

USED LIKE DOGS AT SIDNEY

Commonwealers Confined in the Old Barracks Make Serious Complaint.

SENSATIONAL TALE BY WAY OF DENVER

Industrialists Said to Be Sick, Badly Fed and Cruelly Treated by the Deputies—Epidemic of Typhoid Fever Threatened—Overrun with Vermin.

DENVER, July 20.—A special to the News from Fort Sidney, Neb., says the 200 members of the Denver contingent of the Cozzy army who are here under arrest are liable to be afflicted with an epidemic of typhoid fever. The symptoms are already manifest and there are at least three well defined cases of septicemia caused by their present food and surroundings. The men have been confined more than a month in a small building hardly large enough to accommodate one-half their number. Many of the prisoners may be blankets or other covering from damp night air and are compelled to sleep on the bare floor, which is overrun with vermin. They are without the most common conveniences generally granted to even the lowest class of criminals in all prisons. The sick call for every morning brings from twenty-five to fifty to the doctor. The hospital is taxed to its utmost capacity. A man must be very sick to get there, and once there he has to tuck up and recover more than upon the treatment or medicine. The guard house, however, is more easy of access, and a slight infraction of the rules entitles the perpetrator to three days therein on bread and water diet. The men are guarded by about forty deputy United States marshals, who allow no close approach except on occasions in the creek. Two scant meals a day are given, generally consisting of boiled beef, often tainted, bread and so-called coffee. Sometimes a small stew is given, consisting of the same beef with an onion and a half potato per man. The broth is thickened with flour. Generally the whole meal is scalded in cooking and tastes of burning hair. Once fish was given, salt as the ocean, partly dried and half cooked, with the heads and scales left on. The men are not allowed to be given out once or twice, but in such small quantities as to be scarcely worth mentioning.

The men were arrested at Big Springs, Neb., June 15, and were herded in this pen of filth for two weeks before a trial was granted. They claim that the food was worse than a farce and strongly resembled what they called "kangaroo" justice. None have thus far been informed of any sentence and several are in a state of utter despair, receiving the same treatment as those who pleaded guilty. The latter claim that they were tricked into making this plea on promises of speedy sentence and removal from the pestiferous quarters.

STATEMENTS MADE STOUTLY DENIED.

Deputy Marshal Frank Says There is No Danger of Disease.

After the receipt of the above telegram by The Bee yesterday afternoon, a special was sent to Fort Sidney, asking for the facts in the case, and Harry A. Frank of this city, who is acting as a deputy there, wired the following: "Reports that contagious diseases have broken out among the Commonwealers are absolutely false. Twenty-eight men asked for medical attention, but they were not very sick. Eight men are confined to the hospital. No septic, typhoid fever or other contagious disease has appeared. The hospital is disinfected and scrubbed every day and the prison is cleaned every other day. The prisoners take a bath every day and hot their clothes every other day. They are fed twice a day on plain, wholesome food. The waiters furnish the cooks, both for themselves and the deputies. The government irrigation ditch is opened and water runs all around the barracks. The sanitary arrangements are the same as when the soldiers occupied the fort. The report of threatened outbreaks contain little truth, of threatened outbreaks was held. The leaders were confined in the guard house. Ten men were turned loose today, given a day's rations and allowed to leave the fort today. The only weapons taken from the prisoners were a few clubs and an old gun scarcely good enough for a club. When shown the United States dispatch, which was inclined to believe that the whole matter was simply an exaggeration. He stated that the prisoners and deputies are fed by the same company, this city, manager of the Pacific Hotel company. When the Commonwealers were imprisoned Howard Perry, a special agent, contracted for the feeding of the men. He agreed to pay \$100 cents per day for each prisoner. Market was to furnish rations on the basis of three-fourths of a pound of meat, a half gallon of coffee and one pound of bread per day to each man. Two meals were served each day. The deputies were fed under another contract with Market at a higher rate per day. The prisoners were confined in three rooms adjoining each other. The largest room is 40 by 100 feet in size, the next 30 by 40, and the third 20 by 30. Every man that was not provided with suitable clothing had been furnished with all that he required. Blankets have been issued by the government to all that did not already have them. The hospital service is in charge of Dr. Stowida, who furnishes a daily report to Marshal White. The last report, made at the office here, is dated July 18, and shows that on that date there were eight men in the hospital, while nineteen had been treated in the general hospital. There are eight men in the hospital none were suffering from serious or infectious diseases. Men in the hospital are given spring cures, blankets and pillows. During last month more than 300 prescriptions were furnished by the physician in charge. This, Mr. White believes, effectually disproves the assertion that the prisoners do not receive medical attention. As far as treatment is concerned, Marshal White says that more and more complaints have been received from the Commonwealers confined in the Douglas county jail.

WAITER NOT RUNNING FOR SENATE.

DENVER, July 20.—Governor Waite announced today that he was not a candidate for the United States senate, and would not allow his name to be used in that connection. The democratic state convention has been called for September 3, one day before the populist convention, with a view to nominating a mixed ticket and having it endorsed by the populists. Governor Waite is opposed to this plan.

FAIR, WARMER AND VARIABLE WINDS FOR NEBRASKA TODAY.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The indications for Saturday are: For Nebraska and Kansas—fair; warmer; variable winds. For Iowa—fair; warmer in the eastern and northwestern portion; variable winds. For South Dakota—fair; warmer in the southwestern portion; south winds. For Missouri—fair; warmer; nearly stationary temperature in the southern portion; north winds, becoming variable.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA.

Table with 4 columns: Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Precipitation, and State showing the quantity of rain for the past four years.

REPORTS FROM OTHER STATIONS AT 8 P. M.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Temperature, Wind, and Clouds.

AT Y. M. C. A. FOREST CAMP

Novel Plan by Which the City Boy is Given a Pleasant Outing.

HOW THE TIME IS PROFITABLY SPENT

Field Sports and Close Application to a Well Loaded Dining Table Consume Many Hours Daily—Birdseye View of the Place.

Y. M. C. A. CAMP (Near West Point), Neb., July 20.—(Special to The Bee.)—You need rain rather badly in this part of the state. It's pretty dry around here. I remarked to the driver who was taking me out to the Y. M. C. A. camp near the Elkhorn river, as the clouds of dust railed across the prairie road. "Yes, it's dry enough here, but you'll find it a blamed sight more dry where you strike that Y. M. C. A. place out there," he replied, and wiped the stream of perspiration from beneath the rim of his hat and wished he had a squeegee or two to wash the dust from his throat. But imagine my surprise, as we drove around the little clump of trees which hides the camp from view until you are right upon it, when the first thing that struck my sight was a canvas-covered wagon which was painted in bold letters, "St. Louis Export Beer." But I afterwards found that the brewing company also handled ice, and after leaving a couple of chunks of the cool crystal the wagon drove up to deliver the rest of its cargo at one of the neighboring farm houses. The same evening Secretary Ober chose for the text of his talk, "Avoid also the appearance of evil."

There is not one of the stories in the camp who at home, if he were roused out of bed at half past 5 in the morning, would not cause a small stir. The first thing that strikes him is different, and one who could enjoy his slumbers after the first boy is awake could sleep with Bedlam left loose. Boys who in their own back yard have a perfect horror of the wood pile even seem to get actual enjoyment out of chopping kindling. But no one is overworked here. The boys are not allowed to work more than a few hours a day. The boys are not allowed to work more than a few hours a day. The boys are not allowed to work more than a few hours a day.

MINTS TO BE KEPT BUSY.

Ordered to Issue Silver and Gold Coins in Unlimited Quantity.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—John Daggett, superintendent of the San Francisco mint, has received orders from the secretary of the treasury to coin an unlimited number of silver dollars during the remaining days of July, and during the present money stringency to coin gold currency to the full capacity of the mint. An similar instructions have also been sent to the mint officials at Carson City, New Orleans and Philadelphia. Superintendent Daggett says that fully \$3,000,000 will be turned out by August 1. There is also on hand in the mint 30,000,000 ounces of standard silver already coined into dollars ready for circulation, and 13,000,000 standard ounces of fine silver ready for coinage.

FOREIGNERS GOING HOME.

Emigrants from European Countries Taking Advantage of the Low Rates.

CLEVELAND, July 20.—The offices of the various steamship companies in this city are besieged by large numbers of foreigners who are taking advantage of the present steamship war and the consequent low rates to return to their native lands. It is estimated that since the hard times commenced fully 5,000 foreigners have left the city to return to Europe. These people, who are mostly Hungarians, Bohemians, Italians and Slavs, are leaving the country for good.

JURY TRIAL CASE GOES OVER.

CHICAGO, July 20.—In the jury trial case against the wife of Millionaire Warren Springer, which was resumed today before Judge Baker, Attorney Forrest for the defense asked for and secured a continuance until Tuesday.

CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS.

DENVER, July 20.—General Kalis, who has tendered to Governor Osborne his resignation as adjutant general of Wyoming, is in the city today. His resignation, which was accepted by the governor, was learned from reliable authority that it is a warm admirer of President Cleveland, and that he is appointed deputy collector of internal revenue by Collector Now, he does not care to hold office under a governor whose attitude toward the president is antagonistic.

LAKE CAPTAIN'S MURDER AND SUICIDE.

MILWAUKEE, July 20.—A special to the Wisconsin from Racine, Wis., says: About 10 o'clock this morning Captain John Crangle, residing at 1241 North Michigan street, shot his wife twice, once in the back of the head and once in the right shoulder, and then turned the smoking revolver on his right temple and fired the trigger. He died instantly. Captain Crangle was one of the best known navigators on the chain of lakes.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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INTENSE HEAT AT PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, July 20.—The torrid weather of the past three days has caused many prostrations and much suffering among mill workers. Yesterday was the hottest day in seven years, the mercury climbing to 97 degrees. At 10 o'clock today the temperature was 91 degrees and rising, with no prospect of immediate relief. Several deaths from the heat have been reported.

TAKEN FROM JAIL AND SHOT.

WOODVILLE, Tex., July 20.—A mob of thirty armed men overpowered the jailer here and broke down the doors. They went to the cell where William Griffith was confined and took him out. Proceeding to the Southern Railway they shot and killed him. One of the shots fired into his body nearly cut his arm off. About a week ago Griffith assaulted a little girl.

LEOPARDS GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES AT COURTLAND BEACH TODAY.

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