

IRRIGATORS IN SESSION

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

Prominent Visitors from All Over the West Will Be in Attendance.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Arrivals here today of delegates to the ninth annual session of the National Irrigation congress indicate, according to the promoters of the gathering, that when the session is called to order tomorrow morning there will be a representation of nearly 1,000.

Among those who have expressed their intention to attend are Governors Pointer, of Nebraska; Stanley, of Kansas; Thomas, of Colorado, and Smith, of Montana. While the executives of the western states and territories have been appointed delegates, some of them, notably Governor Murphy of New Mexico, will not be present, as they favor ceding the arid lands to the states and territories for reclamation by them and oppose the idea of federal reclamation, which is championed by the national irrigation congress.

The congress will open its deliberations by listening to an address of welcome by Mayor Harrison, which will be responded to by Elwood Mead, president of the organization and expert in charge of the irrigation investigations of the United States department of agriculture, and General M. H. Maxwell, chairman of the executive committee. One direct result of the congress will be a memorial to congress asking for a \$250,000 appropriation for surveys of arid lands and praying that the work be taken up immediately by congress along the lines suggested by the representatives of the government engineers now in the field.

ANOTHER RAPE FIEND.

Chicago Negro Narrowly Escapes Lynching for Assault.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—A mob composed of men and women defied drawn revolvers and fought with 20 policemen tonight in an attempt to lynch Harry Evans, a colored man, arrested on the charge of attacking 7 year old Freda Guendal. The hundreds of persons who had gathered around the home of the little girl, whose death was feared, were greatly excited when Evans, who had been captured an hour before, was brought before his victim for identification. "Hang the black scoundrel. Lynch him," shouted the spectators, as the prisoner was brought to the doorway of the Guendal home. The two officers, who had charge of the negro, after a free use of their clubs on the maddened crowd, finally managed to shove Evans into the house where the little girl identified him as her assailant.

When the mob outside learned that Evans had been identified by his victim they became frenzied and made another rush for the prisoner. A riot call had been sent in and a wagon load of officers arrived in time to prevent the crowd from overpowering the officers and securing the negro. After a fierce struggle, in which a score of people were more or less injured, the police dispersed the mob and took Evans to jail.

TWO FATAL WRECKS.

Several Men Killed on Denver & Rio Grande Road.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 20.—There were two fatal wrecks on the Denver & Rio Grande this morning; freight train No. 70, west bound, on the narrow gauge, became unmanageable on a steep grade near Gray's station. The engine jumped the track and 12 cars piled on top of it. Brakeman Chas. Shaw was instantly killed; Fireman Albert Brasswell is still under the wreckage and is supposed to be dead; Engineer John Ryan and Brakemen J. J. Dow and Louis Bean are seriously injured.

The other wreck was a short distance east of Belton, on the standard gauge. Freight train No. 7, east bound, broke in two and the rear portion ran into the forward part, derailing eight cars. Two tramps were riding in one and one of them, name unknown, was killed. The other giving the name of J. Weaver was badly hurt.

QUICK TIME TO DAWSON.

What Transportation Companies Promise for Next Summer.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Chicago to Dawson City in eight and one-half days. This is what the transportation companies promise the public by the middle of next summer. The route will be: Chicago to St. Paul on fastest train, St. Paul to Seattle on Northern Pacific and Great Northern flyers; Seattle to Skagway on fast steamship; Skagway to White Horse rapids over recently extended White Pass & Yukon road, and White Horse rapids to the

Big Klondike camp on Yukon river by steamers.

First class and second class fares from this city to Dawson City will be about the same as those offered last year, when the trip was made in about 12 days. By the shortest route the distance from Chicago to Dawson City is 3,704 miles.

RAVAGED BY STORM.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 20.—The Nashville & Chattanooga depot and 18 other houses were demolished by a tornado tonight at LaVerge station, on the Nashville & Chattanooga road, 96 miles south of here. More than a mile of telephone and telegraph wires were destroyed and details are meagre; but it is known that a man of the name of Robertson and his child were killed and a section boss injured.

LARGE MINING CONCESSION.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—An English syndicate with a capital of 10,000,000 pounds has just received a commission to exploit the Perhenna gold fields, which are 13,000 acres in extent in the Amur region. The syndicate will also be allowed to dredge and excavate the stream. The Marquis of Queensberry and Professor Holloway are the heads of the syndicate.

COMMITTEE AT WORK.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The house ways and means committee today met to consider a measure for a reduction of the war revenue tax. It was decided not to remove the 10 cent a pound on tea. The committee won't touch the tariff on imports, as that would open the entire subject of tariff revision. No hearings will be granted. Those interested may file briefs.

MINISTERS MANAGE AFFAIRS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—The ministers have been entrusted with the conduct of current business during the present phase of the czar's illness, each of them carrying on his department according to his personal judgment, decisions on important matters being postponed for the time being.

DESIRES TO LEAVE A SON

CZAR ANXIOUS FOR DIRECT HEIR TO THRONE.

Russian Jurist's Views on Law of Succession and Primogeniture as Applicable to Case.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—The bourse, which is chronically weak, was slightly affected when the czar's illness was first made known, but a few bankers asserted this morning that it was fully recovered.

Conditions are at this time peculiarly bitter to Emperor Nicholas because he is hoping for the birth of a son within a few months. It is an open secret that the czar's wife, Grand Duke Michael, now about 22 years of age, is not a favorite of the emperor, whose supreme desire is to leave a son as heir to the throne.

A St. Petersburg jurist, who was asked today whether a posthumous son would inherit the throne, consulted the works of the best authorities, among them Professor Kourkoff of the University of St. Petersburg, and Professors Glodsky and Alexieff of the University of Moscow, and gave reply as follows:

"Existing laws do not answer the question. The manifesto of August 22, 1826, affords a precedent in the affirmative sense, but does not lay down a general rule, confining itself to dealing with the particular case then existing. Nicholas I. in a manifesto declared that if he should die before the czarina who was empress, the heir apparent then living must wait until after the child's birth before assuming the powers and dignities of czar and that if the child were a son, the latter should inherit the throne. The present czar is equally competent to regulate the case if necessary.

"The present law of succession decreasing primogeniture, with the preference to the male lines and to males of the female lines before any woman could succeed, was introduced by Paul I., whose mother, Catherine II., who reigned from 1762 to 1796, did not respect his rights and prepared a will by which he would have been disinherited had it not been destroyed immediately upon her death. Paul I., attempted to give this law a particularly holy character, declaring that all his successors at the coronation should swear to keep it inviolate. Nevertheless, his successors enjoy the same unlimited powers as he himself did and several minor changes have been introduced. If Emperor Nicholas should decree the succession of a daughter his will would be the law of the land, although it is not believed he would undertake it. The sacred features of the law of succession which are considered absolutely binding ante-date Paul I. They are the requirements that the czar shall be of orthodox religion and that he shall not occupy any foreign throne."

Six Frightful Failures.

Six terrible failures of six different doctors nearly sent Wm. H. Mullon of Lockland, O., to an early grave. All said he must soon die. But he was urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. After taking five bottles he was entirely cured. It is positively guaranteed to cure all diseases of Throat, Chests and Lungs, including Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup, Whooping Cough, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Chapples drug store.

WEST ALSO TOUCHED UP

SEVERAL MOUNTAIN STATES VISITED BY STORM.

NO FATALITIES REPORTED

Colorado Springs Sustains Heaviest Damage—Snow and Wind at Salt Lake.

Denver, Nov. 21.—While Denver is basking in warm sunshine today, some portions of Colorado experienced the worst storm of the year. At Colorado Springs and Pueblo a heavy gale blew. Many wires are down. Below Pueblo some houses were unroofed. Between Alamosa and Durango the Denver & Rio Grande railroad was blocked by drifting snow. In the southern portion of San Luis valley the snow fall was heavy.

AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

Colorado Springs, Nov. 21.—A hurricane has swept over this city since 12 o'clock today. Signs have been torn from building, light, telephone and telegraph wires are down and chimneys have been blown from the roofs. People are afraid to venture in the streets and business is practically suspended.

The velocity of the wind was the greatest ever attained here, 70 miles per hour. The storm started at 10 o'clock, but did not become severe until 12 p. m. The plant of the Colorado Springs Electric company was badly damaged and the high school building was damaged also. The high roof of the Temple theatre was ripped off in large sections and many other business blocks were damaged by roofs and cornices being torn off.

SNOW AT SALT LAKE.

Salt Lake, Nov. 21.—A heavy wind and snow storm prevailed here all day yesterday and last night and appears to have been general throughout the inter-mountain region. Railway trains are generally behind time and interruption to telephone and telegraph wires is reported throughout the west. Extremely cold weather is reported from central Montana points.

IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—A severe snow storm prevails over northern California and snow plows are necessary for the first time in 10 years for November.

NO RIGHT TO EXIST.

Nebraska's State Board of Transportation Declared Unconstitutional.

Lincoln, Nov. 21.—The supreme court of Nebraska in an opinion rendered this evening declared the act establishing a state board of transportation unconstitutional and the board inoperative. The case in point was that wherein Attorney General Smythe, on behalf of the state board of transportation, brought suits against the Burlington and Northwestern Railroad companies to enforce a reduction in live stock rates.

The defendant roads, for the first time in the 13 years existence of the board, questioned its authority on the ground that it was illegally created and the court sustained the demurrer and dismissed the case.

DELAGOA BAY AWARD.

Final Payment is Made by Portuguese Government.

London, Nov. 21.—The Delagoa bay award was paid today. The Americans received their share through the Seligmans. The Delagoa award of \$3,862,800 with interest at 5 per cent from June 25, 1889, is the result of the seizure of the Delagoa bay railroad by Portugal. The facts in the case have been told many times during the past few years. Besides the principle of the award and interest, totalling about \$5,000,000, Portugal paid on account \$140,000 in 1890. The Americans interested are the heirs of Colonel McMurdo, who, with a number of English capitalists, built the road and ran it until seized by Portuguese officials.

SECURED BUT LITTLE.

Robbers Hold Up a Train With Poor Success.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 21.—The north bound passenger train, on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway, was held up tonight near Gifford, 40 miles south of Little Rock, by five masked robbers. A lot of ties piled on the track and surmounted by a red light caused the engineer to slow up and before the train had come to stop the bandits were at work with dynamite. The door of the express car was blown open and Express Messenger L. D. Avery of St. Louis seriously injured by flying timbers. Four vain attempts were made to blow open the through safe. Their

supply of dynamite being exhausted, the robbers left with only the contents of the way safe, about \$300. A posse is in pursuit.

A VANDERBILT DISINHERITED.

Cincinnati, Nov. 21.—A decision was rendered today by Judge Jelke which disinherits Cornelius Vanderbilt and W. Fering Gill under the will of Abram Gwyne, father of Mrs. Vanderbilt and of Mrs. Gill. The will provided that the property left to his daughters should not be given to their husbands, unless their mother gave her consent in writing. Mrs. Gwyne died without having given her consent and after long litigation the will was today construed by the court to cut off both Gill and Vanderbilt from their wives' estates derived from their father.

A TWISTER'S WORK.

LaGrange, Tenn., Nov. 20.—A tornado struck this town today, causing much damage and killing three persons. The dead are, W. C. Moody, two negro women. Injured: Edward Smith, Southern railway agent, seriously. The storm made its appearance shortly after midday and swept everything in its path. Eight residences and three churches were destroyed. The damage to cotton in the bale will be great.

STUDENT BECOMES INSANE.

New York, Nov. 21.—Henry Hohl, a student at Drew theological seminary, Madison, N. J., was sent to his home in St. Louis today under guard. Hohl had written to President Butts of Drew seminary and to several of his fellow students of his intention to commit suicide and it was decided to send him home. In one of his letters Hohl enclosed a will leaving all his personal property to his roommate.

WANT CULLOM BILL.

St. Louis, Nov. 20.—The delegates representing 37 commercial and industrial organizations, national and local, called together to take action looking to the passage of senate bill number 1,439, better known as Cullom's bill, to amend the interstate commerce law, today adopted a memorial to congress urging its adoption.

DEATH IS NIGH.

St. Paul, Nov. 21.—Senator Davis' physicians report his condition materially unchanged. Although the doctors do not say so, it is intimated by those having knowledge of the facts that the senator's death is now only a question of a few days, or perhaps of hours.

WAS BRESCI'S FRIEND.

Stockholm, Nov. 21.—Bagiard, the Italian anarchist, recently arrested in Sweden and transported to the Italian frontier, where he was delivered to the Italian police, turns out to have been at one time intimate with Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert.

MOVING AGAINST JUNTA.

London, Nov. 21.—Ambassador Choate has made representations to the British foreign office on the subject of the Filipino junta at Hong Kong. The foreign office is investigating the matter and will reply as soon as the reports of the authorities at Hong Kong are received.

DECIDE ON REDUCTION.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The republican members of the ways and means committee today decided to make a \$30,000,000 reduction in revenues, as suggested by Secretary Gage. The day was spent almost entirely in going over the war revenue bill.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHUS.

Copenhagen, Nov. 21.—The typhus epidemic here is assuming serious proportions. Twenty new and serious cases were officially reported today.

DIFFERENT HERE.

Pittsburg, Nov. 20.—The heat of the past three days has caused much suffering among the mill men.

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