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RUMORS OF A BATTLE.

Couriers Carry the News of the Arrival of Troops to the Indians.

SIXTY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.

The Messiah to Appear Today in the Form of a Buffalo.

OLD INDIAN FIGHTERS GROWING GRAVE.

The Bee's War Correspondent in the Van of the Marching Columns.

HE FALLS IN WITH THE INDIANS.

Governor Thayer Issues a Proclamation—General Miles Tells of the Preparations Made by the Army—News From the Scene.

GORDON, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A telegram has just reached our train, fifteen miles from Rushville, that an engagement has just taken place and sixty soldiers and Indians have been killed.

A SQUAW'S WARNING.

She Says the Indians Are Preparing for an Outbreak.

CODY, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After supper at Long Pine I made a quiet canvas of all the male passengers on our train and found that nine out of every ten had not only one but two guns of extra size calibre, and making up a traveling arsenal of 100 large sized shooting weapons good for 700 shots without reloading. This fact may be taken as a reliable index to the feeling that exists relative to the apprehension of serious trouble in this portion of the state.

After making this little discovery I had another talk with Major Burke and Nelson, the old scout to whom I have previously referred, and who, by the way, has spent sixty years among those northern Indians, and who married and had children by a squaw who was a near relative of Red Cloud. Without saying a word to influence their reply, I asked them how they felt by this time.

"I wish it was morning. I wish this night was passed and I wish that we were safe at Pine Ridge agency," said the major with a troubled brow.

"And I, too, wish as strongly as a man can wish," said the old gray-bearded scout, "that we were past Valentine. See, see," he exclaimed, "how eagerly our Indians here on the train are watching the moonlit country. Hear those low exclamations of recognition as they see the old familiar foothills which they left nearly three years ago."

"Does this bode ill or well?" I asked.

"Don't ask me; don't ask me," whispered the old man.

"Tell me," I said, "do you really fear that bloodshed is ahead of us? Do you fear for a moment that your Indians here on this train will forget their thirty years' training amid civilization, and will be led away by their fanatical friends at Pine Ridge?"

"No one can tell," said the scout with trembling emphasis, "my fear lies in the apprehension that they will be given firewater by some white dog on our arrival, but I hope to God that it will be otherwise. No one can tell, though. No one can tell."

Nothing was plainer as I watched the old man's face than the fact that his heart quaked with fear of what the morrow would bring forth. It is equally as plain at this writing to see that Major Burke has a deep seated fear of trouble when we reach Pine Ridge. But he is more skilled in concealing his feelings than the scout.

The fear about passing Valentine was based on the fact that telegrams received on our train early in the afternoon warned us that the news of Buffalo Bill's Indians being scheduled to pass through Valentine today had in some mysterious manner reached the 9,000 Indians at Rosebud agency, thirty miles distant, and that secret plans were on foot among them to meet our train and make a great demonstration, but when we reached Valentine not an Indian was to be seen anywhere about the station. Exceedingly hard news was, however, recently learned by me from a prominent citizen of Valentine who happened to be at the depot. This gentleman said that this afternoon the squaw of a leading Indian of the Rosebud agency here came to his place of business and, calling him aside, said: "I have a secret that you should know. You have been good to me and I tell you this in return. The Indians have resolved on a great outbreak at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, and you must warn your white brothers, if you do not many of them will die tomorrow." "Upon hearing this," said the gentleman, "I telephoned it in substance to a friend of mine at Rushville, but we won't have long to wait to find what truth there is in the squaw's words. The people here in Valentine are considerably excited and are hurriedly but quietly arming themselves to the teeth."

A telegram from Rushville was received on our train at Georgia, beyond Valentine, and said that hundreds of Indians were gathering at the depot there to welcome the Buffalo Bill Indians and find out how they stood on the new Christ question. Very serious danger is apprehended. C. H. C.

Warned by Couriers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A special from Rushville, Neb., says that as soon as troops arrived there today, couriers rushed with the news to the Pine Ridge agency. Word was received tonight that the Indians under Red Cloud declare they will meet the troops in battle tomorrow. Agent Roger and his Indian police are powerless. One of them, Thunder Bear, arrested a Cad Indian last Saturday but was overpowered and the prisoners were released and the rebels threatened to burn the agency buildings.

The Indians at the Pine Ridge agency are about equally divided among the good and bad. Red Cloud and Little Wound have been fermenting trouble for several weeks while American Horse and Young-Man-Afraid-of-his-Horse tried to purify the warriors.

Last week a big meeting was held thirty miles from the Pine Ridge agency, at which a reputed apostle of Messiah was present. He told the Indians to return to the agency and await the coming of the Messiah, who is coming tomorrow in the form of a buffalo. He will give the signal for the opening of the conflict which is to annihilate the white race. This fact causes great fear in the minds of old Indian fighters. Unless there is an absolute failure to get word from the Messiah on the day of the arrival of the troops a conflict is certain.

Major Butler's column went into camp tonight and prepared for what now seems a certain combat. Many of the friendly Indians have left the agency and are now encamped at Rushville. They have signified their intention of aiding the whites.

ON TO THE FRONT.

All the Forces Massed at Rushville Start on the March to Pine Ridge.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Eight companies of troops from Fort Omaha and Fort Robinson, under command of General Brook, arrived here this afternoon and will march at once to the Sioux reservation. All the cavalry which had reported here previously left at 11 tonight on its march to Pine Ridge, which point will be reached by 4 in the morning.

The intention is to disarm the Indians and at all hazzards to suppress the famous ghost dance in honor of the coming Messiah, which has produced the alarming state of restlessness among the savages.

On taking control at Pine Ridge only a week or two since, Agent Royer found the Indian police system and other affairs in a greatly demoralized condition, with Indians absolutely beyond control. He determined to regain the authority lost by his predecessor, and being unable to do so alone, he called upon the government for assistance. No openly hostile demonstrations have yet been made by the Indians, except as is reported on good authority, that yesterday the Indian police were surrounded by a large number of Sioux and violent threats made. No fighting occurred, but the police now refuse to take further chances of being scalped. It is also currently reported that the savages have threatened the life of any white agent placed over them, but the chief trouble is in the open and reckless defiance of authority manifested, with a growing tendency to insolence.

The citizens here and settlers generally believe that but for the prompt and decisive action of Agent Royer in calling for troops at this point serious trouble would have occurred, though possibly not before spring. It is also believed that their presence will effectually establish order and break up the fanatical ghost dance where nothing else would. Everybody is breathing easier under the evidence that our government does not intend to wait until lives are sacrificed before sending needed assistance to its citizens. The only regret is that the trouble was not quelled three months ago, as it might then have been done without the intervention of troops. It is hoped now that the trouble has gone so far that the soldiers will be stationed here for the winter to prevent a revival of this insolence and fanaticism, which might occur if they are soon removed.

Excitement at Valentine.

VALENTINE, Neb., Nov. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The question uppermost in the minds of the people here for several weeks past, whether or not the authorities were going to take the Indians who have been the cause of so much anxiety to the settlers near the reservation, was settled when three companies of the Second infantry under Major Butler arrived here this morning on a special train for Pine Ridge, via Rushville, followed shortly by another special carrying General Brooke and Lieutenant Truitt. At that time all was activity at Fort Niobrara, and it was not long before Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Eighth infantry, commanding three companies of that regiment and two troops of the Ninth cavalry, left for Rosebud agency and will arrive there about noon tomorrow. The arrival of the troops at those two agencies will soon settle the faith question, and a feeling of relief is already manifest here. People are coming into town with their families from all directions, deserting their claims, and a very unfortunate feature is that irresponsible parties will set all kinds of rumors afloat, which have the effect of frightening women and children unnecessarily. When the troops arrived this morning several Indians were loading freight for Rosebud. Part of them deserted their wagons and broke for the agency on horseback and were there in a very few hours. The rest, however, waited for their freight and were loading most of the day, which gives assurance that a very large number of the tribe are peaceably disposed.

TANGLED RUMORS.

They are Heard by the Bee Correspondent on His Journey.

PILGER, Neb. (en route to Pine Ridge Agency), Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Two special through coaches from Washington containing forty-five of Buffalo Bill's Indians were attached to our train at Fremont, and a brighter, more intelligent party of copper skins I have never met. All have relatives at Pine Ridge, which is their destination as well as mine. Their return will, it is thought, be an important factor for good in this crisis.

They left Washington Monday night and are in charge of Major Burke. Their accompanying chiefs are Rocky Bear, Black Heart, Little Wolf, Black Elk and Hollows. Before leaving Washington the acting commissioner of Indian affairs addressed the chiefs and their men and told them to exert their influence with their relatives and friends against an uprising or further fanatical demonstrations. They seem to a certain extent to realize the gravity of the situation, and it is believed they will do much toward restoring quiet. Several of the party had received letters from their friends at Pine Ridge speaking of the Christ and Messiah craze just before they sailed from Europe.

Major Burke and two famous interpreters who accompany the party, John Nelson and Jack Russell, the latter having been with General Crook for three years, are exerting every effort as the train rolls nearer the scene of alleged trouble to impress upon the Indians and particularly the chiefs how vastly to their interest it will be to do all in their power to dissuade their Pine Ridge friends from attempting a war.

Rocky Bear, who is an old associate and warm friend of Red Cloud, told me that No Water, the chief who professes to have seen the new Christ, is one of the greatest liars in the country and has seldom if ever been known to tell the truth. "I think," said Rocky Bear "that our party here can do more than any others in the world to quiet our brothers at Pine Ridge. Our brothers at Pine Ridge seem crazy over this new religion or new teaching, just as some white folks get crazy over religion. My people may get crazier than white people do, and if so I am very sorry. We here know that the day for the red man to fight against the paleface is far, far past. We hope to do our people at Pine Ridge much good."

The other chiefs seem to coincide with Rocky Bear's opinion, but some of the young men in the party shot sullen and ugly looks at the interpreter as I plied him with questions for Rocky Bear's ears.

I spent several hours with them and it was plain to me that while a majority were ready to scoff at the scare, others were inclined to reflect upon the intelligence regarding the Messiah in a manner that boded no good.

At nearly every station thus far along my route I hear all sorts of tangled rumors regarding what the day has brought forth at Rushville, where the troops are massing, though no engagement or anything approaching one has been reported. Representatives of the Chicago Times and Herald joined our train at Fremont and more than a dozen others from leading papers in the east are trailing us one train in the rear of ours. We reach Rushville at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, from which point I shall immediately hasten to the agency, which is twenty-five miles north. C. H. C.

THE DETAILED TROOPS.

General Miles Reviews the Situation at Latest Advices.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—General Miles was seen by an Associated press reporter this morning and asked for information from the Indian troubles.

"The same turbulent spirit among them is manifested at the Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Cheyenne agencies," said he. "There is more threatening for state affairs at Pine Ridge than elsewhere, and my latest reports are that troops have gone to Pine Ridge from Rosebud. General Brooke with three troops of cavalry and five companies of infantry will reach Pine Ridge tomorrow morning. At the same time Lieutenant Colonel Smith will reach Rosebud with three companies of cavalry and three of infantry. In my opinion these forces will be sufficient to protect the lives and public property at the agencies. If the Indians do not commit any overt act before the arrival of troops or immediately on their arrival I think the appearance of a body of soldiers will quiet them. I have information that night before last American Horse had a narrow escape from assassination by turbulence at Pine Ridge. He is a prominent chief and friend to the United States government. He has always been inclined to peace and loyalty, and I can attribute the motive of the assassination to that. He has been strenuously opposing their actions.

Referring to a dispatch saying it was rumored an outbreak had taken place at the Rosebud agency, the general said he considered the story premature. Both Generals Ruger and Brooke are acting with the utmost discretion and care to prevent hostilities, protect the settlements and maintain government control over the Indians and he has confidence in these commanders. Whether they will be successful remains to be seen.

"The danger is not over," said he, "however much such a result might be desired." The general added the disaffected Indians are scattered over several hundred miles of territory and aggregate in round numbers 6,000 warriors. Troops are scattered over this territory to the number of about 6,000 and not more than 1,500 of this number are effective mounted troops.

Important dispatches are expected tomorrow.

A WARNING FROM THAYER.

The Governor Issues a Proclamation at General Miles' Request.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The governor has received the following telegram from Major General Miles, commanding the military division of the Missouri:

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—To His Excellency, the Governor of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.: Indian agents and officers report that Indians are buying arms and ammunition. I would respectfully suggest that every measure be made to suppress such acts and for the punishment of the men engaged in such business.

NELSON A. MILES,
Major General Commanding Division.

The governor has issued a proclamation cautioning all dealers in firearms on our northern borders, or anywhere else, against selling arms to the Indians. If they do so the consequences will be serious to those thus offending. The attention of Hon. B. S. Baker, United States district attorney, is respectfully invited to this matter by the governor.

Bishop Hare's Views.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bishop Hare of the Episcopal church, who has had charge of the missionary work of this denomination for ten years among the Sioux Indians, arived in this city today after a visit of a month among the various missions of the reservation. He is probably the best posted man on the situation in the country, and has given special attention to the Messiah craze for months. In an interview with THE BEE correspondent he said:

"So far as I am able to judge from the results of my trip, the Messiah craze is not gaining, but rather the reverse. I should fear the results of forcible interference with them in their present excitement. Time will reveal the deception practiced by the ringleaders of the movement, for the promised crisis will not come, and meanwhile the Indians will have danced themselves out. Their prophets have said that the quaking of the earth and the coming of the Messiah would occur at the next new moon, and when their predictions are not fulfilled the excitement will be allayed. The missionaries have long be expecting a struggle of the character now manifested, and I have conversed with many of our workers on the reservation during the past few weeks with a view to determining how far this craze is going. At Standing Rock, Pine Ridge and the Rosebud agencies I found certain bands of Indians almost crazy with the fever. The devotees of this idea are dressed in their exercises in a special garb made up of a calico shirt and worn like a blouse, called by them a "holy," or "mysterious" shirt, and amid harangues from their leaders and songs in which they cry "The buffalo are coming," the people form rings by joining hands and whirl themselves around and around in wild dances until they fall to the ground unconscious. This craze will take care of itself and run its course. It will indeed be an unfortunate thing if troops are sent amongst them. It will precipitate a war with absolute certainty."

Great Excitement at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Colonel Henry received orders yesterday to march to Douglas with his pack train, army wagons and D troop of cavalry, which is now all the cavalry at Fort McKinley. The command is equipped for immediate field service with two hundred rounds of amunition per man. The famous scout, Frank Gouard, accompanies them. A man employed at the Pratt & Ferris cattle ranch has just reached Buffalo. He came on horseback from the B & M. railroad and reports squads of Sioux Indians all along the road from New Castle, traveling in this direction. The largest party consists of eighteen teepes and from that down to two and three teepes. He saw fully a dozen different outfits, all Sioux except one small band, which were at the mouth of Clear creek. The fact of their traveling in this direction at this season is suspicious. The chances are that if the Sioux make a fight they will cross the country either north or south of Buffalo, going to the hills on the west, where they will be reinforced by the Arapahoes and Shoshones from Washakie, driving herds of stock before them into the Big Horn mountains, where it will take an army to dislodge them. Much uneasiness exists amongst our people at the cavalry being taken from Fort McKinney, leaving only one company of infantry in the garrison.

Bound for Lower Brule.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—One hundred Indians from the Yankton agency passed through here today, bound for the Lower Brule agency. These Indians live east of the Missouri river and have been quiet and industrious, but a talk with them brings forth the fact that they are also firm believers in the coming of the Indian Messiah, and are anxiously looking for his coming to wipe the whites from the face of the earth. The purpose of their visit to Lower Brule could not be learned.

Will Meet the Emergency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—General Miles yesterday telegraphed that the instructions received from the war department had been forwarded to the department commander with instructions. He added that the news from Pine Ridge was of a serious tenor and told of the disposition he was making of the troops. Major General Schofield, commanding, replied: "I approve of the measures you have taken in sending troops to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge agencies and also of your proposed effort while giving the necessary protection to the agencies and restraining as far as possible the turbulent Indians, to avoid, if possible, an outbreak or any active hostilities for the present until the advanced season and further preparations shall make the operations of the troops more surely effective with less danger to surrounding settlers. The cavalry and artillery at Fort Riley and all other available troops will be placed under your orders if the emergency seems to require it."

Colonel Cody Says They Won't Fight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Colonel Cody was asked his opinion of the reports from Dakota that give promise of an Indian war. He replied:

"If this was spring instead of winter the situation would be serious, as the Indians could then sweep over the country and have 20,000 defenseless settlers at their mercy."

"Will the Indians fight this season?" the reporter inquired.

"I think not. The Indians dread winter warfare. If it were spring there would be a general uprising. They are discontented and claim that the government has not kept its agreements with them in rations or by paying for their land. These Indians know that the harder they fight the more presents they will get from the government when peace is proclaimed. If war comes and General Miles is in command and not handicapped he will quickly crush it."

Praying for a Blizzard.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—A Mandan special says: An unconfirmed report was received today that Sitting Bull is in irons. Pickets are out at night and the rules of a military garrison are observed. A company of troops from Fort Tottin arrived tonight. People keep coming in from the country. Houses large enough to comfortably accommodate one family have five to ten families.

An Arickaree Indian said: "The Sioux are in good shape for a fight. They have plenty of guns and ammunition and all the jerked beef they need. They have the white man's meat to eat while fighting the white man. There are 800 young bucks missing from the reservation. Scouts and Indian police don't know where they are."

Everybody is praying for a blizzard.

Movement of the Troops.

DENVER, Nov. 19.—A Cheyenne, Wyo., special to the News says: Transportation for Fort Russel troops was received here this afternoon. Seven companies under the command of Colonel Offley are in readiness to move and expect to leave today for Pine Ridge Agency, S. D. The Seventh infantry officers expect the command to go to the Black Hills at a point near Rapid City, from which place they will have a fifty mile march to the Pine Ridge agency. The journey can be made in forty hours.

R. H. Hall of Fremont county, whose home is near the Shoshone reservation, says there is little danger of an uprising among the Shoshone and Arapahoes.

Messiah Emissaries at Work.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Nov. 19.—DeRose, a Yankton reservation Indian, was in this city today on his way to Lower Brule agency. A party of fifteen or twenty teams loaded with people accompanied him. These Indians are highly advanced and it has been thought that they would not be led away by a Messiah craze. They are, however, being worked into a state of extreme excitement by it. Emissaries of the Messiah are now working among Sioux and Lower Brules, notwithstanding the vigilance of the agency authorities.

The Two Kettles Starting.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 19.—Captain Norville today started for the Two Kettle tribe of the Bad river Indians, where it is understood some partially civilized Indians have decided to join the ghost dances. Captain Norville will urge them to remain on the farms. No one here anticipates an Indian outbreak of any moment.

Quiet at Mandan.

MANDAN, N. D., Nov. 19.—Everything is fairly quiet here and the citizens feel tolerably secure. It is reported that 3,000 young Sioux bucks are missing from the reservation. Nobody knows where they are.

HASTENING TO THE SCENE.

General Brooke Leaves for Pine Ridge to Assume Command.

General Brooke, commander of the Department of the Platte, left for the scene of the expected Indian troubles Tuesday night at 12 o'clock. He was accompanied by his aide, Lieutenant Charles M. Truitt of the Twenty-first infantry. They traveled in the private car of Manager Burt of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road. The conductor, before leaving the depot, stated that he would enable them to disembark at about 12 o'clock yesterday. This is very rapid traveling and will place the general, if not in advance of, but a few hours later than the two special trains which Tuesday night left Fort Omaha with the wagons and companies A, B, C and D of the Second infantry. He will thus be able to direct the movements of his men upon the field.

Lieutenant Fayette W. Roe, Third infantry, General Brook's senior aide, was compelled to remain at headquarters, and yesterday morning fretted the time away bemoaning the fate which confined him to his office when others are in the very presence of danger.

Lieutenant Roe was recently summoned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to appear before the board, created by a recent enactment, to undergo examination for promotion to captain. He telegraphed the members of the board asking if a postponement could not be granted, but at last accounts had received no reply. As a consequence he is compelled to remain at home until the matter can be satisfactorily settled.

Colonel T. H. Stanton, one of the gallant survivors of the celebrated campaign of Crook against the Indians in 1876, returned Tuesday from Washington. He had there assisted in transferring the remains of his late companion-in-arms, General Crook, from their temporary resting place to Arlington cemetery, where they will hereafter repose in the companionship of thousands of honored dead who gave up their lives for the flag.

The colonel had a short conversation with General Brooke, before the latter left for the front and it is thought that he may yet be summoned to go against the Indians whom he fought fourteen years ago.

Colonel M. Sheridan, the adjutant general of the department, was busy yesterday receiving and answering telegrams from the different posts as also from General Miles, division commander and the war department and interior departments at Washington. These telegrams were mainly of an inquiring nature, though one or two containing orders were received from General Miles.

Agent Ryor at Pine Ridge has telegraphed General Brooke repeatedly, and when the order was issued centering the soldiers in the vicinity of his station, begged that the information might be withheld from the papers. He feared that it would reach the savages as soon as it would the settlers, and before the troops could prevent it the Indians would massacre every white person found on the reservation.

The Congo States Tariff.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 19.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—At the session of the Congo commission the British delegates declared the readiness of his government to open the discussion on import duties affecting ports in eastern Africa under the Berlin act, provided the details of the tariff for the east and west coasts be also submitted at a full meeting. The German, American and Italian delegates strongly supported the proposal, but the French representative insisted upon France's exercising absolute control over the tariff in the French Congo country. This attitude of France encourages the opposition of Holland and will delay the development of the question indefinitely.

SLASHED HER WITH A KNIFE.

Murderous Assault of a White Fiend Upon His Colored Wife.

HE MADE MERRY WHILE SHE WAS DYING.

Fatal Shotgun Accident to a Boy—Second Day of the Plattsmouth Reunion—The Vote on State Officers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Belle McGingan lies dying tonight from terrible wounds inflicted by her husband, Tom McGingan, who assaulted her with a butcher knife. Both are notorious characters, the husband being a white man and the woman black. Once before Tom stabbed Belle with a knife and inflicted a terrible wound, but she recovered. Tonight, after a quarrel with her, he again assaulted her with a knife and slashed her several times over the head and neck with the terrible weapon. After wreaking his vengeance on her McGingan left his wife dying on the floor and walked off to a neighboring saloon to join a number of convivial friends. Belle bled frightfully and when a physician reached the scene there was but little of the vital fluid left in her. Her chances of survival are very slender. McGingan was found in the saloon mentioned and was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder. He will be held on this charge until it is known whether the woman will survive or not. In case of her death, which seems probable, he will be arraigned on the charge of murder.

Second Day of the Reunion.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The morning trains brought large numbers of recruits to the reunion and the city today was alive with the men who wear the button.

At 1:30 this afternoon the association met at the opera house, with President McMaken in the chair. The minutes of last February's reunion were read and approved. The reports of the various committees were deferred. Comrade Coulter, editor of the Western Veteran of Topeka, Kan., addressed the boys and made a proposition to make a complete roster of Nebraska soldiers. The proposition will probably be accepted. Colonel Allison delivered an interesting lecture upon Custer's last rally.

This evening at the camp fire the opera house was again packed to its utmost capacity. The stage was tastefully decorated and draped with the colors of the regiments. The following well known veterans were on the stage: John Q. Goss, Major J. W. Pearman, Major Paddock, ex-Governor Sanders, Colonel Tom Majors, Colonel S. H. Coulter, Comrade J. B. Strode, Captain Paine, Comrades C. W. Sherman, H. C. McMaken and Burmeister. John Q. Goss presided in a happy manner and introduced first to the audience Colonel Van Atta, who made stirring talk about the days of the war. The colonel was followed by War Governor Saunders, who recalled many incidents of the dark days of the strife. Major Paddock also addressed the audience and the glee club followed in good songs. Comrade Burmeister of Omaha, after an amusing recitation, conveyed the regrets of Department Commander Clarkson, who was unable to attend. Colonel Law (ginger and his gallant Company Q of young ladies of the first Nebraska followed in an interesting drill. J. B. Strove, Lieutenant-Governor-Elect Colonel Tom Majors, Major Pearman, Colonel Coulter and Captain Paine entertained the audience and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

Tomorrow the association will attend to considerable business and in the evening another entertainment will be given, during which the drawing of the prizes will occur.

The proceeds of the fair so far are very large and the memorial hall will have a substantial fund to start on.

The Vote on State Officers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The work of adding up the votes for the various candidates for state offices, beside that of governor, has continued today, and the result is as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Allen (rep)	74,326
Sprague (dem)	61,071
Mayberry (ind)	60,550
Watts (pro)	4,581

TREASURER.

Hill (rep)	74,39
Cushing (dem)	63,52
Wolfe (ind)	70,78

The returns for auditor as footed up in the secretary of state's office are:

Benton	73,912
Wahlquist	62,858
Batie	71,192

Fatal Shotgun Accident.

STUART, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—George Dobney, fourteen years old, son of Frank Dobney, living eight miles northeast of this place, had his arm shattered by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in his own hands last evening. Dr. Firt of this place was called, and though he skillfully amputated the arm, the boy did not survive the operation, having nearly bled to death before the surgeon reached him. He had been forbidden the use of the gun, but having a craze for hunting, had surreptitiously taken it from the house. His younger brother and a man who were standing near him, were both slightly wounded with the shot.

Fremont's Twine Factory.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Fremont's new twine factory has just commenced operations and is now manufacturing the product of its tow factory into binding and other twines, principally the first, which was contracted for in advance. The mill is a large one and supplied with machinery imported from Europe. It is the first and only enterprise of its kind in Nebraska. It is a promising industry.

Death of a Blooded Equine.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Colonel Frank, a valuable two-year-old colt belonging to W. A. G. Cobb of this city, died last evening. The animal was one of the finest-bred in Nebraska, his pedigree tracing five times to Rysdik's Hamletonian. He was valued at $2,500.

Driven Off by Squatters.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—County Surveyor Pierce today attempted to survey some school land south of the city, but was driven off the property by a lot of squatters who threatened him. The case will be laid before the authorities.

Misappropriation of Funds.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Criminal action was brought today by the state of Nebraska against B. K. West for fraudulently appropriating funds of the county of Adams, amounting to $820, as tax collector of Little Blue township.

Gave Up the Booty.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Doug Vance, a former employe of L. Levi, who was suspected of robbing the latter's safe yesterday, today gave up $140 of the money on condition that he would not be prosecuted. Vance was then given an hour to get out of town.

Novel Real Estate Transaction.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The absurdity and extent of the real estate craze in Chicago is illustrated by a certain tract of land in the suburbs that since the boom has changed hands a number of times at prices rang[illegible] om $100 to $300 per acre. Several of th[illegible] ransfers have been made through a prom[illegible]nt Chicago real estate firm. It now appears that none of these transactions can be closed for the reason that the owner has never given anyone authority to sell the prop[illegible] a presumptuous real estate agent ha[illegible] started the ball rolling by giving an [illegible]ment to deliver a good and sufficient w[illegible]nty deed to the tract. He made this con[illegible] before he had even received verbal au[illegible]y to sell from the owner. This sale was made at an advance on the price he represented it had paid to him. To give an air of plausibility to the scheme he had an abstract made of the property at his own expense without the knowledge of the owner and offered it to the buyer. On the strength of the signature of the agent and the supposition that he had a legal right to sell the property the land was resold at $175 an acre. Three other sales were made in succession, the last at $300 an acre. Somebody is out many thousands of dollars.

THEY REMAIN LOYAL.

Various Expressions of Confidence in Parnell.

DUBLIN, Nov. 19.—United Ireland says: "We do not desire to condone Parnell's grievous sin; but from Ireland which he has served so long and faithfully, with such dear devotion and magnificent success, he may at least look for generous forbearance in the hour of his trial. He yielded to a temptation to which many great and wise men have succumbed since and before the days of King David. He has atoned by what to a man of his proud spirit must have been indeed bitter and humiliating. But to coercionists the clamor for his dismissal from the Irish leadership Ireland's answer is sharp and decisive—No!

"Irishmen have no mission to judge his private life. Leave that to his conscience and to God, who weighs the temptation with the offence."

The Limerick and Ennis boards of guardians have adopted a vote of confidence in Parnell.

At a private meeting of the Irish members of parliament today it was unanimously resolved to remain loyal to Parnell.

TEMPESTUOUS SEAS.

The Terrible Voyage of the Steamer City of Gothenburg.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The steamer Gothenburg City, from London, which arrived this morning, had a passage of sixteen days. The marks on her funnel and sides bear evidence of the tremendous seas she encountered. Captain Harrison told the same story as other captains recently arriving here—a story of a succession of westerly gales which might almost be called one gale lasting from November 2 to November 17, with mountainous seas. One of the officers said it was a terrible voyage. There was no let-up to the gales, which continued day after day, with seas washing clean over the vessel. One of the boats was slightly damaged, but everything else withstood the terrible waves. The ship was unable to make much headway, and one day, notwithstanding she was sent into the seas at full speed, she made but seventy-five miles in twenty-four hours. She has a large cargo to land here, including a thirty-three-ton gun to be placed on McNabb's island.

FAVOR A CONFEDERATION.

The F. M. B. A. Desires Union With a Number of Orders.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 19.—The national assembly of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association elected the following officers tonight: President, W. J. Stilwell, of Fort Branch, Ind.; vice president, D. O. Markley, Burlington, Kas.; secretary, P. Steele, Mount Vernon, Ill.; treasurer, T. W. Haynes, Morganfield, Ky.; board of trustees, W. M. Reed of Marion, Ill.; E. M. Poe of Egypt Mills, Mo.; J. T. Butts of Indiana, and S. W. Dass of Iowa. H. H. Moore of Mount Eric, Ill., the retiring president, declined re-election. A resolution was adopted today favoring the confederation of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association, the Patrons of Husbandry, the farmers' alliance and the Knights of Labor as an industrial organization for the mutual advantage of these organizations. Indianapolis was selected for the place of meeting of the National assembly next year.

Minister Crispi's Speech.

TURIN, Nov. 19.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—Prime Minister Crispi, in his electoral speech here last night, said that the Italian people were called upon to pronounce their verdict upon the policy of the government. He claimed that the government had accomplished many internal reforms and had conquered for Italy a position among the nations of the world that no one dare risk abandoning. He was confident that the new chamber of deputies would endorse the policy of the government and assist in the solution of grave questions of a national character. Although the chamber would naturally bring into prominence the different legislative tendences of the various parties, the government hoped to realize the idea of a monarchy surrounded by democratic institutions. Agriculture and manufactures, notably the textile industry, were reviving and the government would come to their assistance without placing excessive faith in the efficacy of protection duties. He believed, in the face of the attitude of Europe and America, that Italy could not dispense with them. He still hoped for some concession from France in exchange for the abolition of differential duties against her. If France accepted the proposed new tariff, however, it would render treaties impossible. "Russia also," he continued, "is increasing her customs, and the result of the elections in America is decisive enough to permit us to consider her vast markets open to Europe. Therefore, while we are favorably disposed toward equitable arrangements, we shall maintain the stability of our customs." In conclusion, he referred to the proposed social measures and said that reorganization of the national credit was imperative.

Huron Will Contest.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A large and earnest gathering of citizens of Huron occurred last night for consideration looking to an investigation of alleged frauds perpetrated at the late election bearing on the capital location. There were ringing speeches by Mayor Rice, Hon. J. W. Shannon, Rev. E. B. Cummings, Colonel Elson, and others. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

esolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the capital contest should be continued vigorously to a point of thoroughly investigating and contesting the election if necessary, and that all details should be committed to the present capital committee, with power to name such attorneys and agents as they may see proper.

Three hundred and sixty-two affidavits received by the Huron capital committee show that from fifteen to sixty-seven illegal votes were cast in favor of Pierre at the points named. The affidavits are from twenty-eight counties. The committee has evidence sufficient to justify the belief that 12,000 illegal votes were cast for Pierre for capital on November 4. Other affidavits and letters are pouring in from all parts of the state.

Good Wishes for Booth.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Solicitor General Sir Edward Clarke has contributed £50 toward General Booth's regeneration scheme. General Ponsonby, secretary to the queen, has written to General Booth, thanking him for a copy of his book and adding, "the queen cannot express any opinion on the details of your scheme, but understanding the object is to alleviate misery and suffering, her majesty cordially wishes you success."

Financial Situation Calmer.

BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 19.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—The financial situation here is now calmer. The semi-official journals declare that the indications point to the success of the negotiations for the new loan.

A DROP IN SILVER BULLION.

It Was Unexpected and Mystifies the Treasury Officials.

TO BE A MARK FOR DEMOCRATIC SHAFTS.

Congressman-elect Burrows has That Destiny—Superintendent of Census Porter Pricks Another Bubble—The Count Was All Right.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.

Treasury officials are unable to give a satisfactory explanation of the unprecedented and very unexpected fall in the price of silver bullion. It will be remembered that bullion was worth but ninety cents on the ounce shortly before the convening of the last session of congress and that it steadily went upward in price until it was about $1.03 at the time the silver bill was passed. Then it took an upward shoot and reached $1.22 where it stood a day or two and began gradually to decline. Today it declined to 97 1-16 cents. The most practical explanation of the dump is that there has been a heavy unloading by holders who are pressed for the payment of loans made by banks, squeezed in the recent money scare in London and New York. It is believed that the price of bullion will stiffen now and that there will be a steady appreciation until after the January settlements when the markets will entirely recover. At the office of the director of the mint the outlook for the bullion market is not regarded in a despondent way and the officers say mining interests will not be affected by the temporary decline.

MR. BURROWS A TARGET.

A desperate effort will be made by the democrats in the Fifty-second congress to unseat Mr. Burrows of Michigan, at the earliest day possible. His will likely be the first contest taken up, as it is the intention of some of his enemies to humiliate him and also his friends outside of congress for the work he did in sustaining Speaker Reed in his rules and rulings. Mr. Burrows has the certificate of membership and is to be seated on prime facia evidence, but owing to his prominence in the republican party he will undoubtedly be a target for the early marksman and it is believed in Washington that he will be unseated before the session progresses very far.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

The following postmasters were appointed today: Reels, Pottawattamie county, Iowa, C. D. Reel, vice W. A. Swanson, resigned; Osco, Kearney county, Nebraska, Mrs. A. Raun, vice G. C. Johnson, resigned; Danforth, Hand county, South Dakota, E. Cooper, vice G. Danforth, resigned.

PORTER PRICKS A BUBBLE.

In talking today upon census matters generally, Superintendent Porter said, with reference to the criticisms that have been made impeaching the integrity of the federal census of Omaha, that not a single suspicious circumstance has been brought to the notice of the census office. On the contrary, certain prohibition organs would seem to have been conducting a campaign of wholesale falsehood and calumny. They have charged that the census was padded in order to prepare their party throughout the county for the defeat that was awaiting them in the state of Nebraska. The census office can do nothing on mere newspaper gossip, election scandal or anonymous letters. The vote cast at Omaha in the recent election compared with that cast in Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul and the ratio of voters to population sustains the census. It even shows less difference than might reasonably be expected in any four cities of such important rank. In this as in other instances the bubbles of criticisms on the eleventh census are soon pricked when compared with cold facts.

MR. OUT