

News in Brief

Work of constructing the Panama canal is about to begin in earnest.

At Brussels it is reported that a rebellion has broken out in the Mongalia river district of the Congo Free State and that troops have been sent there.

It is stated upon official authority that President Roosevelt has practically decided to name a New York farmer as assistant secretary of agriculture.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times says that the Japanese marine association has resolved to form a volunteer fleet of auxiliary cruisers.

Sir Thomas Lipton is paying a visit to the Clyde for the purpose, it is believed, of arranging for the designing and construction of a fourth steamship.

The farm house of B. A. Dowling, near Perth, Oklahoma, was struck by lightning and burned. Four members of the family were burned to death in the house.

The International Mercantile Marine company at Liverpool has announced that the steamer City of London on the Boston steamer line, is a reduction of \$3.75.

Italy has 16,700,000 trees bearing oranges, lemons and pomegranates. Of last year's crop \$44,329 hundred-weight went to Great Britain, 725,327 to North America and 1,755,327 to the rest of the world.

The general staff of the army has ordered that all the troops serving in the United States, excepting the artillery corps, shall be equipped with the full dress uniform.

Jacob Hussman, an aeronaut, was drowned in Lake Michigan in a balloon ascension and on coming down in a parachute fell into the middle of the lake.

An unknown Italian who attempted to kidnap Helen White, a child 5 years old, narrowly escaped lynching in a nearby town. He had made a balloon ascension and on coming down in a parachute fell into the middle of the lake.

Secretary Taft has fixed September 2 as the date for hearing of interests involved in the appeal of the state of Missouri to have the United States take possession of the St. Louis Merchants' bridge.

Refugees from Ansonia, the capital of Paraguay, declare that the conditions there are insupportable. All business has been suspended, the streets are deserted and only the patrols are visible.

The wealth of Russell Sage is estimated by some Wall Street authorities to reach \$176,000,000, and as he was 83 years old his last birthday, it would make his savings average \$2,000,000 a year for his life.

Jonathan P. Dolliver received his education in the West Virginia university and then started out for himself by going west and teaching school. He opened a law office at Fort Dodge when 21 years old.

In the Washington bureau of ordnance plans are being drawn for restricting of all the guns of the navy. The rapid fire guns will be fitted with a new telescopic sight which will permit of continuous aim.

Three naval recruiting parties will start on their itineraries September 1. Estimates of the number of recruits to be recruited by the navy department could not be ascertained, it was necessary to arrange the itinerary.

A spark from a locomotive falling on dry leaves set a forest on fire in the vicinity of the Kansas city, destroying a timber district of nearly 190 square miles, belonging chiefly to Duke Ernest Glimmer of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the empress, and to Count Von Dohna-Kotzenau.

The state central committee of the Montana populist party has decided to call the state convention to meet in Butte on September 19.

Fire in the plant of the Tutthill Spring company at Clinton and Seaver streets, Chicago, caused a loss of \$50,000 on the building and contents.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has announced that as a result of his recent trip west plans are in progress looking to the establishment of a wireless telegraph system of fire alarms in the various forest reserves under the control of the government.

Mrs. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll of New York, has been given a favorable decision in a suit to recover a large amount of money for services given by her husband as attorney in the settlement of the estate of Andrew J. Davis, a wealthy copper mine owner of Montana.

Senator Scott, manager of the speakers' bureau for the republican national committee, with former Senator Thurston of Nebraska to make several speeches in New York and New Jersey and to spend a week in West Virginia.

Former-Ambassador White, when interviewed concerning the report that he had been selected as a candidate for governor of New York on the republican ticket, declared a denial, saying he is "entirely and finally out of all political life, save as a simple citizen."

An Algiers dispatch says that eighty-three horsemen sent by the Marquis de Baux, to Chief Amada of the Beni Buzurgora tribe to ask his daughter in marriage, were treacherously murdered by the chief.

Senator Prince Odiscalchi, former minister, the Marquis San Giuliano and the Marquis Campana and ten deputies have left Naples on board the cruiser Liguria, to participate in the international parliamentary peace conference to be held at St. Louis September 19.

The grand jury in New York has handed down an indictment for extortion against Philip Wolfson, the leader of the strike of the Building Trades Alliance. Wolfson is charged with extorting \$2,700 from George Beig, a plumber.

William J. Bryan lectured at the Lincoln (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce, 5,000 people, having for his subject the "Value of an Ideal."

The Cuban government has acceded to the request of Mexico for the extradition of Solar Pineda, charged with the theft of jewels.

SIXTEEN KILLED

BESIDES THERE IS A LONG LIST OF WOUNDED.

A GREAT LOSS OF PROPERTY

A Destructive Gale Tears Down the Valley of the Mississippi at St. Paul and Minneapolis—Losses Foot Up into the Millions.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Death to sixteen persons and destruction to property, both private and public, estimated at \$2,000,000, rode on a screeching gale which tore down the valley of the Mississippi at about 9 o'clock Saturday night from a point somewhere near the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers near Fort Snelling.

At about that point the fury of the elements seemingly divided and, with a roar, descended upon the twin cities and their environs. Of the losses, St. Paul suffered to the extent of about \$1,000,000, Minneapolis is estimated at \$1,500,000, while in the outside districts it is feared that \$500,000 will not cover the damage done to crops and farm property.

Beginning at a point below Fort Snelling there is the first known evidence that the storm struck with damaging effect. It came from the southwest and howling in its fury, uprooted trees and demolished buildings in its pathway toward St. Paul.

It tore off two spans of High bridge completely. The bridge is connected there with the high bluffs at West St. Paul and it is 180 feet above the river. This mass of steel was carried to the flats below, where flying steel girders and heavy planks fell on several small frame houses of the flat dwellers and crushed them. None of the occupants of these houses were hurt, they having seen the storm coming and taken refuge in the caves in the hillside.

The storm tore along the flats, uprooted trees on Harriet island and, with a deafening roar and the hiss and splash of falling sheets of rain, it struck the city at Wabasha street bridge. Here, at the bridge entrance and on opposite sides of Wabasha street, were located the Tivoli concert hall and the Empire theater, both of which were fairly filled with men watching the performances. Both buildings stood on the edge of the bluff overlooking the river, with the sides of the buildings open, and were wrecked. The full force of the tornado struck them and the buildings began to sway and rock.

The audience became panicky. Men and boys rushed over each other for the exits. The lights went out and the sheet lightning flashes, one following another with gunfire rapidly, illuminated a scene of pandemonium, which was intensified by the crash of glass and the tearing of timbers as the frame structures gave way before the tornado.

The damage to property was immense, conservative estimates placing it between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The downtown business district was hit hard, many of the large office and business blocks being completely wrecked and the stocks of wholesale concerns seriously damaged by the floods of rain that accompanied the wind.

The storm cloud, which came from the southwest, first hit the ground on the west side bluff near the high school and continued on to the river, which is of steel and which crosses the Mississippi river at a height of 300 feet, were cut out as cleanly as though done with a knife and thrown into the gulch below, crushing in the roofs of a number of small houses situated on the flats along the river bank.

G. A. R. PICKS LEADER. General Wilmon Blackmar Elected Commander-in-Chief.

BOSTON, Mass.—General Wilmon W. Blackmar of this city was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by acclamation at the closing session of the national encampment Thursday, and Denver, Colo., was selected as the place for the encampment of 1905. The other national officers elected were:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—John R. King, Washington.

Junior Vice Commander—George W. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Surgeon General—Dr. Warren R. King, Indianapolis.

Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. H. Bradford, Washington.

Steamship Owners Protest. "LONDON—Reas of Glasgow, owner of the steamer Allanton, which was captured by the Vladivostok squadron on June 10 and condemned by prize court, has written a letter to the newspapers in which he declares that the vessel was seized while carrying coal from Japan to Singapore. The court has decided that the Allanton having once carried contraband was liable to condemnation if she was afterwards cleared. Hundreds of British ships would be liable to seizure on the same grounds.

On a Blunder Foundation. LONDON.—The Constantinople correspondent of the London Standard considers that the diplomatic triumph of the United States in the matter of Turkey rests upon a slender foundation, and proceeds to give in detail the developments already announced in the dispatches to the Associated Press. The correspondent says that the council of ministers there recommended that the American demand, but that the sultan absolutely declined to agree to this step.

Four Persons Are Killed. GLENOC.—A tornado struck the townships of Rich Valley and Bergen Saturday night about 8 o'clock, killing four persons—Mary O'Donnell, aged 13, daughter of Patrick O'Donnell; the 7-year-old son of Anthony O'Donnell; and Frederick Gross and his mother—destroying thousands of acres of grain and many barns, houses and sheds. The storm extended over many counties. The wind storm was followed by hail and drenching rain, lasting more than an hour.

TELL OF ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

Villagers and Soldiers Killed in Bloody Encounter.

The Tabriz (Persia) correspondent of the London Daily News, in a dispatch dated Aug. 6, says:

"On July 23 a band of Armenian revolutionists appeared near Outeh-kilisa. Turkish soldiers and Kurds, finding an excuse, attacked, set fire to and destroyed the villages of Outeh-kilisa, Koomlounjak, Goggan, Karabaz, Bah Bayto, butchering men and outraging women.

"Two large Armenian bands marching to Sassum to help the insurgent leader Antranik attacked the garrisons at Mossuzory and Goutchgar for revenge on July 25. At dawn bombs were thrown into these places, killing many, and severe fighting ensued. The number of soldiers killed amounted to several hundred."



Scene of the Massacre. Star indicates approximate location of village named in cable dispatch.

Japanese Cruisers Chitose and Tsuchima Attack Warship.

WASHINGTON—The state department received the following cablegram from Minister Griscum at Tokio: "Japanese fleet sunk Novik off Sakhalin today."

The following details of the attack on the Novik have been received at the Japanese legation:

"The captain of the protected cruiser Chitose reports that the Chitose and the Tsuchima attacked the Russian cruiser Novik at Karakovsk, Sakhalin island, on the morning of August 20. On the morning of the 21st the Novik, which had been heavily damaged, was stranded and partly sunk. The Tsuchima was hit once in the coal bunker, but the damage has already been repaired. There was no other damage, nor was there a single casualty on either of the Japanese vessels."

DAVIS FORMALLY NOTIFIED. Democratic Nominee for Vice President Receives Committee.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Henry Gasaway Davis was formally notified on Wednesday that he is the nominee of the democratic party for vice president of the United States.

The advance committee of the party in a brief speech reviewing the political situation, expressing the sentiments of Judge Parker on the money question and expressing the determination to be successful in the campaign.

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, chairman of the nomination committee, delivered the notification address. The ceremonies were held on the lawn of the White Sulphur Springs hotel, which affords a natural amphitheater, the grounds sloping up from the speaker's stand on the right, and sheltered by huge, spreading oaks. The day was an ideal one from every standpoint. There was a large attendance.

WILL STOP THE DECEPTION. English Trademark on American Silverware Prohibited.

WASHINGTON—The secretary of the treasury has issued the following statement:

"American silver plate manufacturers have been in the habit of sending their wares to England for the purpose of having the 'Hall mark' of England placed upon them, with a view, as is stated, of deceiving American purchasers in believing the goods to be of English manufacture, such goods being permitted to come back free of duty because this marking is not considered as an importation.

The secretary of the treasury is now formed by the preventing of a statute that an act has been passed by the British parliament prohibiting the use of the English 'Hall mark' on American silver ware in England.

WATSON AND TIBBLES. They Receive Official Notification of Their Nomination.

NEW YORK—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, the people's party candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska, vice presidential candidate, were formally notified of their nomination here Thursday night at Cooper Union. The big hall was crowded when, at 8 o'clock, the two candidates, accompanied by Alfred G. Boulton of Brooklyn, chairman of the meeting, appeared on the platform. There was much cheering.

Chairman Boulton at once introduced General Samuel Williams of Indiana, who made a speech officially notifying the candidates of their selection.

General Nord Made No Threat. WASH.—General Nord never threatened to repeat the massacre of foreigners in Hayti in 1904, according to Minister Powell, who had the denial from the president's own lips. On August 1, several American merchants informed him that General Nord had made such a threat in a public audience. As this report caused great alarm in all classes, Minister Powell, at the request of the merchants, saw the president and asked as to the truth of the report. He replied that it was not true.

Brilliant Meteoric Shower. WASHINGTON.—The naval observatory reports the observation of a meteoric shower, brilliant and many respects unusual. In eight minutes fifteen meteors were counted, one of which lasted five seconds, which, according to the scientists, is an exceptionally long time.

One Jap Cruiser Reported Sunk. CHIEF FOO—It is reported that the Japanese protected cruiser Kasuga was sunk off Round Island in the recent engagement.

Chinese Are Sore at Japan. TIEN TSIN—The reported violation by Japan of the neutrality of China in the capture of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryshchetal at the Foo has resulted in alienating to a great extent the sympathy of Chinese officials at Japan.

IOWA CITY—The two-year-old son of Frank Krob, living near this city, is dead as the result of drinking a quantity of butter coloring which was left within his reach. No fatal result was anticipated, but the child died.

IF ARTHUR FALLS

THEN THERE IS A STANDING ORDER TO BLOW UP SHIPS.

IS BY THE CZAR'S AUTHORITY

Acute Anxiety Prevailing Regarding the Situation—Ample Supply of Ammunition and Provisions Said to Be at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG—Acute anxiety prevails regarding the situation at Port Arthur on account of the desperate character of the fighting reported to be taking place. The war office, however, does not seem to be believe that danger of the fall of the fortress is so imminent as is generally asserted. According to advices received by the war office there is still an ample stock of ammunition and provisions there. While it is realized that the Japanese probably outnumber the defenders six or sevenfold the great strength of the fortifications, it is believed, will do much to make up for the disparity in numbers.

Upon one point there is absolute unanimity here, namely, that if the fortress is so imminent as is generally in the hands of the Japanese. On this point the admiralty's instructions are of the most imperative character.

Vice Admiral Prince Oskostroy has been ordered about the worst case, to sail forth for a death struggle and there is no question here that these instructions will be carried out, both in letter and in spirit, but if for any reason a final sortie proves to be impossible the admiral is to destroy his ships and to make certain that their wreckage shall be absolutely irreparable.

In the meantime Vice Admiral Rojstevsky's Baltic squadron, including the battleship Orel, is standing off Cronstadt with steam up. It is popularly expected that the Orel will sail at any hour, and it is quite true that it is ready for almost immediate departure, but regarding the question of sailing there is a difference of opinion among the naval authorities. It is held on the one hand that the immediate sailing of the squadron would be the best policy. Should the squadron arrive within two months in the orient it would find Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in an infinitely worse condition than if the Japanese were allowed the whole winter to repair and re-fit the ships.

The advance squadrons immediately sailing hold that the port of Vladivostok is capable of receiving the squadron, even should the entrance in Port Arthur prove to be impracticable, and they wish to treat the Port Arthur squadron for the present as being independent of the main fleet in the sea vessels meet the Japanese in the present weakened condition without relying for any certain assistance either on Vice Admiral Oskostroy or Vice Admiral Skrydloff.

ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR. It is Indicated by Information from Various Sources.

CHIEF FOO—That a general land and naval attack was made on Port Arthur Monday is indicated by information from various sources.

The statement that the naval attack was made at 4 in the morning comes from an authoritative but not diplomatic quarter.

Junks which arrived here say the Japanese recently occupied the Liunt hills and Sushien, which is two or three miles north of the fortress. Five warships were destroyed by the destroyers, according to the junk, returned to Port Arthur the night of August 10.

The receipt of the official dispatch announcing the repulse of an attack on Port Arthur August 10, received by the Japanese government, is believed to be a bluff, and it is probable that the fortress may prove impregnable. General Stoessel's dispatch also dispelled the ugly rumors current in the city that the stronghold had fallen.

STANESBORO QUIETING DOWN. Captain of Militia Company Will Demand an Inquiry.

STANESBORO, Ga.—The town and surrounding country were quiet Saturday and no more disturbances have been reported since the rioting of the two negroes from the militia of the Statesboro military company regarding its part in the work of last Tuesday. Lieutenant Cone, who was in charge of the local company, is reported to have said that with his men he would inquire of his commander, the two negroes from the militia, Lieutenant Grieg, second in command of the Statesboro company, is quoted to the same intent. Captain Hitch, who is in command of the troops at Statesboro, will demand, it is reported, a court of inquiry of his conduct in that of his official report. Captain Hitch, in his official report, charges that Sheriff Kendrick and his deputies betrayed all his plans to the mob.

To Pass on Wisconsin Case. MADISON, Wis.—The republican state central committee which called the last state convention in the state university gymnasium May 15 met to comply with the law that provides that in case of a division of controversy in a party as to which of the two conventions is regular, the committee which called the convention shall determine the question of regularity. It was decided to issue a call for a hearing on September 12, and invite representatives of both parties to be present.

Banker Spaulding Is Free. CHICAGO—Charles W. Spaulding, the former bank president, who was convicted and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for embezzlement, was discharged from the penitentiary by Judge Dunne. The order of the court, discharging the prisoner, was based upon a technicality in the original indictment. Spaulding had already served several years of his sentence. Spaulding will now proceed with a contest of his father's will, which has been delayed by his confinement.

Sues for Three Millions. TRENTON, N. J.—George Rice of Marietta, O., has commenced suit in the United States circuit court here for \$3,000,000 damages against the Standard Oil company for the alleged refusal of his oil business by the defendant company. Rice charges that the Standard Oil company compelled him to charge his customers exorbitant freight rates, and in other ways succeeded in taking away from him four thousand customers, an oil refining plant worth \$750,000, and a business worth \$50,000.

King Edward Has Gone to Marlenebad. Bohemia, traveling companion of the Duke of Lancaster. If there are any rich American girls at Marlenebad they should at once be warned not to waste any time making it pleasant for the duke.

Uncle Sam's Cash. WASHINGTON—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$149,383,263; gold, \$44,158,466.

Fire Threatened by Fire. VANDERBILT, N. C.—Forest fires are burning in East Kootenay. At Fernie the coal mines are filled with smoke. The flames are drawing closer to Michael and threatening to sweep the town.

Coming Peace Conference. NEW YORK—President Belva, of Nicaragua, starts, on Thursday for Corinto, says a Herald dispatch from Managua. He will prepare to meet the presidents of Salvador and Honduras, who will arrive on Saturday next to hold the proposed peace conference. It is generally hoped that some practical results will be reached in this conference relative to former President Pulcarpe and Bonilla, and several other political prisoners, who have been for over a month confined in Tegucigalpa.

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LEADERS TO BE CHANGED.

General Shift Made in Salvation Army Commanders.

"It is officially announced that in connection with the recent international congress of the Salvation Army numerous changes of territorial commanders have been arranged. Among others it has been decided that Commander Booth-Tucker will leave the United States about the middle of November. Arrangements are being made for him to conduct farewell meetings in the following cities: Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cleveland."

YORK RAISES A NEW POINT. Counties Whose Valuation Was Raised Look for Flaws in Law.

LINCOLN—A York county man stated that there is a possibility that the land tax in the county valuation ordered by the State Board of Equalization may be invalid, because of the interference with the power of the county boards to raise revenue. Under the statute for the regulation of county levies, county boards are required to make estimates in January of the amount of revenue which they will raise for local purposes, and they are subject to a fine should they raise more revenue than the estimate calls for. Under the new revenue statute the state board is to estimate the amount of revenue raised in the county, and that fact, it is claimed, makes the section granting the power to the state board invalid. It is not yet known whether a test suit will be instituted in York county. The success of such a suit would cut the assessed valuation roll of the state by about \$4,000,000.

Many Applications. S. C. Bassett of the state fair management is trying to make room for all the hog owners who are seeking space. The applications on the hill are piled up to the roof, and Mr. Bassett promises to make room for all exhibitors. The same situation is all over the state in regard to the display of agricultural implements, but the solution will be found by making the exhibitors take less space, and the presence of Dan Patch on Tuesday, August 30, is expected to draw an enormous crowd.

Carpenter Declared Insane. WAHOO—Frederick Anderson, a carpenter and cabinet maker, was committed to the county asylum and adjudged insane. He served a term in the asylum in Lincoln in 1900, but was released, having been pronounced cured. Of late he has been seized with fits of insanity, several times threatening violence to his family.

Teachers' Wages Have Increased. The county superintendent reports which are being received at the office of the state superintendent indicate that there has been a large increase in the average salaries paid school teachers, both male and female, as compared with the figures for 1903.

Ranchmen Are Worried. Chief Clerk E. S. Mickey of the governor's office, who has returned from the Kroya Park ranch, stated that many of the ranchmen are holding their cattle, waiting for the end of the strike. It is a serious matter because from now on their cattle will shrink rapidly.

Inspecting the New Cells. LINCOLN—The state board of public lands and buildings visited the penitentiary for the purpose of inspecting the new cells in the west cell block and to pass on an estimate for payment of work already done. The cells are nearly completed and are expected to be entirely finished by October 1, when Nebraska will have the finest cell house of any city in the United States outside of Baltimore.

Farmer Gored to Death. FREMONT—August Bauman, aged 73, was fatally gored by a bull in his pasture, three miles northwest of Snyder, Tuesday. He was dead when found. He lived in Dodge county for a long time and was highly respected.

On a Tour of Inspection. General Chaffee, the commander-in-chief of the army, and General Humphrey, the quartermaster general, visited Fort Niobrara and Robinson on their tour of the west.

State House Notes. Chief Clerk Despain of the State Labor bureau is preparing a pamphlet on Nebraska statistics for distribution at the state fair. The officers of the Labor bureau believe that this plan will prove to be the most practical method of disseminating information concerning the state.

Blown Up While Blasting. NEBRASKA CITY—George Bennett, who was blasting on a street fair, was blown up and fatally burned by the premature explosion of giant powder.

Pure Food Bulletin. Commissioner Thompson of the pure food bureau has issued his second bulletin giving the results of thirty-two vinegar analyses. Every sample was found to be deficient in acid or colored distilled vinegar and condemned as illegal.

Shiny to Have a Carnival. SIDNEY—September 6 to 10, inclusive, is the date decided upon for the big carnival and street fair. There will be a number of free attractions, including a balloon ascension.

That Appears to Be Program of the Russians. BERLIN—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Liao Yang indicates a belief in the retirement further north of the Russian army. The dispatch says that the Russo-Chinese bank at Liao Yang is preparing to remove to Tsingtau and that the bank at Mukden is apparently about to close.

The authorities, the dispatch says, have heard that 1,200 Chinese bandits are preparing to sack Liao Yang as soon as it is evacuated by the Russians.

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