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WIRES CUT BY BOERS

Line of Communication Behind General Methuen Is Broken.

CULVERT BLOWN UP NEAR GRAS PAN

Guides from Orange River Station Report Heavy Firing.

FIGHTING ON MODDER RIVER AGAIN

Nothing in the Reports to Indicate Importance of the Engagement.

REVIVE RUMORS OF RELIEF OF MAFEKING

Reinforcements Sent Forward to General Gatacre—Hope He Will Be Able to Divert Part of Boer Forces.

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LONDON, Dec. 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Post military expert says: Lord Methuen's lines of communication have been cut and restored. A telegram to the war office says that merely the railway culvert has been blown up.

It is possible to do a great deal of damage with a very little dynamite. The Boers have shown throughout the compaign procrastination. Their most telling efforts hitherto have been always a day late. If they had cut the line before General Methuen received his reinforcements and while he still had the wounded on his hands the situation would have been far from a pleasant one.

No news of any importance has reached us from the front for twelve days and one must not be tempted to build fresh conjectures on the guesswork of the past. The entire border between the Grigualands is in a most unfortunate condition and a big defeat of the Boer forces in front of Kimberley or Ladysmith is badly needed.

Heavy Firing at Ladysmith.

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BRITISH CAMP AT FREERE, NATAL, HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL HILDYARD, Dec. 7.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The natives from the region of Ladysmith report that many women, dissatisfied with official reports of the killed and wounded, have arrived at the Boer camps and insisted on seeing their husbands, sons and other relatives. This may account for the rumored dissensions among the Boers.

There was heavy firing at Ladysmith early this morning. A patrol of Natal carbiniers with a provost marshal has just captured four noted Dutch farmers named Osthuisen and found in their possession much looted furniture. The patrol was fired on by six Boers, whose horses they captured and shot but the Boers disappeared in a donga (cut) and were lost. The British troops in camp here are well, but the heat is intense.

ROBERT STUART.

Fighting at Modder River.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Fighting commenced near Modder river at 6 o'clock this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—6:52 p. m.—The war office has just issued the following:

No further news has arrived from General Methuen today, but this dispatch has been received from Orange River station:

"A railroad culvert was blown up near Gras Pan this morning. The telegraph was also cut. The guides report heavy firing of guns toward the north."

The foregoing implies that the Boers have cut the line of communication behind General Methuen, who apparently is now fighting.

Rumors of Relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—While nothing in the latest messages from the British camp at the Modder river indicates an immediate advance, it appears that Pretoria has news that fighting was resumed Wednesday. It is not shown, however, whether General Methuen has advanced on the new position taken up by the Boers or has merely engaged in a reconnaissance in force. Reports were again current at Orange river Tuesday, December 5, that Mafeking has been relieved. It is known through dispatches from Magalapye that preparations were completed there to advance in force November 15 from Rhodesia, for the purpose of repairing the railroad line and restoring communication with Colonel Baden-Powell. The Boers, however, were strongly entrenched near Gaberones, midway between Magalapye and Mafeking.

Reinforcements are rapidly arriving at Sterkstroom to strengthen General Gatacre, including the much-needed artillery. The authorities expect speedy news that General Gatacre has taken the offensive, thus diverting a portion of the Orange Free State forces now obstructing the advance of General Methuen.

BOER GUN DOES GOOD WORK

Reports from British Sources Say that the Dutch Shoot Straight, But Hit Nobody.

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FREERE CAMP, Dec. 7, 4:05 p. m.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—(By runner from Ladysmith.)—Since the last telegram the bombardment has become heavier than previously. The Boers' new gun on the middle hill has done no damage. It has only fired sporadically, its fire now being restrained. Two old six and three-tenths inch howitzers are doing excellent work. Their fire is remarkably accurate.

The Boers have posted a new six-inch Creusot gun on a hill considerably this side of Lombard's kop. It commands the whole town and camp and the firing is remarkably accurate, but luck is still on the British side. There has been a number of narrow escapes. The Boers spent Thursday shelling the town, especially the hospital in the town hall.

In the afternoon one shot killed one and wounded nine men. Twelve hospital orderlies are now wounded. This is deliberate, because General White warned the burghers that the town hall is used for a hospital.

Other Boer guns are equally active and especially those in the northwest, except the Creusot on Umbulwani hill. The suspicion is growing that old Long Tom has been definitely knocked out. It lost two wheels and the muzzle is bent by a shot from the naval gun. The same shot killed five men.

On Thursday our artillery smashed a howitzer on Surprise hill.

We ascribe the Boer activity due to events in the direction of Colenso, of which we have little accurate information.

This morning the newest gun put twelve shells into the Light Horse camp and six exploded in the heart of the camp. I saw several remarkably narrow escapes during the last two days.

I have seen several large herds of cattle moving toward the Free State. The natives report there are 1,000 cattle behind Budwani hill. The Boers [illegible] wing discontented and anxious to re[illegible] The natives report that 200 attemp[illegible]rn without permission recently. I [illegible]cipline among the Boers is going to [illegible]ing to large losses.

We expect action of some sort, becau[illegible] the increased shelling in the next few days. The British troops are well and ready for any emergency. The hospital has been removed to a secluded position.

The British howitzer put a shell into the embrasure of a big gun on the middle hill. The last two days there has been a renewal of the practice of sniping pickets which lately was in abeyance. Last night the Boers attempted to cut off the patrol of the Nineteenth Hussars on the Helpmakaar road, when they replied vigorously. The Boers suffered several wounded and two dead. Probably more will be found today. We observe now considerable movement of the Boers westward. Probably much in the Boer movements that is unintelligible here is explicable in England in the light of news received from Estcourt. The intelligence department is extremely reticent about news from General Clery's column.

NO MERCY SHOWN BURGHERS

Fifth Lancers Massacre Sixty Burghers at Elandslaagte After They Had Laid Down Arms.

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LONDON, Dec. 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Boer allegation that the fifth (British) Lancers massacred sixty burghers at Elandslaagte after they had thrown down their arms is receiving confirmation in private letters from the Lancers themselves. One officer writes in a letter published in the Times as follows:

"After the enemy were driven out one of our squadrons pursued and got right in among them in the twilight and most excellent pig sticking ensued for about ten minutes, the bag being about sixty. One of our men stuck his lance through two, killing both at one thrust. Had it not been getting dark we should have killed many more."

A dragoon corporal told a Chronicle correspondent:

"The Boers fell off their horses and rolled among the rocks, hiding their heads with their arms, calling for mercy, calling to be shot, anything to escape a stab from those terrible lances through their backs and bowels. But not many escaped. We just gave them a good dig as they lay. Next day most of the lances were bloody."

Another lancer trooper writes of the same incident:

"We got a charge at them. They threw up their arms and fell on their knees for mercy, but we were told not to give them any and I can assure you they got none. We went along sticking our lances through them. It was a terrible thing."

The jingo papers, which teem with accusations of inhumanity against the Boers, ignore these revelations.

At Elandslaagte several women cycled to a hill commanding a view of the operations. They were warned to lie down, but refused to do so as it might spoil their frocks. The Boers dropped some shots near them and they fled.

At the fight at Rietfontein several women appeared on bicycles, but they kept a long distance off. A shell was pitched fairly close to them, which sent them pedaling off to a safer position.

IOWANS TO JOIN BOER ARMY

William and Daniel Davies Sell Their Farm Near Bolstein and Start For the Cape.

HOLSTEIN, Ia., Dec. 8.—William and Daniel Davies have sold their fine 360-acre farm here and will go to South Africa. Their father, Daniel Davies, is a large farmer at West Barkley, Cape Colony, and has sent for them to join the Boer forces. Eight weeks ago they received a letter from him saying all the farmers in that section were planning an uprising in Boer interests and asking them to come. They left immediately on the sale of their property.

MACRUM SAYS HE'S COMING HOME.

Cables the State Department He Will Sail December 18.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Consul Macrum has broken his long silence, and in a cable message received at the State department today, dated Pretoria, announces that he will sail December 18, via Naples, for the United States. This is an indication that he has received the department's cablegram granting his application for leave of absence.

Adelbert Hay, who is going to Pretoria to replace Macrum, will leave Washington tomorrow on his journey.

British Buy Missouri Mules.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—A local commission firm today announced the closing of a contract for the delivery of 1,000 pack mules to agents of the British government for shipment to Capetown. Twelve hundred Missouri mules sold by the same firm have already been shipped to South Africa from New Orleans.

Gunboat Captures Boer Supplies.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from Capetown announces that the British gunboat Partridge has captured the British steamer Mashona, Captain Johnstone, which left New York November 3, via St. Vincent, November 16, for Algoa bay, laden with flour for the Transvaal. The cargo will be landed at Capetown and the ship released.

Total Casualties at Ladysmith.

LADYSMITH, Thursday, Dec. 7.—(Via Weenen.)—The total British casualties here since November 1 are five officers and twenty-six men killed and fifteen officers and 130 men wounded, with three missing. The Boer force is still around the town in large numbers, but all the British are in good cheer.

American Beef for British.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Libby, McNeill & Libby have shipped 750,000 pounds of canned beef to the British army in South Africa. Twenty-four cars were required to carry it and this is the largest shipment of canned beef ever made from this city.

Salisbury at a Cabinet Meeting.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The cabinet held a two-hours' session today. Lord Salisbury had recovered his health sufficiently to preside.

TO FIGHT FOR SEVEN-HOUR DAY

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Association Maps Out Plans for Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' association closed today. Officers were elected as follows: President, N. Donnelly; trustees, John Colby, M. Connelly and F. C. Letts. The members of the association mapped out their plans for next year and decided to make a fight for seven hours and higher wages. It is expected that many new local orders will be established.

Family Party in Georgia.

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 8.—Lucy Carbon and her child in arms were killed here today by Jim Mayfield. Frank Bird was also wounded. The men were at the woman's house and quarreled. Mayfield escaped.

TAYLOR IS GIVEN CERTIFICATE

Election Board Finds Republicans Are Elected on Face of Returns.

POYNTZ PRESENTS A MINORITY REPORT

Extensive Preparations Being Made to Inaugurate Taylor Next Tuesday—Poyntz Condemns Calling Out Militia.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 8.—The State Board of Elections tonight gave out its official findings that W. S. Taylor, for governor, and the rest of the republican ticket have been elected on the face of the returns.

Commissioners Ellis and Prior signed the majority report, in which they told that as a board of canvassers, they have no right to go behind the returns of the county board, that their duties are purely ministerial as canvassers, that the face of the returns as received by them from the counties show the election of the republican state ticket and certificates of election were ordered issued to each candidate thereon.

Commissioner Poyntz presents a minority report, which he closes by saying:

"I am unwilling to certify to fraud to turn Kentucky over to the control of the bayonet, Gatling gun and fraudulent tissue ballots."

Extensive preparations are being made to inaugurate Taylor next Tuesday.

Following is the opinion of the majority on Governor Bradley's action in calling out the militia on election day:

It is contended by counsel for the democratic candidates that the military force of the state was wrongfully and illegally called out on the day of the recent election with a view of intimidating the citizens and voters of the city of Louisville. For the reason already stated our answer is that we cannot, as a mere canvassing board, consider the grave and constitutional question which they seek to enforce upon our consideration. But in justice to counsel and to ourselves we deem it relevant and pertinent to at least instance our view on the case. It is a fact, about which we express no opinion, that the militia of this commonwealth was called out by the chief executive of the state on election day and if the governor of the commonwealth was in fact present in the city of Louisville personally in command of the state troops, as argued, that presents a condition that does not meet the approval of this board and which, in our opinion, the law unqualifiedly condemns.

It will certainly not do in Kentucky for anybody occupying official station or seeking political preferment to call to his aid or assistance the aid of the militia of the state. Such conduct is not merely reprehensible in the first place, but it cannot be tolerated for a moment by the Anglo-Saxon blood, which is represented in the citizenship of this country. No law writer of any respectability and no court has ever agreed that a thing like this could ever be done in time of peace with impunity.

CONTEST FOR MINOR OFFICES

While the Goebel People Are Undecided the Other Democratic Candidates Will Fight It Out.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 8.—All pretense of a fight for the certificate of election as [illegible] people and whether a contest will be made in the legislature is really yet to be determined. It will be determined largely on the wording of the opinion which Commissioners Ellis and Pryor will hand down at 10 o'clock tomorrow. If it implies that the commissioners believe fraud was committed which might invalidate the election they say the canvassing board has the right to go behind the certified returns. In that event it is almost certain a contest will be made.

The democratic candidates for the minor offices on the state ticket, acting on the belief that the commissioners' opinion will contain implications of fraud, have already decided to fight before the state contesting board for the positions to which they believed themselves entitled. They held several conferences during the day, but it was not definitely determined until 3 o'clock in the afternoon to make the contests.

Commissioners Ellis and Pryor were busy all day writing their opinion and it was dark before Mr. Ellis, who did most of the writing, had finished his task. Neither he nor Judge Pryor made any denial of the fact that they would decide that Taylor is entitled to the certificate. They would not discuss the matter, but tacitly admitted that it was true.

The politicians of both parties departed from Frankfort in great numbers during the day, and the town is practically deserted. All the democratic and republican members have left for home.

Colonel Jack Chinn, who has been attached to the Goebel headquarters, this afternoon remarked with a laugh as he passed the hotel door, "I guess it is all up with us for this time."

There is no indication of any trouble. There has been a great amount of money bet on the election throughout Kentucky as to who would be the next governor, and the bettors are trying to decide whether, if Taylor is declared governor and later ousted by the legislature as not being a legal incumbent, he was in fact actually governor at all in the eyes of the law. The Taylor bettors construe it one way and naturally the Goebel men figure it out differently. There has been so much money wagered on the outcome that the thing has become serious.

It is said Judge Pryor will resign. At the conclusion of the board's session tonight he said the report is untrue. Both he and Commissioner Ellis have lost all desire for the position of election commissioner, and will retire after a time, but neither will resign until all contests have been disposed of.

BRADLEY REPLIES TO TARVIN

Kentucky Judge Offers to Fight Governor at Long Range and Receives a Hot Shot.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 8.—Governor Bradley tonight gave out his first public utterance on the burning of the negro, Dick Coleman, at Maysville. This came in reply to an interview by Judge James P. Tarvin of Covington, criticising the state authorities and holding them responsible for the Maysville mob. The governor this afternoon wired Tarvin, asking him if he had been correctly reported, and received the following reply:

"The penalty given Coleman may be considered just, but the failure of the authorities to protect him after he was in custody was wrong and any citizen has a right to criticise it. The fact that he was a negro, hardly above a brute, is only the more reason for protecting him. If your telegram means fight I have the choice of weapons and choose cannon, you to stay at Frankfort and I at Covington. Please don't send militia."

The governor commenting upon the above said:

"This dispatch is characteristic of the man. If the penalty given Coleman by the people was just why should Tarvin object? As to his proposition to remain in Covington and fight a gentleman in Frankfort persons who know him will be astonished to learn he is willing to fight, even at that distance."

The governor closes his statement by saying:

"As governor I have done everything in my power to protect human life and enforce the law. If I had known, as Judge Tarvin knew, that this man was about to be taken to his death at the hands of a mob I would not have kept a cowardly silence, as he did, but would have protected him. Ever since Judge Tarvin was seized with the insane thought that he was vice presidential timber his friends have kept constant watch on him. This last effusion is additional evidence that he is irresponsible."

SOUTH DAKOTANS HUSTLING

Gamble and Burke Look Up the Matter of Military Commissions for Their Constituents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressmen Gamble and Burke of South Dakota will call on Secretary Root tomorrow in regard to a number of commissions which they claim the state was deprived of as a result of the failure of war officials to advise them of declinations received from members of South Dakota regiments who remained in the Philippines and who were appointed when a complement of officers for the volunteer army in the Philippines was being selected. It is claimed by the congressmen that they were assured when appointments for the state were made that if any of those selected declined they would be advised at once and that additional recommendations could be made by them. It was developed on inquiry by Congressman Burke, however, that two or three of the South Dakotans who were offered commissions refused to accept and appointments were made from other states. Gamble and Burke will make an attempt to have the matter corrected.

The pension examining board at Deadwood is to be reorganized and Congressman Gamble has recommended Drs. L. F. Babcock, John W. Freeman and T. W. Moffitt to constitute the new board. Mr. Gamble has also recommended the appointment of Drs. F. W. Cox, N. C. Collese of Vermilion and Dr. J. G. Conley of Elk Point to constitute a board at the former place.

At the request of Pension Commissioner Evans Congressmen Gamble and Burke have made a division of the state in the northern part of South Dakota. This division of this class of patronage is done merely to prevent duplication of notices from the pension office. On all other matters the South Dakota congressmen will act together.

Congressman Mercer today introduced a bill to place upon the pension rolls the name of Mrs. Catherine O'Brien of Omaha at a rate of $30 per month.

Congressman Burkett started the ball rolling for public buildings in his district by introducing bills for Plattsmouth and [illegible] City and appropriating $75,000 in each case. He also introduced a bill for the resurvey of Furnas county.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming introduced a bill today to complete the establishment of a military fort near the city of Sheridan and making an appropriation of $100,000 to complete the same. Captain Palmer, who is here in the interest of this measure, said that while the number of acres for this military reservation is limited there were really available 6,400 acres which the government could secure if it so desired at a nominal cost.

[illegible] been assigned to the presidential class and the salary of the postmaster increased to $1,900.

EIGHT MILLION TONS OF SUGAR

Amount of Output of Cane and Beet Sugar in the Entire World This Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The entire sugar cane output and beets for 1899-1900 will amount to about 8,000,000 tons, about the same amount as last year, according to carefully prepared statistics submitted to the State department by United States Consul Diederich at Magdeburg, Germany. Of this amount the United States has about one-fourth. The consul's figures show that so far as beet sugar is concerned, while the beet crop this year is larger than last, perhaps by 250,000 tons, the sugar extracted amounts to about the same, owing to defective sweetness. The bulk of sugar is placed at 5,300,000 tons, against 4,947,000 tons for last year.

The German crop of sugar this year is set down at 2,700,000 tons, against 2,851,134 tons last year. In Cuba the yield is set down at 300,000 tons, against 315,175 tons last year, and in Porto Rico at 50,000 tons, against 55,295 tons last year. The Sandwich Island product is increased by from 10,000 to 25,000 tons and the yield for the United States is placed at 370,000 tons, as compared with 275,000 tons last year.

AYERS KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Army Captain in Washington, Formerly of Omaha, Hurt Falling from a Wheel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Captain J. C. Ayers, U. S. A., of the Ordnance department, was killed here today by a fall from his bicycle and being run over by a team.

William Ruppert, driver of the wagon which ran over Captain Ayers, was arrested and released on $5,000 bail pending an inquest by a coroner's jury.

Captain Ayers was born in Wisconsin and was appointed to the army from that state. He was graduated from the military academy in 1871 and after three years' service in the infantry was transferred to the ordnance department, where he remained up to the time of his death. He was stationed in New York for several years and about a year ago was transferred to Washington. His wife is the daughter of General Rodman.

Ayers was in Omaha four years previous to seven years ago, when he left for Governor's island. He owns property here and has many friends in this city. He was chief ordnance officer of the Department of the Platte while here.

Live Stock Sanitary Association.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—The Western Live Stock Sanitary association was formed here tonight at a meeting of the Live Stock Sanitary boards of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Missouri. W. B. Tullis of Texas was elected president and W. H. Jack of New Mexico secretary.

Bishop Williams' Successor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Rev. S. B. Pond, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Norwalk, Conn., will become pastor of Christ Episcopal church, Woodlawn, on January 1. He will succeed the Rev. Arthur L. Williams, recently elected coadjutor bishop of Nebraska.

Bryan Still Hunting Duck.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 8.—When W. J. Bryan returns to Austin from his duck hunt he will be tendered one of the handsomest residences in the city for the use of his family as long as they desire to remain in the city, County Judge E. S. Walker, a warm admirer of Bryan, is the donor.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 8.

At Queenstown—Arrived—Campania, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded.

At Naples—Sailed—Fuerst Bismarck, from Genoa, for New York.

At Genoa—Arrived—Werra, from New York, via Naples.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Cymric, from New York.

POYNTER SEEKS SOLITUDE

Governor Goes to Albion to Escape the Importunities of Politicians.

NO DECISION IN SENATORIAL MATTER

Chairman Tefft Asks that a Republican Be Appointed or that Special Session of the Legislature Be Called.

LINCOLN, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—After listening for several hours to the claims of the politicians representing the various factions of the popocratic forces, Governor Poynter hurriedly left the city today, announcing that he would not return until Tuesday. This sudden move on the part of the chief executive will simply change the scene of action from the state house to his home in Albion.

From the time the executive office was opened at 9 o'clock until it was closed at 12:30 Governor Poynter was besieged by people from all sections of the state. A large delegation was down from Douglas county and fusion members of the legislature came in from all directions. A few who feared a rush at the capital called at the executive mansion early in the morning and were granted short interviews. Telegrams and letters poured into the office in such quantities that they were all placed in one pile to await future consideration. One petition, signed by several fusionists and asking for the appointment of Allen, was received from Minneapolis. Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne of Minnesota also joined in this request.

Governor Poynter announced just before leaving the city that he probably would not make an appointment to fill the senatorial vacancy in Albion until Monday, and from there he will go to Omaha to address a meeting Monday evening. He said he had not arrived at any conclusion concerning the appointment and would not until all interested had been heard from.

Mails Are Loaded Down.

Letters and telegrams concerning the senatorial vacancy have been received by the governor from over 300 people and the last mail this afternoon brought in many more that were not opened. The interest manifested is widespread. People in almost every state in the union have been heard from and petitions almost without number have been received from Washington. The contents of many of these are known and the sentiment expressed seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of Allen.

Among those who succeeded in getting an interview with the governor today were Frank T. Ransom, William A. Paxton, John Power, V. O. Strickler, J. E. Riley, Warwick Saunders, Lee Herdman and John Neble of Douglas county; Senator Spohn of Superior, Judge-elect Stubbs of Superior, W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, Judge Edgar Howard of Papilion, F. M. Davis of Beatrice, P. H. Walsh of Falls City, R. E. Wagner of Beatrice, Representative Crockett of Knox county, Representative Lemar of Saunders county, George A. Luikart of Norfolk and Dr. Givens of Wymore. Representative [illegible] governor in behalf of William V. Allen, and presented a number of petitions and personal letters in support of his request that he be appointed.

The Allen men were more active in their fight and most of them left the state house feeling assured that he would be the man appointed. The attitude assumed by Hitchcock and his workers stirred up not a little ill-feeling among the politicians at the state house and many who were supposed to be leaning in his direction openly announced their opposition and determination to prevent his appointment if possible. One particularly offensive feature of his campaign was the making of preparations for the fight even before the office was vacant. This fact was emphasized by his opponents this morning in their claims to the governor. As long ago as last week the foundation for his claims for the office were laid by sending to popocratic newspapers editorial matter complimentary to himself and demanding that he be appointed to the position. Some of this matter found its way into the columns of weekly newspapers, which were marked and then sent to the governor. Some of these notices appeared last week, two days before it was known to a certainty that a senator was to be appointed.

Thompson Announces His Candidacy.

W. H. Thompson of Grand Island announced his candidacy for the senatorial appointment this morning and Judge Edgar Howard of Papillion interviewed Governor Poynter in his behalf. Thompson's supporters were far in the minority and his chances for success, even as a dark horse, are not considered good by those actively interested in the fight. The Hitchcock men endeavored to get Thompson to pull out of the race in favor of the Omaha candidate, but without any apparent success. Judge Howard announced that he would not be for Hitchcock under any consideration.

J. H. Edmisten and Lee Herdman, the two candidates for the clerk of the supreme court, are much interested in the outcome of the fight for the senatorial appointment. If a populist gets this place it would be difficult for a populist to secure the clerkship and it is just as improbable that the two positions will fall to democrats. On account of this state of affairs the two men are treated with a good deal of suspicion by the politicians interested in the senatorial fight. Edmisten recently placed himself on record as being for Allen, but today he showed a disposition to come over to the Hitchcock faction. On account of the uncertainty both hesitate somewhat in announcing their positive preference.

Republicans Want Extra Session.

Representing the republican state central committee Chairman Orlando Tefft this morning called on Governor Poynter and asked that the will of the people in the election of the legislature be carried out by appointing a republican to fill the position in the United States senate, or in lieu thereof that he call a special session of the legislature. Governor Poynter took the matter under advisement, but did not render a decision before leaving the city. Mr. Tefft's request is set forth in the following formal communication:

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 8, 1899.—Governor William A. Poynter—Dear Sir: In the death of Senator Hayward the state has suffered a loss which can scarcely be expressed in words. A man of grand character, he had endeared himself to the people by his sterling integrity and devotion to principle. The people have lost their chosen representative just when in the ordinary course of affairs he would have been entering upon the discharge of his duties.

Probably at no election for United States senator in this state was the choice of the people so faithfully responded to by the legislature as by his election as senator.

The issue before the people in the election of the legislature was distinct and well defined and resulted in the deliberate choice of a republican majority in the legislature, the electors fully understanding that it meant the representation of this state in the United States senate by a republican for six years. I believe, governor, that you fully assent to the proposition that when the electors of the state have deliberately passed upon a question their wish should be respected and that there can be no plainer duty for a public officer than, as far as lies in his power, to see that their expressed wish should receive full fruition.

Speaking for the republican organization of the state I ask you, in view of the foregoing facts, to appoint some reputable republican to fill the office which death has made vacant, or call the legislature together for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

By this action, governor, you would establish yourself as a broad, fair-minded man, with a high conception of duty, a man who could rise above mere partisanship and act along the higher lines of statesmanship and fidelity to the interests of the whole people. I have the honor to be, governor, yours very respectfully,

ORLANDO TEFFT, Chairman.

MAKING HITCHCOCK MEDICINE

World-Herald Correspondents All Over Nebraska Instructed to Manufacture Endorsements.

Word comes from various sections of the state that telegraphic instructions have been sent to all World-Herald correspondents in Nebraska directing them to procure endorsements from democrats and populists of G. M. Hitchcock's candidacy for appointment to the senatorial vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward.

This is the same practice pursued by the World-Herald whenever it has some wonderful scheme to perpetrate or some brass band charity racket to work. The various correspondents of the popocratic organ are expected to bulldoze or persuade every one who hopes for newspaper favor from that source to join in a eulogy of the World-Herald publisher for the purpose of influencing the governor in his behalf.

These solicited endorsements are to be published in the World-Herald as evidence of the spontaneous uprising of the people in a unanimous demand for Hitchcock for senator. A sample of the system is indicated by the following dispatch:

"DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—G. W. Sayre, local correspondent of the World-Herald at this point, yesterday received a two-page telegram from the World-Herald soliciting his efforts in behalf of Mr. Hitchcock and asking that he interview fusion politicians as to their choice and report to headquarters. The populist sentiment hereabouts is almost united for Allen."

Quiet at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—There was a lull in the situation today, so far as the Hayward succession is concerned, due to information from Nebraska that Governor Poynter would appoint ex-Senator Allen. Whether this information is correct remains to be seen but fusionists in congress expressed themselves as hopeful that Poynter had seen the way and would follow it.

[illegible] stated, and sent a telegram to Poynter asking that Allen be appointed in view of the logic of the situation. The attempt to draw democratic senators into the fight for Allen has, however, proved unavailing, Senator Jones of Arkansas stating that it was a local matter and should be settled without any outside assistance. No appointment is expected before next week.

CUBANS TALK INDEPENDENCE

Meeting to Celebrate Anniversary of Maceo's Death Develops Violent Patriotic Demonstration.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 8.—A meeting held at the Antonio Maceo club last night to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Maceo developed a violent patriotic demonstration against the Americans. This club represents the national party and is composed of colored people, of whom there were 1,000 present. One prominent colored politician said during the proceedings that the time was nearly ripe for the spirit of free Cuba to leap from the grave of Maceo and to drive the intruders from the island.

All criticised President McKinley's Cuban policy, although General Quinton Bandera disappointed his hearers by a mild speech, in which he advised patience until the American policy had been fully defined.

The local press violently criticised President McKinley's message. Americans and foreigners are hoping that the prominence given to the color question in insular politics will lead to annexation.

ABBOTT IS TO SUCCEED COOK

Kansas City Newspaper Man Selected to Take Charge of Press Bureau of Democratic Committee.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—It was announced here today that Willis J. Abbott, well known in newspaper circles throughout the United States, has been selected to take charge of the press bureau of the democratic national committee. Abbott was in Kansas City today and departed for the east tonight in the company of Judge J. G. Johnson, democratic national committeeman from Kansas.

It is stated that the management of the bureau, which is temporarily in charge of Sam B. Cook, secretary of the national committee, will be turned over to Abbott at an early date. Abbott is a personal friend of Bryan and has been identified with the Tammany organization in New York and has held responsible editorial positions on newspapers in New York, Chicago and Kansas City.

SOUTHERN POPULISTS MEET

An Important Meeting Held at Memphis to Consider National Convention Plans.

MEMPHIS, Tenn, Dec. 8.—An important meeting of the southern leaders of the people's party was held in Memphis today and decided that the executive committee shall be requested to call a meeting for February for the purpose of naming a date for the next national convention of that party.

Those present were: Frank Burkitt of Mississippi, Milton Park of Texas, A. W. Files and W. S. Morgan of Arkansas, Dr. C. W. Crow of Alabama, W. L. Peck of Georgia and Joseph Parker of Kentucky.

Frank Burkitt, who is president of the National Reform Press association, said that the association will meet in May of next year.

Chicago Pastor Goes to Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—Rev. Bruce Brown, pastor of the West Side Christian church of Chicago, has accepted a call to the Central Christian church of this city.

Umbria Takes Out Silver.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Umbria, sailing for Europe tomorrow, will take out 248,000 ounces of silver.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—
Partly Cloudy and Colder; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	28	1 p. m.	37
6 a. m.	28	2 p. m.	39
7 a. m.	29	3 p. m.	42
8 a. m.	29	4 p. m.	47
9 a. m.	29	5 p. m.	45
10 a. m.	34	6 p. m.	44
11 a. m.	35	7 p. m.	42
12 m.	35	8 p. m.	42
		9 p. m.	41

MURDERER REVEALED

Confession of Woman Clears Up Mystery of Odessa Double Killing.

MRS. LAUE MAKES A CLEAN BREAST OF IT

She Asserts that Frank Dinsmore Killed Laue and Mrs. Dinsmore.

REPEATS STORY TO COUNTY ATTORNEY

Dinsmore Poisons Wife and Then Carries Her Body to the Kitchen.

LAUE SHOT WHILE SLEEPING IN HIS BED

Threats of Lynching Dinsmore Are Freely Made and Sheriff Places Extra Guards Armed with Winchesters on Duty.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The mystery surrounding the double murder that occurred at Odessa, ten miles west of Kearney, Monday night, in which the lives of Lillian Dinsmore and Fred Laue were taken, has been cleared up.

Mrs. Laue, the wife of the murdered man, made a confession, in which she charged Frank L. Dinsmore, husband of the murdered woman, with committing both crimes. The confession was made only after several hours' work with Mrs. Laue by a brother and an uncle of the dead man. As soon as Mrs. Laue had confessed to them D. Laue, the uncle mentioned, at whose house they were staying, hitched up his team and brought her to Kearney, arriving here at 2 o'clock this morning. County Attorney Nye was called upon and met Mrs. Laue and the brother and uncle of the dead man at the city hall, where the confession was taken down in writing and signed by the witnesses.

Attorney Nye refuses to give out any of the contents of the confession, and the following was obtained from a person who was a witness to her confession before coming to Kearney and also when it was taken down in writing:

It seems that for several months Dinsmore has been infatuated with Mrs. Laue, and on different occasions has tried to get her to elope with him, which, however, she refused to do. It also appears from statements made by her and Mrs. Dinsmore's brothers that Dinsmore possessed hypnotic power, which power Mrs. Laue claims to have been under for the last six months. Mrs. Dinsmore's brothers say that he has had their sister under his power for several years. Dinsmore is charged with laying [illegible] at the inquest.

Puts it Off.

Dinsmore wanted to commit the crime Thanksgiving night, she says, but was persuaded to put it off by Mrs. Laue.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore had retired at their usual time, as also had Mr. Laue. Shortly afterward Dinsmore came into the kitchen where Mrs. Laue was sitting and told her that part of the deed was done, and that he would have to finish the job, at once going to Laue's room and shooting him while he was still asleep in bed. Dinsmore then brought his wife downstairs and placed her on the floor in front of the kitchen stove, where she lay until she had been examined by a doctor.

Mrs. Dinsmore's death was caused by poison, probably prussic acid, as a receipt for its making is reported to have been found in a desk by the man sent to Odessa by the Omaha Elevator company to take Dinsmore's place.

The brothers of Mrs. Dinsmore say they spent thousands of dollars in procuring evidence against Dinsmore to show their sister that he was unfit for her to marry, but he possessed the power to make her love him.

It is asserted Dinsmore has a son in Kansas by a woman to whom he was not married and that he is guilty of assaulting a young girl at Odessa, but her name is unprocurable.

Threats of Lynching.

The confession of Mrs. Laue has caused great sensation and rumors that an attempt will be made to lynch Frank Dinsmore are flying thick and fast. Extra guards are on duty at the county jail, loaded with repeating Winchester rifles. Sheriff Funk is determined to protect the prisoner regardless of consequences. As he is an officer of iron nerve, there will be serious trouble before the prisoner is taken from him.

The county attorney claimed that there would be no attempt at mob law, provided Dinsmore is convicted, yet he requested the sheriff to have ample guards for an emergency.

Mrs. Laue has been placed under bond to appear as a witness for the state and will probably not be prosecuted.

Mr. Locke of a detective agency at St. Joseph and for whom Lillian Bloomfield (Mrs. Dinsmore) worked as stenographer, has been here the past two days looking up the case.

Frank Dinsmore was taken to North Platte on passenger train No. 3 tonight for safekeeping. He was extremely nervous and frightened and wanted the guards to keep close to the cab in which he was taken from the jail to the train. He will be kept there until his preliminary trial.

PAINTERS TRYING TO AGREE

Report of Conference Committee is Submitted to National Convention at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—Very little business is being attempted by the National Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators outside of trying to reach a conciliation with the Baltimore faction or opposing brotherhood. The report of the conference committee has been submitted by W. H. Bell of Omaha, chairman, and widely discussed, but no settlement was arrived at.

Cincinnati and Detroit seem to be leading in the contest for the next convention. Scranton, Pa., Buffalo and Kansas City are also candidates.