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WIND PLAYS HAVOC

Tornado Sweeps Through North St. Louis and Many People Are Injured.

TWO PERSONS KILLED DURING STORM

Funnel-Shaped Cloud Leaps the River and Down Property.

POLES ARE BROKEN AS WITH A SCYTHE

Houses Unroofed and Wires of All Kinds Down.

STORM CONTINUES ONLY FEW MINUTES

Wind Gives no Warning of Its Approach, but Strikes Terror and Hurries People Under Debris.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—A tornado of small proportions but of extreme fury swept down upon the residence portion of North St. Louis today, resulting in the death of one person, injury to probably fifty and damage to property estimated at \$100,000.

DEATH OF JOHN ELLINGTON.

Partial list of injured: Jacob Harnett, bodily dislocated. William H. Edwards, head cut. Edward Patterson, badly cut. Girtwood Powinski, burned by live wire.

James Crosby, broken hip. William Dittbauer, leg and arm broken. William Fouché, leg broken. Lewis McCullin, leg broken. Herman Bauermeister, arm broken and crushed; will probably die. William Higger, bruised. William H. Edwards, head cut. T. A. Sommers, bruised. W. F. Wicks, scalp wound. William York, leg broken. Six employees in Niedringhaus rolling mill, not seriously; names unknown.

Funnel-shaped cloud.

A shower passed over St. Louis earlier in the day, but there had been no rain in North St. Louis. The sky had cleared and the atmosphere had become very murky and hot, when citizens in North St. Louis noticed a dark cloud approaching from the southwest.

Suddenly and without the slightest premonition an arm seemed to shoot to the ground like a gigantic cable, twisting and turning. The end touched the ground at Nineteenth and Angelot streets and with incredible swiftness swept eastward.

It struck first for ten blocks, then turned north and swept three blocks along Broadway, when it jumped eight blocks northward to the foot of Breman street and the river front was again exposed.

The tornado jumped about the middle of the river and encountered a ferryboat, which was turned and tossed about, but was not sunk. Leaving the ferry the capricious tornado once more jumped and struck the Illinois shore near Madison, where it demolished several dwellings, the Liederkranz hall and blew down a portion of the Madison cooper works, killing John Ellington. Severe damage was done also to buildings in Venice and Granite City, which adjoin Madison, and a number of persons were injured.

So quickly did the tornado sweep through North St. Louis that the citizens could scarcely comprehend what had happened, and in the stillness that followed the wind cries were heard on all sides as terrified citizens fled in every direction.

Not a telephone, telephone or trolley pole was left standing along the streets swept by the twister and trees were piled in heaps. The width of the tornado was about a block and a half and houses were unroofed, window panes generally demolished, several large manufactories partially demolished and the streets littered high with debris.

Several remarkable escapes. A Broadway trolley car containing eleven passengers was suddenly buried under six telegraph poles which crashed into the top and wrecked the car. The passengers and a remarkable escape from injury and death.

Only the motorcars escaped injury, whose name has not been ascertained, was severely crushed, but by some remarkable circumstance the others escaped injury.

Calm follows storm. A calm settled over the city immediately following the storm and no rain fell. Ambulances were rushed to the scene and fire departments responded from all directions.

The storm was seen from St. Louis proper and ambulances were speeding on their way long before messages asking assistance were delivered by messengers. The telephone wires were all down and telephonic communication was cut off.

In St. Louis proper at the time there was not the slightest intimation of a wind-storm. The sky had darkened and a brisk breeze for a short time as if heralding the approach of a summer shower, and the intelligence that North St. Louis had been invaded by a destructive tornado was received with great surprise.

Not the slightest damage was done at the World's fair grounds. The exposition is situated over five miles from the seat of the tornado and the wind was not felt there.

Exposition Building Damaged. A terrific thunderstorm broke over St. Louis early tonight and rain fell in torrents, accompanied by heavy winds. The weather bureau reported that 47 of an inch of rain fell within ten minutes and the velocity of the wind was fifty-two miles an hour.

The force of the storm blew in the north windows of the Utah state building at the World's fair grounds and rain did damage to the carpets and tapestries estimated at from \$100 to \$200.

A concert was in progress at Festival hall at the exposition during the heavy thunderstorm tonight. Suddenly there was a loud rattling and immediately all the lights went out. Instantly the audience

LEISHMAN REPLIES TO PORTE

American Minister Answers Note in Which Turkey Promises to Be Good.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 18.—(Delayed transmission.)—Minister Leishman has replied to the port's note. The American minister takes note of the formal declaration of the government to accord its treatment to American citizens as to those other powers regarding schools in Turkish territory and expresses in the note the hope that the port will not make difficulties over executing the promise. The minister practically ignores the port's reservation relative to departmental formalities.

SITUATION ACUTE AT ASCUNCION

Insurgents Seize Another Steamer and Capture Provisions.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 18.—The insurgents have seized another steamer which had on board the minister of war and a small escort. The minister and his companions were made prisoners. The vessel was towing four lighters loaded with 120 bullocks for the garrison. These were confiscated. At a conference after the bombardment of Ascuncion last Wednesday the minister of war, in order to demonstrate the excellence of their artillery.

The shots were fired and both the president's residence and the church were hit. No further bombardment has been reported.

The insurgent commander, with 2,000 land forces is approaching Ascuncion. One of the insurgent steamers has sailed for the Villa Hayes, north of the capital. The Villa Hayes is the only point which can now be communicated with, Ascuncion is a completely isolated place. The foreign ministers have offered their intervention to which offer the insurgent leader replied that they would permit President Escorza to continue in office, but would demand the resignation of ministers and other high officials of the government.

The insurgent terms were conveyed to the government officials and promptly declined. The insurgents then sent an ultimatum demanding the surrender of the capital within twenty-four hours, saying that should this demand be not granted the bombardment of Ascuncion would be resumed.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres August 12 said that the insurgents had captured a steamer commanded by the government and that the acting minister of war, who was on board the steamer, attempted to escape by jumping overboard and swimming to the river bank. He was, however, taken prisoner before reaching the shore. The name of the acting minister was not given.

The minister of war is Colonel Antonio Casar, who was appointed when President Escorza assumed office in 1902.

CRANK SURRENDERS TO POLICE

Accuses Himself of Stealing Papers from F. Kent Loomis.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A man giving the name of Franz Schneider surrendered himself to the Birmingham police today, accusing himself of stealing papers from a person about Hampton believed to be F. Kent Loomis.

The man's story is being investigated by the police, but the latter attach no credence thereto, it being pointed out that Mr. Loomis is not believed to have reached Southampton and that no papers are reported to be missing.

F. Kent Loomis, brother of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, sailed from New York June 14 for Plymouth on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. He was seen alive just previous to the arrival of the steamer at Plymouth. His body was picked up July 16 at Warren point, some fifteen miles from Plymouth, and his remains eventually were brought to the United States and buried at Parkersburg, W. Va., August 5.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY SAILS

Large Party at the Steamer Bids Farewell to the Archbishop.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, accompanied by two chaplains, were bid farewell here today by a large number of friends on his departure to join the States general at Brussels, which sails for New York from Liverpool today. It appears that the special permission of King Edward had to be obtained before the archbishop could accept the invitation to visit the United States.

Secretary Henry White, representing the American embassy, was among those to bid farewell to the primate, who is the first occupant of that position who ever crossed the Atlantic.

ITALY MUST HAVE AN APOLOGY

Cruiser Sails to Back Up Demand for Reparation.

ISLAND OR JERBA, Tunis, Aug. 18.—The Italian cruiser America Vesputi, 13, has sailed for the port of Derna, province of Barca, Eastern Tripoli to support the demands of Italy for an apology and a salute of the Italian flag, as reparation for the maltreatment of an Italian consular servant at Derna. The government of Barca hesitates to comply with the demands.

VENEZUELA GETS A SHAKING UP

Ordered by United States to Restore Asphalt Property to Owners.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Aug. 18.—Advice was received today from Caracas saying that the American minister, Mr. Bowen, in the name of the United States, has requested Venezuela to remove Mr. Carnock, the receiver appointed to take charge of the property of the New York & Bermuda Asphalt company and to return the asphalt lake to the American company.

O'Brien Elected to Parliament.

CORK, Aug. 18.—William O'Brien was today re-elected member of Parliament from Cork city unopposed. It is not known whether he will accept his re-election, but he will be used to induce Mr. O'Brien, November 15, 1904, resigned his seat in Parliament for Cork city and as a member of the governing body of the United Irish league owing to a difference of opinion with members of the nationalist party.

Meetings of Presidents.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—President Zalaya of Nicaragua started on Thursday for Corinto, says a Herald dispatch from Managua. He will prepare to visit the presidents of Salvador and Honduras, who will arrive Sunday next to hold the proposed peace conference. It is generally hoped some practical results will be reached in this conference relative to former President Policarpa and Bonilla and several other political prisoners who have been for several months confined in Tegucigalpa.

PACKERS VIOLATE THE LAW

Have No Legal Right to Bank Men in Packing Houses.

MUST PROVIDE ESCAPES AND EXITS

Strikers Engage in a Steer Hunt at Chicago and Succeed in Capturing Several Runaway Animals.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Corporation Counsel Tolman has given to Mayor Harrison an opinion declaring that the packers at the stock yards have no legal right to house men in their packing houses. The opinion was given in response to the request of the mayor, who was informed by the Chicago Federation of Labor that the packers were boarding men contrary to law.

The opinion of Corporation Counsel Tolman declares that the packers are not violating any provision of the ordinance regarding lodging houses, for the reason that they are not letting, lodging for hire. The opinion does hold, however, that the regulations calling for fire escapes and exits in buildings where large numbers of people are housed have not been complied with, and suggests that the packers be given a period of three days to commence the alterations in their buildings or to find new quarters for the men.

The mayor, after receiving the opinion, sent it to Chief of Police O'Neill, with instructions to see that the packers obeyed the law. Street and building inspectors issued to house women strike breakers within the stock yards. The other firms continue.

George F. Golden, the head of the striking packing house teamsters, was found not guilty of disorderly conduct this afternoon by a jury in the court of justice today. Police Inspector Hunt preferred charges against Golden for ordering a teamster who was hauling a load of meat to take it back to the place where he procured it. The point of the case was whether or not Golden had threatened the packers in giving his order, and the jury, after being out for an hour and ten minutes, decided that Golden was not guilty.

Steer Hunt in Chicago.

Packing house employees and hungry strikers vied with each other in a steer hunt that extended throughout the night following the riot precipitated by the appearance of eleven runaway beavers from Morris & Co.'s plant in the district west of the stock yards last night. Today three carcasses were accounted for. Little beyond the hoof and horns remained, but the meat was salvaged and an ample beef supply in many a home to which such a luxury has long been a stranger. The fate of five of the remainder is still in doubt, as only two have been rounded up and driven back to the yards.

Scouting parties representing both the packing men and the hungry strikers, with the police scouring the prairies south and west of the yards all night, and when the latter located its prey the creature was slain and disappeared as though by magic.

Recording Secretary Shanahan of the packing house teamsters union declared today that in his opinion it would be necessary to call out on strike all teamsters connected with the delivery to or from the retail markets in Chicago. He said he believed this would have to be done to win the strike.

Donnelly Inspects Strike Breakers.

President Donnelly and Vice President John Fierach of the butchers' national organization made a tour of the stock yards today. "I passed an hour mingling with the throng of nonunion men preparing to enter upon their day's work," Donnelly said. "They are a hard crowd and we have nothing to fear from them as permanent factors at the yards. The majority are negroes and some of the types I saw suggested a southern convict camp. The white men are nearly all Greeks and Italians."

President Donnelly announced that labor leaders would be sent tomorrow to Kansas City, St. Paul and St. Joseph to report local conditions to the strikers there. Donnelly will himself go to St. Louis and then to Indiana, where he will meet President Mitchell of the miners and expects to receive financial support.

Nat. C. Murray of the government bureau of agriculture, who is gathering statistics at the yards, disposed of the story of Victor B. Metcalf's presence in Chicago as an indication of federal intervention by declaring that Mr. Metcalf simply passed through Chicago yesterday without visiting the yards or any other point save the two passenger stations necessitated by his trip.

Armed Train Unmolested.

ZEIGLER, Ill., Aug. 18.—A rapid-fire gun from the north blockhouse has been placed in the steel girders of a four-gunner, doubtly armed with revolvers and magazine rifles, has been added to a company of twenty-five Zeigler guards and sent out on an escort to frightened teamsters who refused to go through Christopher without sufficient protection. The train returned bringing twenty-five nonunion mine workers. The train met with no armed opposition.

DEATH GIVES HIM FREEDOM

Des Molnes Man Leaps for Liberty at St. Louis and Drowns in Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 18.—M. C. Bennett of Des Moines, Ia., was drowned in the Mississippi river here after having leaped into the stream in an attempt to escape from the workhouse. He was arrested during the strike here and was held in the workhouse. He was released during the democratic national convention, having been found in an upper corridor of one of the hotels, and was not able to satisfactorily explain his presence to the police. He claimed to be an insurance man.

Bennett's act was committed a few hours before, unknown to him, he was to have been pardoned. It was said he was related to prominent persons in Des Moines, and that, presumably, because of efforts made by his relatives the police had recommended that he be pardoned. The recommendation had received the sanction of the prosecuting witness and Mayor Wells had announced his intention of issuing the pardon today.

CLOUDBURST IN ARIZONA

Several Deaths Result and Southern Pacific Shops Are Demolished by the Storm.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 18.—A cloudburst of Globe, Ariz., has resulted in several deaths and destruction of much property. Wires to the section affected are down, but a messenger who arrived at Bowie, Ariz., says that a mob named Mitchell and his wife and four others whose names are unknown have been drowned. One report says nine were drowned. The Southern Pacific shops were demolished.

PARKER'S FORMAL CAMPAIGN

Visit from Brooklyn Democrats Will Open the Ball at Rosemount.

ROSEMOUNT, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The opening of the democratic campaign at Rosemount so far as visits from political organizations are concerned will take place tomorrow, when a delegation will arrive from Brooklyn representing the Brooklyn Democratic club, and the Kings County Democratic club. It is expected there will be about fifty men in the party.

WHEAT SITUATION IS WORSE

Rains in Northwest Add to Already Bad Conditions and Bears Teeth to Cover.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 18.—Reports of rain all over the northwest making the crop situation, already deplorable, worse than ever, caused a wild bull furor at the opening of the market today. The September option touched \$1.16 1/2, while December touched \$1.14 1/2, and May is at \$1.13 1/2.

SARATOFF, Russia, Aug. 18.—The harvest in the government of Samara, in the east of European Russia, is the best in many years. The grain crop, mostly wheat, aggregates about \$4,000,000 bushels.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The wheat market here today was the wildest yet seen on the advance, not on much of speculative business, although that was large, but on account of the extraordinary climb of prices, satiating all previous records for the crop by seven cents a bushel, and forcing September here to \$1.14 1/2, and May to \$1.13 1/2. The rate of market was considerably quieter, losing 4c in the last hour because some of the timid holders thought they had profits enough. Final prices, nevertheless, showed 3 1/2c advance over last night and 10c above the close of the week.

There was nothing for sale during the forenoon, except when holders took profits, and buyers of even small lots had to pay sharp advances to get any wheat.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—On a calamity market today September wheat sold at \$1.09 1/2, December at \$1.13 1/2, and May at \$1.14 1/2. As compared with last night's close today's high figures represent advances of 4 cents, 5 1/2 cents and 4 1/2 cents, respectively, for the early deliveries. "Not 100 bushels of plump wheat on 1,000 acres," "large parts of many fields in such condition that they are considered worthless and the worst crop failure ever experienced" were the words from the Minnesota and Dakota wheat fields that sent traders wild. The close was strong, 3/8c under the top for September, December finished at 1 1/2c and May 1/4c under the highest point for the day.

HOAR'S CHANCES VERY SLIGHT

Senator Rests with Aid of Opiates, but His Condition Is Considered Serious.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 18.—Senator Hoar's condition showed a slight improvement today. Today Rockwood Hoar issued the following bulletin:

The senator is asleep and has had a fairly comfortable day. He is holding his own.

Senator Hoar is suffering, it is believed, from a postmortal congestion of the left lung, due to impaired heart action, and the belief is general that chances for his recovery are less than they were early this morning. Doctors who have had similar cases say that the best chance for recovery of the senator physically with the congestion of the left lung is a bad omen and they say that his chances for recovery are very slight unless the lung clears immediately.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight Senator Hoar was resting quietly. He had been given a very little opiate. Although the congestion in his left lung has not spread, the senator's condition is very serious. He has been informed of the multitude of messages of sympathy and is deeply moved by them. No one has seen him today excepting the members of his family.

NEW ORLEANS FOR NEXT TIME

Knight of Pythias Choose Crescent City as Meeting Place for 1906.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 18.—The supreme lodge of the Knight of Pythias today voted 20 to 4 to hold the next biennial encampment at New Orleans.

Mrs. Lydia A. Monroe of Riverside, Cal., was today chosen supreme chief of the Rainbow Sisters. Her competitors were Mrs. Della Quinlan of Burbank, Ill., the present incumbent and Mrs. Emma A. Young of Zanesville, O.

Nashville was the only other contesting city. The encampment will be held the third Tuesday in September, 1906.

The supreme lodge has adopted new uniforms and equipments for all officers of the Pythian army, except officers of the general staff. The uniforms adopted are practically the same as worn by the officers of the United States army.

DRUG CLERK HELD FOR MURDER

St. Louis Coroner's Jury Condemns Man Who Sold Poison by Mistake.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 18.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Mrs. Jennie Helms of New York, who died in a hotel here after taking a dose of what she supposed was cream of tartar, rendered a verdict today of manslaughter against Charles M. Farthing, the drug clerk who sold the preparation to Mrs. Helms' husband.

The jury also recommended that F. L. Riker, who sold the cream of tartar, be held for allowing an unlicensed drug clerk to sell drugs.

According to the verdict of the jury Mrs. Helms died from the effects of tartar emetic poisoning. Farthing has been in the custody of the police since Mrs. Helms' death.

MRS. ROGERS FOR HEAD RANGER

Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters Re-elects Its Chief by Small Majority.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 18.—After counting ballots all night the tellers of the Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters announced today that Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers of Chicago had been re-elected chief ranger over Miss Catherine Guegan of Chicago by a majority of fifty. Mrs. Rose Britman of Minneapolis was elected high vice ranger. Francis McDonald of Chicago was re-elected attorney by a margin of but twelve votes over Adolph Ems. The other officers elected are Miss Katherine Birmingham, Chicago, high treasurer; Dr. Anna Dwyer, Chicago, high medical examiner, and Julia O'Brien, Chicago, high secretary.

FELL DRESS FOR REGULAR ARMY

United States Troops Must Conform to New Regulations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The general staff of the army has ordered that all troops serving in the United States excepting the artillery corps shall be equipped with the full dress uniform, consisting of dark blue cap with bands; dress coat, waist pattern; collar ornaments; breast buttons; and until exhausted, trousers of the pattern in use prior to the adoption of the uniform.

Closes Vermont Bank.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The People's National bank of Montpelier, Vt., was closed today by order of the comptroller of the currency. National Bank Examiner F. L. Viek has been appointed receiver.

Deadline Still Holds.

ST. JOSEPH, Aug. 18.—The 20th ballot has been taken when the Fourth district democratic congressional convention took a recess until tomorrow.

ROSEBUD LAND IN DEMAND

Many Contests Pending Before the Interior Department.

FIRST DECISIONS ARE HANDED DOWN

Two Contests Are Denied, While the Third One Gets Land—Cases to Be Disposed of as Rapidly as Possible.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Already the general land office is reeling by the numbers of contests on file in the office that the recent lottery of land in the Rosebud country was not all "sunshine and summer weather." The first of the contest cases growing out of the recent Rosebud opening were disposed of today by the acting assistant attorney general. Three cases were disposed of today, two decisions refused to grant the prayer of the contestant, while the third gave the contestant the right to file on the land in controversy.

It was asserted that these cases are the result of jealousy and were brought by persons not fortunate enough to have drawn lucky numbers. It was stated today that the contestants had a legal right to contest claims if they had knowledge of the lack of proper qualifications on the part of those successful in the drawing, as for instance, a disappointed homesteeker may know that a man who has been successful in the drawing does not fill the requirements of the law, which prescribes that he must be 21 years of age, head of a family and an American citizen. If positive proof on any of these points can be produced the contestant is at liberty to set up the homestead and contest by reason of his failure to show the qualifications prescribed by law in the amount of money to be expended to enjoy Uncle Sam's generosity. It was said today at the land office that all contest cases would be settled immediately, thereby preventing an accumulation of such cases, which would work not only a hardship to those most interested, but also to the government, which desires a speedy settlement of all claims growing out of the opening of the Rosebud reservation.

Postal Matters. Rural free delivery carriers appointed: Nebraska—Blue Hill, regulars, Hamm Rose and Frank P. Hull; substitutes, John Rose and S. L. White. Brainard, regular, Lewis J. Kavalec; substitute, Charles Kavalec. Olin, regular, Joseph Schainost; substitute, Edna B. Schainost. Iowa—Lodge, regulars, Averil G. Lyon and William J. Tilton; substitutes, Theodore Erickson and William E. Lyon. Mailard, regular, John Dow. Substitute, Jesse O. Dow. Stacyville, regular, H. F. Fuller; substitute, Thomas Fuller. South Dakota—Perkins, regular, G. C. Thompson; substitute, Elmo D. Thompson. Winfred, regular, Edward S. Dobson; substitute, John H. Chapin. Woonsocket, regular, James P. O'Neill; substitute, Minnie O'Neill.

Rural routes ordered established September 15: Lower Sisseton, Emmet county, one additional; area, thirty-six square miles; population, 453. Kelton, Ringgold county, one additional; area, eighteen square miles; population, 460. South Dakota—Howard, forty-eight square miles; population, 409. Minnesota—Page, one additional; area, thirty square miles; population, 1,000.

Postmasters appointed: Iowa—Page, Page county, Andrew E. Kitch, vice Frank Olive, resigned. Wyoming—Buckhorn, Weston county, George Stanton, vice George W. Hubbard, resigned.

The application of H. P. Lappine, John A. Cook, John Goulet, D. W. Norris, G. H. McMurray and H. W. Spaulding to organize the Citizens National bank of Grinnell, Ia., with \$50,000 capital has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

CADETS MUST TAKE SHORTEST CUT

West Pointers Not Reimbursed for Sightseeing Trips.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Young men who receive appointments to West Point must take the shortest route from their homes to the military academy if they expect to be reimbursed by the government for their traveling expenses, under a decision just rendered by comptroller Tracewell of the treasury. The comptroller holds that the same rule applies to West Point appointees as to army officers in the matter of traveling expenses.

The disbursing office at West Point has not heretofore held the new cadets to very strict accountability because they were not supposed to be cognizant of the regulations, but the comptroller holds that it is the duty of the West Point officials to inform the new appointees of the rules at the time they are notified of their appointment.

COMPANY HOLDS CINCH CONTRACT

Pacific Mail Cannot Be Disturbed by United States Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The principal feature of the cabinet meeting today was the submission of a report by Secretary Taft upon the result of his investigation into the contract between the Panama Railway company and the Pacific Mail steamship company.

The secretary found that although the government possessed sixty-seven per cent of the stock of the company, which stock is now in his possession, it probably would be impossible to effect a change in the directors of the railway company before next April, when the annual meeting occurs.

The directorate shows no disposition to terminate the contract with the steamship company, which is alleged to be discriminatory, although the contract itself is terminable upon six months' notice.

RUSSIAN GUNBOAT GOES DOWN

Strikes Mine and Sinks in Gulf Near Port Arthur.

TOKIO, Aug. 18.—A Russian gunboat of the Otravaj type struck a mine and sank off Laot promontory, the extreme southwest point of the Kish Tang peninsula, on which Port Arthur is situated, at 2 o'clock on Thursday night.

The Otravaj is an armored gunboat of 1,500 tons displacement, launched in 1891, and carries one nine-inch gun, one six-inch and ten quick-firing guns. It has two torpedo tubes, has a speed of fifteen knots and carries a crew of 117 men.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 8 a. m. 80 2 p. m. 75 9 a. m. 80 3 p. m. 78 10 a. m. 79 4 p. m. 79 11 a. m. 78 5 p. m. 78 12 m. 73 6 p. m. 70

RUSSIANS PUSH SOUTHWARD

Corean Rebels Are Aiding Them and Have Been Furnished with Horses.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to the Bee.)—A rumor from the north reports that 600 Russian infantrymen have arrived at Ham Heung, accompanying a pack train loaded with tents and ammunition. Supplies for a large body of troops are following them closely. Seven Coreans acting as spies for the Japanese were captured by the Russians.

The Russian commander at Ham Heung has prohibited the sale of liquor there, stating that he will not be responsible for the actions of his men if liquor is furnished to them.

Five hundred Russians today left Ham Heung and proceeded south to Moon Chuan. The magistrate has ordered the population to prepare accommodations and forage for them. I am informed from a trustworthy source that the Corean rebel society of the "Tonghaks" has joined the Russians, who are providing the "Tonghaks" with mounts from a large number of extra Siberian horses accompanying the troops.

ASKOLD IRRITATES THE JAPANESE

Squadron May Be Sent to Shanghai to Force Disarming.

TOKIO, Aug. 18.—(Non.)—The Japanese are growing impatient at the delay in