

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire at Titusville, Pa., caused a loss of \$85,000; insurance \$35,000.

Because of a feud Frank Blackwell and John Scott were shot and instantly killed by Jess Durham at Huntsville, Ala.

In a quarrel over school affairs Joseph Watkins, a farmer of Beaver county, Oklahoma, was shot and killed by a neighbor, Doc Cravens.

George Reich, the 13-year-old son of a well known business man of Hammond, Ind., while jumping from one moving street car to another, was crushed to death.

Gas Peterson, a workman at the Republic Iron and Steel Works, was instantly killed at East Chicago, Ind., by falling from a scaffolding while repairing a smokestack.

At Birmingham, Ala., Horace Jackson, a negro, charged with participating in the lynching of Aleck Herman, another negro, was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

John Miller died at Fairbury, Ill., from the effects of an overdose of laudanum, which he had been using in medicine.

More than 500 employees in the freight departments of the different Kansas City railroads have been granted substantial increases in salaries in the past month.

John Green Sanders, colored, was hanged at Marias, Ala., for the murder of Road Overseer Mullen.

John S. Williams, master mechanic, was instantly killed by the breaking of a traveler at the Norton Reed quarry at Bedford, Ind. James Pearl, engineer, was badly injured.

At the Old Bailey, London, the jury announced that it found no evidence against Prince Francis Joseph of Braganza, an officer of the Austrian army, charged with "misconduct under the criminal law amendment." The prince was therefore discharged from custody.

The McKinley National Memorial association has received a check for \$18,000 from Thomas Dolan, who is looking after contributions from the eastern half of Pennsylvania. The donors, fifteen in number, are unnamed Philadelphians.

The strike at the J. G. Brill Car works, Philadelphia, Pa., has been declared off after thirteen weeks' duration. The men struck because twenty-two men had been discharged and the employees claimed the discharges were made because the men were unionists. The strike was declared off without any concessions.

The Chicago and Milwaukee railroad has granted its machinists practically all they asked for in the way of increased wages. Among those affected are several hundred men at the West Milwaukee shops, who will now receive 23 cents an hour, an increase of 22 cents a day.

The convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen at Chattanooga heard the report of Editor W. B. Carter of the Magazine. A committee held that the claim of a member of Lodge 201 for insurance on account of disability resulting from an ailment not provided for in the insurance clause of the constitution was not legal, although an appropriation was recommended.

The New Orleans Maritime Exchange has established a department for the inspection of cotton seed products.

Nelson Hutchinson and Peter Spicer were killed by the explosion of a boiler in a sawmill in a village near Martinsburg, Va.

Forest fires have reached the timber near Tillamook, Ore., and the inhabitants are panic-stricken. The entire population is out fighting the flames.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo, in session at Milwaukee, have selected Buffalo as the next place of meeting.

Major William D. Wilkins of Pittsburgh was shot and almost instantly killed while trying to wrest a revolver from his wife, who was crazed from morphine.

The depositary of the National Educational Association is shortly to be removed from Washington, D. C., to Winona, Minn. It contains 12,000 bound volumes and 8,000 pamphlets.

James McGinn, whose wife was found dead at Hubbard, O., was captured in Newcastle and has confessed to the murder. McGinn said he was jealous.

Baron A. DuBois, father of John A. DuBois, editor of the McHenry County Democrat, died at his home in Woodstock, Ill., aged 72 years. He had been a resident of the county for sixty-three years.

The ministry of commerce at Vienna has published the provisions of a new law which requires commercial travelers in Austria to furnish a certificate of character and a medical certificate, the latter to show that he is free from infectious diseases or physical marks of a contagious character.

H. J. Kintner, a Reading, Pa., policeman, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in causing the death of George Thayer, a seaman. Kintner arrested Thayer and in the struggle the seaman's pistol was discharged, killing the seaman.

James O'Malley, whose right arm is said to be John Muldoon, the alleged highwayman arrested at St. Paul, Minn., after a revolver fight with Detective Fraser, is wanted by the Cleveland, O., authorities for shooting Patrolman Kearney.

Charlotte Matilda Pancoast, widow of Dr. William H. Pancoast of Philadelphia and daughter of the late James Robb, founder of the First National bank of Louisiana, is dead in Paris from heart disease. She was a native of New Orleans.

Mrs. Hobart, widow of the late Vice President Hobart, and son, Garrett A., Jr., arrived at Canton, O., for a brief visit with Mrs. McKinley. They accompanied Mrs. McKinley on her visit to the tomb of the president at Westlaw.

The eighty girl strikers employed at the Pioneer hat works, Wabash, Ind., succumbed to the pressure brought by other members of the hat-ters' unions, who protested against the demand for an increase in wages in midseason, and have agreed to go back to work. They will renew their demands when the season ends.

Democrats of the third Virginia district renominated John Lamb for Congress.

The Hubbard Fertilizing company at Canton, Md., suffered a loss of \$100,000 by fire.

Fire at Sonora, Texas, destroyed a business block, with an estimated loss of \$100,000.

The National Firemen's association closed its fifth annual convention at Detroit. All the old officers were re-elected.

The Wisconsin Association of Suffragists, in convention at Madison, re-elected Rev. Olympia Brown-Willis of Racine as president.

The garrison at Trieste, Austria-Hungary, has been re-inforced by two battalions of infantry as a precautionary measure in consequence of the strike of dock laborers. Three of the arrested leaders have been released.

Every electric line, with one exception, was tied up at Ottumwa, Iowa, by a strike of motormen and conductors out of sympathy with the linemen of the Ottumwa Traction Light company.

Col. James B. Burbank of the artillery corps, commanding the post of Fort Hancock, N. J., has been retired. Lieut. Col. S. M. Mills will become colonel and Maj. C. Chase lieutenant colonel.

Jesse Johnson, a negro, was hanged at New London, Mo. On the scaffold Johnson made a speech in which he confessed his crime and said that as he had joined the church he was the happiest man on earth.

A fire in the Stonewall cotton mill at Stonewall, Miss., destroyed the spinning and card rooms of mill No. 1. Loss, \$125,000, covered by insurance.

Raymond Gray, once a prominent attorney of Covington, Ky., was taken to a hospital dying from self-inflicted wounds with a small penknife. Cocaine is said to be the cause of his act.

Mistaking his brother, John Kendlewood, for a burglar, Sam Kendlewood shot and killed him at Ironwood, Va. There is a rumor that the brothers quarreled, but the stayer declares the killing was accidental.

Mrs. Peter Neuses, aged 27 years, wife of Peter E. Neuses, president of the Janesville Coal company of Janesville, Wis., jumped from the window of a hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., and died a few minutes later.

Emperor Francis Joseph and Frederick William, crown prince of Germany, have arrived at Sarvar to participate in the Hungarian army maneuvers.

Because of the arrest of the ring-leaders of a recent demonstration at Trieste 700 dock laborers and others struck work and the work of the port was much affected.

Roy Williams, aged 12 years, of Phillips, Wis., was shot through the body while out hunting with a boy friend. He probably will die.

The All-American rifle team did its final practice at Sea Girt, N. J., and left for Ottawa, Canada, to compete for the world's championship against teams representing Great Britain and Canada.

At the Will county, Illinois, fair the feature was the award of premiums for the township exhibits. Plainfield secured first, Manhattan second, New Lenox third, Jackson fourth.

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch of Chicago addressed the Wisconsin meeting of woman suffragists at Madison.

The Euterpean Ladies' Chorus of Columbus, Ohio, which participated in the Welsh Eisteddfod at Colwynbay, Wales, was awarded second prize in competition with ten other choruses.

Miss Cora Keime, who sued for breach of promise of marriage Professor I. Harvey Brumbaugh, acting president of the Juniata college at Huntingdon, Pa., was awarded a verdict of \$9,250. It is said to be the only instance on record of legal action between Dunkards.

Senator Spooner was given a strong endorsement by the city caucus of Madison, Wis.

James Kaye of Topeka, Kan., was sentenced to serve twenty-seven years in the state penitentiary for the murder of his wife. Kaye pleaded guilty.

William Luedke, aged 33 years, forty-five years a merchant in Princeton, Wis., dropped dead in that city from heart failure.

Arthur S. Stoeber died suddenly of heart failure at Newark, Ohio. He was editor of the Law Bulletin and an old newspaper man.

NAVAL PROGRESS TOLD BY SIGSBEE

Volume on Foreign Fleets Compiled by Noted Chief of Bureau.

TREATS OF HEAVIER CANNON

Quick-Firing Guns of Large Caliber One of the Needs in Sea-Fighting—Modern Construction Tends Toward Greater Displacement.

What has been accomplished by foreign navies in the last year is to be found in "Notes on Naval Progress," by Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, chief of the naval intelligence bureau. The main spring of naval growth—construction—is dealt with first and of this it is said:

"The construction of ships for the fleets of the leading naval powers has gone on actively, and the new estimates show a program for a steady increase. While there has been no marked change in the design of ships, the tendency has been toward greater displacement in battleships and armored cruisers, better protection, and the massing of guns of the second caliber in a central citadel, instead of separating them in casemates."

Long-Distance Firing.

Treating of the present state of development in modern ordnance, it is declared that there is urgent need for quick-firing, high-powered guns, well protected by armor of the highest resisting quality.

Renewed interest in good shooting was displayed last year in the British navy. Practice is now carried on at ranges never before considered for real fighting—5,000 and 7,000 yards, and it is stated that even if 10 per cent of the shots at the former range would be "hits" and 5 per cent at the latter, it would be worth while, in a chase, to open fire at the latter range and possibly at the opening of an engagement. Recent experiments with capped armor-piercing projectiles, it is stated, have demonstrated the value of the cap as an aid to penetration of armor plates.

Novelty in Torpedoes.

Experiments have been made in the German navy with a device intended to enlarge the area of torpedo action. The device is fitted on the gyroscopic steering gear and makes the torpedo run a straight course, the general direction of which is at right angles to the original flight. The idea is ingenious. A squad of the enemy's war vessels is advancing ahead. The torpedo is aimed at the end vessel on the left. If it misses its target it then goes flying out among the vessels of the entire squadron with good prospects of leaving its terrible mark somewhere.

An extended use of quadruple expansion and four cylinder, triple-expansion engines abroad is noted.

Coaling at Sea.

The experiences of the Spanish war gave a great impetus to the solution of the problem of coaling at sea, and recently the Russian and British navies have been experimenting with various systems.

Much attention also has been paid during the past year to the subject of liquid fuel for marine boilers.

The last fiscal year was marked by a general and striking extension of the use of electricity in foreign navies.

Summing up the status of wireless telegraphy, it is said that it is still imperfect, offers many obstacles to success, is complex, costly and delicate, and continues to be uncertain in transmission. Yet, in spite of the disadvantages it is stated wireless telegraphy offers so much in its present maritime field that it is being vigorously taken up everywhere.

Naval Maneuvers.

The volume reviews in detail the great naval maneuvers conducted last year by Great Britain and France, for comparison with those which have just been brought to a close off our New England coast. The object of the British maneuvers was set down as "the attainment of the command of the sea with the ultimate object of destroying the enemy's trade," and this theory put in practice, it is stated, afforded a tactical and strategical exercise superior to any ever conducted.

The volume sets out in detail the naval budgets and building programs for each of the important countries. The principal feature is the great and steady increase in the personnel of the German navy.

Death for a Rebel General.

Port-au-Prince, Hayti, cable: The revolutionary general, Chicoys, has been tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to be executed at Jacmel, Oct. 9. He was defeated at Petit Gouave Aug. 9, and it is claimed he set fire to that town before evacuating it.

Pays \$81,000 for 'Change Seat.

New York dispatch: High records for stock exchange seats have been broken by the purchase of a membership for an unknown western man for \$81,000. In addition to this sum \$1,000 will be the price of initiation.

Student Explorers Killed.

Vienna cablegram: Another fatality is reported from the Hungarian Carpathians. Two university students, Gampfer and Marchovsky, fell down a precipice and were instantly killed.

JACK FROST NIPS NORTHWEST CROPS

Serious Injury Is Done to Late Corn in Iowa, Dakota and Minnesota.

RUINS VEGETABLE GARDENS

Forerunner of Winter Arrives Unexpectedly and Finds Farmers Unprepared for Its Reception—More Loss Is Anticipated.

Heavy frosts, killing vegetables and garden truck and causing serious injury to corn, were reported in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Indiana.

In many places ice formed on pools and other standing water, and the first taste of winter weather caught the farmers unprepared.

While the loss on corn will be considerable, the greater part of the crop is either gathered or so far advanced as to be out of danger.

Damage in Iowa.

Director Sage of the Iowa state crop service says that the frost did no damage to Iowa crops. He thinks that it was not heavy enough to injure the crop in any way. Dispatches from northwestern Iowa, however, say that there was considerable damage in that section. It is stated that the safety line was fully fifty miles from Sioux City.

Wisconsin Losses Heavy.

Frost did serious damage to crops in several places throughout the southern and central part of Wisconsin. Reports have been received of damage in Crawford, Grant, Jefferson, Dane, Waushara, Winnebago and Green Lake counties. The truck gardeners are the greatest sufferers. Tomatoes and cucumbers are reported to have been destroyed in a number of places. The cranberry crop is said to be badly damaged.

Corn Escapes in Minnesota.

Frosts were general in Minnesota, but except in one section they were so light that practically no damage was done to corn or other crops. The exception was at Moorhead, in the Red river valley, where corn was injured considerably. Not much of this grain is raised in that part of the state.

Bad in the Dakotas.

Dispatches from a score or more points tell of killing frosts in the northwest. The mercury fell to 24 degrees in many places. Late corn in northern Iowa and South Dakota is badly damaged. Flax and all uncut crops in North Dakota suffered. Minnesota points report damage to all vegetation not matured. Much of the corn in the northwest was out of the way. Late stuff will now be cut and fed as fodder.

Indiana May Suffer.

B. F. Johnson, state statistician of Indiana, says a frost will mean a considerable loss on corn, especially in northern Indiana, where corn is backward in maturing. He says in the central part of the state the only damage will be in low lands on backward corn, tender vegetables, and such crops as tomatoes. He does not believe the loss from a frost will be great.

Nebraska Corn Nipped.

A killing frost nipped Nebraska corn where the late crop was flourishing. The amount of damage is slight, as only 25 per cent of the crop where the frost was heaviest could be injured by a freeze.

EXPANSION NOTED IN TRADE

All Branches of Industry Display Marked Increase in Activity.

"Industrial activity is greater than at any recent date. Many new factories and mills have been added to the productive capacity, facilities are being increased at old plants, and idle shops resumed through the settlement of labor controversies. A coke blockade still exists, the railways being unable to handle the output, which is above all records and in urgent request. Despite the rapid development of transportation facilities the nation's needs have grown still faster, and the situation is distressing for shippers and consumers. Large crops are being harvested and the greater abundance of foodstuff caused a decline in prices of commodities during August of 2.5 per cent, as measured by Dun's index number." R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade makes the foregoing summary. Continuing the Review says: "Low stocks of wheat and poor grading of receipts, together with fears of frost in corn sections, sustained quotations when a decline would have been imminent if full confidence were placed in official returns of condition. Failures for the week numbered 205 in the United States, against 189 last year, and twenty-two in Canada, against eighteen a year ago."

Declared Legally Dead.

Boston, Mass., dispatch.—Capt. Andrews, who, with his bride, started to cross the ocean from Atlantic City in a small boat, was declared legally dead in court here. Letters of administration on his estate were granted.

Russell Sage Is Ill.

New York dispatch: Russell Sage became ill at his office and went to his town home, where his physicians attended him. At Mr. Sage's office it was said his illness was not serious.

SAYS BOODLERS WANT TO CONFESS

Nearly All Those Indicted at St. Louis Endeavor to Secure Clemency.

STATEMENT BY LAWYER FOLK

Circuit Attorney Insists That He Has Enough Proof and Has Declined to Permit Members of Alleged Combine to Give State's Evidence.

Circuit Attorney Folk has declared that nearly all of the indicted members of the St. Louis house of delegates boodle combine wanted to turn state's evidence on the promise of clemency. The circuit attorney declined to accept any but two or three, declaring that he already had enough evidence to convict every one of the indicted men.

Previous to the return of J. K. Merrill and his confession, the members of the combine were so confident that their position could not be successfully assailed that all offers of the circuit attorney and the other authorities were spurned. Now, however, the case is entirely different, and the men are anxious to do anything that will secure them immunity from the imprisonment.

No Hope of Clemency.

The principal items of interest in connection with the investigation by Circuit Attorney Folk were the return of former Delegate William Tamblin from Cleveland in the custody of an officer and the sessions of the grand jury. Before being placed in a cell Tamblin asked to see Mr. Folk. His intention was to tell all he knew about the doings of the combine in the house of delegates; but he finally decided not to say anything at this time, for the circuit attorney told Tamblin that if he desired to make any statements about matters that were being investigated he must do so voluntarily, without hope of clemency.

Before the Grand Jury.

A number of members of the council that passed the city lighting bill in 1892, in addition to Robert McMath, former president of the board of public improvements and the Hemens brothers, electrical contractors, were called on to tell the grand jury what they knew of the transactions connected with the defeat and passage of such measures. Mr. McMath has already made some startling statements to the public.

The district attorney stated that the grand jury would continue the investigation into the lighting scandal for several days to come.

ILLINOIS MEN HOLD A REUNION

Spanish War Volunteers Elect Colonel Bennitt as President.

Rockford, Ill., dispatch.—The second annual reunion of the Third Illinois volunteer infantry was held at Illinois park. Over 400 participants in the Porto Rican campaign attended, the towns represented being Joliet, Kankakee, Elgin, Oregon, Rochelle and Woodstock. After the camp dinner there were addresses by Thomas G. Lawler, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Colonel Bennitt of Joliet, and Colonel A. E. Fisher of Rockford. The following officers of the association were elected: President, Colonel Fred Bennitt; vice president, Colonel A. E. Fisher; treasurer, Captain Bowen of Joliet; corresponding secretary and historian, Captain Blanchard of Ottawa. The office of chaplain was left vacant for one year in respect for the late Chaplain J. J. Odell of Joliet. The next reunion will be held at Ottawa.

GETS SHARE OF LARGE FORTUNE

Massachusetts Man Is Left \$20,000 by Uncle in Illinois.

Worcester, Mass., dispatch.—John Dowd has returned to this city after a trip to Ottawa, Ill., to attend to the details in connection with the fortune left by his uncle, Hugh Henry, who died recently in that town. By the terms of Henry's will nearly the entire amount of his fortune \$325,000, will be divided among Worcester people. Dowd gets \$20,000.

Nominations for Congress.

5th Maryland....E. H. Camaller (D.)
4th Indiana.....J. N. Spencer (R.)
1st N. Hampshire A. S. Langley (D.)
11th Michigan...Dr. D. J. Erwin (D.)
17th Ohio.....W. B. Stephens (R.)
1st Colorado....R. W. Bonyng (R.)
8th California...M. J. Daniels (R.)
3rd Iowa.....F. A. Lymburner (S.)
6th Louisiana...S. M. Robertson (D.)
1st Tennessee....R. Burrows (D.)
2nd South Carolina...G. W. Croft (D.)

Battleship Iowa Aground.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, cable.—The United States battleship Iowa has run aground near Cape Nones Senhora do Desterro and the island of Milo. The Iowa had just finished target practice and was returning to Friars Island.

Orfices Cramps' Work.

Antwerp cablegram: The new Red Star line steamship Kronland, built by the Cramps, is criticized here in shipping circles, and is considered a disappointment as regards speed.

TREASURY VAULTS HOLD A BALANCE

Deficit for the Fiscal Year Has Been Wiped Out by Customs Receipts.

GOLD ON HAND BEATS RECORD

Washington, D. C., special.—There is no longer a deficit in the treasury for the fiscal year, having been wiped out, and there is now a balance of \$79,956 on the right side of the public ledger. These figures relate exclusively to the fiscal year beginning July 1 last, and Uncle Sam has on hand an available cash balance of more than \$200,000,000. The highest deficit of \$12,221,412 was reached July 22. Since then it has been reduced gradually. At the end of July it stood \$7,498,309, while the surplus of \$5,965,812 for the month of August left only \$1,522,063 on the wrong side of the ledger. This has been wiped out, and there is now a surplus of \$79,956.

Customs Receipts Increase.

This excellent showing was not expected by the treasury officials, as they believed the abolition of the war tax would so diminish the receipts from internal revenue sources that the expenditures would exceed the receipts for the first six months of the fiscal year. The falling off, however, has been only \$13,000,000, compared with the same period last year, when the war taxes were being collected, and, on the other hand there has been an extraordinary increase in the customs receipts. The increase from this source amounts to almost \$12,000,000, and is due to heavy importations of dutiable merchandise.

The payment of some \$2,700,000 rebate or war taxes paid on tobacco, which will soon begin, will, of course, come out of the surplus, but the treasury officials estimate a balance for the year of \$20,000,000 if the present conditions continue.

Gold Balance Is Large.

A new high water mark is made almost every day in the amount of gold held by the government. The record is \$75,622,374, a sum far exceeding that now held by any other government, and only once in modern times—by Russia some years ago, when it acquired an immense stock of the yellow metal for the purpose of withdrawing paper currency. The steady increase of gold in the treasury is explained by officials in the heavy receipts from the Nome and Klondike fields and the preference of the people for paper money in business transactions. Some gold has come from Australia in settling balances and several millions more are on the way.

Outstanding Certificates.

Nearly all of this will find its way into the treasury through deposits in San Francisco. Of the total sum held by the government, only \$67,800,000, however, is "free" gold, or not set aside for some special purpose.

The reserve fund takes up \$150,000,000, while \$329,593,989 in coin is held for the redemption of that amount in gold certificates in circulation. The amount of these certificates outstanding is steadily increasing, and since January 1 \$43,808,000 has been added to the volume of circulating notes. The latter has also been augmented in the same period by additional deposits of \$14,000,000 of the government funds with the national banks, making the total now held by these institutions \$126,650,206.

LOSES PERPETUAL FRANCHISE.

Street Railway Company at South Bend Has It Taken Away.

South Bend, Ind., dispatch.—By a unanimous vote the council has taken from the Indiana Railway company, which operates lines here, and also interurban lines to Goshen, its perpetual and unlimited franchise to the city's streets and alleys, this being in conjunction with Judge Becker's decision against perpetual franchises made in the Logansport case. This step was taken to enable competing lines to build here, the old franchise having given the Indiana company complete control of the city's streets. A new line has applied for a franchise from here to Elkhart.

Aid for Fargo College.

Boston, Mass., dispatch: The secretary of the Congregational Educational society, the Rev. E. Stead, announces a vote of the society appropriating \$12,000 to Fargo college, Fargo, N. D., to help secure the pledge of \$50,000 by Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago, made on condition that \$150,000 be raised by the management and friends of the college.

Miles Starts Journey.

Washington dispatch: Lieutenant General Miles has left for the west. He will sail from San Francisco on the transport Thomas for the Philippines, where he will make a tour of inspection of the army in the islands.

Killed by Little Brother.

Kewanee, Illinois, special: Lewis Smith, aged 17, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of his brother, 16 years old, at the family home northwest of here.