

SHIPS IN SUSPENSE

Blue Squadron Expects the White to Be Sighted at Any Minute.

WAR CONDITIONS WELL SIMULATED

Meek Belligerence Looks Just Like the Genuine Article.

MOONLESS, NIGHT FAVORS THE INVADER

Higginson is Prompted to Redouble His Efforts to Guard.

SIGNAL SYSTEM PLAYS STAR PART

Modern Means of Communication Put to Tests That Prove Their Merits—Scarcely Any Many and Frequent.

ROCKPORT, Mass., Aug. 22.—At midnight thirty-six hours had passed of the 120 for the attacking squadron under Commander Pillsbury and the defending squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Higginson to come together.

Perhaps the greatest danger that came to Admiral Higginson was that of yielding to the temptation to withdraw Rearships and leave Alabama and Massachusetts to go in search of the enemy, reported to have been sighted at either this point or at some point along the coast.

Signals Work Perfectly.

Admiral Higginson's wonderful system of signals worked to perfection.

At 11 o'clock came another report of a strange ship sighted south of Eastern Point Light.

In Protecting Rockport.

The reason that the admiral steadfastly refused to leave his anchorage at Rockport here was that he dared not leave Rockport exposed to the enemy, which, taking advantage of needless passage of the defending battleship to another port might easily creep in and drop anchor at the very heart of the operations of the Blue squadron.

Day of Vigilance.

Not for a moment during yesterday afternoon did the battleships give up their watchfulness.

Higginson Evidently Uneasy.

So hurriedly had the messages been coming and so many trips did the dispatch launches make between the shore and Kearysarge that it was thought the move was to be out to sea.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 21.—The United States battleship Indiana with a portion of three upper classes of midshipmen aboard arrived in Annapolis yesterday.

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REMINDER HASTENS PORTE

Turkish Government Shows Some Indication of Carrying Out Agreements with United States.

ANTANTINOPLE, Aug. 21.—The sharp reminder of the United States minister, John G. Leachman, to the Porte in having the effect of hastening the carrying out of the latter's engagements for the settlement of pending questions.

SHAH FIRES A MAXIM GUN

Then Proceeds to the Persian Legation and Gives a Fifteen-Thousand-Dollar Dinner.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The shah paid a lengthy visit to the Maxim works this morning.

ON THE INVITATION OF SIR HIRAN MAXIM, THE PERSIAN MONARCH GOT ASTRIDE OF THE SEAT OF A MAXIM GUN AND FIRED THREE BELTS OF BLANK CARTRIDGES.

THE SHAH AND HIS SUITE PASSED FOR MOVING PICTURES BEFORE LEAVING.

BOER GENERAL AND WIFE START FOR BELGIUM CAPITAL, BUT GOVERNMENT OPPOSES VISIT.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 21.—General and Mrs. Botha started for Brussels today.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—It is announced here in a dispatch from Brussels that the Belgian government has requested the Boer generals, Botha, Dewet and Delarey to not enter Belgium, and that the station master at the Northern railroad station has been instructed to summon troops to keep order in the event of their receiving notification of the presence of the generals on board a train from Holland.

LIPSON CLOSING HIS CONTRACTS.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Associated Press learns that according to the present arrangements contracts for building the Rockport III will be signed next week.

APPROACHING VISIT PLEASES WILLIAM.

ROME, Aug. 21.—Emperor William has sent a letter to King Victor Emmanuel expressing the pleasure which he anticipates at their approaching meeting in Berlin.

FIRE AT CORNFIELD GUARDS

Forty Negroes Take Revenge on Two Mississippi Planters.

TUPELO, Miss., Aug. 21.—A telegram was received here today by Sheriff Long from Deputy Sheriff Sam Young at Shannon, asking that the sheriff come immediately to that place.

Later in the day it was ascertained that the trouble grew out of the stealing of some corn from the field of Messrs. Eubanks, three miles west of Shannon, by a negro named Davenport, who was caught in the act and made to pour the corn out of his sack.

TOWNSHIP TO OPERATE ROAD

Owners Attempt to Abandon Kansas & Northern and Receivers Are Appointed.

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL OPENS

Annual Fall Session of Concerts Begins Under Auspicious Auspury.

SOCIETY FAVORS THE FIRST CONCERT

Elery's Royal Italian Band Gets a Generous Welcome and in Return Gives an Evening of Pleasure.

That Omaha still appreciates a band concert and will give liberal patronage to such entertainments was shown last night on the first appearance of Elery's Royal Italian band for the benefit of the Auditorium company.

O'LEARY SCORES HIS POINT

Brings About Readjustment of Rank of All Marine Officers Recently Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Navy department has made a decision which affects the rank of marine officers appointed from civil life under the naval personnel act.

MEAT IMPORTERS PAY OFFEN

Germany Has Something for Them to Pay at Every Turn.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The State department has received from United States Ambassador White at Berlin copies of the official German proclamation with regard to the fees to be charged for the inspection of meats brought into Germany from abroad.

WATER DOCTOR THOUGHT SAFE

Friends of Captain Ryan, Who Administered the Cure Believe Him Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The papers in the case of Captain James A. Ryan, Fifteenth cavalry, who was tried by general court-martial by order of the president on charges of administering the water cure to natives in the Philippines, have been received at the War department and when considered by Judge Advocate General Davis will be forwarded to the president.

RETIRE ARMY OFFICER SHOT

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FIELD GUN TEST COMPLETE

Opinion of Army Officers that Choice Lies Between Three Long-Recall Weapons.

MARSHAL ARRESTS GUARDS

North Platte Men Violate Proclamation of Mayor of North Platte.

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NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The first fruits of John N. Baldwin's, alias the mayor's, proclamation exactly the reverse of what was intended. This afternoon two of the Union Pacific guards, Charles West and H. M. Haschberger, both of Schuyler, Neb., came over to the city armed with revolvers.

SEEMS TO SUSPECT MURDER

Edward P. Remington Implies That Brother Robert Did Not Destroy Himself.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 21.—It was reported tonight from an authoritative source that Edward P. Remington is not satisfied that his brother Robert died at his own hand. It has been known that he was entertaining a suspicion of foul play, which originated before he left Newport with the body.

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE SCENT

Posses Continue Their Determined Search for Assailant of Zoda Viek.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Aug. 21.—The search for the unknown assailant of Miss Zoda Viek, the daughter of Charles Viek, a prosperous farmer residing near here who was assaulted and killed near her home yesterday, is being pushed with renewed vigor.

IDAH0 NOMINATES MORRISON

Aspirant from Canyon Chosen by Agricultural Republican State Convention.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21.—The republican state convention today nominated the following ticket: For congressman, Burton L. French, Latah; for supreme justice, J. F. French, Blaine; for lieutenant governor, James Stevens, Bingham; for secretary of state, William H. Gibson, Fremont; for state auditor, Theodore Turner, Hancock; for state treasurer, H. N. Coffin, Ada; for attorney general, John H. Bagley, Bear Lake; for superintendent of public instruction, Miss May L. Scott, Bingham; for inspector of mines, Robert Bell of Custer.

POPULISTS FEW AT TOPEKA

Only Seven Delegates on Hand for First Day of Mid-Roaders' Convention.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 21.—The middle-of-the-road populist convention met here this morning with seven members present. Jo Parker of Louisville, the national chairman of the organization, telegraphed from Dallas, Tex., that he could not get here till tomorrow. At that time the regular business of the convention will begin.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Local Rains Friday; Fair and Warmer Saturday.

MRS. HILL HELD UP AT HOME

Two Masked Robbers Invade Twenty-Fifth Avenue Residence and Extort Money.

Two men with their faces masked with handkerchiefs entered the home of Mrs. Burt W. Hill at 328 North Twenty-fifth avenue between 1:30 and 2 o'clock this morning and forced her, at the point of a revolver, to tell where she kept her money.

ONE BETTER THAN DEUBERRY

Twenty-Second Infantry Sergeant Finishes a Good Second in Competitive Shoot.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—At the close of the four days' army infantry competitive shoot at Fort Sheridan today, Artiller Sergeant B. Savage, Company B, Eighteenth Infantry, Twenty-second Infantry, 811; Private Frank Weik, Company I, Twelfth Infantry, 811; First Sergeant John R. Rauff, Company C, Porto Rico provisional regiment, 574.

SEEKS TO PREVENT CORNERS

Illinois Grain Dealers Are Discussing Means of Checking the Evil.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—In an effort to devise a plan for preventing a recurrence of the corn shortage in the fall, the Illinois Grain Dealers' association held a conference here today.

CHICAGO FEARS COAL FAMINE

Its Supply in Bins Is Lower Than Usual and Prices Start Upward.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—An immediate hard coal famine threatens Chicago. In the entire city there was not more than 50,000 tons of hard coal on hand as of August 15, which has already been contracted for and is being shipped, the public has only 25,000 tons of hard coal available for purchase.

DIVINE HEALER IS FLOGGED

Whitecapers Cut His Hair and Give Him Thirteen Minutes to Leave Arkansas Town.

TEXARKANA, Ark., Aug. 21.—A man named Perkins, an alleged divine healer and prophet, who has been going for the ten days as an angel of Christ, when he declared would appear in a few days, was taken out of town last night by whitecapers, flogged, his hair cut short and then given thirty minutes to leave town. A holding sign on Perkins' door read: "Same fate to sympathizers."

TORNADO STRIKES BOX BUTTE

Much Damage Done Along Nebraska River in Vicinity of Hemingford.

HEMINGFORD, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—A tornado, accompanied by heavy rain and hail, this evening passed along the Nebraska river eight miles north of town. It was a regular twister. In the thickly settled district much damage was done. Hailstones two and a half inches through fell. No damage was done in town.

CORN MAKES A JUMP

Goes Fear and One-Third Cents Above Wednesday's Closing Figure.

SEPTEMBER FINISHES AT FIFTY-SEVEN

Ascends Excitedly, but Appears to Be Standing Firm.

SHORTS ARE IN A PECK OF TROUBLE

Attempts to Cover Their September Contracts Fail.

EARLIER MANIPULATION RESPONSIBLE

Collapse that Followed the Gates Crowd's Booming Imposes Severe Hardships on the Short-Sighted.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Shorts in the corn pit were squeezed badly today and raised a tumult that closely resembled the recent scurrmages when John W. Gates and his clique had July corn cornered.

The action in the pit today was largely the result of the earlier manipulations. When the Gates crowd was pushing prices skyward the farmer took a hand in the business by sweeping his bins clean of corn and flooding this market with millions of bushels. As a result, the corner collapsed and prices fell heading into September corn recently sold at 50 cents.

From rampant bulls the crowd had turned bears to a man and sold short many bushels. Now, the corn to fill September contracts is not in sight. The bad weather has retarded the maturing of corn crops until there has been talk that crops may not be harvested until hurt by frosts. Under such conditions shorts want to cover their contract, but holders of the grain are loth to sell.

All Turn Bulls.

At the opening of trade today everybody turned bulls. English markets were advancing strongly. Cash stuff was leaving this market at a good premium over September options. Stocks of contract corn on hand were rapidly diminishing. There seemed no relief for the shorts other than getting stuff in the pit at the best figure.

As a result almost 5 cents was added to the price during the morning. September started started 1/4 to 1/2 cents higher than yesterday's closing at 52 1/2 to 53 cents and in leaps and jumps rose to 57 1/2 cents.

Excitement continued throughout the session. The old bull crowd was buying and the shorts had little or nothing offered to help them out in their plight. Bears tried to combat each other with the talk that there are 3,500,000,000 bushels of corn slowly ripening in the fields—one of the biggest yields in history—but this had no influence. At top prices some of the long leg got in drib lots for profits and prices stilled off a little. September, however, closed strong and excited, 1/4 cents higher than yesterday at 57 cents.

Other markets on 'change responded to the flurry in corn. Wheat had a good bulge, September selling as high as 72 cents, but closing only 5 cent higher at 71 1/2 cents and 71 1/2 cents. September oats sold at 34 1/2 cents and closed 1 cent to 1 1/2 cents higher at 34 1/2 to 34 1/2 cents. September provisions fell the corn strength materially. The surrounding country, however, closed higher. Fodder prices and September pork closed 70 cents higher at \$16.55, September lard 40 cents up at \$10.97, September ribs 2 1/2 cents higher at \$10.12.

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