

STOCK IN NO DANGER

Western Cattlemen Need Fear Nothing from Disease in East.

INFECTION IS TO BE STAMPED OUT

Wilson Says Vigorous and Effective Steps Are Being Taken.

EPIDEMIC IS ALREADY AT A STANDSTILL

Inspection of Every Animal by Army of Surgeons Decided On.

CONGRESS MUST VOTE MILLION EXPENSES

Secretary of Agriculture Thinks This Sum Necessary to Wipe Out Fear of Future Ravages Among American Herds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The west is not to suffer on account of cattle and hog disease.

Secretary Wilson, who arrived in Chicago last night to attend the national live stock convention, said:

The indications are that we will be successful in stamping out the disease before it reaches this section. My latest report shows the infection is at a standstill.

The next report will decide the number of men that I will send to New England, but I will send them.

Before many days have passed there will be several hundred surgeons in the New England states and they will be instructed to inspect every cow, sheep and hog. I believe we need three or four weeks to stamp out the disease.

Congress will be asked for a special appropriation to take the disease permanently. I intend to ask for at least \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Secretary Wilson will leave for Washington tomorrow night.

Milk Is Cast Away

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—The cattle bureau of the State Board of Agriculture, began a systematic and exhaustive investigation of the cattle reported as having the foot and mouth disease.

The inspectors found fifty cases in Littleton and Westford, in Middlesex county, and eighty cases at Atleboro, in Bristol county. Reports of infection were received from herds in Stowe, Danvers, Bridgewater and Eastern, and will be investigated.

The inspectors found five cases in Littleton and Westford, in Middlesex county, and eighty cases at Atleboro, in Bristol county. Reports of infection were received from herds in Stowe, Danvers, Bridgewater and Eastern, and will be investigated.

The executive council this afternoon adopted an order declaring that all meat, cattle, sheep and swine upon infected premises are to remain in quarantine until the chief of the cattle bureau decides that it is safe to release them, no sales shall be held in infected localities, the transport of cattle over public highways is forbidden at all times when the disease appears to be on the increase and that only those having business there shall be permitted on infected territory.

Members of the bureau look upon the order of the Canada government forbidding steamers from Boston to load cattle at Canadian ports as unnecessary, as there is no sign of the disease in the west, whence cattle come for shipment to Europe.

MANILA PAPER LABELS BELL

Court Finds Editor Guilty and Judge Recommends New Law Be Enacted.

MANILA, Dec. 1.—The trial of the editor of the Libertas, a friars' organ, for libeling General Bell, resulted today in the conviction of Manuel Ravago and the acquittal of Friar Tamayo, the paper's religious censor.

At the opening of the hearing the defense admitted that the libelous article was false.

The trial failed to disclose the actual author of the article and it is possible that another Dominican priest may be arraigned.

Judge Ambler, in passing judgment, suggested a statute requiring newspapers to publish the names of their proprietors and responsible editors in order to prevent anonymous journalism.

CUBAN CUSTOMS DECREASE

Cabinet Makes Changes, Giving Cancelo Place in Ministry—Decrease in Customs.

HAVANA, Dec. 1.—At a meeting of the cabinet the secretary of instruction, Senor Yera, was appointed secretary of government in place of Diego Tamayo, and Leonopoldo Cancelo, formerly secretary of finance under General Wood's administration, secretary of instruction. Senor Cancelo has been identified with either political party.

The report of the secretary of finance for November gives the customs revenues for Havana at \$1,044,833, a decrease of \$199,000, compared with the October returns, and the total receipts for the island at \$1,186,871. The cash on hand amounts to \$1,743,253.

PANTHER MARINES ARE ILL

Suffer from Malarial Fever, but Condition Is Not Considered Serious.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 1.—The auxiliary cruiser Panther, with 329 marines on board, nearly all sick, sailed this afternoon for Norfolk.

It came from Colon. The Colombian government asserted that it could protect the isthmus, so the opportunity was seized to take the fever-stricken soldiers back.

The gunboat Hancock has left for Colon to replace Panther.

PACKING FIRMS DENY CHARGES

Say No Combine Exists, but Natural Law Has Forced Prices Up.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—The case against the packing houses for the alleged infraction of the Missouri anti-trust law, which has been in progress three months, came up for its second hearing here today.

The case closed its case three weeks ago and the defense began the introduction of testimony today. The evidence today indicated that the defense will try to prove that a combine does not exist and the high prices cited by the state's evidence are due to supply and demand, increased scarcity of feed and cattle and other natural causes. The packers claim that during 1901-02 it cost 50 per cent more to prepare cattle for market than the previous year and nearly twice as much as in 1899-1900, and that the increased cost to the packers necessitated a corresponding increase in the price of the finished product.

ULTIMATUM NOT NECESSARY

Venezuela Concedes Most of the Demands Made by Germany and Great Britain.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—President Castro of Venezuela had, probably on Thursday last, to the German minister at Caracas a written acceptance of most of Germany's claims, sufficiently comprehensive to delay the presentation of a formal ultimatum by Germany and Great Britain.

Under the understanding it altogether unnecessary, understood that Great Britain's will be satisfied.

Foreign Secretary von Richtofen and the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, are now in correspondence over Venezuela's change of front. This government considers that a special settlement of the questions in dispute is quite probable and attributes President Castro's yielding to the fact that he has become aware that the United States would not interpose any obstacle to the forcible collection of the claims.

President Castro tried by every means to keep Great Britain and Germany apart in discussing the settlements, intimating or promising first one thing and then another. Germany, having entered into a general agreement with Great Britain to exact a settlement jointly, will not make a separate agreement. Consequently the two powers may yet conclude it necessary to disregard President Castro's qualified offers and present an ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Henry von Holleben, the German ambassador, called on the acting secretary of state today to discuss Venezuelan affairs. He had no word of the settlement reported from Berlin.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Venezuelan delegation to the United States proposed to offer any guarantee for the purchase of the debts. No such suggestion had been made on its behalf nor is that idea palatable to the interests which set the present movement on foot.

LETTERS MAY COST THRONE

Prince Mirko Criticizes Servia in Writing to His Old Time Flame.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—Some stolen love letters may cost Prince Mirko, second son of the reigning prince of Montenegro, his cherished ambition to ascend the Serbian throne.

Prior to Prince Mirko's marriage last July, with Natalie Constantinovitch, daughter of the grand uncle of King Alexander, he had a love affair with a Serbian actress and wrote her many letters containing criticisms on the policy of European states.

The czar and German emperor were especially being criticized, while the Serbian people were slightly and ironically referred to. After his marriage Prince Mirko sent a trusted adjutant to buy the letters from the actress. She readily sold them, but the adjutant, who is a native of Serbia, disposed of them to the Serbian government for a considerable sum, after having had printed copies made.

In the event of the Montenegrin dynasty making any active move to acquire the Serbian throne the letters will be published.

MORGAN PAYS SHAREHOLDERS

Transaction Creates No Excitement and is in Accordance with Terms of the Contract.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Morgan payments in accordance with the purchase of the International Merchants Marine company are being carried out by the British government of excitement in the city.

About 300 shareholders of the White Star and Dominion lines presented themselves at the Morgan offices before noon and were all paid by check. No gold was specially imported to meet the payments, the whole transaction having been arranged weeks ago.

No statement is available regarding the proportion of shareholders wishing to accept bonds of the underwriting syndicate instead of cash. No bonds have been delivered, because they will not be ready for several days.

WANTS CASH FOR DEAD MEN

Italy Seeks Compensation for Workmen Killed in American Factories.

ROME, Dec. 1.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the foreign minister announced that Italy was opening negotiations with the United States to acquire compensation for relatives of Italian emigrants killed while employed in America, and that he hoped for an equitable interpretation of clause three of the existing treaty.

The Italian government, he added, also intended to pay a share of the expenses of any law suit taken by Italian subjects in this connection.

ARRANGES HORSE MEAT MEAL

Berlin Butchers' Paper Invites Advocates of Strange Food to Banquet.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have been invited to a horse meat dinner on December 15 by the Fleischler Zeitung, national organ of German butchers.

The object is to prove the sincerity of the society in issuing an appeal to the public to eat horse meat.

The Fleischler Zeitung has not yet received any acceptances.

STORY OF MASSACRE TRUE

Leaders of Recent Insurrection Are Surrounded and Most of Them Killed by Turks.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Private telegrams received at the headquarters of the Armenian refugees in Europe confirm the report of a massacre. Most of the leaders in the recent insurrection have been killed.

The Turkish troops formed cordons around villages, cutting off their communications. It is feared that a majority of the villagers have perished.

TURKS ROAST BABES ALIVE

Bulgarian Newspapers Detail Barbarities Practiced by Sultan's Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—According to dispatches received here, the Bulgarian newspapers are publishing stories of horrible atrocities by the Turks in Macedonia.

Children are reported to have been roasted alive and others tortured by red-hot moulds being placed on their heads.

FRANCHISE FOR POWER CANAL

Ordinance and Amendments Discussed at Meeting of Citizens.

SENTIMENT FAVORABLE TO SUBMISSION

Both Sides of Matter Debated by Parties Interested and by the Representative Citizens Who Were Present.

was a large crowd of interested business men, capitalists, citizens and a number of promoters which gathered last night at the city council chamber to hear a discussion of the proposed ordinances governing power plants. Probably 300 people were in the meeting, which was held in the city council chamber.

The aggregate number of voluntary petitions filed during the year was 16,714, against 17,000 in 1901 and 20,000 in 1900. During the same period 3,100 involuntary petitions were filed.

The states showing the greatest number of voluntary proceedings were: New York, 1,906; Illinois, 1,514; Alabama, 1,436; Massachusetts, 1,408; Maine, 869; Ohio, 770, and Iowa, 635. A year ago Illinois led the list, with 2,255.

The smallest number filed were 1 in Alaska, 6 each in Arizona, New Mexico and Porto Rico, 7 in Nevada, 11 in Hawaii, 20 in Delaware and 29 in Idaho.

Of the cases called during the year 1,320 were on behalf of farmers, 6,839 were farmers, 2,585 merchants, 235 manufacturers, 531 professional men and 1,738 contractors, hotel and saloon keepers, real estate men and others of a miscellaneous character not included within the classes enumerated.

REVENUE HAS GOOD BALANCE

Receipts Exceed Expenditures by Nearly Thirty-Three Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for November, 1902, the total receipts were \$23,000,000, and the disbursements \$43,040,257, leaving a surplus of \$558,754. Last year the surplus was \$5,318,800.

The November receipts are given as follows: Customs, \$22,489,286, an increase as compared with November, 1901, of \$3,000,000. Internal revenue, \$18,847,550, increase, \$1,262,145. Miscellaneous, \$2,368,334, decrease, \$877,500.

The statement shows an increase of \$1,800,000 in the expenditure on account of the War department and an increase of \$18,000 on account of the navy.

Pensions show a falling off of \$226,000. For the five months of the present fiscal year the receipts are \$22,378,800 in excess of the expenditures.

BOWEN'S ATTITUDE IS RIGHT

State Department Well Pleased with Neutral Position Assumed in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The State department is perfectly satisfied with Minister Bowen's neutral attitude respecting the blockade of the Orinoco river by the Venezuelan government.

According to the department reports the minister has not been accorded an audience, nor has he made an issue with the government by refusing to recognize the blockade.

The State department has seen no occasion yet to make that issue for its reports indicate that American commerce has yet suffered from the blockade.

It is believed that what are supposed to be American vessels plying on the Orinoco are vessels sailing under the Venezuelan flag, and therefore, subject to the laws of the country.

NEW COLOMBIAN MINISTER

He is Authorized, However, by His Government to Proceed with Treaty Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Senor Concha has been relieved of his ministerial duties by order from Bogota and it is believed that Thomas Herran, the present secretary of the legation, will be the minister to succeed Senor Concha in the course of a few days.

Meunville Dr. Herran has been chosen by the government with formal authority to prosecute the negotiations looking to a canal treaty.

Minister Concha having stood fast against several strong representations from his government favoring a treaty, he later decided to place the matter in the hands of Dr. Herran. It is of course assumed from this change that the chances of the treaty have been bettered.

STATEHOOD IS NOT FAVORED

Leading Republican Senators Favor the Admission of Only Oklahoma at This Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The contest over the admission of Oklahoma to statehood will be decided by the action of the senate.

There was a conference in Senator Hale's room attended by Senators Allison, Aldrich, Hale, Platt of Connecticut, Cullom, Lodge, Hanna and Beveridge, the latter chairman of the committee on territories.

These gentlemen reported that they were opposed to the bill, but favorable to the admission of Oklahoma only. The friends of the omnibus bill claim to have the names of fifteen republican senators pledged to support the bill, which, with the democrats, amounts to a majority in the senate.

It is probable that a republican caucus upon the subject will be held.

SUBMARINE BOAT ACCEPTED

Naval Officers Say Adder Good Trials, but Will Not Prophecy Sea Behavior.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The board of officers appointed to conduct the trials of the submarine torpedo boat Adder and Moccasin today submitted their report on Adder and recommended the acceptance of that vessel after certain defects and unfinished work are completed.

The board adds, however: "On account of the unusually novel character of the vessel it is impossible to predict from its performance in the smooth waters of a lake an opinion as to its behavior in a seaway."

The report therefore recommends that when the remaining vessels of this class are tried one of them should be given sea tests.

TO PAY STRIKE COMMISSION

Cannon Introduces Bill Providing for Appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Representative Cannon today introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission appointed by the president. The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations.

FEWER MEN GO BANKRUPT

Petitions to Wind Up Business Show Steady Decrease for Three Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A report on the practical operation of the bankruptcy law for the year just been submitted to the attorney general by E. C. Brandenburg.

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SOME ARE NOT SO JOYOUS

Congratulations and Omissions in Order at Opening of Congress.

NEBRASKA MEMBERS ARE ALL ON HAND

Senator Millard Speaks Lightly of the Trouble Over Occupation of Public Land by the Western Cattlemen.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Good feeling generally prevailed in and about the capitol of the nation today, and as members of the two houses of congress began to appear in the legislative halls interest increased and the new arrivals began to grow animated as well known figures of victors and vanquished came into view. Congratulations were many, conversations were fewer, but as these reserved unpleasant memories "the joshing" over failure to secure re-election was generally abandoned. There were several well known figures, however, especially in the house, who had to explain many times how it all happened, including Representatives Mercer, Lord of California, Corliss of Michigan, Bull of Rhode Island, Joy of Missouri, all Republicans who went down in the November battle of ballots. While the scene at the opening of the two houses was animated it by no means compared with the splendid picture presented when the present congress was born. There was less of a crowd present in the capitol than on former occasions, while the floor display was distinctly more modest than in other years.

The republican members of congress from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota were all on hand, with the slight exception of R. G. Cousins of Iowa, who is ill in Chicago. A number of the Iowa delegation came in this morning in time to join their brethren in breathing halloinjays over the substantial victory.

For western senators and members there were few moral offerings. Congressman Burke of South Dakota and Mercer of Nebraska being, however, among the favored ones.

Senator Millard, who occupied his old seat in the "Cherokee strip," will tomorrow take the seat occupied by Senator McCumber of North Dakota in the rear row on the republican side of the chamber, the junior senator from North Dakota occupying the seat of the late Senator McMillan.

Millard Calls on President. Senator Millard was an early caller upon the president today and according to an evening newspaper, stated to a group of newspaper men that he did not regard the encroachment of western cattlemen upon the government lands as a matter of much consequence. "All we have heard regarding these outrages are contained in reports of Colonel Moebey."

Senator Millard stated that the term of Attorney Summers would expire on December 20 and he hoped to see him reappointed.

Among others who paid their respects to the president today were Senator Gamble and Representatives Martin and Burke of South Dakota, to whom the president was particularly complimentary, in view of the fact that every one of the fifty-three counties of South Dakota gave a republican majority in November. Representative Burkett of Nebraska also called for no other purpose than to congratulate the president upon the endorsement which he received at the last election and also received congratulations of the chief executive on the Lincoln member's return to congress.

Senator Millard, speaking of the North Platte land office situation and the temporary suspension of business by reason of the death of Frank Bacon, stated that he expected to take up the question of Bacon's successor tomorrow and that a recommendation for a nomination would be agreed upon by the two senators not later than Wednesday. The senator was noncommittal as to the appointee, but from talks had with those who understand the situation, it is not believed that Mr. Kelley, editor of the Telegraph, and who is one of the candidates for the succession, will be appointed.

Judge Smith Is Lucky. Judge Walter L. Smith of Council Bluffs arrived in the city late last night, the delay in his arrival being due to a wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He said that the wreck occurred early Sunday morning and the result was appalling to him. He had been in a number of collisions during his lifetime, but none were so destructive. He said he was profoundly thankful that he came out of it well.

Senator Dietrich today announced the appointment of H. G. Smith, formerly Lincoln correspondent of The Omaha Bee, as his private secretary to succeed Adam McMullen, resigned.

The request of John F. Piper of Lyons, Neb., for the establishment of a star route six times a week from Tekamah to Decatur, Neb., which was in a transit department by the Postoffice department by Senator Millard, has been turned down by the department on the ground that the present six times a week service from Omaha, Ia., to Decatur answers all the purpose which Piper desires to secure in the establishment of the new star route. It is further asserted by the department that the establishment of the Tekamah-Decatur route would advance the local exchange of mail and that the department would be compelled to incur an additional expense of from \$350 to \$400 a year.

Not Much Legislation. Representative J. A. T. Hull of the Des Moines, Ia., district arrived in the city this morning and today stated that the name of John McKay, sr., would be sent to the senate tomorrow for postmaster at Des Moines. Incidentally Captain Hull said that after a talk he had with the leaders of the party, he felt safe in predicting that there would be little general legislation during the present session of congress. He thought there might be some anti-trust legislation, the disposition being to follow the president's recommendation, which it was understood would be a proposed amendment to the anti-trust law.

Legislation, he said there would be nothing done at this session. "The people of Iowa would like to see the steel and iron schedule of the present tariff bill revised. We would also like to see the plate glass schedule amended. As to free lumber, I am not at all satisfied that that would meet with the views of the majority of the citizens of my state," said Captain Hull. In view of the captain's interests in the Philippines, and as he represents a company engaged in the lumbering business, his conclusion in regard to the free lumber is accounted for.

Congressman-elect E. H. Hinshaw of the Fourth Nebraska district, and Mrs. Hinshaw, arrived in Omaha today.

CONVICTS MAIL SWINDLER

Court Finds Advertising Crook De-frauded Papers Out of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—In the United States district court today John H. Dalton, a local politician and saloonkeeper, was found guilty of fraudulent uses of the mails, involving a scheme to swindle newspaper publishers on advertising contracts for the International Austral Chicago amount to \$200,000. Sentence was withheld pending arguments for a new trial.

NEW RUBBER TRUST FORMED

Independent Concerns Will Fight Old Combine in Same Line of Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Announcement was made today of the proposed formation of a large combination in the rubber industry to be known as the International Rubber company, with a capital of \$25,000,000. Incorporation papers have been prepared for filing at Trenton.

The new combination is said to be backed by Pittsburg, St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia capitalists. It will be operated independently.

CIVIC FEDERATION COPIED

Trade Unions of Great Britain Will Adopt American Labor Scheme.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The British trades union delegates to this country have unanimously determined to establish in Great Britain a civic federation similar to the National Civic Federation of America.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 1. At New York—Arrived—Lahn, from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar; La Champanne, from Havre; Ryndam, from Rotterdam. Sailed—Mene, for Bremen; Empress of India, from Hong Kong, etc., for San Francisco; At Liverpool—Arrived—Ivernia, from Boston; Sailed—Peruvian, for St. John and Halifax.

At Southampton—Sailed—Deutschland, for New York. At Plymouth—Sailed—Patricia, from Hamburg and Boulogne, for New York.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Rain or Snow and Cold Tuesday in West Portion and Probably in East Portion Wednesday. Fair, Colder in West Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. 1 p. m. 47 6 a. m. 30 2 p. m. 49 7 a. m. 35 3 p. m. 50 8 a. m. 34 4 p. m. 48 9 a. m. 34 5 p. m. 48 10 a. m. 30 6 p. m. 47 11 a. m. 41 7 p. m. 45 12 m. 44 8 p. m. 44 9 p. m. 44

ACTOR MURDERS ACTRESS

Harry Johnston Shoots Kate Hassett in Philadelphia Tenderloin.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Kate Hassett, aged 28, leading woman in Keith's Eighth street theater stock company, was shot and killed tonight by Harry Johnston, formerly a member of Richard Mansfield's company. After the murder Johnston attempted suicide.

The murder occurred at Darien and Wood streets in Philadelphia's tenderloin. Johnston fired at his victim five times. Two of the bullets took effect, one in the left breast and the other in the left arm. Johnston shot himself through the breast and is not expected to live.

Johnston was well known throughout the country among theatrical people. He had been taking the part of Cassius in Richard Mansfield's production of "Julius Caesar" in New York and left the company on Saturday night.

WIRES FOR ROBBERS' CASH

Ponca Postmaster Identifies Stolen Stamps by Writing on Wrapper.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Three sets of figures written carelessly in pencil on the pasted-back back of one of the packages of stamps taken from Erwin and Edward Fawcett have led to the identification of the stamps as those stolen from the postoffice at Ponca, Okl.

The postoffice in that city was entered on November 15, the safe blown open and its contents and nearly \$1,500 worth of stamps taken.

Today Inspector Stuart received the following message from the postmaster of Ponca City: "Figures on cardboard and slip copy, made by my assistant. We all identify them. Hold robbers and all their cash."

SCREW FIRMS JOIN TRUST

Big Combine Absorbs Four More Independent Factories in New England.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 1.—Developments during the week indicate that the American Screw company is seeking to absorb all the available independent screw-making concerns in New England.

Following the purchase of the Boston Screw company and the Massachusetts Screw company, comes the announcement that the Wright and Cotton Wire Cloth company of Worcester has sold its Ironwood Screw company.

The screw making department of the Southington Cutlery company at Southington, Conn., is also understood to have passed to the American company.

ASK CHEAPER POSTAGE RATES

Baltimore Wants to Mail as Economically in Country as in Foreign Parts.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1.—The Baltimore Board of Trade today adopted resolutions asking that the passage by the senate of the Ray bankruptcy bill, already passed by the house.

Other resolutions adopted pray for as low a rate of postage in the United States for commercial papers in writing, in unsealed wrappers, as when sent abroad; the passage of a bill by congress necessary to make the currency more elastic and more responsive to the demands of the business interests of the country, and the creation of a new department of commerce and industries