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CHANG DIES OF CARES

Vexation Regarding Treaty Charged With Causing Earl Li's Death.

JAPAN WANTS TO KNOW ITS FORM

Russia Anxious that the Manchurian Treaty Be Secret—Empress Dowager Orders Publicity — Remorseless Fate on End to Chinese Statesman.

PEKIN, Nov. 9.—A violent dispute with M. Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, over the Manchurian treaty appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung Chang. The diplomatic confusion following this tragic climax has enabled Japan for a moment to frustrate the designs of Russia.

A fortnight ago the Japanese legation secured a reliable outline of the terms of the treaty and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiaries officially lay before them the text, basing the demand upon the allegation that the Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with the demand. Thereupon the Japanese government from Tokio communicated with the southern viceroys and induced them to use their influence with the empress dowager against the treaty. In the meantime the empress dowager instructed Li Hung Chang to communicate the treaty after certain modifications to the ministers of the powers and if they did not object to sign the same.

Li Hung Chang visited M. Lessar and explained to him the instructions. The Russian minister strongly objected to revealing the text of the treaty to the ministers of the other powers and a stormy interview ensued. Li Hung Chang went home in a violent passion and had a hemorrhage, which the doctors attribute to the over-exertion of a weakened system.

While these things were happening in Pekin, instructions were issued countermanding the order to sign. This instruction came after Li Hung Chang had become unconscious. When M. Lessar endeavored to have Li Hung Chang's official seal affixed to the treaty, Chou Fu, provincial treasurer, had arrived from Pao Ting Fu, and had taken charge of the seals as the temporary successor of Earl Li.

The flag of the United States legation was the only one half-masted today. Musicians beat drums about the house of Li Hung Chang.

Li Hung Chang's estate will remain intact for the use of his eldest son, who will provide for the other members of the family.

MAN HUNT FOLLOWS MUTINY.

Armed Guards Pursue Convicts From Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 9.—Forty mounted guards are beating the country for a radius of five miles around the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth in search of twenty-six convicts who succeeded in escaping from the guards late yesterday. The country is wild and rough, and affords ample opportunity for escape, and as all the convicts are desperate men and armed, conflicts will doubtless result before they are captured.

The net result of the mutiny and the following fight with the guards was one convict killed and four guards shot or otherwise hurt, but it is believed that many of the fleeing convicts received wounds from the bullets sent after them by pursuing guards.

The dead: Fort Quinn, a desperate criminal from Indian Territory, who is believed to have been the ringleader of the outbreak.

Wounded: Joseph B. Waldruphe, prison guard, shot in forehead and breast, condition still critical; Arthur Trafford, sergeant of the guard, shot in leg, not serious; C. E. Burrows, guard, shot in neck, slight; Andrew Leonard, guard, leg broken.

Stockyards Fight Taken Up.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The United States supreme court heard arguments in the case of the Interstate Commerce commission against the western railroads terminating at Chicago. The case involves the legality of the terminal charge of $2 per car on all cars for the Union stock yards at Chicago in addition to the through rate charged. The commission decided against the terminal charge, but the railroads appealed.

Callahan Again Acquitted.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 9.—After wrestling with the problem of the guilt or innocence of James Callahan, charged with perjury, alleged to have been interpd in a former trial for the abduction of Eddie Cudahy, on the night of December 18, last year, the jury returned a verdict at five minutes to 10 o'clock last night of "not guilty." Judge Keysor thereupon dismissed the jury and discharged Callahan.

Capt. Swobe Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The president has appointed Thomas Swobe of Omaha an assistant quartermaster in the army, with the rank of captain, to fill a vacancy. Captain Swobe served in the civil war, first as corporal of the Twelfth Michigan volunteers, and afterward as first lieutenant of that regiment. He also served with ability as a captain and assistant quartermaster of volunteers during the recent war with Spain.

NEBRASKA FRUIT AT BUFFALO

The Display Was One of Which the State May Feel Proud.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 11.—The result of Nebraska's fruit display as to awards has been telegraphed you, says a dispatch to the World-Herald. Work done by Mr. Hodkinson has been very gratifying. The fruit which has attracted the attention of horticultural scientists, and which has been the life of the exhibit, was plums, the collection of seedlings and hybrids showing the evolution of the plum from the sand cherry to the present delicious victory. For this Nebraska is largely indebted to Mr. Theodore Williams, whose valuable work in cross-breeding plums has attracted much scientific attention. Of these 140 varieties have been exhibited, spreading over a period of two months. With the display of peaches following, of which Russell's seedling commanded attention for its fair size and good quality, and the apples in fall and winter varieties to the number of forty, the tables have been well filled and the unique boots made of bark have overflowed. McCormick's Duchess of Oldenburg was especially fine, and Nebraska's Jonathans gained the admiring compliments of the horticulturists who have grown critical from much acquaintance with toothsome varieties. A special display of commercial apples has recently been installed in new space, and Benjamin Davis, esq., and the Missouri pippin fairly shine in a successful effort to show that the drouth didn't dry out their juices. Mr. Hodkinson's work as a scientific horticulturist has reflected credit upon Nebraska in choosing him to represent her among so many representing widely separated sections.

If the popular choice could have given it, Nebraska certainly would have had a gold medal for corn, for all day long the people came and stood over the great ears and expressed astonishment and admiration. "It cannot be possible that such corn was raised when you had such a drouth," they said, and they quietly shelled off a few kernels and carried them off to plant until hardly an ear was left intact.

TO STAMP OUT SMALLPOX

Senator Dietrich Urges the Need of Urgent Measures.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Senator Dietrich through his secretary brought to the attention of the commissioner of Indian affairs the possibility of an epidemic of smallpox among the citizens of Homer, Thurston county, a village just north of the Winnebago Indian reservation, unless imperative action is taken by the authorities. The senator urged immediate action on the part of the government in view of the seriousness of the case and asked that something be done to prevent the spread of disease. As the Indians are citizens of Nebraska, it was decided that the question of quarantine rests solely with the Thurston county authorities, and it devolves upon them to move in the matter.

Held for Horse Stealing.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Nov. 11.—Chas. Miller, the man who was brought from Burt county by Sheriff Ben last week, charged with stealing a valuable horse belonging to W. A. Wells, was arraigned before County Judge Skiles and bound over to the next term of the district court. The horse was stolen in September and was recovered last week in Burt county.

Senator Millard.

OMAHA, Nov. 11.—Senator Millard has engaged a suite of three rooms at the New Millard hotel at Washington, where he will make his headquarters during the coming session of congress, which convenes December 2. The rooms are on the top floor of the hotel. He will be accompanied at the capital by his daughter, Miss Jennie Millard.

For State Normal School.

LINCOLN, Nov. 11.—Gov. Savage has appointed Stephen W. L. Stephens of Beatrice a member of the board of education of the state normal school to succeed James West of Benkelman, who has resigned because of removal from the state. Mr. Stephens is city superintendent of the Beatrice schools.

Samuel L. Russell Insane.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 11.—Samuel L. Russell, a dealer in the local stock exchange, and formerly mayor of Creston, Iowa, has been taken to the asylum for the insane, his mind having given away recently.

Hunter Has Fined Himself.

LINCOLN, Nov. 11.—William S. Stein, prominent in business and social life of Lincoln, was fined $20 for violating the game law. He had eighty-nine ducks in his possession, which was forty-nine more than allowed by law. Stein is one of the men who assisted in inducing the legislature to pass the game law. His violation of the act was a thoughtless error, which he acknowledged voluntarily.

Thinks He Has Holdup Man.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 11.—Sheriff LaPorte of Cherry county was in Fremont and took back Ed Price, who was arrested here on the charge of holding up a saloon at Cody. The prisoner, who is a mild mannered young fellow, was arrested as he alighted from the train. He had about $100 in cash on his person, which is supposed to be part of the proceeds of the $1,400 hold-up, and claimed his residency as Kansas City.

INQUIRY IS AT AN END

Schley's Hearing is Concluded After Forty Arduous Days' Work.

TESTIMONY OF OVER 2,000 PAGES

Lenty Occupies Afternoon in Closing for the Government—Admiral Called Upon by Friends and by Them Given Cordial Greeting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—After sittings covering forty days and with a record which, when completed, will cover about 2,000 pages, the Schley court of inquiry yesterday at 3:45 p. m. adjourned its last public session. To Captain S. C. Lemly, the judge advocate, had been assigned the duty of making the closing argument in the case and soon after he had completed his speech Admiral Dewey, bringing his gavel down upon the big flat table, said:

"There being no further business the court is adjourned."

As was the case Wednesday, when Mr. Rayner spoke, the attendance was large. There was only one session during the day. It began at 2 o'clock and the entire time was devoted to Captain Lemly's address. He read his speech in clear and distinct tones and was given careful attention. The speech in the main was an analysis of the testimony, but occasionally a conclusion was drawn and frequently there were criticisms of the course pursued by Admiral (then commodore) Schley. Speaking of Commodore Schley's conduct, Captain Lemly said:

"From my knowledge of the man, having served under his command on two cruisers, I have never believed, nor do I claim from the evidence, that personal misconduct—or, to call a spade a spade, cowardice—was exhibited by Commodore Schley in any part of his career as commander-in-chief of the flying squadron. But I submit, with regret, that in the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos; while at the latter port; en route to the southward of Santiago without settled destination; in the retrograde movement; in the return to the vicinity of Santiago and in the affair of May 31, the commodore exhibited unsteadiness in purpose and failure to obey orders."

This statement was made toward the close of Captain Lemly's remarks. After adjournment the members of the court, Admiral Schley and counsel lingered for a time about the hall in which they recently have spent so much of their time, and there were many affectionate words of farewell spoken. Admiral Schley, as usual, was called upon to receive the greetings of a number of admirers and a hundred or more people waited at the door of the building to bid him adieu.

Captain Lemly used no formality in beginning his address when the court convened, but rising quietly from his seat opposite the tribunal, began to read. He said his plan contemplated, first, a response to criticisms of Admiral Schley's counsel, and then a presentation of the subject in hand on an independent basis. He requested to be corrected if he should make any errors of fact.

WU LAMENTS DEAD MINISTER

Li Hung Chang's Life Devoted to Betterment of Chinese Empire.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Minister Wu has not yet been informed by his government of the death of Li Hung Chang and, while crediting of course the information conveyed by Mr. Conger to the state department, in the interests of perfect safety he has cabled to Pekin for confirmation of the news before taking any action on the subject at Washington.

"China has suffered a great loss by the death of Li Hung Chang," said Minister Wu, "and the position he held in Chinese affairs will be a most difficult one for anyone to fill. He was a great man; he was also a good man and practically devoted his life to the betterment of the empire and to doing good."

Conger Expresses Confidence.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Conger confirms the press report of the death of Li Hung Chang. Mr. Conger's message simply states that Li died at 11:15 o'clock in the morning. He gives no details of the end. Acting under instructions conveyed by the department the minister has already expressed the condolence of the United States government.

Colored Porter Kills His Wife.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 8.—While in a jealous rage, in the presence of his sister-in-law, Lina Johnson, Fred Beck, a colored porter in a barber shop here, shot and instantly killed his wife Viola Beck, aged 21. He afterward gave himself up to Sheriff Woods. Beck and his wife had quarreled earlier in the day. Beck claims he committed the deed in self-defense, as his wife had threatened a number of times to end his life.

High Price Paid for Cow.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Cicely, a Shorthorn cow, recently of the Queen Victoria herd in England, was sold here for $5,900 to J. J. Robbins & Sons of Horace, Ind. The animal cost Queen Victoria $4,000 a few years ago. Twenty other cows and bulls realized an average price of $1,320. These are record figures for Shorthorn cattle for the last twenty-five years. The sales were made at Dexter Park amphitheater by W. B. Flatt of Hamilton, Ont.

PLOT TO MURDER GARRISON.

Several Civil Officers of Town of Mamalite Implicated in Conspiracy.

MANILA, Nov. 8.—A plot to massacre the American garrison at Mamalite, province of Tarlac, island of Luzon, has been revealed by the wife of one of the conspirators.

Several of the town officials are implicated in the murderous scheme. The woman who revealed the plot had a detective beneath the house in which the leaders of the conspiracy were meeting. Arrests followed and many incriminating papers were seized.

The plan was to set fire after dark to a house close to the barracks and when the soldiers came out to assist in extinguishing the flames, 150 conspirators, armed with bolos, were to rush on the guard, capture their arms and proceed to massacre the soldiers.

The commissioner today took the oath of office as vice governor. He will be the acting governor during the convalescence of Governor Taft, who probably will be unable to resume his duties for some weeks to come. The newspapers approve the appointment.

The Philippine commission passed the treason laws, with slight alterations. Several spoke against them.

NO SLEEP FOR THE SULTAN

France and Russia Take Action for Needed Reforms.

It is reported here, says a dispatch from St. Petersburg, that France and Russia have arrived at an agreement for common action, with a view to the execution of reforms in Armenia and the European provinces of the Ottoman empire guaranteed immunity by the sultan in the Berlin treaty.

They propose to invite the signatory powers to meet in conference for this object. It is expected here that all the powers will accept the invitation, but the conference could not well be held before spring.

In well informed circles in St. Petersburg a fear is expressed that the present steps of France may cause matters to develop so rapidly that Russia, despite the czar's love of peace, may find itself driven into an attitude of another kind in order to safeguard its own interests. Events in Turkey and the Balkans are regarded in political circles with great anxiety.

DICKENSON IS AGGRIEVED,

Deeply Regrets Disclosures that He Had Letter From Brigands.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 8.—Consul General Dickinson of Constantinople is greatly chagrined because the fact that he has received a letter from Miss Ellen M. Stone leaked out. He says it is calculated to seriously effect, if not completely undo, the progress already achieved. On two previous occasions negotiations with the brigands who abducted the American missionary were abruptly broken off by the former, owing to the premature disclosure of its contents, which the bandits regarded as a breach of the understanding with them.

Mr. Dickinson informed a representative of the Associated Press that it is absolutely necessary, if Miss Stone is ever to be released, that the course of the negotiations be kept secret. It is hopeless to expect the brigands to place confidence in the negotiators when they find that information they regard as secret is constantly leaking out.

THURSTON CHOOSES A KANSAN

Selects Mrs. Everist of Atchison to Act on Board of Managers.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—Ex-Senator John M. Thurston, a member of the World's Fair National commission, notified Secretary Joseph Flory of the commission that he had nominated Mrs. Belle Everist of Atchison, Kan., on the recommendation of the Kansas senate and house of representatives, as a member of the board of women managers of the World's fair. The nomination will be confirmed at the next meeting of the commission, November 20.

Schley Will Visit South.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Admiral Schley expects to make a visit to Memphis, Tenn., in January, at a date to be determined upon later, when he is to be presented a silver service by the people of Memphis.

E. F. Turner's Fall is Fatal.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Nov. 8.—E. F. Turner of Wilber, Neb., employed on the Cedar river bridge, died from injuries received in a fall Thursday.

Checks the School Board.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Judge Neely in the circuit court decided the petition of the school board of the city of Chicago asking that the injunction be dissolved which restrains that body from furnishing free text books to children of the first four grades of the Chicago public schools. The court held that special legislation on the subject was necessary before the board of education could legally expend money for such a purpose.

Gives the Japs a Setback.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—A dispatch from Yokohama, published in the second edition of the London Times, says the failure to sell bonds to the amount of 50,000,000 yen in America has temporarily shocked the stock exchange, where an influx of foreign capital is expected. The Japanese government had adopted a new plan to provide capital for the extension of the railroads and telegraphs, which are now yielding a profit of 7 per cent.

COUNT OF THE BALLOTS

Only Results Quite Usually Favorable to the Republicans.

THE LOCAL CONTESTS ARE MIXED

The Landslide in Greater New York Assumes Democratic Proportions—Additional Returns From Nebraska, Iowa, Massachusetts and Other States.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—In this city these were successful candidates in the late election: Sheriff, Power, dem.; judge, Vinsonhaler, rep.; clerk, Unitt, rep.; treasurer, Elsasser, dem.; register, Deuel, dem.; coroner, Brailey, rep.; superintendent, Bodwell, rep.; surveyor, Edquist, rep.; representative, Battin, rep.; county commissioner, Connolly, dem.; Waterman, rep.; O'Keefe, dem.; police judge, Berka, rep.; school board, Andresen, Cermak, Homan, Funkhouser, McIntosh.

Judge Sedgwick and the republican candidates for university regents on the state ticket have carried Douglas county by some 1,700 majority. The regents run close to the supreme court and close to one another.

LINCOLN, Nov. 7.—From all returns received up to noon Chairman Lindsay of the republican state central committee estimates that Judge Sedgwick's plurality will exceed 7,000.

The entire republican ticket is elected in Lancaster county. Complete returns give Jesse Moore, candidate for register of deeds a majority of 31, and B. F. Knight, candidate for treasurer, over 800. All other nominees are elected by between 1,000 and 2,100.

A table of forty-two counties, complete, shows a plurality for Sedgwick of 6,001. These same counties last year gave Dietrich, republican candidate for governor, a plurality of 41, a net gain over last year of 5,960, when Dietrich had a plurality in the state of 861. This would indicate that the republican plurality on the head of the state ticket will be in the neighborhood of 10,000, as the counties included in the table represent more than half the vote of the state for governor last year. Partial returns from other counties show that the same ratio of republican gain obtains throughout the state.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—The Herald says: Figures secured by the World-Herald covering about 70 per cent of the state vote on judge of the supreme court of Nebraska indicate that in 1,121 voting precincts of the state out of the total number of 1,611, that Sedgwick has received 74,527 votes, and that Hollenbeck has received 63,118 votes, thus giving Sedgwick a majority up-to-date in the first heard from portions of the state, customarily republican, of 11,409.

But comparisons with the Holcomb-Reese vote of two years ago for the same position indicate that this majority will receive a big trimming down on the late precincts.

The Result in Iowa.

DES MONIES, Nov. 7.—Returns are coming in slowly, only one-half of the 2,100 precincts have been heard from. If the same percentage of gain in majority continues, Cummins, republican candidate for governor, will have 32,000 over that of Phillips, democrat.

The prohibition vote has been largely increased, advancing from 9,800 last year to 25,000 this year.

Practically every precinct heard from shows a falling off in the democratic vote.

Republicans Own Colorado.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 7.—In the election of county officers in Colorado, the republicans won in most of the large counties except Arapahoe. Complete returns from all the precincts in this city and all country precincts except one show that all the democratic candidates were elected in Arapahoe by majorities ranging from 2,000 to 4,000. In many counties the result is mixed, the offices being divided between democrats and republicans.

Will of Edward Stokes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The will of Edward S. Stokes, who died on Saturday last at the residence of his sister, Mrs. McNutt, was filed in the surrogate's office yesterday. The will was executed on February 13, 1891; before Mr. Stokes had the disagreement with his cousin, W. E. D. Stokes, and the latter is the chief beneficiary under the will. No petition setting forth the value of the property left by Mr. Stokes was filed with the will.

Virginia Democratic 25,000.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 7.—Latest returns in the election figures do not alter the figures first sent out. Those figures place the democratic majority on the state ticket about 25,000. The indications are that the republicans have elected one senator and fourteen members of the house. This is a gain of eleven on the present genral assmbly, but that body will still be overwhelmingly democratic in both branches.

Governor Crane's Plurality.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—The republicans in carrying Massachusetts suffered in the size of its vote to an extent never exceeded in off years. Governor Crane's third term plurality is 70,204. The social democratic candidate made the best showing among the minor party nominees. The governor's council includes seven republicans and one democrat. The democrats lost two members in the senate and gained six in the house.

A BLAZE AT THE CAPITOL

Some Believe There Was Attempt to Destroy the Structure.

LINCOLN, Nov. 9.—The discovery of a small blaze in the tunnel leading from the engine house to the state capitol building has caused several officials to believe that a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the latter structure. The flames were confined to the asbestos covering of a large steam pipe running through the tunnel. Outside of the asbestos is a covering of four layers of heavy paper. This paper was burned away in two spots, each about a foot in diameter. Below the pipe was found a pile of excelsior and several burnt matches. The place where the fire was found is about forty feet from the capitol building, and with a good draft the flames would have spread the entire distance within a few minutes.

Secretary of State Marsh and Attorney General Prout investigated the discovery, but arrived at no definite conclusion. It was reasoned that if an attempt was planned to destroy the building the fire would have been started nearer the building or in the woodwork. The pipe is hot enough to scorch dry paper, but it is said by engineers that it could not produce any effect on the asbestos, which is between the pipe and the outside paper covering.

State Fight on Standard Oil.

LINCOLN, Nov. 9.—The supreme court made an order allowing the state ten days in which to file exceptions to the report of the referees in its case against the Standard Oil company. If some showing is not made by the state within the time spefied the report of the referees will be confirmed and the case dismissed, as recommended. Attorney General Prout said he had not determined what course he would pursue. It is likely, however, that exceptions will be filed, in which event the court will assign a day for a hearing.

Cannon Lives at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., Nov. 9.—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon of Danville, Ill., accompanied by Hon. Samuel Waugh of Plattsmouth, was in Ashland Wednesday. While here Congressman Cannon purchased the Thomas J. Wilburn farm of 500 acres, lying between this city and Greenwood, paying an average price of $60 an acre for it. Congressman Cannon, who is a member of the appropriations committee, made the purchase as an investment, having great faith in the value of Nebraska lands.

Northwest Nebraska Teachers.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Nov. 9.—The Northwestern Nebraska Teachers' association, which meets in this city on November 29 and 30, promises to be the most important educational gathering ever occurring in western Nebraska. Among the special features will be addresses by Deputy Superintendent McBrien, President W. A. Clark of the Peru Normal and a lecture by Dr. A. L. Bixby. State Journal poet.

Death of Mrs. W. R. Akers.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Nov. 9.—Mrs. W. A. Akers, wife of ex-State Senator Akers of this place, died after a protracted case of typhoid fever with complications. Captain and Mrs. Akers have long been citizens of this part of the state, coming here in the early '80s, the former being at present a member of the state republican central committee and receiver of the United States land office here.

Farmer Found Dead.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 9.—Isaac Brown, a well-to-do farmer, who lives one mile west of Henderson, started to that village with some eggs in a basket and was found lying dead near the elevator at that place. It is supposed he died of heart failure.

Pitchfork Wound Proves Fatal.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Nov. 9.—Jack Smith, who was badly hurt by jumping off a load of hay onto a pitchfork, the handle of which entered his body ten inches, died from the effects of the injury.

Who Can Beat This.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 9.—Thayer Propst, a young farmer, made a good record husking corn last week. In ten hours he husked and cribbed 127 bushels.

Announcement of an increase ranging from $2.50 to $10 per month in the wages of telegraph operators on the Hazelton & Mahanoy division of the Lehigh Valley railroad has been made.

Blows Off Top of Boy's Head.

TILDEN, Neb., Nov. 9.—Joseph and John Hopkins, cousins, aged 19 and 17, respectively, were hunting, when an accident happened which terminated fatally. The former was explaining to the latter the mechanical working of his gun when, in breaking it, the cartridge exploded, the charge blowing away the top of John Hopkins' skull. The injured boy lived for several hours, but never regained consciousness.

Stifled by Coal Gas.

OMAHA, Nov. 9.—Thomas Noland, bookkeeper, and Tim Collins, hack-driver, were found dead in the latter's room, 703 North Twentieth street, victims of asphyxiation by coal gas. The room in which the men were discovered was full of gas, which had escaped from the stove, an old-fashioned hard coal burner. The men retired some time after 10 o'clock Monday night and that was the last seen of them alive.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A Shanghai dispatch says that Li Hung Chang is very ill.

The proposed McKinley arch in Washington will cost $1,500.

A postoffice has been established at Lost Springs, Converse county, Wyo., with Leander E. Blackwell as postmaster.

E. H. Wands of the New York Tribune has been appointed world's fair commissioner to Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.

The estimates for the expenditures of the interior department during the fiscal year beginning next July aggregate $170,000,000, of which $142,161,200 is asked for pensions.

The Chicago Great Western depot and freight house at Waverly, Iowa, were destroyed by fire. Agent Hine was severely burned in an unsuccessful effort to save his cash drawer.

Emperor William has issued an army order expressing the warmest appreciation of the work of the troops in China, "who have added fresh laurels to the ancient glory of the German arms."

The navy department has ordered the gunboat Marietta, at Portsmouth, N. H., to Colon to relieve the gunboat Machias, which has been watching over affairs at that point for some months past.

The police order expelling from Prussia, Joseph Herrings, the American newspaper correspondent, upon the ground of an alleged evasion of military service ten years ago, has been cancelled.

Work has been begun on the construction of the Santa Fe extension from Pawhuska, I. T., to Bartlesville, I. T., joining there with the Santa Fe and giving Oklahoma direct Kansas City connection.

At an auction sale of a library in London an original copy of Blake's "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience" was sold for $3,500. It is understood that it was purchased for an American.

Captain Neitzke of the German cruiser Gazelle, who was tried for not reporting the insubordination that occurred on the cruiser while she was engaged in the maneuvers at Dantzic, has been acquitted.

In the woods near Blue, I. T., Nicholas Caldwell and Gibson Columbia, two fullblood Chickasaw Indians, settled a dispute over land matters by fighting a duel with Winchester rifles. Both were mortally wounded.

The governors of the board of trade have decided to invite Admiral Schley to visit Indianapolis on any date he may name. It is intended to have a public reception at the state house and lionize him in every way.

The London Lancet says it has official authority to announce that the recent rumors regarding the health of King Edward are entirely without truth or foundation. The Lancet further says the king is in good health and has undergone no operation whatever.

The report of the state auditor of Iowa for the past three months of the business done by the banks of Iowa show an increase in the amount of deposits of $5,735,031.56 since June 30. At the close of business on September 30 the 189 state savings banks had total assets amounting to $145,504,346.97.

To Representative Jones of Washington, who called upon President Roosevelt to pay his respects, the president expressed his great interest in the northwest and said he expected to make a tour of that part of the country next summer.

William H. Richards of Liberty, Neb., has been admitted to practice before the interior department.

Lieutenant William C. Hartige, U. S. M. C., who thrashed a Filipino boy on a wharf at Manila on slight provocation, has been severely disciplined.

The abstract of the condition of the national banks of South Dakota at the close of business on September 30, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been 29.95 per cent, against 30.67 per cent on July 12.

At Salem, O., Lucien L. Shoemaker, the oldest business man, died suddenly, aged 85. Friday morning he stumbled over an obstruction placed at his door by Hallowe'en mischief makers, and it is believed injured himself internally.

A dispatch from Jerusalem says the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, surmounting Christ's tomb, as traditionally located, was the scene of a sanguinary affray between Franciscans and Greeks, during which there were a number of casualties on both sides.

The academic board of the military academy has raised the standard of admission to that institution.

Edward Wefelver of Wheatland, Paul Lavenetts and John P. J. Crowley, both of Cheyenne, Wyo., have been appointed railway mail clerks.

The Chinese legation at Washington is inclined to believe true the report that Minister Wu is to be recalled.

Ernest H. Wands, news editor of the New York Tribune, has been appointed world's fair commissioner to Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.

The civil service commission has received word that under an act just passed by the Philippine commission all employes of the insular and provisional government stationed outside of the city of Manila will receive commissary privileges.

An organization to be known as the German East Asiatic society has been founded in Berlin to maintain closer relations between Germany and Germans now in Asia and so promote German scientific and commercial undertakings in Asia.

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