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PERSONNEL OF COURT

Members Are Selected for Beard of Inquiry in the Schley Care.

KIMBERLEY AND BENHAM WITH DEWEY

Long Thinks the Makeup is One to Estisfy All.

Widest Latitude Permitted in Matter of Witueries.

Details of the Public Inquiry Will Not Be Made Known Until an Official Order is

Out.

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- The board of inquiry which is to investigate the controversial points in connection with Adhom. The court will meet at the Navy decate general, has not yet been completed. The scope of the inquiry will be known | Lagrange. when the precept and the order for convening the court will be received. It is exbe allowed to be represented by counsel.

The secretary had nothing to say about the composition of the court except he Adjutant General Reese, offering me the thought it spoke for itself and to express aid of the state militia if I need it," said the hope that the members chosen would Sheriff Magerstadt after his conference be satisfactory to all concerned. He pointed out that none of the officers chosen had, so far as he knew, expressed an opinion concerning what is known as the Sampson-Schley controversy, and it was therefore to be presumed that they would enter upon their work in an impartial and unprejudiced spirit. The members of the court are distinctly fighting men. Each has been hazards. However, I am not going to call that he expected criticism from many peoconnected with a celebrated event in naval annais. Of Admiral Dewey, the hero of the of preserving the peace whatever happens. conviction he held that he was perfectly battle of Manila bay, it is unnecessary to speak. His record is familiar to all. His associates, Rear Admiral Kimberly and Rear Admiral Benham, are both retired

officers. years of age and Admiral Benham 69. Each saw over forty-five years of active service. Both had fine records during the civil war. The great event with which Admiral Kimtion of the American "see," in the harbor of Apin, Samon, during the terrific hurricane which occurred in 1899.

Admiral Kimberley had been sent amoa at the head of an American squadron during the trying period of our negotiations with Germany there and had conducted himself before the storm with marked ability and dignity. When the hurricane occurred his entire squadron was wrecked. The Vandalia and the Trenton were completely destroyed and the Nipsic was cast ashore. The story of that great disaster and the great heroism displayed by the American officers and men under the direction of Admiral Kimberiey thrilled the whole world and made an impression never to be forgotten. Admiral Benham played a dramatic part at Rio de Janeiro during the great naval revolution in 1894, the particu- an employer and his employes, the men lars of which were recounted in these dispatches a few days ago.

Long Finds His Man.

All day Secretary Long was engrossed in the consideration of the details of the court seeking particularly for a suitable judge advocate, realizing that upon this officer would devolve the largest measure of responsibility for the conduct of the inquiry to a successful issue. It was thought that such a man had been found in the person of Commander John E. Pillsbury, a sailor regarded as of a judicial temperament. In members has been laid over for another fact it was announced early in the day at year. This was the recommendation of under Sampson off Santiago, and, moreover, admiral. In his desire to escape all criticism on the point of bias, Secretary Long dianapolis is chairman. felt that these were reasons sufficient for

the great controversy in any phase. Captain Lemley Fills the Bill.

Late this afternoon he decided that he had found such an officer in the person of Captain Samuel C. Lemley, the judge advocate general of the navy, a selection calculated, because of the rank of the officer. to institute a full recognition of the dignity and importance of the forthcoming court of inquiry. While it cannot be said the matter is absolutely settled, Secretary Long went so far as to ask Captain Lemley If he felt free to accept the assignment if it were offered him, and it is believed Captain Lemley will decide to answer affirmatively Captain Lemley would feel hurt if it were intimated that he had any personal feeling in the Sampson controversy. All the time he has been the legal branch of the navy, dating back to 1892, he has never had any occasion that involved either Sampson or Schley in any personal aspect. He has known both men-Schley better than Sampson, perhaps. He was one of Schley's personal friends when he (Lemley) was in active line service. He accompanied Schley on the famous Greely relief expedition and he rendered valuable services to him on that occasion, which service the senior officer recognized.

On the other hand, Captain Lemicy has known Sampson efficially in the Naval department, when the admiral was at the head of the ordnance bureau, and they were thus thrown into close contact from a business point of view for several years.

Will Not Have to Do It All.

Captain Lemley has arranged to depart from Washington on his annual trip through in that body, ignored the national demo

court and witnesses at distant points may

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Segroes Brought to Illinois by Lhtrobe Company Are Never Unloaded from Cars.

CHICAGO, July 25 .- General Manager Aertzen of the Latrobe Steel and Coupler bla evening declaring that the comwhosed the effort to bring the they where the party

All day the 300 negroes sat in their cars at Lagrange, twenty-eight miles from Chi-SESSIONS OF HEARING ARE TO BE OPEN cago, in fear. A committee of five citizens of Melrose park called on them dur-- the morning and used their best endeaves, to induce the men to return to their homes in Alabama. They informed the colored men of the actual state of affairs in Melrose park, where 300 armed men were awaiting the arrival of their THEY BEGIN THE HEARING SEPTEMBER 12 train, determined that they should not be allowed to alight in the village. Their statements alarmed the negroes more than ever and finally five of them stepped off the train and made their way into Chicago, where they sought an interview with Chief of Police O'Neil, asking protection, which he could not give, as the trouble was not

within the city limits. After the five men had left the train to come to Chicago the fears of those left on the train increased greatly and it was with difficulty that the trainmen managed to miral Schley's conduct during the Spanish keep them from running off in a panic. war will be composed of Admiral Dewey. | Nearly all of the men declared that they president of the court, and Rear Admirals would not go to Melrose park and that if Lewis A. Kimberly and Andrew E. K. Ben- taken there on the train they would refuse to get off. At 2 o'clock Marshal Rau of partment in Washington September 12. The the town of Lagrange ordered the train precept to the court, which is being pre- bearing the colored men to move out of the pared by Captain Lemley, judge advo- village. It did so and was placed on a siding at Sait Creek, two miles north of

In the meantime attorneys for the steel company called upon Sheriff Magerstadt pected that it will be promulgated by the and asked that the company be given ample department tomorrow. Secretary Long protection against the mob violence which says, however, that the proceedings of the was threatened. They stated positively court will be open and the widest iatitude that the laborers would be landed in the will be permitted in the matter of wit-shops of the company late this afternoon nesses, and that Rear Admiral Schley will whether the sheriff furnished any aid or

"I have just received a telegram from with the attorneys, "but I will not need it. I have sent half a dozen men to Melupon the militia, as the county is capable ple, but it did not alter his position nor the Out at Melrose park the armed citizens remained on watch until assured the

latter in 1894. Admiral Kimberley is 71 GRANT TEAMSTERS NOTHING tion with President Shaffer and set at rest Employers in San Francisco Tell the tion was not in sympathy with the Amal-

Mayor They Will Give No Quarter.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25 .- The most important development in the teamsters' strike today was the reply of the Employers' association to a communication from Mayor Phelan, stating that he had been asked by labor leaders to bring about a conference between representatives of the Employers' association and Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Employers' association told Mayor Phelan that it would not be a party to such a conference.

In addition the employers submitted to the mayor the following proposition as the only one they would consider:

"The union will not insist on unionizing firms or dictating who or where its members shall work. In case of a disagreement over hours and wages, as between will agree invariably to submit to arbitrashall the men go on strike."

ELKS DECIDE TO WAIT AWHILE Postpone for One Year Action on

Question of Selecting Site for the Home.

MILWAUKEE, July 25.-The question of selecting a city for the erection of a Nawho has the brightest reputation and is tional Elka' home for aged and indigent the department that he had been selected the committee having the matter in charge. for the place. But later, on more mature The resolution was presented to the grand consideration, his name was abandoned. It lodge at this forenoon's session and was was recalled that as commander of the ratified by the convention without debate. dynamite cruiser Vesuvius he had served The grand lodge increased the committee on Elks' home by the election of Jerome B. as equipment officer of the Boston navy Fisher, past grand exalted ruler. This comyard was again a subordinate of the same mittee meets with the grand board of trustees, of which Joseph T. Fanning of In-

Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. B. Fisher looking out for new material and for some was given a vote of thanks for the manner man who was absolutely disassociated from in which he conducted his office during the last year and the grand trustees were appointed a committee to arrange for the presentation of some kind of a testimonial in the near future. The convention closed with the installation of the new officers. The Calumet & Heckla band won the \$1,000 prize in the open band contest. Toedo was awarded second prize, \$500, and Colorado Springs third, \$250.

The afternoon was given over to revelry on the "Corso" and the funny parade. The reunion closed tonight with a grand promenade in the Court of Honor and a grand ball at the Exposition building.

WISH M'LAURIN TO RESIGN

Democratic Committeemen Pass Resolution Denouncing Him and Ask-

ing His Retirement.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 25.-The state democratic executive committee late to-McLaurin out of the democratic party. The It is said that a meeting will be held toaction was totally unexpected.

Senator Tillman supported the resolution. which was unexpectedly offered as a substitute for a resolution on which there had sist in breaking the strike in the Sheet been much debate concerning the oath to be Steel company's mill. The usual silence taken by candidates for congress in the ap- by the combination officials on strike subpreaching election to fill the vacancy caused | jects is strictly maintained. by the death of Congressman Stokes of the Seventh district. The resolution is as fol-

Whereas. The Hon. John L. McLaurin, junior senator, elected to represent the state of South Carolina in the national congress, has by his affiliations and votes

from Washington on his annual trip through
Canada in August. Should he accept this
trust he will arrange to leave on an earlier
date.

Meanwhile the clerical force of the judge
advocate's office can prepare the documentary evidence necessary for use before the nation immediately

The resolution was adopted by a vote of

Slap at Unionism that May Strengthen Strike Efforts.

Through the Gentleman from Ohio.

mission of M. M. Garland, who went to New themselves in finance. York on behalf of the conservative element settlement could be reached. They would tlations are off.

At the same time a more powerful in- wholly out of the question. fluence is being sought to carry the olive Hanna. Mr. Bishop is acting with the ap- open to them." graciously and it is expected he will promise the corrupt politics of the era.

When seen tonight concerning his trip to Tex., delivered an address on "The Way New York Mr. Garland refused to discuss to the Throne " the matter, saying "I am not talking." He said he made many trips to New York on PRESS MEN GET A COLD DEAL official business and this trip was one of had gone to New York on a peace mission it was not with his sanction or at his solici-

tation. Shaffer Indifferent to Criticism. President Shaffer of the Amalgamated asthan he has been for some time. He deform me, I will swear in a number of depu. by other labor leaders regarding his bringties and will preserve the peace at all ing on this battle at this time. He said

right. During this afternoon Organizer Flynn negroes were not coming, when they dis- of the American Federation of Labor was a caller at the offices of the Amalgamated association. He held a lengthy conversaall stories to the effect that the federagamated association by saying that the the train was stopped for the night. entire organization was ready and waiting financially and morally, in this strike

whenever this assistance was asked. Regarding the methods being pursued by the Amalgamated association in fighting the Steel trust it was said by the officials today that their organization was complete; that they were fully prepared for battle and had equal facilities for learning the movements of the manufacturers as the manufacturers had of studying their own movements. There was no need of the Amalgamated association hiring spies for this purpose. They had clever men in their organization who are just as capable of learning all that was desired as paid detectives were. The president denied emphatically the published story that his mysterious mission to Wellsville was for the purpose of getting detectives into the mill in the guise of nonunion

Up to 8 p. m. no change had taken place tion and abide by the result. In no case at Wellsville. No new men were imported and the mills are still at work. Developments at that point are being watched closely by both sides.

Trouble Brewing at McKeesport.

Information from McKeesport today leads to the belief that the big mill of the National Tube company in that city would shortly be involved in the strike. This is payday at the works and two new members of the new Amalgamated lodge that was organized there Saturday were notified that their services were no longer required. It is reported that other members of the union there got, or will get, a similar notice when they draw their pay, That this will bring on a conflict at the mill there is little doubt, for it is a blow at the very privilege that the Amalgamated association is striving for at the other mills of the Steel trust. While McKeesport has been quiet up to the present time there is a feeling of repressed excitement among the men over the prospect of extending the strike to the National Tube works. The strikers, as a rule, do not seem to feel that the Wood plant of the steel company will be started for some

Association's Important Effort. An important move on the part of the Amalgamated association is reported to be about 1,000 persons. This service contemplated in the effort to win out in hopelessly inadequate. the present strike. It was asserted in the city today that all the arrangements have been completed for unionizing the Riverside plant of the National Tube company at Benwood, near Wheeling. This plant is a part of the United States Steel corporation and is a most important one, employing as it does upward of 2,500 hands. Heretofore it has employed only nonunion men and, although there is an organization in the

plant, no attempt has ever been made to antagonize the management. The men, except the highly skilled workmen, are generally foreigners, and it is stated by a prominent labor leader today that the entire force, or a large majority, is now ready to cast lots with the Amalgamated association, missionaries having been ight adopted a resolution ruling Senator laboring with them for some time past. night or tomorrow, and the men will go into the Amnigamated despite the fact that they may be called out at any time to as-

Will Freeze Out Ice Handlers.

COLUMBUS, O., July 25.-The Columbus ice dealers today decided to reject the scale submitted by the union ice handlers The companies will make an effort to start their wagons with nonunion men.

J. L. Collina Plunges to His Death. CHICAGO, July 25.—John L. Collins, said to be a son of Admiral Collins, plunged fourteen stories to his death in the Masonic temple here today. He was caught between the elevator and shaft and feil 200 feet to the basement. The decedent was 53 years of age. He leaves a wife and child and two brothers in California.

Rev. F. F. Jordan Denounces Amuse ments and Another Attacks Church Finances.

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CHICAGO, July 25 .- "The manner in which money is raised for our churches works at Melrose park, gave out a state- EYES NOW TURNING TO SENATOR HANNA is often a disgrace and an abomination, said Rev. W. D. Nowlin of Lexington, Ky. they where to their nomes in Can Reach the Steel Corporation learns to adopt business methods instead tonight in addressing a meeting of the learns to adopt business methods instead of holding people up we probably shall find our finances in better shape."

Thomas Urguhart, who acted as chairman of the meeting, said the small attendance was indicative of the manner in PITTSBURG, Pa., July 25.-The peace which the church people often interest

It was accepted as the sense of the consteel manufacturers any terms on which a church, no matter what it amounted to. While this conference was going on annot recede an inch from the attitude they other was in progress at Haven school. have taken, holding that the workers' lead- which touched on amusements. Rev. F. F.

branch to J. P. Morgan. Joseph Bishop, said Rev. Mr. Jordan, "the desire for dertook to save the cash on the cashler's secretary of the Ohio State Board of Arbi- amusement comes dangerously near suptration, is working as mediator, it is planting the desire for a higher spiritual flung them into a safe he found himself learned from high authority, and plans to life. Our amusement tends to lead young forced by the flames and smoke to the reach the combine people through Senator people to forget the high calling which is

There is little doubt that Senator Hanna address, in which he made an appeal for slightly injured. Two theories are given will receive the association mediator a Christian citizenship league to defeat to exercise his best endeavors toward a At a meeting tonight in the Coliseum window and that the heat of the sun, poursettlement. About his success with the President J. H. Chapman delivered his an- ing through glassware in the window.

them. President Shaffer said if Mr. Garland Union Pacific Takes Them Where Rain Has Fallen and the Air

is Chilly.

SPRING VALLEY, Wyo., July 25 .- The longing to the Rock Island Fuel company Union Pacific press excursion left Rawlins on the levee. sociation was in a more hop. mood today this morning. Rain had fallen throughout A brisk breeze carried the flames directly the night, the first of any consequence in across the immense lumber yards of the clared he was perfectly satisfied with his this section for many months, and the air Weyer. Hauser & Denkmann company, inspection of conditions in Wellsville and was chilly. The observation car was which were soon a seething mass of flames rose park simply to make a report to me apprehended no difficulty in keeping his patronized, however, and the enthusiasm The spread of the fire was so rapid that on the condition there. If they say that men in line at that place. President Shaf- of the tourists was not dampened. The the workmen barely had time to desert the a mob of 300 armed men are patroling the fer evinced no surprise when mention was first stop was at Rock Springs, where the yard and some lost their coats and dinnerstreets, as the officials of the company in- made of the criticism that had been offered Union Pacific coal mines were inspected.

> on a train of coal cars drawn by an elec- the occupants escaped only with their lives tric motor. A brief stop was made at Green River.

> where the citizens welcomed the visiting newspaper men with a serenade and served hundred families being rendered homeless. refreshments. Another stop was made at Fish City,

made famous by the discovery of many are filled with furniture removed from the stricken when the heat was at its height. interesting fossils by Prof. Parsh. Spring Valley was reached before dark and there

to assist the Amalgamated association, both RATES FOR THE VETERANS Grand Army's Commander-in-Chief Announces What It Will Cost to Go to Cleveland.

ST. LOUIS, July 25 .- In general orders issued today by Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieu of the Grand Army of the Republie in regard to the thirty-fifth national encampment, to be held in Cleveland, September 9 to 14, announcement is made that the Central Passenger association has made a rate of 1 cent a mile to and from Cleveland. All other passenger associations. east, south and west, have made rates from one fare for the round trip to a fare and a third, plus \$2, which will apply through their respective territories, but when the Central Passenger association territory is

reached the 1 cent a mile rate only will be charged. Tickets will be good going only on date of sale. They will be made good for return passage up to and including October 8, provided they are deposited with the joint

day, September 15. CANNOT RIDE OVER THE BRIDGE Brooklyn Residents with Business in New York Have to Ferry

or Hike.

agent on or before 12 o'clock noon of Sun-

NEW YORK, July 25.-No attempt this morning was made to resume a full service not been located by their relatives, but it on the Brooklyn bridge, on which several is believed that they escaped. suspension rods seemed to be broken yesterday. Engineers examined the bridge today carefully and it is expected full repairs hotels were turned over to them for the will be made in a day or two.

Train and trolley traffic was still practraffic toward Brooklyn and kindred gees from the burned district. suburbs. With the majority of Brooklyn residents whose business is in the borough take to the ferries. At 5 o'clock there day from the district where the fire broke the best it is not encouraging. were ten trolley cars running, on the shut- out. tle system at intervals of ten minutes, and two elevated trains with a capacity for

THIS IS LAST DAY AT EL RENO Registration Booths There and at Lawton Are to Close at Six O'Clock.

EL RENO, Okl., July 25 .- Tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock the booths in this city and Lawton will be closed and registration of seekers for homes in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations will be at an end. Tonight at the close of registhe two districts. Today's registration: El destroyed. Neighbors kept the fire from

181,133; Lawton, 30,159. A special dispatch to the American from Fort Sill says: Saturday morning at 6 o'clock Major Scott will send out troops to clear the Port Sill military reservation of all persons This reservation is not ceded land and has no connection with the land to be opened to settlement.

MINING CONGRESS PRESIDENT E. L. Shaffer of Ohio is Elected to the Place - Reed for Vice President.

BOISE, Idaho, July 25 .- E. L. Shaffer of Ohio was today elected president of the International Mining congress. Fred R. Reed of Bolse was chosen vice president and Irvin Mason was re-elected secretary without opposition.

Order Half Million of Gold. NEW YORK, July 25.—The National City bank has engaged \$500.000 in gold at the assay office. Its destination is not stated.

ARE GOING BACK TO ALABAMA DISCHARGE M'KEESPORT MEN GRAND ISLANDER CRITICISES FIRES SWEEP 10WA TOWNS CONDITION OF THE WEATHER RAIN IN NEBRASKA

Sienz City Hasa Property Loss of Seventy Seven Thousand.

DRY GOODS STORE BURSTS INTO FLAME

Chief Owner Badly Hurt After Saving Firm's Cash and Books-Many Homes Burned in Davenport.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 25 .- (Special Telegram.)-The entire stock of the John F. Phelan Dry Goods company, valued at \$50,000, was destroyed by this afterin the Amalgamated association, has failed ference that every church member ought noon. The store building lodge prop-Mr. Garland was unable to secure from the to give one-tenth of his income to the erty on its upper floors were damaged \$16,800 more, making a total loss of \$76,800. The blaze started mysteriously in a show window and in a few minutes the entire first floor was a mass of flames. The store ers precipitated the fight and peace nego- Jordan of Grand Island, Neb., declared was well alled with clerks and customers, dancing, card playing and the theater as who were forced to run for their lives. John F. Phelan, chief proprietor, who was "In some of our young people's societies." in a balcony at the rear of the store, undesk and the firm's books. When he had second floor. Here he leaped from a window, breaking an arm and otherwise inproval of the Amalgamated leaders and The convention proper opened today at juring himself. Two clerks, Miss Rose carries credentials from President Shaffer the Coliscum with an attendance of 4,000. Dement and C. E. Esget, also leaped from explaining the attitude of the association. Attorney Francis W. Parker delivered an second-story windows, but they were only for the origin of the fire: That electric light wires became crossed in the show combine people much doubt is expressed. | nual address. J. B. Gambrill of Dallas, ignited a lot of dress goods as through a burning glass. The blaze was a flerce one and only the hardest work prevented wide-

spread destruction. \$700,000 Loss in Davenport. DAVENPORT, Ia., July 25.-Fire laid waste an area of sawmill and residence

property here tonight equal to twenty ordinary city blocks. The flames started at 2:30 p. m. in big piles of kindlingwood be-

pails. The flames rushed into the adjoin-The party, sixty in number, was taken ing residence district, closely settled with into mine No. 8 and lowered 200 feet into middle-class homes of an average value of the earth and carried one and a half miles a few thousand dollars each, from which and the clothing on their backs.

> Over fifty homes were thus burned, some of them tenement blocks, resulting in a Others deserted their homes in the threatened district. Vacant houses all over town imperiled district.

fire departments of Davenport, Rock Island Kansas City and St. Louis, committed sui- Telegram.)-After a drouth of thirty-four and Moline, Ill., the latter cities respond- cide by shooting himself at the home of days a fine thunderstorm this afternoon

Efforts to check the flames were unavailing until they spread to the north on the spacious grounds of St. Catherine's hall, a boarding school for young women, which was saved after the tower was burned off. Gradually the battle waged on the edges of the flaming district told as the less thickly settled portions of the city were invaded, and by 10 o'clock the conflagration was under control. The mill and vards of the Weyer, Hauser & Denkmann company were destroyed. Their total loss is \$400,000 The loss on residences and other property

is \$300,000 more. It is believed there were no fatalities. Not a drop of rain having fallen here in three weeks the lumber yards furnished food for the flames that quickly put the conflagration beyond the control of the firemen. Had the wind blown from the east the entire business portion of the city would have been swept away. Fortunately southeast breeze carried the flames toward the bluffs, and as soon as they were out of the thickly settled district the efforts of the firemen and hundreds of volunteers finally brought the fire under con-

The entire district from Federal street to Bridge avenue and from the river to Seventh street was swept clean

The heat was intense and two ambulances were kept busy hauling away persons who were prostrated by it. In a few instances persons living in the burned district have

Probably a hundred families were rendered homeless by the fire and homes and night. Hundreds of others moved temporarily from their homes and vacant lots

Store at Republican City.

REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., July 25 .-(Special.)-Fire broke out this morning at A. A. Maley and occupied by F. C. Poor for loss on the building is \$600, with insurance for \$350. An adjoining building belonging to a building and loan company of Has- does not come soon. tings was also burned. Its loss is \$250.

STELLA, Neb., July 25 .- (Special.)-About 11 a. m. Barney Estes, living three miles southeast of Stella, set fire to s small patch of weeds. The flames spread Reno, 11,196; Lawton, 871. Total, El Reno, spreading. Mr. Estes was overcome by heat and had to be taken to the house,

> CINCINNATI, July 25 -The plant of the Cincinnati Desiccating company, manufacturers of fertilizers at Jones Station, seven miles west of this city, was destroyed by fire tonight. Two dwellings were destroyed. The loss is \$80,000, partly insured.

Cincinnati Fertilizing Plant.

Barnett Carriage Company. CINCINNATI. July 25.-The four-story building occupied by the Barnett Carriage company was destroyed by fire tonight The building was stocked with finished

goods. Loss, \$75,000. Captain Smith to Be Governor. MANILA, July 25 .- Captain Harry A. smith of the Fifteenth infantry has been

appointed military governor of Laguna province, Luzon. The establishment of provincial government in this province has been deferred un-

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair Friday, Probably Warmer in Western Portion; Saturday Fair, Variable Winds.

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GENERAL DROUTH SITUATION Thundershowers Followed by Hot Sun Are Little Benefit to

Crops. WASHINGTON, July 25,-Official reports

show that the corn belt region continues but and dry with no prespect of immediate change in these conditions. Showers have fallen in the gorthern half of the corn belt area since last night, including eastern Nebraska, Iowa, northern Illinois, northern Indiana and Ohio. Most of these rains, which generally were light in amount, fell last night. Today there were some light rainfalls in western Nebraska and Oklahoma. These precipitations, however, the forecast officials say, are not always conducive of the best results to the growing crops, as they are mostly thundershowers, immediately followed by a hot sun. Showers, it is said, possibly may occur in the drouth-stricken region tomorrow, as they usually are inseparable from visitations of intense heat, but no general occurrence of them is predicted. Temperatures in the corn belt, while a few degrees lower today than yesterday, were again high, ranging from 95 degrees to 100 degrees and higher.

WINDS Fall of Over Eight Degrees Makes Life in Missouri More Endurable.

ST. LOUIS, July 25 .- Winds that prevailed last night and all day today made their presence decidedly felt on the superheated atmosphere and brought glad relief to suffering man and beast. A maximum of 99 degrees was recorded at the government weather bureau, which point was reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon. This s eight and one-tenth degrees below yesterday's maximum temperature-107.1which shattered all known records for this vicinity.

The diminution in the intensity of the heat was shown by the marked reduction in the death and prostration lists for the last twenty-four hours. For the period of time ending with 11 o'clock tonight thirty-three deaths and twenty-seven cases of prostration were reported, as against forty-three deaths and seventy-five prostrations in the previous twenty-four hours. Most of today's deaths were of persons

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 25 .- Arthur Bry-The fire was fought heroically by the ant, for several years a job printer of cause of the intense heat. There were four deaths here and fifteen prostrations,

three of which will prove fatal. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 25 .- The prospects today in the southwest are for rain in sight. In Kansas City at 11 o'clock the weather bureau reported 93 degrees, same hour yesterday. Sprinkles of rain weather and it will probably be a fair last night are reported from parts of Ar- crop. kansas and Oklahoma, and Brunswick, Mo., four countles northeast of Kansas City and at Hays in central Kansas. A good south There was some hall, but nothing was dambreeze last night improved conditions aged and the corn crop is saved. locally.

The maximum temperature was 100. There were one death and thirty prostra-

tions. J. B. Jaynes, 35 years old, formerly Kan., today, having been prostrated by the heat. He was a son of Colonel A. D. ceiver of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas H. Thrasher, a real estate man, and the 5-

KANSAS IS ALL ATHIRST Corn Crop Worse Off Than Ever, but What Worries Most is Where

to Get Drinking Water.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 25 .-- The temperatures were not so high in Kansas today, averaging about 100 for the entire state. However, not the least relief has been experienced from the drouth. The atmosphere has been humid and numerous prostrations are reported from various parts of the

state. The corn crop is in a worse condition than tically at a standstill on the bridge this over a large portion of the town were filled ever and it will be surprising if one-third evening when the hour came for the daily tonight with household goods and the refu- of a crop is obtained. Many of the farmers are cutting corn for fodder. If it were not It is believed the fire was caused by boys that there were many thousands of bushels smoking cigarettes on the levee. Groups of last year's corn in the state the outlook it was a case of walk the big bridge or of them had been chased away during the for the stockmen would be serious. At

Now that the corn crop is blasted, the people of the state have stopped considering that part of the drouth situation and are devoting their attention to obtaining weeks of temperature ranging from 96 to 1 o'clock in the rear of a store belonging to water to drink. Some towns are in sore straits. A week ago they reported scarcity general merchandise. Only a small portion of stock water. Now some report that some barn at the county insane asylum near of the stock was saved. Estimated loss on of their drinking water is almost exhausted. stock \$1,000, with insurance for \$500; the Streams, ponds and wells are going dry and fire, causing a panic among the 150 init is hard to imagine what the people of mates of the asylum. many localities will do for water if rain

> purposes, and as the water plants are dependent on the streams for their supply this, too, will soon be shortened.

Towns having waterworks systems have

tration 161,992 persons had registered in to \$200 worth of stacked hay, which was LONDON'S FOGS CONDENSED Phenomenal Precipitation Soaks In tertors of Big Buildings and Stops Traffic.

LONDON, July 25 .- A phenomenal thun-

derstorm, accompanied by hail and incessant lightning, raged two hours in London this afternoon. The streets were turned into rivers. The water, overflowing the sidewalks, entered dwellings and poured down every opening. The underground railway was flooded and trains were stopped. The storm flooded Mrs. Langtry's new theater, the Imperial. Several public buildings were damaged. The crops in the country surrounding London were laid low and the telegraph wires torn down. Several suburban transportation lines are temporarily blocked as a result of the downpour, the water in some cases reaching over the footboards of the trains.

Kentucky Still Sizzies.

LOUISVILLE, July 25.-The maximum temperature today was 100. There were four deaths and twelve prostrations.

Pertiens of the Corn Belt Report Good General Downpour.

BROWN AND ROCK COUNTIES SOAKED

Keith, Knox and Custer Rejoice in Ex . cooding Wetness.

HOTES FOR BREAKING DROUTH REVIVE

Indian Territory and Texas Report Cotton Crop Eaved.

KENTUCKY GETS GENEROUS DRENCHING

Minnesota and Ohio Have Heavy Precipitation - Storm is Violent in Wisconsin, with Damage by Cloudburst and Lightning.

Rain fell in Nebraska last night over a considerable area and in sufficient quantity to improve the crop conditions and create a hope that the drouth is almost at an end. Special dispatches to The Bee indicate general and heavy rains from the southwest section of the state to the northeast and every point heard from along the pathway of the storm reports that it is no light or local shower, but a generous and general

Dispatches follow one another from Ogallala, Broken Bow, Long Pine, Bassett and COOL ST. LOUIS Niobrara, reporting Keith. Custer, Brown. Rock and Knox counties liberally soaked and more rain in sight. From the intervening counties reports were unobtainable, but the evident direction and general character of the storm indicate that they, too,

received their share of rainfall. Grand Island, which had a good rain two nights ago, again reported slight showers for a radius of five miles around the city. Other states reporting more or less rainfall and consequent relief from drouth are: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas, Kentucky and Ohio. Indian Territory was well

Rain Across the State. OGALLALA, Neb., July 25 .- (Special Telegram.)-A good general rain fell over

most of Keith county this afternoon, from half an inch to one inch, and it is still cloudy and raining. BROKEN BOW, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)-This locality was visited tonight with a fine, rain. Most of the corn has stood the long dry spell remarkably well and this rain has helped it out. The

precipitation was forty-one-hundredths of an inch and the indications are favorable for more rain before morning. The rain was general in this part of the state. LONG PINE, Neb., July 25 .- (Special

inch of rain, with prost more. The corn crop will be fair. BASSETT, Neb., July 25 .- (Special Telegram.)-A copious rain fell throughout the central and southern portions of this county today and the indications are that it will slightly cooler weather, but still with no rain again tonight. The northern part of the county had a good rain last night and the drouth seems to be broken. Corn has which was 6 degrees lower than at the not suffered much thus far from the dry

> NIOBRARA, Neb., July 25 .- (Special Telegram.)-A big rain fell at 6 o'clock tonight.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 25 .- (Special Telegr. m.)-Slight showers fell early tonight over this city and for a radius of

five miles outside. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 25 .- (Spefinancial secretary of Jay Gould, was found cial.)—Rain fell in this locality Tuesday dead in the railroad yards of Kansas City, night for one hour, but it failed to reduce the temperature. Three prostrations were reported from the heat: Peter Raunds, a Jaynes, at different times treasurer and re- wagonmaker, while working in his shop: J.

year-old son of B. L. Kirkham.

Salvation to Cotton Crop. ARDMORE, I. T., July 25 .- Heavy rain fell in the eastern portion of the Chickasaw nation this afternoon. While cotton is greatly benefited the rain comes too late to prove of much benefit to corn, which was practically burned up, 65 per cent being affected. Cotton men assert that there will be a large crop as a result of today's heavy rains. In this city water fell in sheets for two hours. MUSKOGEE, I. T., July 25 .- A good rain

fell here last night and the temperature fell twenty degrees. DALLAS, Tex., July 25.-Reports received here tonight are to the effect that rain fell at many places in Texas and Indian Territory today. The rain was the heaviest of the season. It will be of great benefit to the crops, particularly cotton. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.-Rain fell in several sections of Kentucky today, the downpour being heavy in some places after a drouth extending over a month.

Storm is Violent in Wisconsin. LA CROSSE, Wis., July 25 .-- After two 105 the heat was broken tonight by a hard storm, accompanied by lightning. A large West Salem was struck and destroyed by

ANTIGO, Wis., July 25 .- During a terrific cloudburst lightning struck and instantly killed Mrs. Martin Cherck. Her hardly a sufficiency of water for everyday baby was severely burned. Another woman in the same house was severely burned. The members of the family of Milton Bacon were shocked by lightning which entered their house, but were not seriously

hurt. ST. PAUL, July 25 .- A heavy and general rain throughout this section early this morning has greatly relieved the heated

CHILLICOTHE. O., July 25 .- A heavy rainstorm occurred here this morning. Several buildings were damaged by the lightning

NEBRASKA HEAT VICTIMS Murtap McLindon Goes to Bed Well and Perishes of High Tempera-

ture in the Night.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 25 .- (Special Telegram.)-Murtap McLindon, an old resident of this city, was found dead in hed this morning. Physicians say his death was caused by the intense heat. He retired last night in his usual health. He was 65 years of age and unmarried.

Several other partial prostrations oc curred yesterday and today, but it is believed the victims will recover. Corn stands the hot, dry weather well. The best informed grain men say that 80 per cent