SCHLEY PLANS SUIT

Admiral is Preparing to Make Maclay Answer for Criticisma.

WILL FIRST ASK FOR COURT OF INQUIRY

Wishes Excueration by Fellew Officers Befere Any Civil Action.

ADMIRAL DEWEY WILL HAVE TO SERVE

With Him Probably Will Be Ramsey and Benham Also.

WASHINGTON EXPECTS NEW SENSATIONS

Case Seems Destined to Become On of Most Celebrated in Annals of United States Navy.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- The Washington Post last night telegraphed Admiral Schley that in an editorial it insisted that he owed it to himself as well as to his friends to begin proceedings against Mr. Maclay, the author of the History of the United States Navy, to disprove the latter's charge, adding "will you do this? Please wire statement."

Today it received the following telegram: GREAT NECK, L. I., July 23.—Editor Washington Post: I believe the first step should be investigation of all matter by a court, then a civil action afterwards. I am preparing to take this course.

(Signed) W. S. SCHLEY.

The Post in the morning, as a result of extensive inquiries based upon the admiral's dispatch, will say in part: Admiral Schley proposes to ask an investigation at the hands of a naval court of inquiry and then to sue Historian Maclay for libel. His' action is the sequel to the developments during the past week, when the entire country has been surprised by the publication of the unexampled abuse poured out on him in the third volume of E. S. Maclay's History of the United States Navy, in which publication Schley is said to have run away in "caitiff flight," and is, in addition, denounced as a coward, a cur and a

The Schley court of inquiry will undoubtedly be one of the most celebrated cases in which has been aroused will combine to

for many years that will compare with it. The appointment of the court of inquiry is expected to be made by Secretary Long. though it would be in the power of the president to make the selections if he chose. This is hardly likely to occur, however. "Admiral Schley's letter asking for the ap-

pointment of the court will be addressed to To address the communication to the president. ignoring Secretary Long, would not only be a breach of naval etiquette, would be to' 'ly at variance with Schley's careful observance of punctilious procedure. The court, therefore, will be named by Secretary Long unless he shall prefer to refer the matter to the president.

Who Will Probably Judge. Mr. Long has already stated that if Ad-

miral Schley requested a court of inquiry he would grant the request and has also expressed his willingness to personally select the court. While he has not made any statement as to its personnel, there is every reason to believe that he favors Admiral Dewey and Rear Admirals Ramsey and Benham, the two latter being now upon the retired list. The name of Admiral Walker has been suggested, but it is known that he has expressed views upon the Sampson-Schley controversy in antagonism to Schley, and his appointment would, therefore, be seriously questioned. It is said that Dewey, Ramsey or Benham have always avoided giving an opinion as to the merits of the controversy. All these officers are residents of Washington, although temporarily out of the city to escape the summer heat and could be quickly summoned to take their places around the table of the court.

Three names are mentioned because that number is specified in the regulations for courts of inquiry. There is a possibility that Admiral Dewey might ask to be excused, as he would have a right to do, but it is also morally certain that in this event he would be specifically detailed by the secretary for service on the board. This would make his attendance imperative. Secretary Long has from the moment that a cour of loquiry was suggested favored the appointment of Admiral Dewey, believing that his appointment would give the highest character to the court and that any decision which it might reach would be accepted by the American people.

Admiral Ramsey was for eight years at the head of the bureau of navigation. Admiral Benham came into prominence in 1894, during the brief revolution against President Foseca of Brazil. The Brazilian navy, under Admirals Mello and Da Gama. had revolted and Da Gama, in command of the Brazilian ships in the harbor of Rio Janeiro, had declared a blockade. Admiral Benham was in the harbor with an American fleet, consisting of the New York, fron Canada, New Mexico and New York Charleston, Detroit, Newark and San Fran- are expected to swell the assemblage to claco. All the European navai commanders between 15,000 and 20,000 by tomorrow had quietly submitted to Da Game of night. The regular session will begin fensive orders, the German commander even Thursday, when the convention will offifailing to resent the deliberate firing upon cially open at the Cobseum. Morning. the German flag. But Admiral Benham afternoon and evening sessions will be sent word to Da Gama that the American held each day until Sunday night, when the flag must be respected and that any mer- exodus for home will begin among the chantman flying the stars and stripes would delegates. At each session besides reliland when and where its captain pleased. Tious services, there will be addresses by The Brazilian admiral defied the American, prominent speakers of the Baptist church Thereupon Benham notified him that Amerlean ships would be convoyed into the harbor and then he ordered his fleet cleared for action, while the Detroit, with slotted guns, convoyed the bark Amy to its wharf. Da Gama fired upon the bara and the next moment a solid shot was put into the Trajanao, Da Gama's flagship. That ended the controversy and thereafter every American ship entered the harbor at will.

With respect to the matters to be inquired into by the court of inquiry, the Post will say that it might be difficult to state briefly the exact questions which will come before the court, but that Admiral Schley condensed them it and the state briefly the exact questions which will come before the court, but that Admiral Schley condensed them it and the state of the miral Schley condensed them in a letter written to Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. Febru- Lav ary 18, 1899. This letter divided the critistams of himself into four heads, as fol-

First, the alleged delay off Cienfuegos.

Second, the alleged slaw progress toward (Continued on Fifth Page.)

BOER PRISONERS GET AWAY Escape from Darrell's Island by Tak ing Desperate Chances, but

Are Recaptured.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, July 20 .-- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)-The prisoners of war confined in Darrell's Island make almost nightly attempts avoid the patroling guards and gain the mainland by swimming. The water between Darrell's Island and the beach is calm and all night long the gunboats sweep it with their searchlights. Sharks abound and the British guard will shoot on suspicion, yet several of the Boers have escaped from their detention camp.

On the night of July 9, H. J. Dutoit, M. island. Here they approached a colored pany, to prepare papers for presentation

"isoners were captured. to e. on planks. They were seen, howeve and returned to the island, WAS WOUL while the os two were caught.

AIN DESTROYED Kitchener Reports Another Unexpected and Successful Attack.

LONDON, July 23 .- The British war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, July 23: A train from Capetown with 113 details and stores was held up, captured and burned at Scheepers, eight miles north of Beaufort West, on the morning of July 21. Our casualities were three killed and eighteen wounded. An inquiry is proceeding. French reports that Crabbe, with 300 men, was attacked in the mountains near Cradock by Kritzinger at dawn, July 21. The horses stampeded. An all day fight followed. Crabbe fell back on Mortimer. Our loss was slight.

MINING CONGRESS CONVENES President Prince Tells Assembly at Boise that Department of Mines

BOISE, Idaho, July 23 .- The fourth annual session of the International Mining congress convened at the Columbia theater this morning.

is Most Needed.

the naval or military history of the country. of welcome by Governor Hunt. He was fol- gather a crowd on the street." The high rank of the officers involved in the lowed by Mayor Alexander, who tendered controversy and the intense public feeling the keys of the city to the visitors. Responses were made by E. L. Shafner of give to the investigation a dramatic inter- Cleveland and others. President L. Brad- Mr. Brookman had telephoned him that est. Nothing has occurred in Washington ford Prince of New Mexico then delivered bis annual address. He reviewed the his way to work. The Amalgamated men previous sessions and spoke of the work to be done. Mr. Prince stated that the principal object of the congress was to secure the establishment of a Department of Mines. He said it was necessary that the great industry have recognition in order that the development might go forward at a pace Secretary Long, who is his immediate chief. that would keep it abreast of development point.

along other lines. There were many problems confronting the industry, he said, that could not solved satisfactorily without the direct aid that could be given through a government Department of Mines.

Prof. S. W. McCalla, assistant geologis of Georgia, read a paper upon the mineral resources of that state. Fred C. Sommeck of lows read a paper on "Mining as a Business. Compared with Commercial and Manufacturing Enterprises."

FOR THE YOUNGER CATHOLICS

Bishon Horstman Launches Plan o Education and Naturalization Similar to Y. M. C. A.

CLEVELAND, O., July 23 .- A rejuvenating of the work among the younger element of the Catholic church was launched from this city last week by Bishop Horstman

In brief it is proposed to adopt the Young Men's Christian Association system of education. Every feature of Y. M. C. A. work will be followed. One object of the new organization will be the elimination of for eign traits and languages and a more rapid naturalization through contact with native Catholic young men of the United States Although the plan has not reached the formative stage, it is proposed that the management of the order shall be as far as possible from the church, ecclesiastical authority will be strictly drawn and the priesthood will have no more than ex-officio hold of the new organization. Bishop Horstman will make the plan public at Bridgeport, Conn., next September.

believed the plan will receive such an Impetus from the Turnverein that its success will be inevitable

UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE Many Delegates from All Parts of the Country Are Arriving at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 23.-Delegates to the eleventh annual convention of the International Baptist Young People's Union of America, which begins here tomorrow, began to arrive today, each incoming train bringing its full quota. Excursion trains

from all parts of the country. Rooseve't on a Centre.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Vice President Theodore Rosswelt is now the sues of Regts H. Post of Bayport, L. I. The vice president is accompanied by two of his sons. The party will take a week's cure on Mr. Post's schooner yacht Showan se in Great South bay.

Movement of Ocean Vessels, July 23.

At Boston-Arrived: Peruvian, from Glas-At Portland-Arrived; Ottoman, from Muroran-Sailed: Imogen, from Ma-etc., for San Francisco and Portland, nila,

At Yokohama—Sailed: Queen Adelaide, from Hong Kong, for Tacoma. Arry divictoria, from Hong Kong and Sid existempress of China, from Vancouver, R. C. At Boulogne—Arrived: Potsdam, from New York, for Rotterdam.

At Liverpool—Sailed: Ivernia, for Queenstown and Boston.

Ment. The organization has decided to print and distribute 1,000 handbills bear-ling the following:

"Notice is hereby served on all confidence men, pickpockets, thieves and crooks who are caught plying their vocations that they will be hanged to the mearest tree."

STRIKE COES INTO COURT MAJOR DODDS FOR OMAHA TORNADO COMES WITH RAIN

Shoot Steel Manager Wants Injunction Against Buttonholers.

MAY BRING MATTERS TO A CLIMAX

Restraining Order to Apply Only to Wellsville at First, but is Apt Later to Be Made More General.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 23 .- The combine L. Louvens, J. P. Deroux and J. G. Du- forces have decided to carry the strike into preese, Boer prisoners, evaded the guards the courts. It is learned today that former and the sharks and reached the shore half Judge P. M. Smith of Weilsville, O., has a mile away by swimming. By daybreak been retained by Percifer F. Smith, district they had reached the southern shore of the manager of the American Sheet Steel comman, asking him for food. He charged within a few days to a federal court askthem with being Boer prisoners and they ing for a restraining order to stop strikers smitted it. The colored man informed the from accosting or molesting in any way Zis at Warwick camp and the escap- nonunion men on the highways. The move promises a crisis in the strike, thus far tht or two after three others tried one of watchfulness and waiting. The application for an injunction may be made in fired on by the guards. One the United States district court and at first will apply only to Wellsville, but it is believed the plan is to pursue similar tactics at McKeesport and other places

where necessary. Following this the rumor is in circulation that a carload of men will run into Wellsville tomorrow to supplement the force now at work. This latter story has not been verified up to midnight. According to strike leaders the officials of the Wellsville mills are apparently seeking to bring on an open conflict in order to invoke the aid of the sheriff's deputies and if possible the militia. Earnest and renewed warnings have been sent to the strikers to remain cool and keen within the law.

Mayor Puts His Foot in It.

There was much indignation today over report that Mayor A. P. Dennis had called two strikers, Patrick O'Connor and Daniel Rumbaugh, before him and forbidden them to talk to men on the way to the few days ask for bids for the construction mill in the effort to keep them from going to work. Vice President Chappell of the Amalgamated association immediately sought the mayor and asked him what he meant by trying to abridge the right of free speech. The mayor denied that he had for bidden the strikers to talk and said: "What I did say to the men was that members of the association must not take hold of any man's coat and hold him while talking. I told them it was better to go to a The meeting was opened with an address man's house and talk to them than to

The mayor said neither Manager Brookadvising the men not to talk, although Rumbaugh had interfered with a man on say that the mayor has no authority to forbid free speech and that if he orders men not to talk to nonunionists on the streets the order will not be obeyed. The orders from McKeesport tonight of a quieting nature and no exciting incidents are looked for at present at that

Eyes Turn to Monessen. Much interest is centering in the si were planning a march to Monessen to draw out the men was denied. The men, it is said, are not taking an active part in the strike at present and the Amalgamated

officers are opposed to marches. Among the many peculiar conditions found at Monessen is that the men are paid on the tonnage basis and that the company has offered a bonus for over a certain tonnage, to be paid at the end of the year. Some of the men have thus considerable bonus and they realize that they are liable to lose this.

From Sharon a telegram was received tonight saying: "A bill for a temporary injunction has been granted by Judge Miller restraining the strikers at the American Steel Casting Works from entering the grounds of the company.'

'FRISCO POLICE GETTING BUSY Seem to Be Needed to Districts Where

Draymen's Strike is Cen-

tering.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 .- Fifteen hun dred teamsters are now idle and no merchandise to speak of was moved today Collector of Customs Stratton swore in several drivers in the employ of the Over land Freight and Transfer company as government customs inspectors without compensation. This was done at the request of Superintendent Fuller of the Overland company, which has the contract to haul the bonded goods to the warehouses and appraisers' stores, and is a

The police have been much in evidence today, owing to the action of the executive are: committees of the Draymen's association and the Employers' association, which held of Denver, internally hurt. a joint meeting this morning and called upon Chief Sullivan to detail more men to the districts where trouble might be expected.

MOST FIREMEN ARE AT WORK

Among Strikers Who Resume Are Those of the Lackswanns Coal Company.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 23 .- A great many of the stationary firemen returned to work today. All the collieries of the Delaware & Hudson company are in operation, with the old hands in the boiler rooms. There was also a general resumption at the mines of the Lackawanna Coal company. which has taken all the strikers back. All the individual operators have reinstated their men and are working full time. The Lehigh Valley Coal company, however, is still holding out against their old firemen

WILL HANG TO NEAREST TREE Oklahoma Law and Order League In

forms Crooks What Their Punishment Will Be.

FORT SILL, Okl., July 23,-A Law and Order league has been organized here to suppress the dozens of crooks who have infested the country since the Klowa-Commanche registration began. Its members | rendered to the latter company, threaten to mete out summary punishment. The organization has decided to

they will be hanged to the mearest tree."

Ordered for Duty as Judge Advocate of the Department of the Missourt.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Major Frank L. Dodds, judge advocate, has been ordered to Omaha for duty as judge advocate of the Department of

the Missouri. Rural free delivery service will be es tablished September 2 at Sac City, Sac county, Ia. The route embraces 146 square miles, containing a population of 2,321. E. E. Harter, J. B. Staley, C. B. Staley and Howard Young were appointed carriers. The postoffice at Pettis will be supplied by rural delivery.

Brimeyer, Balltown, Dubuque county; 1. C. Ray, Moorhead, Monona county. The application of Ralph Pringle, M. Chandier, W. T. Marshall, R. F. Owens and others to organize the Farmers' National bank at Red Oak, Ia., with \$60,000 capital, has been approved.

Miss Nettle E. Brosius of Valentine, Neb. has been appointed to a position at the Indian school, Fort Mojave, Ariz. John A. Metcalf and John F. Lally, let-

ter carriers in the Omaha postoffice, were oday promoted from \$800 to \$1,000 cacb. Reserve agents approved: Bankers' Na-tional bank of Chicago for First National of Elk Point, S. D.: Hanover National of New York for First National of Prescott, Ia.; Commercial National of Chicago for First National of Elkader, Ia.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming was today assured by the War department that prompt action will be taken looking to the installation of a complete sewerage and water system at Fort Mackenzie. The This sewerage system will be extended to all buildings of the fort and party other necessary points. It is probable that the combined sewer and water system will cost \$1,200 to \$1,500. The work will be has been assured the department will in a of an additional barracks building, out of a surplus of \$35,000 now on hand. If there is still a surplus when this building is completed it will be devoted to other buildings at the post. All these changes were to have been made by the department in time, but through the insistence of Representative Mondell the department promises to take up and complete all three projects this year. Mr. Mondell today called at the general land office and asked that a number of additional forest rangers be allotted to the reserves of Wyoming. He was assured that later in the season as the ranges dried pointed to serve throughout the dry sea-BOD.

FOSBURGH DEFENSE IS NEXT

Prosecution Rests Case Unexpectedly. After Day of Rather Sensational Incidents.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., July 23 .- The government rested this afternoon in the trial of Robert S. Fosburgh for the alleged killing of his sister May. The conclusion was uation at Monessen. It is reported that as sudden as it was unexpected, it being twelve men were discharged because of known that there were witnesses held in retheir too close friendship with the Amal- serve, a number having been summoned by gamated people. A report that the men the prosecution only yesterday. The defendant's junior counsel set forth the facts upon which the defense is based.

There was a sensation at the opening of the court this morning when Judge Stevens ordered the expulsion and exclusion of several representatives of three New York papers because of an article which had been published relative to an alleged episode at the grave of the victim of the tragedy. This episode, it was said, occurred on Sunday last and the publication the court described as the "grossest attack on the

administration of justice." The chief witness for the government today was John Nicholson, head of the police department of Pittsfield. Officer Flynn. who searched the Fosburgh premises on the morning following the tragedy and who had found the single shoe which has figured as a portion of the government's chain of evidence, was also a witness today.

At the conclusion of the government's case this afternoon the counsel for the defense suggested to the court that the case be dismissed for lack of proper evidence. Judge Stevens, however, stated that he was not ready to entertain such a motion.

PULLMAN TURNS SOMERSAULT

Several Colorado People Hurt in Sleeping Car that Rolls Down an Embankment.

DENVER, Colo., July 23.-One mile west of Marshall Pass a Pullman sleeper broke loose from the westbound passenger on the precaution taken to make any interference narrow gauge line of the Denver & Rio smenable to prosecution by the govern- Grande railroad today and rolled down an embankment. A dozen passengers were injured but no one was killed. The injured

A. B. Roeder of New York City, formerly

Gertrude Orahood, Denver, bruised. Dr. Rowen, Guray, injured internally. J. T. Barrett, Ouray, chest and back hurt. A. L. Collins, Telluride, fractured collar

George H. Burroughs, scalp wound. Mrs. J. A. Snedecker, Denver, back and shoulder hurt.

C. F. Hill, Pueblo, scalp wound. Hazel Grove, Denver, scalp wound. Mrs. C. T. Austin, Denver, head bruised. General Kessler, Guthrie, Okl., bruised. The car turned a complete somersault and alighted on its trucks fourteen feet below the track it had left. The cause is unknown.

MONTANA MINE SUIT RENEWED This Time it is John MacGinnis Who

Asks Receiver for Boston &

Montana Company. BUTTE, Mont., July 23 .- John MacGinnis, vice president and general manager of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, has

brought another suit in the district court here against the Boston & Montana company, its directors and officers, the Amalgamated company and its president to have a receiver appointed for the Boston & Montana. He asserts that the Amalgamated has no right to any of the shares of the Boston & Montona and asks that the shares now held by it be canceled and sur-The transfer of control in the Boston &

recently through the decision of the New Jersey court. MacGinnis claims the interests of minority stockholders in the Boston & Montana are being prejudiced by the transfer of control. He owne a hundred shares.

Blows Down Buildings and Injures Men Near New Ulm, Mian.

FOLLOWS HOT SPELL THAT BROKE RECORD

Occups About the Same Time as Big Cyclone of Twenty Years Ago and People Are on Guard.

NEW ULM, Minn., July 23 .- A tornado passed a mile north of New Ulm from west lowa postmasters appointed: Nicholas to east at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Several buildings were blown down and two men injured.

> The injured men are August Woodman and William Thomlitz, both of whom sought shelter in a barn which was blown down upon them. Several farm buildings in the district were wrecked. A heavy rain accompanied the storm. Half an hour prior to the time the storm struck this section the government thermometer showed 105, the highest point reached this season, and the record since 1865. The air was close and heavy and the anniversary of the disastrous cyclone of twenty years ago having just been passed, all residents in the vicinity of the disturbance sought refuge in cellars.

Reports from the country to the west of here are to the effect that considerable

damage was done. VICKSBURG, Miss., July 23.-Hundreds of shade trees were uprooted, many roofs lifted and the walls of half a dozen buildings caved in by a tornado which passed plan contemplates the construction of a over the southern section of the city this separate storage reservoir for the fort to afternoon. The storm was accompanied by insure constant and high pressure of a downpour of rain. There were no cas-

DALLAS, Tex., July 23 .- A dispatch to the News from Cisco, reports a waterspout twelve miles west of there, which washed done by contract probably. Mr. Mondell Central railroad between Lueders and Alaway ten miles of the track of the Texas bany and between Albany and Moran. An engine went through a bridge and Engineer Thomas Beene was killed.

CROPS A FAILURE ABROAD Russia Reports Drouth and Desola-

tion in Many of Its Cereni-Raising Districts.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- A St. Petersburg dispatch to the United States Department of Agriculture, dated July 21, states that a temperature of 103 degrees was reached that day in Odessa and that man nor anyone else had suggested his up an extra temporary force would be ap- phenomenal heat was prevailing through all of northern Russia. A cablegram to the department from London, dated July 20, mentioned reports that the crops in Siberia appear to be nearly a total failure. adding that in the districts of Minusinsk and Kresnoyarsk almost the entire growth of cereals had perished as the result of a two months' drouth and that in the trans-Baikal country the comlition of the crops was almost equally bad. Minusinsk and Krasnoyarsk are two of the five districts composing the Siberian province of Ye-

In 1899, when the Siberian crop was above an average, these two districts produced about 714 per cent of the wheat and rye grown in the four Siberian provinces for which crop reports are published. It does not appear from the dispatch whether the reports in regard to the failure of the vast territory or whether they rest on an inference drawn from the conditions prevailing in the two Yenisean districts above named and in trans-Baikel. The same dispatch mentions seven of

the twelve districts composing the province of Pern, in the eastern part of European Russia, stating that in these districts the condition of affairs is almost as diameter, with St. Joseph, Mo., as the apdeplorable as in the Siberian districts proximate center. named above. It is further stated that in the province of the Volga region the peasantry are already practically destitute, having sold the cattle and horses they could not feed and consumed "nearly their whole scanty stocks of food and seed grain." Even in the part of southern Russia, where the crop is on the whole said to be a fair average, there are, says the dispatch, disastrous shortages in the province of Ekaterinoslav and "an instance is cited of the utter destruction of about 40,000 acres of grain by hailstorms and the Hessian fly." The same agencies, it is added, have blighted large tracts of grain in Taurida and the Don country and in the provinces of Kuban and Terek in northern Caucasia.

A cablegram from Moscow, dated July 17, show the prospects of the Russian crops for the present season to be much less favorable than they were a month earlier. LONDON, July 24 .- "The shade temperaure in Madrid today (Tuesday) was 108 degrees Fahrenheit," says a dispatch to the Daily Express from the Spanish capital, The heat was so overpowering Monday that Parliament had to be closed hastily. In Seville, Cordova and Cadiz the shade temperature was 125 degrees."

IOWA DEATHS FROM HEAT Nebraska and Hawkere Canners Withdraw All Price Sheets Awaiting Shortage News.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 23 .- (Special.) -Several prostrations from the heat occurred oday and last night and two deaths are directly traceable to the heat. The most distressing death was that of John C. Macy, prominent lawyer of many years' standing, who died early this morning. He suffered from the heat last night and early today was taken ill and died in a few hours. Mr. Macy was a native of Rhode Island, a graduate of Brown university, had practiced law many years in Des Moines and was at one time a member of the city council. He leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. Garver, a poor woman, was prostrated last night by the heat and died this morning. C. J. Mc-Laughlin, a laborer, died last night from the heat on his way to the hospital. He was 70 years cld.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 23 .- Today's maximum temperature was 100, but greater humidity made the heat nearly as oppressive as yesterday and Sunday. There have been seven deaths to date and many prostrations.

the situation in view of the protracted probable shortage of the season's pack. utes' rain reported at Chariton today.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair Wednesday, Warmer in Western Portlon, Thursday, Fair, Probably Not Quite So Warm; South to West Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: tour. Deg. 5 s. m..... 80 2 p. m.....100 3 p. m.....102 7 a. m..... 82 4 p. m.....100 5 p. m.....101 8 a. m..... 85 9 n. m..... 84 6 p. m..... 100 10 n. m. 88

8 p. m..... 91 9 p. m..... 80 GENERAL DROUTH SITUATION

11 a. m..... 92

12 m...... 96

Nebraska Gets the Best of the Heated Aren's Senttered Thunder-

storms. WASHINGTON, July 23 .- With the exception of scattered thunderstorms, the most important of which, so far at least as reports to the weather bureau show, was that at North Platte, Neb., where eight one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell, the drouth and intense heat continued all day throughout the states of the corn belt. Temperatures today again averaged over 100 degrees in that area, making the thirty-sixth consecutive day in which the thermometer has risen to 90 degrees and

higher. Aside from North Platte a trace of rain one-hundredths of an inch at Kansas City, some rainfall in north central Texas, some in Arkansas, some in south Texas, also some in northern Minnesota. In other sections Official Forecaster Frankenfield says half an inch. At Hooper, Trenton, Franklin, there may have been thunderstorms, as reported in the press dispatches, though the bureau received no advices other than those heretofore stated from its observers. These storms, he said, brought only temporary relief and afforded little sustenance to the overparched ground, which, after the greatly protracted period of drouth, needs a general rain.

According to present indications there seems to be no prospect of such a downpour for the next two days at least. Beyoud that time the officials will not make any predictions. Generally speaking, the temperatures in the superheated area were not so high as yesterday, but such falls as may have occurred have been due entirely to local changes and not to any general differences in atmosphere conditions.

The hot weather also continued in the northwest, Bismarck, N. D., reporting a record-breaking temperature of 108 degrees. There is no prospect of any relief from prevailing conditions in the central valleys and the middle western states and Forecaster Frankenfield tonight repeats his forecast of continued warm weather, with light and scattered thunderstorms, for that section. The only thunderstorms predicted are for the southern states and the Rocky mountain section.

Some of the maximum temperatures reported today are: Atlanta, 86; Buffalo, 84; Cincinnati, 94; Davenport, 104; Denver, 90; Des Moines, 100; Indianapolis, 96; Jacksonville, 90; Kansas City, 102; Memphis, 104; New York, 90; Omaha, 102; Pittsburg, 88; St. Louis, 106, St. Paul, 100; Springfield, III., 100; Washington, 90; Springfield, Mo.

106. niseisk, which occupies the greater part of the country drained by the Yenise river. BANK PRESIDENTS ON CORN They Estimate a Loss of Three Hundred and Twelve Million Bushels

NEW YORK, July 23.-The Journal of Commerce, which today telegraphed to a erops in Siberia as a whole are based on large number of bank presidents in Iowa. information from various parts of that Missouri and Kansas, will tomorrow print a special report which will say: is every reason to believe that the early reports of damages to the corn crop by drouth have not been exaggerated. On the contrary, it is evident that the situation is worse than reported and that the damage is beyond repair. The region of most damage lies in an irregular area of 600 miles

> "The following question was sent to the bank presidents: 'Kindly wire your opinion of percentage of damage to corn and live stock by drouth in your vicinity !

"The answers indicate very serious losses in the region specified. In Kansas many report 75 per cent damage to corn, in Missouri the majority of the reports are generally between 35 and 50 per cent, while in Iowa the damage is between 25 and 30 per cent.

"It would seem from the returns given that a loss of 50 per cent in this region would be an exceedingly moderate estimate. This would indicate a loss of at least 312. 000,000 bushels in the region of greatest drouth and probably considerably more. It should be borne in mind that these figures says that reports from twenty provinces damage. No attempt has been made to refer to only the small area of greatest ascertain the damage elsewhere. The damage to live stock is considerable in Missouri and Kansas but very slight in Iowa and Nebraska."

TRAVEL MILES FOR WATER Southern Steckraisers Are Hard Pressed to Save Their Cattle.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 23.-There was one prostration from heat today, with a relieving the severity of the heat. During temperature maximum of 100. Dispatches from over the state tell of intense heat and great crop damage. Paducah reports that this afternoon at 2 o'clock the govern ment thermometer registered 111. A dis patch from Paris says the present drouth is by far the worst ever known in Bourbon county. Reports say the corn crop will be ruined and the tobacco crop will be hardly half a yield. Some farmers along the Marysville and Lexington pikes are even refusing drinking water to travelers over the road. Cisterns are giving out and wells are going dry. There has been no rain here in five weeks. In some instances water for stock is being hauled five miles MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 23 .- All heat records were broken here today, when at 4 o'clock the government thermometer registered 104 degrees.

Good Rains Are Needed in Ten Days

to Insure a Fair

CHICAGO, July 23 .- Although the maxionly 86, five more persons died from the exceptions. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., July 23 .- Repre- effects of the terrific heat of Sunday. Many sentatives of seventeen Nebraska and Iowa others overcome during that day of unparcanning factories met here today to discuss alleled torridity are in a serious condition. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 23.-The govdry weather and decided to withdraw all ernment thermometer registered 102 here it is thought that small grain will be an Montana was made to the Amalgamated price sheets until they can ascertain the today. There were several prostrations and average crop, except winter wheat, which one death. Corn over the state is beginning is an extraordinary crop. Corn & suffer-BURLINGTON, Ia., July 23 .- The heat is to show the effects of the long-continued still intense. The maximum was 108. The drouth, especially in the bottom lands, but corn throughout Iowa is reported to be not to such a great extent as anticipated. days there will be a fair crop.

Portions of Nebraska and Iowa Get Showers and Cooler Breezes.

HALF AN INCH DEEP AT GRAND ISLAND

Trenton Feels the Effect of Precipitation in the Neighborhood.

FRANKLIN REPORTS A THUNDERSTORM

Hooper and Other Places Grateful for Cloud Moisture.

AUDUBON COUNTY IN IOWA SOAKED

ocal Indications of an Attempt on the Part of the Weather Clerk to Break the Drouth, End Suffering and Save Crops.

Of all the parched area of the west, Nebraska and lowa were the only states to was officially reported at Des Moines, two receive material indications of a break in the drouth last night. In various parts of the east central part of Nebraska there were light showers at intervals. Grand Island reported the most rainfall-Alma, Aurora, Hastings and Grand Island there was welcome precipitation in varying amounts. At 11 o'clock last night Omaha observers were giaddened by displays of lightning and evident rain in the south, which seemed to be approaching the city. The storm passed eastward, however. Telephone messages were to the effect that the storm seen from Omaha left behind liberal precipitation in Nebraska City, Weeping Water and adjoining sections. In Iowa Des Moines and Audubon reported considerable rainfall over a wide area.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 23.-Showers visited the east central part of Nebraska this evening, but there was no general rainfall and none at all in the sections most sorely drouth afflicted. The precipitation at Grand Island was nearly half an inch and it ranged downward from that to a sprinkle in the towns of Alma, Franklin, Trenton, Hastings and Aurora. The maximum temperature for Lincoln teday was 103. In the western part of the state live stock is being marketed at any price the farmers can get.
NORTH PLATTE, Neb., July 23.—(Spe-

cial.)-Eight one-houndredths of an inch of rain fell in this locality this afternoon. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-A fine rain of about haif an inch fell here between 5 and 6 o'clock this afternoon. Much of the corn crop will be greatly benefited thereby, HOOPER, Neb., July 23 .- (Special.) --A slight rain was reported southwest of

here last night. The thermometer has been registering from 102 to 108 degrees each day. Winter wheat has been turning out remarkably well and several have threshed thirty to forty bushels an acre within a week. Oats and spring above the average yield. TRENTON, Neb., July 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-The unprecedented heat that has prevailed here and 'n the surrounding country for over a month showed some sign of abatement today. It was cloudy and a

cool, refreshing breeze blew from the south The thermometer registered from 97 to 100 and the drop was noticeable, as the temperature has been 107 to 113 for a number of days. Indications are that rain fell near here this afternoon, as the air is much cooler tonight. A slight thunderstorm in the distance was noticeable here. People have taken on new courage, owing to the change and prospects for rain. Corn that has not been postered with hoppers is doing well.

FRANKLIN, Neb., July 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Several light showers fell here this afternoon. The Nebraska Telephone company has a gang of men here putting in a local exchange and today while two of the men were working on a pole during the thunderstorm lightning struck the wires and gave them a severe shock.

TRENTON, Neb., July 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-It began raining at 9 o'clock tonight and prospects are it will continue. The rain will do untold good to pastures, hay crops and corn. The atmosphere is much cooler. AUDUBON, Ia., July 23 .- (Special.) - The

drouth which has continued in this county twenty-four days was broken this morning by a refreshing rain for thirty minutes, during which time an inch of water fell. Reports from all over Audubes county show that the rain was governi. Great relief to corn, late vegetables and pastures is the result. More rain is needed to insure a full crep of corn, but the farmers are all jubiliant over today's rain.

DES MOINES, July 23.-(Special.)-The heat continued 'n central lowa today, though not so severe as yesterday. The high mark of the government thermometer in Des Moines today was 98, reached at 3 p. m., at which time a storm came up. There had been a slight rain in the forenoon and the clouds obscured the sun, the day there were heavy storms west of Des Moines, approaching near the city, and reports indicate that at several points there was heavy rainfall.

NEBRASKA HEAT FATALITIES Farmers and Their Wives Find the Torrid Continuation Too Much for Mortals to Endure.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 23 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Claus Pahl, wife of a farmer, who was sunstruck Sunday, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Stanck, in this city from the effects of the stroke. She leaves a husband and quite a large family of children.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 23 -- (Special.)-George Thomazin, a farmer 50 years of ILLINOIS CORN IS WILTING age, in Joliet township, while returning home yesterday afternoon, was overcome by the heat and fell from his wagon. He died in a short time. He has three brothers and two sisters, all in this county.

VALPARAISO, Neb., July 23 .- (Special.) This part is suffering for rain. The heat has been intense for the entire month of mum temperature in Chicago today was July, so far registering above 107 with two LEIGH, Neb., July 23 .- (Special.)-The

heat reached its highest point Sunday and

Monday. The street thermometers touched

110 degrees. Harvest is progressing and ing from the heat and drouth. LINCOLN, July 23 .- (Special.) - With the

death of Mrs, Eleanor Cummings last evenholding out remarkably well. Forty min- If good rains occur within a week or ten ing the list of dead as a result of Sunday's intense beat was swelled to six. Within