

# THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

The Suit of King for Land Frauds in the Alliance District—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

## The King Land Fraud Case.

OMAHA—The suit brought against Patrick J. King of Chicago, as told by press dispatches, while in the main similar to those brought against other alleged land fraud operatives in northern and northwestern Nebraska, is a little different in detail. This suit is brought against King for conspiracy to defraud the government out of title to about 25,000 acres of land in what is known as the "Chicago ranch," in township 42, range 52, in Dawes county.

This Chicago ranch company was organized in 1904 and incorporated shortly after the passage of the Kincaid law. Some thirty or forty entries were secured to take up claims in the enclosure, which had already been fenced by the Chicago Ranch company. Each of the entriesmen was to be made a stockholder in the enterprise and all was to pay approximately \$300, for which he was issued shares of stock at the rate of \$50 per share. This fund was to pay for the improvements of the ranch, to employ men to watch the ranch property and to build shacks on the respective claims of the stockholders. Each stockholder was required to pay his own share and expenses to Winfield, the nearest railway station to the Chicago ranch, and from there he was driven by livery team by parties in the deal to select their lands.

An attorney named F. S. Baird then made out the necessary filing papers for the stockholders and accompanied the parties to Alliance, where the filing was made at the government land office. Frank Slides was another party interested in the deal.

In their affidavits the entriesmen stockholders distinctly swore that the land was not for the benefit of any corporation, but for their individual use and cultivation and exclusively for homestead purposes. The approximate cost to each of the stockholders for filing fees, transportation and expenses of visiting the land as about \$500, including the \$250 or \$300 paid into the treasury stock of the corporation. From these investments nothing whatever has been realized to the entriesmen stockholders, and to add to their misfortunes, each of one section claim has been recommended for cancellation and they probably will be made defendants as co-conspirators with P. J. King, Baird and Slides for seeking to defraud the government out of title to public lands.

## Leaves Money to Her Friends.

McCOOL JUNCTION—Several residents of McCool are congratulating themselves for being kind and attentive to Sarah Smith an eccentric widow, wife of the late John Smith, pioneer settler of south York county, and many other residents regret that they had not been more kind and attentive to "Aunt Sally," as she was familiarly known to all south York county. When the will of Sarah Smith was read and filed for probate it caused a great commotion and every resident has taken sides and prospects seem good for a long and bitter contest in the courts, and it is all over this will, in which Sarah Smith left property to the amount of \$6,000 to residents of McCool Junction who were not related to her and cut off her adopted daughter, Florence Wright, a resident of McCool, with only \$10.

## More Trouble in Holt.

LINCOLN—More county treasury trouble has developed in Holt county. The county attorney has appealed to the supreme court to compel the county treasurer to pay over \$11,134.74 which it is alleged was deposited in the defunct Elkhorn bank in excess of the lawful allowance. The district court of Holt county sustained a demurrer to the action, and the case has been taken to the supreme court.

## Ready for Railroad Tax Case.

LINCOLN—Attorney General Brown has completed his brief in the Burlington railroad tax case and the copy is now in the hands of the printers. The brief will be filed in the United States supreme court October 9.

## Mr. Lytle Took Poison.

BENEDICT—The funeral of R. M. Lytle was held here. He took strychnine and told his wife he had stolen it from the rats. He was a well-to-do farmer and had no domestic troubles.

## Farmers Lose Hogs.

ARBORVILLE—A disease similar to cholera is raging among the hogs in this section. Many farmers have been heavy losers in the past ten days.

## Rice Got New Trial.

LINCOLN—Robert Rice, sentenced to the penitentiary on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury, secured a reversal of the decision of the lower court. Under the evidence the supreme court held Rice was guilty of common assault and battery. Rice, while drunk, picked a fight with Alvin Adkins, who threw him to the ground and then choked him. Rice then drew a revolver and attempted to shoot but the weapon was taken away from him and he did no one injury.

## A Preacher Assaulted.

UTICA—Rev. W. M. Lorimer, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, was attacked on the streets by Call Ragan, who knocked him down several times with his fist and was being content with having struck him, finally kicked him. The trouble was the result of the grand jury investigation. Ragan was fined in the neighborhood of \$105. Ragan immediately after the assault went before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

## NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Columbus is out of ice, or expects to be October 1st.

Secretary of War Taft will speak in Omaha some time in October.

David Towell, an old resident and well known in northwest York county, was found dead in his bed at Arborville.

Ben. F. Dill, a farmer, aged forty-four years, committed suicide at his home eight miles south west of Tekamah by shooting.

Omaha parties have asked the city council of Wymore to grant them a franchise with a view of operating a new electric light plant at that place.

Surveyors have commenced to drive stakes for additional sidetracks which will be laid this fall for the enlargement of the Fremont yards of the Northwestern.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Tecumseh Presbyterian church has arranged to give a lecture course there this winter. Five events have been contracted for.

The board of public lands and buildings returned from Hastings, where they inspected the state insane asylum. The members of the board are enthusiastic about the management of the asylum.

While State Superintendent McBrien will make no political speeches this fall, he has consented to address a number of educational meetings which will bring him in touch with most parts of the state.

The sugar beet harvest at Sutherland opened last week and the yield promises to be enormous. From fifteen to twenty tons of beets to the acre will be harvested, giving the growers returns as high as \$100 to the acre.

The recent experiences with mad dogs in Plattsmouth and vicinity have prompted Chief of Police Fitzgerald to issue orders to all owners of dogs that these animals must hereafter be kept off the streets or they will be killed.

The Eleventh U. S. cavalry of 650 men and 700 animals will camp at Tecumseh about October 3. The soldiers will be en route overland from Fort Riley, Kas., to Fort Des Moines, Ia., having been in Kansas for several months.

Devel county's board of supervisors passed a resolution last month incorporating the village of Oshkosh, and kicked the job over at their last meeting after learning that they had made a mistake as to certain alleged "facts in the case."

After being out eight hours the jury in the case of 11-year-old John Dennis, who was charged with shooting and killing George Morrison near southeast Calloway last May, returned a verdict of not guilty. The boy was accordingly discharged.

One of the largest real estate transactions for many years in southwestern Nebraska took place at Alma when Marion Foster sold his 200 acres of land adjoining Alma to Joseph Snyder for \$25,000. This is one of the finest farms in Harlan county.

Rain damage to county property is estimated by the county commissioners of Lancaster county, at \$10,000. Three iron bridges near Agnew and one between Agnew and Raymond were washed out and many culverts and bridge approaches were destroyed. Charles Wagner, night clerk at the Parrett hotel, Omaha, was struck and killed by train No. 12. He attempted to cross the track in front of the train which was running forty miles an hour. At the instant the railroad is blamed for fast running through the town.

Raymond Carleton, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carleton, of Leigh, is dead as a result of a gunpowder explosion. The boy had a miniature cannon, constructed from an old run barrel, and was attempting to fire it. The explosion followed, killing the boy.

At a meeting of the building committee of the Young Men's Christian association of Fremont, bids for the new building were opened. Three were submitted and the lowest one was \$78,794, offered by Simon Koberlein. William H. Luhrs and Alex DeLong were the other bidders.

City Superintendent Taylor of Geneva received a check for \$20 for premiums won in the school exhibit at the state fair. Besides the six cash prizes in the city schools won eighteen diploma prizes, mostly firsts. The patrons of the schools feel highly gratified over the work of their schools.

Judge Irving S. Baxter is at Santee making contracts with members of the Santee Sioux tribe who were at the great Sioux outbreak in 1862 to get them money they believe are due, as a contract has been running for ten years in the name of the tribe with Charles Hill and Charles Eastman.

Representatives of the Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches met at the First Baptist church parlors in Fremont and outline plans for a series of revival meetings to be held in Fremont commencing November 11. The revivals will be held in a large tabernacle seating 2,000 persons which is to be erected for that purpose.

John Wise, of Grand Island, a laborer, who for years has been subjected to sudden spells of epilepsy, went to Wood River for the purpose of fishing. He did not return and an alarm was given. Search was made and his body found in the river.

The Millers' National Fire Insurance company of Chicago has been admitted to do business in Nebraska by Insurance Commissioner John L. Pierce. This is the only outside mutual insurance company that has ever been admitted to Nebraska. Its assets amount to \$1,082,000.

John Knochel, a well-known citizen and for years a prominent merchant of Fremont, met death by falling into a cess pool in his own yard. He was dead when discovered.

The criminal docket was taken up before Judge Day and a jury of Sarpy county farmers. John Curran, the man the sheriff had to shoot to arrest him, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. John Patterson, who was held to the district court for taking a team belonging to Fred Dahl, was sentenced to seventy-three days in the county jail.

## SCHOOLMASTER'S QUANDARY—WHICH SWITCH SHALL HE USE?



## HURRICANE ON GULF COAST

BIG STORM CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE IN SOUTH.

Property Loss Estimated at \$3,000,000—Railroads Suffer Greatly from Washouts.

Louisville, Ky.—The tropical hurricane, which has been churning the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and doing much damage on the coast and far inland, Thursday night whipped through north Alabama in a northeasterly direction at a velocity but slightly less than that recorded in New Orleans during the day. Reports do not indicate any loss of life, but the damage to property over that territory touched by the storm is something enormous. All wire communication is seriously disarranged, and in some instances has resulted in cutting off cities completely.

Numerous washouts have occurred, the interruption from this cause in one case extending for 30 miles. Pensacola, where the maximum velocity of wind was probably felt early Thursday morning, reports a property loss of \$2,000,000 in the city alone, and sends rumors of loss of life, which it is impossible to confirm.

New Orleans furnished the subject of numerous wild rumors, but authentic reports from there indicate that while there was considerable damage to property, there had been no loss of life in the city. Wires between New Orleans and the gulf are prostrated, and it will be several days before anything can be heard from the vast territory between the Crescent city and the gulf and before anything can be heard from the shipping which is riding out the storm in the open gulf.

## FOREIGN MEATS ARE EXEMPT

Inspection Law Does Not Apply to Imported Products.

Washington.—The secretary of agriculture has received from the attorney general the text of the important opinion rendered the latter answering in the negative the question submitted to him, as to whether or not the meat inspection law passed at the last session of congress applied to meat products imported into the United States from foreign countries.

Mr. Moody held that the provisions of the meat inspection amendments has reference entirely to domestic slaughtering and meat packing establishments, having been passed immediately in response to the message of the president to congress transmitting the Nall-Reynolds report of the conditions in the Chicago stockyards and packing houses, and urging the passage of legislation providing adequate inspection of meat and meat food products entering into interstate commerce and for the supervision of the methods of preparing the same.

## NEW YORK REPUBLICAN LEADER

Charles E. Hughes Nominated for Governor in Convention.

Saratoga, N. Y.—The Republican state convention met here Wednesday, nominated a state ticket, adopted a platform and then adjourned. Charles E. Hughes, who conducted the insurance investigation before the legislative committee, was placed in nomination for the governorship by Job E. Ledgers, of New York county. The nomination was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. Senator Tully, of Steuben county, seconded the nomination, and it was made by acclamation.

## Daly Becomes a Broker.

New York.—Lieut. Charles R. Daly, who resigned his commission in the army two months ago, has become a member of the Stock Exchange firm of Mills Bros. & Co. Lieut. Daly was formerly a Harvard quarterback.

## Attempt Made to Wreck Train.

Columbia, S. C.—Train wreckers removed seven rails from the Southern railroad at Barton, S. C., Thursday morning, derailing passenger train No. 30. No one was killed.

## Indiana Millionaire Dead.

Elwood, Ind.—Capt. Richard L. Lesons, aged 80 years, owning department stores in this city and Alexandria, is dead. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Loyol Legion. His estate is valued at \$1,000,000.

## Forty Horses Burned.

New York.—Forty horses perished in a fire which destroyed a dozen small buildings on Water street, near Governor's slip. The fire was near Governor's hospital and caused excitement among the patients.

## RULES FOR MEAT EXPORTS.

Rigid Order Issued by Secretary of Commerce.

Washington.—The acting secretary of commerce and labor Tuesday promulgated certain rules regarding the exportation of meats and meat products, prescribing the manner of inspecting carcasses and the issuance of certificates, labels, etc.

The rules require that both the original and duplicate certificates shall be delivered to the exporter, who shall file the original with the customs officer, to be used by the latter in identifying the shipment at the point of destination by comparison with the original.

Clearance is to be denied to any vessel carrying meat products for exportation where regulations have not been strictly complied with in the matter of proper proof of the due issuance of identification certificates covering each shipment of meat and meat food products, showing the name of shippers, the destination, and other information required by the law.

The new rules go into effect October 1.

Secretary Wilson Tuesday, after conferring with the officials of the bureau of animal industry and in response to many inquiries on the subject, so far modified the meat inspection regulations as to hold that mince meat is not a meat product. It has developed on investigation that the percentage of meat in mince meat was so small as to bring it within the exempted class.

## SIX ARE KILLED IN RAIL CRASH

Thirty-Five to Forty Persons Injured Near Danville, Ill.

Danville, Ill.—Fast passenger train No. 8 on the Wabash railroad crashed through an open switch into a freight train near here Wednesday.

Last reports show six dead.

Probably 35 or 40 people were injured, most of them slightly.

The cause of the wreck as given by General Manager Henry Miller, of the Wabash road, was "accident caused by the crew of the freight train leaving the switch open."

Fire spread with great rapidity from the baggage car to the passenger cars. The wreck was piled up in a heap of smoldering ruins, from which came the agonized shrieks and groans of the wounded. Heroic rescues were many, but it was a long time before assistance could be secured.

The bodies of the dead engineer and fireman were partially consumed by the flames.

Mail Clerk Harding was plucked beneath the mail car. He was roasted to death before he could be cut out.

## WEST POINT HAZING STOPPED

Practice of Initiating New Students Entirely Stamped Out.

Washington.—No more favorable report of the conditions at the military academy at West Point has been made in recent years to the war department than that of the board of visitors, of which Gen. Horace Porter was president.

In its report, the board says: "The practice of hazing new cadets, at one time prevalent among the older students of the academy, has been effectually stamped out, and we have been informed that no instance of real hazing has come to the attention of the academy authorities during the last three years, or since effective measures were employed for its abolition."

## Mexican Crops Damaged by Rain.

Mexico City.—The recent heavy rains have caused much damage to crops in vast portions of the country. The rains of the Pacific slope have been unusually torrential and railroad work has been temporarily checked.

## Boston Car Barns Burned.

Boston.—The car barns of the Boston and Northern Street Railway company, on Washington avenue, Chelsea, were destroyed by fire early Thursday, together with about 80 cars. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

## Typhoon in Philippines.

Manila.—The Casayas valley, in the northern part of Luzon, was devastated by a typhoon September 18. Barrios, Gallaran, Anlung and Bagbao were totally destroyed and four other towns were badly damaged.

## Car Going to Biarritz.

Biarritz.—Quarters are being prepared here for Emperor Nicholas and his Russian imperial family, who will soon join Grand Duke Alexander Michailovitch and his family, who recently arrived at Biarritz.

## EDITORS PROTEST.

CALL LATEST RULING OF COMMERCE COMMISSION UNFAIR.

## RAILROAD ADS BARRED.

Say There is Nothing in the Law That Calls for Such an Interpretation—The Commission Flooded with "Kicks."

Washington.—The recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission to the effect that "nothing but money can be paid for transportation of either persons or property," means that in future the railroads will be prohibited from exchanging transportation for advertising space in the newspapers of the country.

The ruling has already aroused a storm of protest from the publishers throughout the country. Every mail into Washington brings hundreds of letters from newspaper men all of which severely criticize the commission for "going out of it way to hit the newspapers." The publishers insist that there is nothing in the new law which would in any way forbid the railroads from purchasing advertising space to be paid for in transportation, and that such a ruling is not only uncalled for by either the letter or the spirit of the law, but is unconstitutional as well.

One prominent publisher said a day or two ago:

"There is not only nothing in the new rate law which would call for such a ruling as this from the commission, but the ruling is antagonistic to the national constitution as well, and it will not be upheld by the courts. The railroads that desire publicity through the medium of my publication make advertising contracts with me, and pay me for the space used with transportation which is the same as money to me as it is used by myself or my employes in connection with my business. The government might with equal justice say the merchant could not give dry goods or any other marketable commodity in exchange for advertising space. The courts would not uphold such a ruling as that for one moment, and there is no more reason why they should uphold the latest arraignment of the commerce commission, for it is equally as untenable as the proposition between the publisher and the merchant would be."

"Everyone knows that the railroads do, and can afford to, advertise more heavily when their advertising accounts can be paid for in transportation. Nor does this increased amount of advertising affect the interests of the general public in any way, but it does assist in making the prosperity of the American newspapers and periodicals. The transportation that is given to newspapers in exchange for advertising does not affect in any way the equitable enforcement of the rate law, nor does it affect in any way the rates charged the general public for transportation for either persons or property. It is a benefit to the railroads in that it enables them to do a greater amount of advertising that they otherwise could or would do, and in this way secure a greater amount of business for their lines, and under just interpretation of the law this increase in business would eventually lead to a reduction of transportation charges to the general public. It is an unjust and uncalled for ruling, and both the publishers and the railroads should fight it."

That publishers are fighting it, not only by their protests to the commission but by protesting to their representatives in both houses of congress is proven by the fact that already the commission is receiving communications from many senators and congressmen in which these representatives of the people declare they had no intention of passing a law that would affect the newspapers in this way, and that there is nothing in the new law which calls for such a ruling on the part of the commission.

## FOUR PASSENGERS ARE DEAD

Train Runs into Switch Engine at New Prague, Minn.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Four are dead and fifteen or more are injured as a result of a rear-end collision of a passenger train and a switch engine in the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad yards at New Prague, Minn., 40 miles south of Minneapolis, at noon Monday.

The accident was caused by a switch engine in the yards running onto the main track on the time of the passenger train, which was about 15 minutes late. The switch engine was light and the passenger train was running at a rather fast rate of speed.

Both engineers jumped when they saw that the crash was inevitable. One engineer escaped and the other broke his collarbone. All the express and mail messengers escaped unhurt. Apparently the passengers in the smoking car were the only ones hurt.

## Taft to Speak at Milwaukee.

Madison, Wis.—The Wisconsin speech of Secretary Taft, opening the Republican campaign, will probably be made in Milwaukee instead of Madison, as at first planned, during the first week in October.

## Mine Shaft Burned.

Dixon, Ill.—The main shaft of Raton mine caught fire Thursday morning. The flames spread to the coal chutes near the station of the Illinois Central railroad and traffic was delayed several hours.

## Socialists to Hold Congress.

Mannheim, Germany.—The socialist convention has determined to convene an international congress, to meet at Stuttgart next autumn, to demonstrate the solidarity of the socialists throughout the world.

## Supreme Court to Meet.

Washington.—The next term of the supreme court of the United States will begin a week from next Monday. The docket now contains over 400 cases and others will be added before opening day.

## STENSLAND FLEADS GUILTY

CHICAGO BANKER SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL.

Request for Quick Action in Compliance with Penalty Being Imposed by Judge Who is Old Friend.

Chicago.—Paul O. Stensland, president of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue State bank, is a convict in the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet. Stensland, who was captured at Tangier, Morocco, whether he had fled to escape the consequences of his crimes, arrived in Chicago at nine o'clock Wednesday morning. Twenty minutes later, after running the gauntlet of a threatening crowd at the station, he was taken into State's Attorney Healy's office, where for two and a half hours he gave a detailed confession of all transactions in connection with the looting of the bank and implicated several persons, some of them said to be men of prominence. He then was taken into court, sentenced and started for Joliet.

At exactly 12 o'clock, at the conclusion of the ordeal in Mr. Healy's office, Stensland was taken before Judge Kersten, and there pleaded guilty to two indictments for embezzlement and was sentenced under the indeterminate law to prison. The sentence included a fine of \$120.

An hour later, Stensland, in the custody of Jailer Whitman, was aboard a Santa Fe train for Joliet, and at 2:30 o'clock he was turned over to the receiving officer of the prison. His convict number is 9902.

## QUIET RESTORED AT ATLANTA.

Authorities Succeed in Quieting Race Troubles.

Atlanta, Ga.—The race riot situation in Atlanta is in absolute control of the authorities and business has resumed normal conditions. The city schools are open and well attended and all manufacturing plants and factories, which have been suspended since Saturday, blew their whistles at six o'clock and began operations. All six schools are closed and licenses to negro restaurants and low bars have been rescinded by city council in special session. A citizens committee of ten, aided by the mayor, police and military authorities, are in absolute control. There was no disorder Tuesday night and with 14 companies of state militia, a battery of artillery, a battalion of cavalry, and an increased police force on duty, it is believed the riots are curbed and peace permanently restored.

Atlanta, Ga.—The known dead in connection with the riots here since last Saturday night number one white man and 18 negroes. To this number might be added the name of Mrs. Robert P. Thompson, an estimable white woman, who dropped dead Monday evening after seeing two negroes shot and beaten in front of her home.

## HEARST NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

Democrats of New York Select Publisher to Head Ticket.

Buffalo.—On a platform written by W. Bourke Cockran, which denounces centralization of private enterprises in the hands of government and which extends felicitations to William J. Bryan without saying anything about the presidency, William E. Hearst was nominated for governor by the New York Democratic state convention. With Hearst two of the other candidates of the Independence league—Loss for lieutenant governor and secretary of state—also were nominated by the Democrats.

Only a single ballot was taken on the governorship, Hearst receiving 209 votes, Congressman William Sulzer 124 and John A. Dix 17.

## GLORIFY FINDER OF PIKE'S PEAK

Kansas Town Holds Celebration in Honor of the Discoverer.

Republic, Kan.—This little city is celebrating the centennial of the visit of Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike, who, in 1806, upon his return east from the discovery of what is now known as Pike's Peak, raised an American flag in the Pawnee Indian village here. In 1801 the state of Kansas erected a monument here to Lieut. Pike and around this shaft the celebration centers. There are 5,000 visitors in town, and the Second, Twenty-second and Thirty-fifth batteries of artillery, under command of Capt. Mott, are here to participate.

## Earthquake at San Juan.

San Juan, P. R.—The city of San Juan and the island of Porto Rico experienced a series of heavy earthquake shocks Thursday, beginning at 10:47 a. m. The people were thrown into a condition of consternation and indescribable alarm, but the resultant damage was comparatively slight and there has been no loss of life.

## Wife Murderer Captured.

Vincennes, Ind.—John Debord, murderer of his wife, was captured Wednesday by Capt. Kruse at the fair ground two miles from town. Debord said he was prepared to take the consequences.

## Seventy Russ Towns Rebel.

St. Petersburg.—Grave agrarian disorders have broken out in the province of Viatka. The inhabitants of 70 villages have disarmed and expelled the police, and are pillaging the country.

## Central League Season Closed.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Central baseball league closed the season of 1906 Tuesday. Grand Rapids won the pennant, with Springfield second and Canton third. The circuit will remain unchanged next season.

## Robbers Wreck a Bank.

Brady, Neb.—The Bank of Brady was wrecked by robbers Tuesday. Four charges of dynamite were used. The amount of money taken is not known. A big force of men and dogs is in pursuit of the robbers.

## DAMAGE IS LARGE

STORM REPORTS TELL OF WIDE-SPREAD DESTRUCTION.

## MANY TOWNS STILL CUT OFF

Trains Submerged, Telegraph Wires Down, Streams at Great Height, and All Avenues of Communication Interrupted by Wind and Rain.

NEW ORLEANS—New Orleans early Friday was still cut off absolutely from communication with points on the gulf coast east of here. For thirty-six hours no information of any sort had come from towns less than an hour's ride by rail in the direction of Mobile, and anxiety regarding the situation in those places became intense. The gulf towns are a summer resort for New Orleans and the members of many families have been separated by the storm.

All day Thursday the washout on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, twenty-five miles from here, marked the farthest point eastward reached by rail, telegraph or telephone. For hours after the hurricane had passed, the two miles' portion of railroad tracks which was submerged by the incoming tide was exposed to the equally dangerous outward flow of the receding high water. Local Louisville & Nashville officials Friday announced all trains canceled until further notice.

Friday morning Lake Pontchartrain had calmed and the high water failed to very near its normal level.

The first reports from interior Mississippi towns indicated that the hurricane did great damage in the northward progress. Vicksburg and Natchez City reported buildings injured, and Jackson and Brookhaven reported damage of 10 per cent to the cotton crop.

Dr. W. N. McCallister, a passenger on the first New Orleans & Northeastern train, which came into the city late Thursday night, said the train was compelled to run slow through the storm Thursday, with trees constantly falling, some of them threatening to block the tracks in their crashing. Unroofed or demolished negro cabins were continuously passed. Presently, he said, lashing of the wind and crack of trees made a roar which drowned out the train's rattle.

Reports from Monticello, Miss., say that considerable damage was done to pine forests near there, hundreds of trees being uprooted. Trees had fallen across the railroad tracks to such an extent as practically to suspend railroad traffic toward the east of Monticello.

The brief dispatches received here indicate that the losses in interior towns of Mississippi alone will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

## MUZZLE ON ARMY TIGHTENS.

General Order Prohibits Officers and Men from Giving Information.

WASHINGTON—A general order just promulgated by the war department positively prohibits the collecting of positions or other claims against the United States on military reservations or at military posts, camps or stations, and commanding officers are directed to take measures effectually to prevent such solicitation. Officers and enlisted men who give information with a view to aiding persons who solicit such claims will lay themselves liable to trial by court-martial.

## DISPATCH CAUSES TROUBLE.

President of Local Reactionary League in