

TURKS TO THE FRONT

Sultan is Concentrating Large Army in Armenia.

RESERVES ARE CALLED OUT

All Available Men in Asia Minor Ordered to Colors.

RUSSIANS ARE ALSO ACTIVE

Horses in Caucasus Available for Military Use Registered.

MORE REVOLUTIONARY AGITATION

Trouble Outcome of Border Difficulty with Persia—Powers of East Involved Through Railroad Aspirations.

TIFLIS, Feb. 17.—Reports have been received from Armenia that all the Redies, or Turkish army reserve forces, in Van, Mush and other vilayets of Asia Minor, have been called to the colors and are proceeding rapidly to the frontier.

The concentration of Turkish reserves on the Persian and Russian frontiers of Asia Minor, if in progress, is an outcome of the border difficulty with Persia.

At Tiflis the apprehension of hostilities has been abating. The Russian military authorities have ordered that all horses in the Caucasus suitable for military purposes be registered.

ENGLAND'S NAVAL PROGRAM

Can Afford to Go Slow Building Ships and Still Keep in the Lead.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In view of the threatening attitude of that section of the radical party which advocates reduction in armaments there has been much speculation whether the government will persist in the determination reached on the advice of the lords of the admiralty to submit increase naval estimates to parliament.

Those in position to know say they will, backed by strong public opinion, be able to carry them through without difficulty.

These estimates provide for in the way of new construction is another question that has been much discussed.

A naval officer, who, while not admitting the possession of any inside information, is nevertheless well informed, gives the following without comment.

Three armored vessels on the improved Dreadnaught type, ships that will embody many changes derived of the trials which the first of this class has passed.

Improvements on the old Edgar class, a heavily armored, well protected ship, six smaller cruisers of the Bowditch class, 1,500 tons, with a great radius of action, enabling them to remain at sea for long periods without engaged as parent ships for torpedo craft or as scouts or dispatch boats.

Germany's refusal to agree to the Hague to the proposal to prohibit the placing of floating mines has caused British activity in another direction.

FRANCO'S FRIENDS FOILED

Army Declined to Stand Back of Premier to Replace His Power.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Senator Sebastien Magalhães Lima, a Portuguese republican, who is now in exile in Paris, has made public a letter received from a friend in Lisbon.

IN WHICH IT IS SET FORTH THAT THE FOLLOWERS of former Premier France planned to re-instate their leader, but they failed on account of the refusal of the leaders of the officials of the army to support their movement.

SOLINGEN SOCIALISTS BUSY

Assemble Around City Hall and Raise Disturbance Over Universal Suffrage.

SOLINGEN, Rheinland Prussia, Feb. 17.—The socialists of this city assembled around the city hall yesterday and cheered for universal suffrage. The police made a charge on the crowd, scattered them and arrested many of the disturbers.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, February 18, 1908.

Table with columns for date and weather conditions: 1908 FEBRUARY 1908. SUN. MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT.

THE WEATHER. OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND CITY.—Probably snow and colder.

NEBRASKA.—Rain, turning to colder Tuesday.

IOWA.—Rain of snow Tuesday; high Tuesday.

DOMESTIC.

Crest of the flood was passed at Pittsburg. Two large brick dwellings collapsed and many persons have narrow escapes.

Measure expert testifies that the contractors for the furnitures of the Pennsylvania capitol failed to take full advantage of their opportunity in sending in bills.

Banker C. W. Morse pleads not guilty in court in New York.

Former Seward minister is killed by a car in Los Angeles.

Representative Hughes of New Jersey proposes an amendment that will charge the Sherman law in accordance with the decisions of the United States supreme court.

Bryan has numerous engagements at Indianapolis.

Minneapolis has a court case on the merits of his father.

Mining men at Helena, Mont., allege that numerous frauds have been perpetrated in the substitution of valuable land for that granted the Northern Pacific road.

First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock resigns to take up the management of the campaign of Secretary Taft.

TURKISH TROOPS ARE SENT TO THE FRONTIER OF PERSIA AND MUCH TROUBLE IS EXPECTED IN THAT VICINITY.

Socialists at Solingen create disturbance over the universal suffrage proposition.

Chinese editor says the United States is the only nation that has acted with a conscience toward the colonial empire and its deeds will not be forgotten.

Strength of England's navy is such that it may await the efforts of other nations and benefit by their experience.

President in interview with Senator Burkett and Rees Hammond and also in talk with Mr. Pollard indicates he expects and desires a Taft delegation from Nebraska.

Two many of Bryan's friends want to be delegates-at-large to Denver convention and situation is embarrassing to perrees leader.

HEARING ON PETITION TO COMPEL RAILROADS TO ACCEPT RETURN OF EMPTY CREEP CARS ON TODAY BEFORE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

MAJOR DAHLMAN IN SYMPATHY WITH THE MOVEMENT TO RAISE A FUND FOR FAMILY OF DETECTIVE DRUMMY AS A PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO HIS BRAVERY AND FIDELITY TO DUTY.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE, ORGANIZATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SHIPPERS, OPPOSED TO CHANGE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE LAW SUGGESTED BY LINCOLN (NEB.) COMMERCIAL CLUB.

DOUGLAS COUNTY JAIL IS DECLARED TO BE WORSE THAN LIBBY PRISON BY A GRAND JURY WHICH HAS COMPLETED AN INVESTIGATION AND VINDICTED THE SHERIFF AND HIS FORCES OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXISTING CONDITIONS.

COUNCILMAN G. F. BRUCKER HAS A PLAN TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN KEEPING A RECORD OF THOSE WHO HAVE WEAPONS AND COMPILING DEALERS SELLING ARMS TO TAKE OUT A LICENSE.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

PORT OF ARRIVAL. Sailed.

LIVELY DEBATE IN HOUSE

Move to Drop Incompetent Employees Causes Discussion.

GOES OUT ON POINT OF ORDER

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, Carrying \$22,350,573 is Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, one of the large supply measures of the government, was passed by the house today after several days' discussion.

There was a lively debate over the provision giving direction to heads of departments to remove or reduce incapacitated employees of the government.

When the provision for the removal or reduction of incapacitated government employees was reached Mr. Goulden of New York made a point of order against it.

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KENTUCKY OFFICERS WHIPPED

Night Riders Apply Lash to Police Judge and Two Marshals at Edwsville.

EDDYVILLE, Ky., Feb. 16.—Night riders, 300 strong, visited Eddyville at 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning and whipped ten men, four of them white, and six negroes.

The white men who are today suffering from the effects of the whipping are expected to be in a better condition in a few days.

The riders were well drilled and well armed. About 250 entered the town from the direction of Trigg county and the remainder from the opposite direction.

Over 1,000 shots were fired during the course of the riot, the police and marshals being the most cordial sympathizers.

After the whipping had been administered the mob awakened County Judge W. L. Crum and his wife and their children.

Before leaving the town the riders announced that they had not finished their work and they would return before many days.

MORSE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

New York Banker Requests Delay and Privilege of Changing His Plea.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, organizer of the American Ice company and the \$125,000,000 Consolidated Steamship company, pleaded not guilty before Justice Dowling today to a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

The charges against Morse are based on a check transaction, growing out of the sale by Morse of a block of stock of the National Bank of North America to Morgan J. O'Brien, formerly chief justice of the district court of the city of New York.

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FUND AS A PUBLIC TRIBUTE

Proposal of Robert Cowell Heartily Endorsed by Mayor.

LATER READY TO TAKE HOLD

Detective Drummy Will Be Buried at Holy Sepulchre Today with Services at St. Cecilia's Church.

Mayor Dahlman is in sympathy with the proposal of Police Commissioner Cowell that a public fund be raised for the family of Detective Drummy in tribute to his bravery and fidelity to duty.

Mr. Cowell and the public desired me to assume the duty of collecting the fund for the most cordial sympathy.

I think Mr. Cowell struck a responsive chord in his proposal and it would seem only right that he take the lead in this matter.

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NO TEST OF STRENGTH NOW

Insurgents and Stalwarts of South Dakota Will Postpone Actual Warfare.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—It has become evident that the first state convention, to be held in Huron April 7, will throw little light upon the comparative strength of Governor Crawford and Senator Kittredge, in their fight for Kittredge's seat in the senate.

It was thought that the side would be anxious to make a showing of strength in the first convention, for prestige in the June primary, at which a senator is to be nominated.

However, the primary law provides that no primary need be held for selection of delegates to the first state convention, if the county committees of any county agree there is no contest.

In a majority of the counties that have acted so far, the committees have voted to do away with the primary and named the delegates, as provided by law.

The stalwarts, controlling the county committees, have taken this action in Pennington, Charles Mix and Edmunds.

The progressives have acted similarly in McPherson, Kingsbury, Sully and Stanley.

The county committees of Codington, Davison, Yankton, Grant, Jerrard, Hughes and Lyman have ordered primaries on March 30.

In Minnehaha county the insurgent members of the county committee asked the stalwarts, who controlled, to dispense with the primary, on the ground that all the republicans in the county were for Taft and that the primary was apparently superfluous.

The stalwarts, however, ordered a primary, explaining that they could not dispense with it unless the democratic county committee took similar action.

Saturday the democratic committee notified the republican committee that it did not want a primary and it remains to be seen what the republican committee will do.

In all counties where the committees name the delegates no test of strength between the two factions will be made and consequently it will signify little for either faction to control the first convention, except the naming of national delegates.

KENTUCKY DEADLOCK STILL ON

Month's Balloting for Senator Without Result Except Preventing Legislation.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 16.—The Kentucky general assembly has balloted for exactly a month in an effort to elect a United States senator to succeed James H. McCreary and today is apparently no nearer an election than it was on the day the first ballot was taken.

On the first vote former Governor Beckham, who had been nominated at the democratic primaries, received 66 votes, former Governor Bradley, republican caucus nominee, 64 votes, while seven democratic members were scattered, and one republican absent through illness.

During the four weeks intervening, however, the tide of politics has been played by both democrats and republicans in an effort to secure an advantage in the race and break the deadlock.

WORD FOR NEBARSKA

President Indicates What He Expects of His Friends in This State.

THIRD TERM OUT OF QUESTION

Tells Burkett and Hammond He Must Not Be Considered.

NEBRASKA SHOULD BE FOR TAFT

Congressman Pollard Says President Used Same Language to Him.

FIELD AGAINST THE SECRETARY

Opponents of Roosevelt Seek to Secure Large State Delegations Through the Booming of Favorite Sons.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Hardly had news of Ross L. Hammond's selection for collector of internal revenue been noised about on Saturday when out of his seclusion Mr. Hammond appeared in Washington and registered at the Raleigh.

When Mr. Hammond went away from Washington, which has been his headquarters for the last three weeks or month, he made his headquarters at the National, but with a good fat job in sight he thought that it warranted moving a peg higher up the Pennsylvania avenue for the National is at Sixth and Pennsylvania avenue and the Raleigh is six blocks nearer the Treasury department, and as it is with the Treasury department that Mr. Hammond will have to deal hereafter, he probably thought it the part of wisdom to get as near the commissioner of internal revenue as possible.

This morning Senator Burkett presented the collector-to-be to the president and instead of a perfunctory interview, which is generally accorded candidates for office, because the president has not hours enough in the day to give an extended interview to his numerous callers, he took the senior senator from Nebraska and Mr. Hammond into an inner room, where Nebraska politics were discussed to a fare-you-well.

The president bore down upon the proposition that Nebraska should be for Secretary Taft and was emphatic in his declaration that he must not be considered in conjunction with the presidency. This, in relation to the action of Lancaster county last week. He left no doubt upon the minds of Senator Burkett or Mr. Hammond as to his wishes for Nebraska and he requested the two gentlemen to see to it that Nebraska send a delegation unqualifiedly in favor of Secretary Taft to the national convention.

At the termination of the interview with the president, Senator Burkett presented Mr. Hammond to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Capers. This done, the Fremont man paid his respects to the members of the Nebraska delegation and left this afternoon for home with a \$4,500 a year job as a result of his visit to Washington. It is expected that Mr. Hammond's name will be sent to the senate tomorrow.

What President Desires.

Congressman Pollard was at the White house this morning and held a long conference with the president. On being asked what he had to say concerning the action of the Lancaster county convention in instructing the Nebraska delegation to elect a third term, Mr. Pollard replied:

"I have just read a full account of the convention. It seems that the supporters of the present administration are divided between the president and his secretary of war, Mr. Taft. Under existing circumstances it seems to me that the best question as to the attitude of the party in Nebraska, I have talked with the president many times about the presidential situation and have repeatedly urged him to simply remain inactive and that the party would unquestionably renominate him. He has invariably and repeatedly said that his published statement immediately after his election three years ago, which was recently repeated, expresses his position clearly and honestly and that he trusted the party would accept his statement without question. From my conversations with the president it is my conviction that under no circumstances will he accept the renomination for a third term. He is very strongly of the opinion that the president established by George Washington at the expiration of his second term ought not to be set aside."

The president has repeatedly told me that his only desire was that the republican nominated to succeed him should be a man thoroughly in sympathy with his administration and that the policies he has inaugurated should be prosecuted vigorously until finally written into law. Secretary Taft has been the president's closest adviser and counselor. He has contributed more than any other man in the cabinet to the success of the Roosevelt administration—in fact, he is part of it. The president then a wider acquaintance among public men than any man in official life today. He is in a better position to judge as to who is best capable of perpetuating the policies of his administration than anyone else. The fact that President Roosevelt is giving his faithful support to Secretary Taft and his repeated declaration to become a candidate for renomination ought to be sufficient for all those who are at heart in favor of the reforms he advocates.

Field Against Taft.

"If I thought the president would accept a nomination for a third term I would be most heartily in favor of his renomination. Being convinced in my own mind, however, that he will not, I think it is bad policy for those who believe in the president to complicate the situation by sending an instructed delegation to the Chicago convention for him. A careful study of the situation here in Washington convinces me that there is a determined effort being made to nominate an ultra-conservative or reactionary candidate. Nearly all those states that have a large representation in the national convention have favored sons whom they will support for the presidency. The ones making the best showing will likely receive the support of the others. In view of the fact that the field is united against Mr. Taft, who alone stands for a continuation of the policies of the president until finally written into law, the administration ought to rely to the support of Secretary Taft."

Representative Kinkaid has secured the passage through the house of his bill providing for a survey of four townships in his district. Two townships in Cherry, one in Holt and one in Sheridan. This bill is made necessary because of imperfect original surveys, the lines being so inaccurately run that settlers are at a loss