenses already incurred at Lahaina.

#### Magoon Reaches Isthmus.

Colon, May 25.—Charles E. Magoon, governor of the Panama canal zone, and John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the canal, arrived here on a steamer from New York and started for Panama at once.

## OHIO REPUBLICANS MEET

### Secretary Taft Presides at Opening Session of State Convention.

Columbus, O., May 25.—Although the opening session of the Republican state convention was of a very routine character, consisting chiefly of the announcement of the committees and state committeemen, whom the district delegations had chosen earlier in the day, the fact that Secretary of War W. H. Taft, the temporary chairman, was to make his debut in his native state as a state convention orator, served to draw a large and very attentive audience. His appearance in the hall was the signal for applause, and when he was introduced as the temporary presiding officer, the applause was long continued. During the reading of his speech hearty applause was given to the mention of President Roosevelt and to the president's actions or policy.

The committee on resolutions met after the adjournment of the convention, selected Senator Dick as chairman and listened to the reading of the draft of the platform, which endorsed President Roosevelt and his policies. A slightly modified railroad rate plank was understood to be acceptable to Mr. Taft as the person having closest knowledge of the views of the president.

## MORTON EULOGIZES ROOSEVELT

### Responds to Toast of "The President" at Chicago Bankers' Club Banquet.

Chicago, May 25.—Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, was the guest of the Chicago Bankers' club at a banquet last night. Secretary Morton was asked to respond to the toast of "The President," and after expressing his pleasure at being able to meet the members of the bankers' club, he said of President Roosevelt: "He is, taken all in all, one of the most remarkable of all great men who have occupied the white house. As earnest in his love of country as Washington; as far-seeing as Jefferson; as courageous as Jackson, and as much opposed to human slavery in all forms as Abraham Lincoln, he stands robust in his integrity and sturdy in his determination that there shall be a 'square deal' all around."

## MEDAL FOR DES MOINES GIRL

### Awarded Carnegie Trophy for Saving Life of a Drowning Man.

Pittsburg, May 25.—At the May meeting of the Carnegie hero fund commission the initial awards were made. Nine cases were acted favorably upon. Three silver medals and six bronze medals were awarded. Three widows whose husbands lost their lives in the performance of acts of heroism were cared for by the commission, and in one case a money grant was made to a heroine for educational purposes. Among those to receive awards was Lavinia Steele, aged twenty-seven, a library cataloguer of Des Moines, who, on Dec. 9, 1904, saved the life of George E. Hill, a law student at Iowa City, by skating to where Hill had broken through the ice and dragging him to safety. Miss Steele was awarded a bronze medal.

#### Hungarian Political Deadlock.

Vienna, May 25.—Count Andrassy's interview with Emperor Francis Joseph was a complete failure. No advance was made towards relieving the Hungarian political situation. He explained in detail the program of the United Opposition party, this being necessary, as no legislation can be introduced in the Hungarian parliament without the crown's consent. The emperor declared he could make no concession in the matter of the military demands, and as the opposition refused to withdraw the military demands the situation remains deadlocked. Hungary, without a legal responsible government, faces serious political economic dangers, arising from the abnormal situation.

#### Brokaw Breach of Promise Case.

New York, May 25.—Damages aggregating \$250,000 for compensation for alleged breach of promise of marriage are asked by Mrs. Katherine Pollin in a suit against W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire club man, which was begun in the supreme court here. Eminent counsel, scores of witnesses, many of them people of prominence from distant parts of the country, and a packet containing more than 200 letters alleged by the plaintiff to have been written by Brokaw, will figure in the case. The authenticity of the letters, upon which the suit is largely based, is denied by Brokaw's counsel.

#### British Steamer Released.

Nagasaki, May 25.—The British steamer Includen, which was seized by the Japanese south of Korea on May 15, was released by the naval prize court at Sasebo. The French steamer Quang Nam, which was seized on the same date near the Pescadore islands, has arrived at Sasebo.

#### Canadian Pacific Depot Collapses.

Vancouver, B. C., May 25.—Word has been received here that the Canadian Pacific railroad depot at Cranbrook collapsed, while undergoing change, and that eleven men were injured. It is reported that four of them will die and that five others are badly hurt.

## CZAR'S FLEET IN OPEN SEA

### ROJESTVENSKY GIVING ISLANDS WIDE BERTH.

#### LINEVITCH IS FORCING BATTLE

### News From Manchuria Continues to Point to Imminence of Renewal of Fighting on a Large Scale—Unconfirmed Rumor of Naval Conflict.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—In naval circles it is now generally assumed that Admiral Rojestvensky's squadrons are in the Pacific, steaming northward and giving the Pescadores, Formosa and the Luchu islands a wide berth in order to minimize the danger of a concentrated torpedo attack under cover of these islands and to force Vice Admiral Togo, should he elect to accept battle, to meet him in the open. All idea that the Russian admiral will attempt to force a passage of the Korean straits has been abandoned. Both the Porosue strait, between the islands of Hokkaido and Sakhalin, and the Tsuguro straits, between the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu, were reconnoitered by the cruisers and destroyers at Vladivostok and the results communicated to Admiral Rojestvensky.

The news from the front continues to point to the proximity of fighting on a large scale. General Linevitch sent General Rennenkampf's Cossacks on a daring expedition around Field Marshal Oyama's left. Rennenkampf succeeded in getting to the rear of the Japanese, but paid dearly, his Cossacks being badly cut up. Many believe that General Linevitch is trying to take the offensive out of Field Marshal Oyama's hands. The latter had made all preparations against the possible interruption of the communications and the cessation of transport service from Japanese ports. All reinforcements available and immense quantities of provisions and munitions of war have been landed at Yinkow and Dalny since Admiral Rojestvensky appeared in the straits of Malacca. Newspaper correspondents at the front are prevented by the censor from telegraphing any intelligent view of the situation, and this has always been the precursor of important developments.

## RUSSIAN GOVERNOR KILLED

### Prince Nakachidze, Executive of Baku, Slain by a Bomb.

Baku, Caucasus, May 25.—The governor of Baku, Prince Nakachidze, was assassinated by a bomb which was thrown at his carriage. A lieutenant, who was accompanying the governor, and a bystander were also killed by the explosion and the coachman is believed to have been fatally injured.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Though no details of the assassination of Prince Nakachidze, governor of Baku, Caucasus, at Baku, have been received, the impression here is that the outrage was the work of Armenian revolutionary committees in revenge for the attitude taken by the prince during the racial war between Armenians and Tartars in February last, and is not attributable to the Russian terrorists, even though the latter are at present extremely active in many parts of the empire. The Armenians laid the responsibility for the deaths of those slain in February at the door of Prince Nakachidze, and only yesterday suit was begun against the prince before the senate tribunal at St. Petersburg in behalf of the children of Lalalaieff, a Baku millionaire, whose house was stormed and burned and himself, his wife and parents killed during the riots. In the suit damages to the amount of \$12,500 were claimed, it being maintained that the governor, instead of performing his duty by stopping the massacre, actually incited the Tartars to attack the Armenians. Prince Nakachidze was popular among the Russian element in the Caucasus. He was a man of high spirits and in spite of the hatred of the powerful Armenian revolutionary committee he disdained military protection and appeared on the streets unattended. He refused to heed the warnings and entreaties of his friends.

#### Kansas City Loan Shark Sentenced.

Kansas City, May 25.—George F. Hey, a money lender, was found guilty of charging usurious interest on a loan and was given a fine of \$100 and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. This is the first conviction in the crusade against money lenders who charge 10 per cent a month interest. Cases are pending against several others.

#### Racing Yachts Sighted.

New York, May 25.—The steamer Minnehaha reported that at 9:40 p. m. on May 22 she sighted the Valhalla in latitude 40 north, longitude 53 west in a moderate breeze. At midnight she sighted the Fleur de Lys and Atlantic thirty-seven miles ahead of the Valhalla, with the Fleur de Lys in the lead.

#### United Presbyterians Meet.

Washington, Ia., May 25.—The general assembly of the United Presbyterian church convened here, with 200 delegates from all over the country in attendance. Rev. W. C. Williamson of Burlington was elected moderator.

## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

### Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

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

Maximum	79
Minimum	45
Average	62
Rainfall	.70
Total rainfall for month	6.87

Chicago, May 25.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with showers west portion. Cooler east portion tonight.

## THE DAY'S BASE BALL SCORES

### Results of the League Contests Played Throughout the Land.

National League—New York, 3; Cincinnati, 4. Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 2. Brooklyn, 2; St. Louis, 1. Boston, 1; Pittsburg, 11. American League—Cleveland, 6; Philadelphia, 5. Detroit, 12; New York, 6. St. Louis, 5; Boston, 3. Chicago, 7. Washington, 4. Western League—Omaha, 1; Colorado Springs, 11. Sioux City, 6; Denver, 2.

#### Senate Rate Committee Adjourns.

Washington, May 25.—The senate committee on interstate commerce held an executive session and adjourned, subject to the call of Chairman Elkins. It is expected that the committee will meet early in the autumn.

## LUMBER DISTRICT TIED UP

### STRIKE ZONE WIDENS, BUT VIOLENCE DOES NOT INCREASE.

#### BOTH SIDES ARE WAITING

### No Attempt to Move Wagons Until Protection is Furnished—One Thousand Extra Police and Hundreds of Deputy Sheriffs Sworn In.

Chicago, May 25.—Final rejection of union demands, especially those of the express drivers, was officially announced by the employers. They demanded practically unconditional surrender. Neither side in the strike made a direct step towards peace and each was apparently waiting the next move of its opponent. The employers sent their goods all over the city under police protection without encountering violence.

The strike in the lumber district spread with great rapidity and practically all business of that kind is at a standstill. Some few lumber yards are still in operation, but their volume of business is so small as to amount to practically nothing.

One cause for the lack of energy on the part of the employers in the lumber district was that the city was not able to afford the police protection. Mayor Dunne provided against this contingency by issuing a call for 1,000 extra policemen, who will be sworn in as rapidly as applications are filed by suitable men. This will be the second 1,000 of extra policemen sworn in since the commencement of the strike. Sheriff Barrett swore in several hundred deputies, the largest number at any time since the beginning of the trouble.

President Shea of the teamsters' union, James B. Barry, business agent of the Express Drivers' union; Bernard Mulligan, president of the Express Drivers' union, and John H. Donahue, a member of the same union, will appear before Judge Kohlsaat in the United States court today. Attorney Mayer, acting for the Employers' association, will ask that the men be sent to jail on a charge of contempt of court in refusing to answer questions before Master in Chancery Sherman.

While the attorneys for the plaintiff in the injunction proceedings have everything prepared awaiting an order of commitment from Judge Kohlsaat, the legal advisers of the men have been equally busy and are ready to file writs of habeas corpus before another federal judge if the men are committed to jail.

Deputy marshals commenced serving notices on the sixty teamsters who have been cited for contempt of court in violating the injunctions of Judge Kohlsaat, prohibiting them from interfering with the wagons of the seven express companies and of the Employers' Teaming company. The men are cited to show cause on May 31 why they should not be punished for contempt.

#### Pullman Rates Will Be Regulated.

Topeka, May 25.—The attorney for the state board of railroad commissioners rendered an opinion that the board has jurisdiction over the Pullman company in Kansas. The opinion will be followed by the board and the Pullman rates in the state will be regulated. It is expected that the Pullman company will resist the orders of the board and then the law creating the railroad board will be tested in the courts. Complaint has been filed before the board that the Pullman rates in Kansas are unjust and discriminatory.