

IMPERIAL ARMY IS DRIVEN BACK

Twenty-One Thousand Chinese Troops Defeated in Mountain Passes by Insurgents.

TWO MORE CAPITALS ARE TAKEN

Men Chang and Kwei-Lin Are Now in Hands of Revolutionists.

REBELS OCCUPY CHANG-CHOW

This Gives Them Control of Peking-Hankow Railroad.

SHANGHAI MAY FALL SOON

Taotai Removes His Household to the Foreign City—Imperial Fleet Retreating Down Yang Tze River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Advices of an important and perhaps decided victory over the main body of the imperial army on the mountain passes separating Hupeh and Hunan provinces, were received here today by the Chinese Free Press. The message which came from Hong Kong said that General Yin Fehang, in command of the 21,000 royalist troops and 100 guns, was driven back by General Li Yuan Hsing with 15,000 rebels. The defeated army at last reports was entraining itself in the city of Wu Sing Kwan.

Two More Capitals Occupied.

PEKING, Oct. 25.—Men-Chang, capital of the province of Kiang Si and Kwei-Lin, capital of Sukow, have gone over to the rebels. The last named is strongly fortified and commands the entrance to Po Yang lake. Serious disturbances are reported to have accompanied the occupation of the two cities. The general at Canton. The legion guards have been increased.

A wireless dispatch received by the German legation states that the rebels advanced to Seven Mile Creek today and engaged the enemy in an extended skirmish. The rebels subsequently retired a short distance. The message adds that it is impossible as yet to estimate the importance of the successes. Advices from the revolutionary headquarters at different points show that the rebels everywhere are carefully avoiding excesses.

Revolutionists Take Chang-Chow.

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 25.—The capture of Chang-Chow by the revolutionists was announced in dispatches which reached this city shortly after noon today. From a strategic point of view this city should prove of great value to the rebels. It is the junction of the Kai Fung and Peking-Hankow railroads and is located 200 miles north of Hankow. Its capture apparently cuts off from Peking all the imperial troops now gathered around Hankow and Wu Chang.

Today's news from the lower Yang Tze valley was all discouraging to the government. With Kiu Kiang in undisputed possession of the rebels the imperial fleet has retreated on down the river, some of the vessels being reported as far east as Wu Hu. Conditions are ominous not only in Wu Hu, but in Nanking. Most of the Manchu officials have left these two cities and are crowding into Shanghai, where every hotel is already filled with refugees.

The taotai of Shanghai today became so alarmed over the possibility of the secession of the native city to the rebels that he removed his household to the foreign settlement. The taotai of Nanking, who also put himself under the same protection.

The city of Su Chow is in panic owing to the revolutionary threats of 5,000 weavers, whose wages have been unpaid for a long time.

Revolutionary agents here announced that the insurgents expect to establish their headquarters at Kiu Kiang, which will probably be the revolutionary capital.

Yuan Man of the Hour.

The probable attitude of Yuan Shi Kai, whose "lame foot" prevented acceptance.

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Rain or snow.

For Iowa—Mostly cloudy; cooler east portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Degree.
5 a. m.	49
6 "	48
7 "	47
8 "	46
9 "	45
10 a. m.	44
11 "	43
12 m.	42
1 p. m.	41
2 "	40
3 "	39
4 "	38
5 p. m.	37
6 "	36
7 "	35
8 p. m.	34
9 "	33
10 "	32
11 "	31
12 m.	30

Comparative Local Record.

1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
Highest yesterday	51	67	64
Lowest yesterday	27	45	42
Mean temperature	46	52	50
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature	Deficiency for the day	Total excess since March 1
4	4	71
Normal precipitation	0.00	0.00
Deficiency for the day	0.00	0.00
Total rainfall since March 1	0.00	12.74 inches
Deficiency since March 1	0.00	14.12 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902-1911	0.00	1.14 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902-1911	0.00	2.18 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp.	High.	Low.	East.
Chicago, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Davenport, clear	42	52	38	0.00
Des Moines, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Lander, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
North Platte, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Omaha, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Pueblo, clear	42	52	38	0.00
Rapid City, snowing	24	34	20	0.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	54	64	40	0.00
St. Paul, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Sheridan, snowing	42	52	38	0.00
Sioux City, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00
Valentine, snowing	42	52	38	0.00
Wichita, cloudy	42	52	38	0.00

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MILLIONAIRE WHO IS BACKING THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.



R. A. LONG.

Indications that Dr. Knabe May Have Committed Suicide

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 25.—Detectives today took to police headquarters for examination Augustus Knabe, cousin, and Katherine McPherson, assistant to Dr. Heien Knabe, former state bacteriologist, who was found dead with her throat slashed in her apartment early yesterday.

Why there was a delay of over an hour in summoning the police after Dr. Knabe's body was found by Miss McPherson and what were the conditions in detail were questions put to the two women. After Miss McPherson entered Dr. Knabe's flat and saw her body with a gashing wound in the throat, she said she first called by telephone Augustus Knabe from her home in a distant part of the city. The dead woman, Miss McPherson said, was lying on the bed, on her back, without covering. Her night-dress was wadded under her arms. Miss McPherson added that she pulled the night-dress down over Dr. Knabe's body before the arrival of physicians, whom she summoned before the police were notified. This action, the detectives say, would explain the presence of blood on Dr. Knabe's left leg, for the night-dress was soaked with blood.

Miss McPherson and Miss Knabe were in the house where the body of Dr. Knabe lay for nearly an hour before the arrival of Dr. Ernest Reyer, who was the first of Dr. Knabe's other friends to enter the apartment. Miss McPherson called Miss Knabe and Dr. Reyer and other physicians by a telephone situated at the foot of the bed in which Dr. Knabe's body lay. She denied emphatically, as did Miss Knabe, that she saw a knife that might have been used in killing the physician.

The detectives today turned to investigation of a theory that Dr. Knabe may have ended her own life and that some of her friends who gathered in the flat before the police inquiry got under way may have sought to take away evidence of suicide.

Detectives said they had learned that Dr. Knabe had been despondent because he was in debt. Jefferson Haynes, negro janitor of the building in which Dr. Knabe lived was further questioned by the police today.

Kline Says Harriman Shopmen Have Strike Practically Won Now

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The present strike of shopmen on the Harriman lines was forced on the men by Wall street, according to James W. Kline, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths. In an address today before 3,000 strikers at the Illinois Central plant at Burr Ridge, further, Mr. Kline said that Julius Kruttschnitt had admitted to him the truth of his assertion.

Selecting Jury to Try Dr. Hyde

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 25.—With three men tacitly accepted jurors in the box the examination of venemore in the second trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, charged with poisoning Colonel Thomas H. Swobbe, was resumed today. Of the three men retained it was expected that W. Smith would soon be excused since he was passed by both sides he has appealed to Judge E. E. Porterfield, who resides, to be released. So well known are his views on the case, says Smith, that it is folly to think he would make a fair jurymen.

WALSH'S BODY BURIED IN OAKLAND CEMETERY

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Scores of men prominent in business and politics today attended the funeral of John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, who died eight days after being paroled from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Former employees of Mr. Walsh's bank acted as pallbearers, public services were held at the family residence, followed by private services at Oakland cemetery.

TAFT DEPARTS FOR WISCONSIN

President Says Farewell to Minnesota and Leaves for Home of the Enemy.

GIVES ADVICE TO STUDENTS Suggests "Barbaric Yells" Are Not Useful Activities.

POVERTY IS AID TO SUCCESS Rich Man's Son Without Incentive for Real Effort.

MAKES PLEA FOR FAIRNESS

Deplores Action of Base Ball Crowds in Attempting to Put Visitors at Disadvantage by Insulting Remarks.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 25.—President Taft tonight bade farewell to Minnesota and departed for the real home of the enemy—Washington.

Before leaving Mr. Taft expressed his gratitude for the reception granted him here and in Minneapolis. His speech tonight was on the arbitration treaties and was devoid of politics.

The president arrived in St. Paul after a two hours' automobile ride from Minneapolis. He was taken to Minnehaha falls, to Fort Snelling, to the State Soldiers' home and to other points of interest on the way.

In addition to his speech on peace here tonight, the president made two important addresses during the day. One was on the subject of the Panama canal, at the luncheon of the Young Men's Republican club of Minneapolis, and the other was a talk filled with homely advice to the young men and women students of the University of Minnesota.

Poverty Good for Young Men.

To the latter the president suggested that the activities of college life might better be devoted to more elevating subjects than "barbaric yells," and he also declared that the young man who started in life without means was far better equipped than the rich man's son with an income sufficient to live without working.

The president made a plea for fairness in sport whether it be on the college gridiron or the professional ball field.

He deplored the action of base ball crowds in particular in attempting to put the visiting team at a disadvantage by insulting remarks and cat-calls hurled from grandstand and bleachers.

"I love base ball," exclaimed the president, "but I also love a fair deal."

The president's remarks about college life were called forth by the greetings he received from the Minnesota students under the leadership of "cheer leaders" who jumped in front of Mr. Taft and went through various gyrations.

Advice to Students.

The president spoke generally of the responsibility of university men and women.

"For in these days I must not leave the latter out," he explained, "University men go out into the world without any money as a rule," said Mr. Taft, "and those who have not money usually serve the public best. If there is anything that is an obstacle, if there is anything that is difficult for a young man to overcome, it is an income that will enable him to live without work."

"You don't applaud that enthusiastically," he added with a smile, "You would like to try it the other way, I am giving you the benefit of real experience. You look about after you have been out of college twenty-five years and pick out, if you can, a single man that has made a real success and had a great deal to live upon when he left college. If you find him, he is entitled to a great deal more credit than you are if you have had to hustle in order to get through school, for he has had to overcome more obstacles and more difficulties than you."

TRIAL OF LEE KRAMPE FOR MURDER BEGINS AT NEWTON

NEWTON, Ia., Oct. 25.—The jury that is to try Lee Krampe, charged with first degree murder for killing Miss Matilda Hermsmeider, was secured and the opening statements were made by County Attorney Mowry, and Attorney E. J. Siamon, representing the prisoner, today. The murder was one of the most cold-blooded crimes ever committed in central Iowa and the trial is attracting widespread interest.

Miss Hermsmeider, a middle aged woman lived alone near Baxter. She was found murdered by relatives who came from Laurel to see her on February 24. Death was due to a bullet wound, and it is supposed that she had been dead for several days when the body was discovered. Suspicion fell on Krampe, who was arrested and who is alleged to have made a partial confession implicating Al Guest, an old man of Baxter. Eli Harding, Des Moines detective, who was employed, claims to have secured much evidence against Krampe, but he died a few months ago.

Much money and valuable documents, supposed to have been in the house, were missing when the place was searched, but a few days later part of the documents were mysteriously returned.

RODGERS' BIPLANE WRECKED. OPERATOR IS UNINJURED

SPOFFORD, Tex., Oct. 25.—The biplane of C. P. Rodgers, the coast-to-coast aviator, was wrecked near here early today as the aviator attempted to take the air, the smash occurring before he left the ground. The machine hit a hillock. It will take at least three days to make repairs. Rodgers was unhurt.

Bandit Returns Stolen Money.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—J. F. Hoop and Charles A. Carroll, Fred S. Eckwall, Sherman D. Canfield and J. A. Church were the four who polled the highest vote and will accordingly enter the finals to be determined November 7. Two are business men, one a railroad employe and the other the present city water commissioner. Great interest was taken in the election and a heavy vote was recorded in spite of inclement weather. Sheridan will be the first city in the state to operate under the commission form of government.

The Democratic Procession of Native Sons



WANTS ALASKA COMMISSION

President of Mining Congress Says Exact Information is Needed.

WOULD ELIMINATE ALL FRAUDS

Suggestion Made that Strips Be Taken to Protect Investors Against Fake Stock Selling Schemes.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—A government commission or a special congressional committee to make a thorough investigation of Alaskan conditions was urged by John Derris of Salt Lake City, president of the American Mining congress, today. "These men should not be bolstered up by the views of any set of men," he said, "they should have the sole purpose of getting information so the United States could act intelligently in granting an Alaskan policy."

President Derris reviewed mining conditions of past years and made numerous suggestions for putting the industry on a sounder basis. "First, the American mining congress can perform no greater service," he said, "than to eliminate mining frauds and to see that the investor gets a square deal. To this end, we are anxious that the eastern coal mines avoid any themselves more heartily with the western metal miners."

"Their interests are identical and in the union would be found the strength to carry out the reforms the congress has undertaken."

"The true status of the Alaskan situation seems hard to find out. The conflicting statements received are disconcerting to a man who is trying to wade through the information frame of mind. What we need more than anything else is accurate, reliable, unbiased information. I am convinced the United States government will do justice to Alaska as soon as it has data and actual conditions. An appropriate step to acquire the information would be made by the appointment of a special commission."

"There can be no real objection to a national forestry policy. We give our unqualified approval to any well directed efforts to prevent forest fires and avoid damage in mining or deforestation. I don't believe the majority of western mining men are impressed with the wisdom of a plan to lease coal and oil lands."

"What to do with our water powers is a harder question. The most important thing is not to make these water powers a source of revenue to the government, but to provide that the water can be obtained by those who need it at the lowest possible rate."

"There is a broad conservation that has particular force in the mining industry. The waste in mining is something that I don't believe the majority of western mining men are impressed with the wisdom of a plan to lease coal and oil lands."

Wilson McFarland is Charged With Murder

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 25.—The Essex county grand jury returned an indictment this afternoon charging Wilson McFarland with the murder of his wife, Evelyn, who died of cyanide of potassium poisoning at her home here on the night of October 17.

SHERIDAN NOMINATES ITS FIRST COMMISSIONERS

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—J. F. Hoop and Charles A. Kitcher, both leading members of the Sheridan county bar, were yesterday nominated for mayor at Sheridan's first primary election under commission form of government. Seven candidates made the race. Of the nineteen candidates for the two commissionerships George O. Carroll, Fred S. Eckwall, Sherman D. Canfield and J. A. Church were the four who polled the highest vote and will accordingly enter the finals to be determined November 7. Two are business men, one a railroad employe and the other the present city water commissioner. Great interest was taken in the election and a heavy vote was recorded in spite of inclement weather. Sheridan will be the first city in the state to operate under the commission form of government.

S. M. Butler, Driver of Glidden Tour Car, is Killed at Tipton, Ga.

TIPTON, Ga., Oct. 25.—S. M. Butler of New York City was instantly killed near his home this morning when the automobile which he was driving in the Glidden tour was overturned. T. J. Walker and his wife were hurt.

Butler was chairman of the contest board of the American Automobile association. Walker is the referee of the Glidden tour now in progress. The accident was caused by a break in the steering gear. The car was wrecked and Mr. Butler was instantly killed.

Referee Walker's injuries are believed to be serious. Mrs. Walker's arm was broken. The injured were carried to a Tipton hospital.

Referee Walker is president of the California Automobile association and had been selected as referee for the Glidden tour on its run from New York to Jacksonville.

The machine was running at good speed when the steering apparatus went wrong. The automobile turned a somersault and settled on its side.

Mr. Walker suffered a dislocated shoulder and broken collar bone.

Charles F. Kellman of Rochester, N. Y., was in the car but escaped with slight bruises.

Poison Container Not Buried with Body of Miss Linnell

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—The vial or container in which Miss Avis Linnell received the cyanide of potassium which caused her death was not buried with her body. This possibility which led to the exhumation of the body from its grave in Hyannis was disproved at the examination made early this morning by Medical Examiner Timothy Leahy.

Following an examination the body was today sent back to Hyannis and again buried.

The examination of the body was held in the early morning at the city hospital morgue, continuing about an hour and a half. The medical examiner denied that there had been an autopsy.

Applications of the defense to have representatives at the autopsy, which was supposed to be held today, were not received yesterday. Judge Murray deferred his decision until 9 a. m. today. Whether this had anything to do with holding the examination at such an early hour is not known.

PIONEER HURON EDITOR DIES AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

HURON, S. D., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—James B. Cogan, formerly of this city, died at Tampa, Fla., Saturday, the result of a paralytic stroke which occurred the day previous. Mr. Cogan was for many years a resident of Huron, locating here in 1883. He established the Journal at Wolsey and edited that paper for a number of years. Later he came to Huron and for many years was editor and proprietor of the Huron Herald-Democrat. He was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and served four years. Depositing of his newspaper plant he engaged in the grocery business and continued in it for ten years or more. Mr. Cogan with his wife and son, Claire, went to Florida a year ago, hoping that a change of conditions and climate would be helpful to his failing health. He was well known throughout the state.

BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH BY CAVE-IN OF BANK

PIERRE, S. D., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—While the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crook, near Midland, lost his life this week while at play along the banks of Bad river. With a party of little friends he was digging fossil shells from the bank of the stream and the other children were washing them in the water. While at this work a large section of the bank caved off, burying him. His little companion by hard work managed to get out his body and washed the blood from his face, but as he would not answer they reported the trouble at the house. An examination showed that the skull was badly crushed and he probably met instant death.

THROW PASTOR OUT WINDOW

Factions in Denver Presbyterian Church Have Fist Fight.

MELEE LASTS FOR TEN MINUTES

Several Men Slightly Hurt, Among Them a Few Peace-makers—Women Go into Hysterics and Flee from Room.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 25.—Rev. W. S. Rudolph is nursing various cuts and bruises, and a number of other members of the Union Presbyterian church are using soothing lotions today as a result of ten minutes of lively fist-fights over church affairs. During the melee the pastor was thrown through a window.

Dr. Rudolph with a number of his friends were sitting quietly in the rear of the auditorium of the church, while trustees and other church workers arranged the pastor in severe terms for attempting to retain possession of the church after he had resigned from the board of governors.

Then a motion was carried to go into executive session in a room adjoining the church and the pastor and his friends inferentially were invited to absent themselves.

Dr. Rudolph, however, led his cohorts around to a back door and entered the room. A fight immediately became general. Women in hysterics bolted into the open air, while a dozen or more men punched at each other in grim and almost silent earnestness, several of them becoming involved while attempting to act as peacemakers.

Says Lorimer Made Deal with Democrats Three Years Ago

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The election of William Lorimer to the United States senate was today characterized as "the greatest strategic democratic victory in Illinois in years" by Thomas Tiptit, former leader of a democratic faction in the Illinois legislature.

Tiptit's assertion was made on the witness stand before the committee of United States senators investigating the Lorimer case.

During his testimony Tiptit revealed a secret deal made by Lorimer in 1909, in which Lorimer agreed with the executive committee of the state democratic organization to support Adlai Stevenson, democrat, for governor.

Allen Fowler Kills J. W. Bundy in Street at Trinidad, Colo.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Oct. 25.—Allen Fowler, former city treasurer, is in custody today facing a charge of murder. Last night Fowler met his daughter, Garnet, aged 22 years, and Ruby, aged 18, walking with J. W. Bundy, manager of a local novelty works. Although the street was crowded Fowler without warning leaped at Bundy and stabbed him to the heart. The latter died within ten minutes.

Brush Reported Seriously Ill

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—John T. Brush has gone to Chicago without waiting to see the New York National league base ball club, of which he is president, play the final games of the world's series. He left yesterday. It was reported that he was seriously ill. Mr. Brush is accustomed to spend each winter in San Antonio. This fall he delayed his departure on account of the world's series, but left on peremptory orders from his physician.

Zapatistas Kill 200 Mexican Soldiers

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 25.—According to the best information obtainable the eighteenth battalion of Federals, numbering 200 men, was wiped out by the Zapatistas in yesterday's fighting. The Departments of War and the Interior decline to make public the facts.

VARIED PROGRAM DRAWS THROUGHS

Wednesday Develops Into Greatest Day at the Omaha Land Exposition.

COAST AND VALLEY UNITED East and West Crowds Exchange Greetings at Land Show.

UTAH AND CALIFORNIA MEET President Rosewater Dwells Upon Bonds of Friendship.

GOVERNOR SPRY IN RESPONSE

Chief Executive of Mormon Community Speaks of Woman Suffrage and Says it is of Kind that Makes Home.

With its great and varied program Wednesday was a day at the Omaha Land show that will long be remembered. From morning until midnight the time was taken up with events that drew thousands, many of whom came from states other than Nebraska. It was an occasion upon which the residents of California extended fraternal greetings to those of the Missouri valley, and those from the fertile valleys of Utah mingled with friends and neighbors whom they knew more than half a century ago in Nebraska and the lands lying to the east.

Wednesday was California day; it was Utah day; it was Western Development association day; it was Woman's club day, as well as being the occasion upon which the Land show management made the hundreds of students of Creighton college feel at home.

The Utah people held their exercises during the afternoon, while those from California entertained with an excellent program at night.

The Utah day exercises were held in the north balcony of the main hall and opened with a selection by the Hawaiian quintet, followed by the address of welcome by President Charles C. Rosewater of the Land show, who by way of introduction spoke of the bonds of friendship that have existed between the people of Utah and Nebraska for more than fifty years. He spoke of the Utah people as being the pioneers who during the '40s crossed the plains, going from Council Bluffs and Florence and settling in the Salt Lake valley. He referred to them as the pioneers in irrigation, men who were the first to combine the soil and the water, and, aided by Utah sunshine, carved out a section of country that has long been prosperous.

Referring to irrigation in Utah the speaker said that it was there that the first lessons in irrigation were taught, a barren waste having been conquered and made to blossom with alfalfa, grain, apples and peaches. In concluding he added that it was a pleasure to welcome Utah and its citizens and all others representing the state, feeling that the bonds of friendship that had existed so long would be forged still stronger.

Governor Spry, responding to the welcome of President Rosewater, stated that the bond of friendship between Utah and Nebraska, especially so far as the east end of the 'last named state was concerned, had always been strong, for from Omaha and the little city of Florence to the north the pioneers of Utah first started on their journey through a trackless wilderness of more than 1,000 miles in order to reach a place that they felt would be a refuge.

It was on July 24, 1847, that 143 men and three women, most of them pushing little hand carts, left Florence and blazed the way for western civilization. Later, and after reaching their destination, with others who followed, these people furnished the base of supplies for the emigrants to California.

Pioneers Discover Gold.