

IF YOU DON'T TELL the people through the newspapers what you have to sell, you can't sell your goods. Our subscribers read the ads.

PUT AN AD. IN THE "NEWS" if you would reach the purchasers in this city. Our readers look for your store news.

TAFT REPLIES TO GEN. MILES

He Deals Chiefly With the Famine Question.

LITTLE FREE DISTRIBUTION

Facts Stated in General's Report are Correct, at Least as to Depression in Agriculture.

Washington, June 8.—The war department today made public a report received from Gen. Taft replying to statements made by Lieut.-General Miles after his visit to the islands last year. The report is dated at Benguet, April 18, and says:

"I am in receipt, by reference from the chief of the bureau of insular affairs and the adjutant general of the army, of an excerpt from the report of the lieutenant-general of the army relating to the conditions of agriculture in the archipelago, and the means of avoiding a probable famine and in accordance with the direction in the reference I have the honor to make the following comment: "That there is a shortage in the islands of the usual supply is unquestionably true, but I have been surprised to find that I have not little famine or hunger there. I have not received a single call from a single provincial governor or for rice for free distribution in the entire archipelago. In the province of Batangas Capt. Broughton, in managing the so-called war famine fund, the history of which has been already officially reported to you, has made a very small gratuitous distribution of rice, not exceeding, I should think, in quantity more than \$2,000 worth. The action of the commission in directing a proclamation by the civil governor calling upon the people everywhere to plant corn, manioc or sweet potatoes, that also secured a great quantity of provisions. The Mary Louise mill on island creek, operating 2,000 spindles and owned by B. E. and J. S. Wilkins, was destroyed.

Philippine government is in a position to meet any emergency of this kind which may arise.

Silver for Philippine Coinage. Washington, June 8.—The director of the mint today purchased 50,000 ounces of silver for Philippine coinage at an average of \$55 cents an ounce.

Ticket Scalper Forgeries. Indianapolis, June 8.—Charges of widespread forgery and fraud among the ticket scalpers have resulted in three arrests in this city. The investigation has been going on for some days at the instance of the Railway Ticket Protective Bureau.

More Jew Baiting in Russia. Berlin, June 8.—According to a dispatch from Lemberg the papers in that town publish an account of the renewal of the Jew baiting at Boretzkoze, Russia, near Brody, Galicia. Twenty thousand peasants assembled at the annual fair threatened to massacre the Jews, who, panic-stricken, closed their houses and stores and telegraphed to the governor for protection. A hundred of the Jews fled to Uzyn on the Austrian border.

Circuit Judge Caldwell Resigns. Washington, June 8.—Atty.-Gen. Knox today received the resignation of Judge Henry C. Caldwell of the United States circuit court of the Eighth circuit. His home was in Little Rock, Ark. Judge Caldwell retires under the act of Congress which authorizes the retirement of the United States judges when they have attained the age of 70 years or have served 10 years or more on the bench.

S. C. FLOOD VICTIMS. Complete List of Those Drowned by High Water in Paoclet Valley. Spartanburg, S. C., June 8.—The interruption of all means of traffic and communication caused by the high water in Paoclet valley made it impossible until tonight to secure any thing like an accurate death roll of its flood victims. The following persons are believed to have been drowned: Joseph B. Hall, his wife, mother and six children. Bud Edmery Eaver Johnson, E. Robbs, wife and two children. Julius Biggerstaff, Augustus Calvert and children, Mrs. Owens and two children, Doc Williams, Rosie Johnson, Maggie Kirby, Garland Long and wife, John Swearingin and wife, Miss Lelia Gosa, Mrs. William Kirby.

The bodies of the foregoing have been recovered and identified. Three unidentified bodies have been taken from the river. The relief subscriptions to date amount to \$7,000. The relief committee has also secured a great quantity of provisions. The Mary Louise mill on island creek, operating 2,000 spindles and owned by B. E. and J. S. Wilkins, was destroyed.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE Will Probably be Called to Consider Relief for Flood Sufferers.

Topeka, Kan., June 8.—It is regarded as practically certain that there will be a special session of the Kansas legislature in two weeks to relieve some of the suffering caused by the flood of last week. If a special session is called it will be to consider the relief appropriation for the reason that such action would effectively prevent further contributions toward the relief of the sufferers. It has been suggested the session should be called for the purpose of considering the relief of the sufferers in the Kaw valley. These farmers, if given potatoes immediately, can raise a good crop yet this year. The first line to get direct communication between Topeka and the east was Santa Fe. Tonight the Santa Fe got its St. Joseph line open. Beginning tomorrow morning it will commence making daily trips between Topeka and Kansas City.

EXPLOSION ON THE NEVADA. While at Target Practice a Big Gun Bursts.

Newport News, Va., June 8.—While the new monitor Nevada was at target practice off the cape this afternoon an explosion of the big guns tore up the turret, inflicting considerable damage. The monitor returned to Old Point Comfort and the navy department was notified. Orders are expected to be issued for the big gun to be sent to the navy yards for repairs.

P. O. Flying Squadron Abolished.

Washington, June 8.—As a result of the postoffice investigation, what is known as the "flying squadron" of special messengers for the rural free delivery service has been abolished as useless.

Flight Durrand of Mich., Dead.

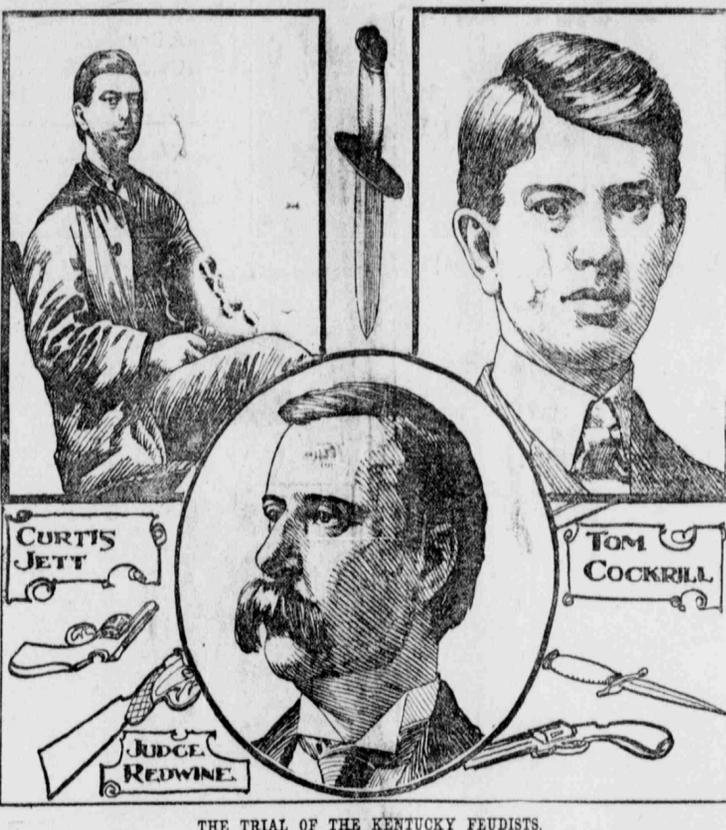
Flint, Mich., June 8.—Judge George H. Durrand, Democratic candidate for governor at the last election until he was stricken with paralysis and compelled to withdraw from the ticket, died suddenly today from a stroke of apoplexy at his farm a few miles from this city.

David J. Barr Missing.

New York, June 9.—David J. Barr of San Francisco, a jeweler and reported to be sole heir to the large fortune in California, is missing. He was seen for the last time by acquaintances at a New York hotel on Decoration day. That night his room was found tenanted by a stranger.

Valuable Documents Recovered.

Chicago, June 8.—Many documents of historical interest, which lay for 26 years in the bottom of a tunnel connecting to the Chicago avenue pumping station, have just been recovered. They were enclosed in a copper cylinder. Among the articles are records of the department of public works of James G. Thompson, which show that the danger from famine has not been as significant as I supposed it was. In any event with the funds provided by Congress now, I feel confident that the



THE TRIAL OF THE KENTUCKY FEUDISTS.

The trial of Curtis Jett and Thomas White at Jackson, Ky., promises to have many sensational features. The men are accused of the murder of James B. Marcum, who was shot dead in the doorway of the Jackson court-house not long ago. Marcum was one of the many victims of the Hargis-Cockrill feud. He was a prominent member of the faction led by Tom Cockrill and had just filed a motion for the reopening of certain contested election cases in which the Hargises were interested. This is said to have been the direct cause of his assassination. Although a number of men were near him at the time of the shooting, the murderer had no difficulty in escaping. Judge Redwine presides at the trial, and a battalion of militia is on guard about the courthouse.

EPPINGER & CO'S FAILURE. Street Believes They Were Short About Twenty-Seven Thousand Tons of Wheat.

San Francisco, June 8.—The suspension of Eppinger & Co., the big wheat dealers and shippers, was the talk of the commercial world today. The street believes that Eppinger & Co. are short something like 27,000 tons of wheat, for which the warehouse certificates have been issued and hypothecated with banking institutions. This information is given out from private sources which are generally conceded to be reliable and accurate.

Result of Five Years' Unwise Investment—The Firm is Practically Penniless.

San Francisco, June 8.—The suspension of Eppinger & Co., the big wheat dealers and shippers, was the talk of the commercial world today. The street believes that Eppinger & Co. are short something like 27,000 tons of wheat, for which the warehouse certificates have been issued and hypothecated with banking institutions. This information is given out from private sources which are generally conceded to be reliable and accurate.

Preparing for the President.

New York, June 9.—Oyster Bay is preparing to welcome President Roosevelt to his summer home. A committee has been appointed by the local board of trade to arrange details for the reception. Much will depend upon when the president arrives and the arrangements will be made accordingly.

Gift to Newberry Library.

Chicago, June 9.—The Newberry library has been presented by Edward A. Axer, the noted bibliophile and book collector, with a valuable collection of maps and manuscripts covering the history of the French marine from the thirteenth century to the Franco-Prussian war. The collection was made by Paul Carter, who served in the service of the French government for many years up to the time of his death in 1876. There are 4,100 maps and about 6,000 pages of text.

Street Car Passengers Held Up.

Seattle, Wash., June 9.—With a revolver leveled at their heads, eight passengers on the Madison Park Electric car line, were forced to surrender their valuables to two robbers shortly before 12 o'clock last night. The men entered, at a lonely spot on the road, through the rear of the car. They forced the conductor to give the signal to stop, and making him and the motor-man go inside, one went through the passengers' pockets while the other held a revolver.

BORAX FED PATIENTS. Experiments by Agricultural Department End June 30.

Washington, June 8.—The experiments which Dr. Wiley, chief of the chemical division of the agricultural department, has been conducting on a number of volunteers for the purpose of testing the effects of borax and other preservatives in food will be suspended on June 30.

Native Bishops for Philippines.

Rome, June 8.—The reports from the Spanish friars in the Philippines and from the former Spanish bishops there regarding the Philippines clergy there are so unsatisfactory that the Vatican has decided now to appoint two native prelates to the bishoprics of Cebu and Zamboanga. One bishopric will be left under the present administration and the other a candidate proposed by Archbishop Guila will be appointed as vicar general, the action in both cases is in the nature of an experiment.

Land Contests at Blackfoot.

Blackfoot, Idaho, June 8.—Contests have been filed in the local land office at this place against the desert entries of Patrick Nellie, John R., and William J. Mullins and Edward H. Sherman, of Butte. Mr. Patrick Mullins is mayor of Butte and Mr. Sherman is a prominent

large store. In this matter the speaker declared that the maintenance of a fair price for books was the only hope of the retail book seller; that the public is prepared to pay a fair price, and that the matter of 10 cents more or less which means little to the purchaser, frequently represents to the book seller the margin of loss or profit.

Dr. Dixon talking on the negro question, said in part: "Race prejudice is of two kinds. One is a blind thing. The ignorant prejudice which proceeds from fear of another race's superior power or abilities. Such is the prejudice against the Jew. It exists simply because the Jewish race is the most persistent, powerful, commercially successful race that the world has ever produced. Thousands of them have been assimilated by America and thousands more will be assimilated.

The prejudice against the negro is of the kind of self preservation which records here the prediction that I see a southern man, expect to live to see the day when the whole people of the south will build a statue to Abraham Lincoln in the capital of the confederacy."

He called attention, however, to Lincoln's words: "I believe that there exists between the races, white and black, a physical difference which will forever forbid their living together on a plane of social equality."

"In 50 years," Mr. Dixon declared, "there will be 60,000,000 negroes in this country at the present rate of increase and there are but 100,000,000 white people. Problems that present themselves to us—to raise the negro to our level; to sink to him, or to remove him.

IDAHO RANCHMEN. Arraigned at Blackfoot for Malicious Mischief.

Blackfoot, Ida., June 8.—Twenty of the most prominent ranchmen and cattlemen of Swan valley, this county, were today arraigned in the district court upon an indictment found by the grand jury, charging them with malicious mischief in the destruction of the only means of sustenance. The defendants are represented by Attorneys Deitrich of Pocatello, Briggs of Idaho Falls and Kelly of Blackfoot, and will probably be held in jail until the trial.

Blackfoot, Ida., June 8.—Twenty of the most prominent ranchmen and cattlemen of Swan valley, this county, were today arraigned in the district court upon an indictment found by the grand jury, charging them with malicious mischief in the destruction of the only means of sustenance. The defendants are represented by Attorneys Deitrich of Pocatello, Briggs of Idaho Falls and Kelly of Blackfoot, and will probably be held in jail until the trial.

Suicided With Carbolic Acid.

New York, June 9.—An unidentified man has committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid in the presence of 50 or 60 women passengers on the ferry-boat leaving the battery for Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn. When the women realized what had happened, they ran to the deck, shrieking, and were only calmed when the pilot stopped the boat.

Negro Murderer Lynched.

Macon, Ga., June 8.—W. Cope Winslow Jr., whose father was one of the leading members of the Georgia bar, was yesterday killed by a negro named Banjo Peavy, on the former's farm near Fort Valley this afternoon. The negro owed Mr. Winslow a small amount of money and was asked to work out the debt. He refused and shot Mr. Winslow through the head. Peavy was soon captured and turned over to the sheriff. At 8:30 o'clock tonight the officer and guard were overpowered and the negro was hanged. His body was riddled with bullets.

A SMALL RACE WAR. Five Negroes Killed and Several More Are Wounded.

Memphis, Tenn., June 8.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Forest, Miss., says: "Four negro men and one negro woman killed, eight or ten badly wounded, most of the other negroes in the community ordered to leave as the result of shooting from ambush of Mr. Craft and the wounding of Mr. Boys by negroes last week. This occurred in the northern part of Smith county and the exact number of negroes who were killed is not known. Reports from there now are that everything is quiet and perhaps the killing and wounding of the negroes was done by men from the part of the country where Craft lived.

SUPERIMPOSED TURKETS. The French Naval Commission Condemns Them.

Scherbourg, France, June 9.—The system of superimposed turrets on warships has been condemned by the naval commission which has been experimenting with the battleship Henri IV. The final trials were to test the possibility of men occupying the lower turret while firing was going on from an upper turret. Four sheep were tied up in the lower turret to represent gunners and after 10 shots had been fired three of the animals were found to be dead. The fourth had broken away and sought refuge in the captain's cabin.

U. P. SHOPMEN'S STRIKE. Last Echoes of the Same Died Away Yesterday.

Omaha, Neb., June 8.—The last echo of the shopmen's strike on the Union Pacific died away today, when the blacksmiths completed terms of settlement with President Burt and Supt. of Motive Power McKee. The agreement was finally concluded and signed yesterday.

A Strange Funeral.

Ottawa, Ont., June 9.—The funeral of S. J. Major, a grocer, rated a millionaire, will take place today. His will provides a special chariot be constructed and upon it his uncoffined body is to be borne from his home past his store, to the church and cemetery.

Commencement at Vassar.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 8.—Commencement week exercises at Vassar college began today with the delivery of the annual address by the Phi Beta Kappa by Whitelaw Reid.

Killed Her Former Husband.

Butte, Mont., June 8.—Mrs. Lee Brown, of Powderville, surrendered herself to the sheriff today, saying that she had shot and killed Dick Standifer yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Brown was formerly the wife of Dick Standifer, but had been divorced. Standifer, she alleges, had knocked her down and was attempting to kill her when she shot him.

CONVICTS ARE STILL AT LARGE

Escapes from Montana Penitentiary Make for Bad Lands.

PERSONNEL OF THE PARTY.

Consists of Wm. Hardee, Geo. Pierce, Hardy Brown and Fred McKenney

Have, Mont., June 8.—Later advices from Glasgow show the escaped prisoners to be William Hardee, condemned murderer, to have been hanged June 26; George Pierce, accused of murder; Hardy Brown, gambler, doing time for assisting in Hardee's previous escape, and Fred McKenney, a short-term prisoner.

The bend in the river where the men were thought to be hiding was raided by the posse early this morning, only to find that the desperadoes had made good their escape. Two horses were stolen from the Patton ranch, and it is supposed that the outlaws are riding double and making for the bad lands, where, armed as they are, they can stand off any men. Once there, their capture is almost an impossibility, as the country is filled with men who are avoiding law.

The posse of 25 men are hot on the trail, and 50 more left Glasgow this morning. At daylight two of the men, thought to be Brown and Hardee, were seen near the Snake river, going east, riding hard on their jaded horses. Another day must elapse before the bloodhounds can be put on the trail, owing to delayed train service. Conditions have thus far been in favor of the outlaws, and it looks as if a long chase may be expected. Many of the posse are liable to go down before the deadly rifles of the desperate men before they can be taken into custody.

California Murderer Caught. Oakland, Cal., June 8.—Chief of Police Hodgkins tonight received a dispatch from Sheriff Croxon of San Benito county, stating that Victor Walker, a well-known gambler, had been fatally murdered August Mr. Leroy at Golden Gate, Alameda county. Chief Hodgkins received information last Saturday that Walker had passed the Pacific telegraph line, and had several of the large contracts for grading the Union Pacific railroad. He once transported overland \$40,000 in gold dust at one shipment.

Drowned in Des Moines River.

Fraser, Ia., June 8.—Five persons lost their lives here today in the Des Moines river. The victims are: Thomas Coleman, Andrew Marchona, Steve Cormadine, Carrie Mfgara, Nicholas Grafing.

All Quiet at Morenci, Ariz.

Bisbee, Ariz., June 8.—Everything is quiet today at Morenci. Sheriff Parks is taking all precautions by guarding the mill and smelters. Seven hundred Mexicans went last night to Metcalf, where the strikers held a meeting. Prof. James Douglas, who is still there, compliments the men on their good behavior.

Warships Ordered to Valparaiso.

Washington, June 8.—Upon the receipt of reports from American agents in Chili to the effect that the situation at Valparaiso is unsatisfactory, owing to the recent Socialist disturbances there, the state department this afternoon requested the navy department to dispatch a ship to that point in order that American interests may be fully protected in the event of an emergency. The navy department at first thought of sending the entire Pacific squadron from San Francisco, but as Rear-Admiral Glass has just brought his ships to California waters for repairs it was decided to order Rear-Admiral Sumner, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, to proceed at once with his squadron, now at Montevideo, through the straits to Valparaiso. Cable orders to this effect were sent to Admiral Sumner this afternoon. Orders were also telegraphed to Admiral Glass to be ready for sea, and in the event that Admiral Sumner's fleet is unable to get under way at once the Pacific squadron may be ordered to Chilean waters in its stead. Rear-Admiral Sumner's fleet consists of the protected cruiser Albatross, the gunboat protected cruiser Detroit, and the gunboats Gloucester and Montgomery.

Sloan Sues French Jockey Club.

Paris, June 8.—Tod Sloan, the polo player, has begun a suit against the Jockey club to recover \$25,000 because of the action of the Jockey club in excluding him from further entrance to the weighing enclosures or grounds owned by the society. The stewards of the Jockey club, in expelling him, issued a notification that the action was taken because Sloan had exercised the horse Rose de Mai at Chantilly without authority.