RELIEF IS AT HAND

BRITISH ABOUT READY TO ATTACK BOERS SOUTH OF LADYSMITH.

NIGHT AND DAY BOMBARDMENT

BOERS MAKING LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO CAPTURE CITY.

British Reinforcements That Have Reached South Africa Now Number 23,500—It Is Confidently Believed Ladysmith Can Hold Out.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Special dispatches from Pietermaritzburg and Lourenzo Marques say that Ladysmith is bombarded night and day and hard pressed. On November 5, having during the night placed men close to the town, the Boers, after a heavy bombardment, began an assault, but were repulsed at every point with heavy losses. The Boers have destroyed one of the bridges over the Tugela river.

The admiralty announced this evening the arrival at Cape Town to-day of the troop ship Arcana, with a battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (the Princess Louise's regiment), bringing the reinforcements up to 23,500, of which 7,200 have already disembarked at Durban, with eighteen field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops, as well as 700 mules. This force, with that already between Estcourt and Durban, is considered sufficient to enable General Hildyard to advance and to take the aggressive against the Boers south of Ladysmith.

According to the latest advices, Ladysmith is holding out satisfactorily, everything having been well up to Wednesday.

In view of the Boer destruction of bridges, the war office has issued orders for the shipment of a quantity of bridge work between this and the end of the year.

The following censored dispatch from Pretoria gives details of the engagement referred to in the Associated Press dispatch from Pretoria of Wednesday, November 15:

"The Free Staters had taken up a position on a small hill when an English battery advanced and attacked them, sending a fiery hail of shells on the hill for an hour when the Transvaal cannon put out some shells right in the midst of the battery, sending the English to cover behind the hill. Two burghers were killed and six were wounded.

"When the British fell back on Ladysmith, several shells exploded among them, but the execution done could not be seen.

"At midnight all the Afrikander cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously on Ladysmith, turning the quiet and darkness of night into a lurid inferno of whistling, shrieking shells, speeding from all points of the compass to the doomed city. Several buildings on fire were seen from Bulwan hill. During the day the troops left the city deserted and sought shelter on the edge of the hill, to escape our death dealing shells."

When definite news from Ladysmith is available it will doubtless be found that the garrison has been having a lively time. Nevertheless, not much credence should be paid to the stories of trainloads of Boer wounded taken toward Pretoria as the result of a crushing defeat sustained at the hands of the British. Experience has shown that those "Kaffirgrams," even though emanating from missionaries, are not trustworthy. However, there seems no doubt that there have been some sharp affairs. Heavy rifle firing, followed by an explosion, was heard in the direction of Ladysmith before daylight, Thursday, indicating a night surprise and possibly the explosion of a magazine.

DURBAN, Nov. 17.—Sunday evening a gentleman who was arrested at Johannes, and taken to Pretoria, has arrived here via Delagoa bay. While at Pretoria he was confined on the race course with the military prisoners, comprising fifty-two officers and 1,275 non-commissioned officers and men from Natal, ten officers and twenty-five non-commissioned officers and men from Mafeking, and four men from Fort Tuli. The prison guards were almost exclusively Germans and the artillery men manning the forts were also mostly Germans. The prisoners were well fed and were shown every consideration. Most of the officers were removed to more comfortable quarters in the town.

BASUTOS TO JOIN BOERS.

It Is Said That Chief Joel and His Followers Have Been Won Over.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Advices from Maseru, Basutoland, dated Wednesday, November 8, say that Chief Joel, terrorized by false Boer assertions that the British have been beaten in every engagement and are being driven out of South Africa, is preparing to join the Boers, believing theirs the winning side. The Boers are said to have supplied him with guns, which they have accompanied with specious promises.

Those who are aware of the Basuto history know that Chief Joel and Chief Jonathan had a quarrel in their earlier years and have never been on the same side, Chief Jonathan having committed himself to British interests.

Sir Godfrey Lagden, resident commissioner in Basutoland, according to these dispatches, left Maseru suddenly on November 7, in order to meet Chief Lerothodi, the principal chief of the Basutos, who is ill and unable to travel. Sir Godfrey will be expected to use every effort to prevent Chief Joel taking a foolish step.

The advices go on to say:

"The country is full of reports of wonderful Boer successes, and color is lent to these by the absence of reliable information of British victories, but the chiefs rely on the word of the government officials, who declare that a day of reckoning is coming and that disloyalty will be punished. It is possible that the Boers will proclaim a strip of Basuto territory to the north to be their own."

KIMBERLEY SAFE NOVEMBER 9.

Boers Were Then Throwing Up Fresh Earthworks, Preparatory to Renewed Bombardment.

KIMBERLEY, Thursday Evening, Nov. 9, via Hope Town, Sunday, Nov. 12.—The Boers were busy yesterday in throwing up fresh earthworks. There has been no further bombardment. The De Beers mines are practically closed. Thousands of employes are now domiciled in the center of the town and are being provisioned by the mayor's relief fund. The military authorities have ordered all civilians to give up their arms and ammunition, with the view of preventing irresponsibles firing at the Boers, in contravention of the laws of civilized warfare.

Natives report that the Boers cheered each shell as it was fired yesterday, believing it meant the destruction of Kimberley.

The Boers are now wearing khaki uniforms and blue peggares, making it difficult to distinguish them from the British.

Mining Operator Killed.

AURORA, MO., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Young Burney, a prominent mine owner and operator of this city and district, was killed to-day by being thrown from his buggy while returning from his mine. His skull was crushed. He died in a few hours after the accident.

She Got Her Divorce.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) A few days ago Mrs. Mary B. Stumbaugh filed suit against her husband, a wealthy farmer, for divorce. She claimed that he refused to provide her with medical aid. To-day she died.

FOR MURDERING HIS WIFE.

Michael Rollinger Hanged in Chicago Yesterday—Pleaded Innocence on the Gallows.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Michael Emil Rollinger, who murdered his wife last December and then set fire to the house in an endeavor to hide his crime, was hanged in the county jail to-day. The drop fell at 12:07 p. m. Rollinger's neck was broken by the fall and he was pronounced dead fifteen minutes later.

In an impassioned speech from the gallows, Rollinger protested his innocence. He said he had been deceived and wronged. All his money had been taken from him to carry the case to the supreme court, which was not done.

MICHAEL ROLLINGER.

"I say before my mother and my children," he concluded, "that I am an innocent man."

Rollinger was hanged for the murder of his wife, Theresa, at their home in this city, December 16, 1898. The manner in which he is said to have disposed of his wife was first by choking her and then building a fire with some furniture and placing the body on it. Suspicion was aroused by his actions and an investigation by the police resulted in his arrest for murder. The motive of his crime, it is said, was the love of Lena Hecker, a woman who hailed from the same country (Austria) as Rollinger. It is supposed that he killed his wife in order that he might marry the girl. He had two trials, the first resulting in a disagreement of the jury. One of the chief witnesses against him was his 11-year-old son, who declared all the children had been sent away on a slight pretext the day the crime is said to have been committed.

SONS HEARD NO SHOT.

Missouri Minister Murdered in a Room Where Three Sons Were Sleeping.

DEXTER, MO., Nov. 17.—The identity of the person who killed Rev. Mr. Jesse Moore, the Methodist minister who was murdered yesterday at his home near Pyle, six miles from Dexter, is not known. The dead minister had no known enemies and was universally loved and respected.

Although three sons slept in the same room with their father, all the members of the family declare they heard nothing of the shot. A shotgun was found on a rack upon the rear porch with one barrel empty, showing that it recently had been discharged. Before the coroner, Elijah, the oldest son, testified that last week his father loaned the gun to a neighbor. He did not know the man's name. Elijah says he believes that the unknown neighbor last night returned with the gun, killed his father and placed the weapon in the rack.

The jury rendered a verdict that the minister came to his death at the hands of some unknown person.

Prosecuting Attorney Farris and Sheriff Evans, however, decided to arrest Elijah Moore, and he is now in jail at Bloomfield.

One neighbor testified that Elijah and his father frequently quarreled and that the boy threatened to leave home.

Other neighbors say that Elijah is a model boy, hard working and industrious.

FOR KILLING THOMAS YOUNG.

The Trial of J. H. McManigal for Murder Resumed at Sedalia Yesterday.

SEDALIA, MO., Nov. 17.—(Special.) The trial of J. H. McManigal, charged with killing Captain Thomas C. Young, of Lexington, Mo., in Sedalia, on September 28, 1898, was resumed to-day. Prosecuting Attorney W. D. Steele outlined the case for the state, claiming that the killing of Captain Young was a coldblooded murder and that jealousy was the motive. Henry Lamm made the statement for the defense, asserting that the testimony would show that McManigal had to kill Young to save his own life. The principal witness of the day was Percy Boulware, of Saline county, an army comrade of Captain Young, having served with him in the same regiment under General Jo Shelby. Boulware was not an eye witness to the stabbing, but according to his testimony McManigal was the aggressor.

INSULT CAUSES A TRAGEDY.

Two Chicago Italians Probably Fatally Shot and Several Badly Pummeled.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—A pitched battle occurred to-day between a number of Italians at 294 Clark street, in which two men, Carmin Scaliso and George Latisto, were probably fatally shot and two or three others badly pummeled. The fight started as the result of an insult offered to Mrs. Rose Scaliso, wife of one of the fatally injured men, by Latisto. Latisto was ordered from the house and was followed out by Scaliso and a number of others. A scuffle at once ensued, in which revolvers and knives were drawn, and when the police arrived on the scene Scaliso and Latisto were lying on the sidewalk, Scaliso with two bullet wounds in his body, and Latisto with one, just above the heart. A number of arrests were made.

CUT NEIGHBOR WITH AN AX.

Farmers Quarrel Over Trivial Matter and One Seriously Wounds the Other.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Robert Vinton, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Elwood, this county, mortally wounded his neighbor, Presley Rector, in a fight to-day which grew out of a dispute over some rental matters. Rector was struck twice with a double-bitted ax in the hands of Vinton. The first blow landed on the head, fracturing his skull and the second cut his nose, almost severing it from his face. At this juncture a son of the injured man came to the rescue of his father, whereupon Vinton dropped the ax and fled. A telephone message was sent to Sheriff Bradshaw, in this city, who sent a deputy to the scene of action. Vinton was arrested and lodged in jail.

HE REFUSES TO BREAK ROCK.

Kansas Jointist Has Been on Bread and Water for One Month.

HIAWATHA, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Because of his refusal to break rock on a rockpile Lou Pointer, convicted of liquor selling and sent to jail, has been forced to live on bread and water for a month. He absolutely refuses to work with the other prisoners and now he is so weak he cannot feed himself.

Five Pardons Refused.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) Governor Stanley took up another batch of pardon applications to-day, and, after considering each case carefully, turned down the whole batch. Those who were refused pardons were:

James Walker, sent up from Chatauqua county in 1896 for life, for murder; Harry Dunmire, sentenced in 1896 from Lyon county for five years for burglary; William H. Hill, sentenced in 1897 from Pottawatomie county for five years for assault; Theodore Pfeiffer, sentenced in 1896 from Ford county for twelve years for arson; G. W. Woolsey, sent up from Doniphan county in 1897 for four years for larceny.

Condemned Murderer Died.

LEAVENWORTH, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Edward Stafflebach, who was sent to Lansing under sentence of death from Cherokee county for murder, died yesterday in the penitentiary of consumption. He was a member of a family who carried on a systematic series of murders for plunder.

Jester Surrendered to Rails County.

MEXICO, MO., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Alexander Jester, the alleged murderer of Gilbert Gates, will be surrendered to the authorities of Ralls county, where his case will come up at the June term of court. Notice was served on his attorney yesterday.

NEW GOEBEL MOVE

IT IS SOUGHT TO THROW OUT THE VOTE OF LOUISVILLE.

FORMAL NOTICE IS GIVEN

CALLING OUT OF MILITIA THE BASIS FOR THE ACTION.

It Is Declared That the Election Was Military, Instead of Civil—Senator Lindsay Likely to Be the Anti-Goebel Attorney.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 17.—A question which is likely to have an important, if not a deciding, influence on the contest for the governorship of Kentucky was brought up to-day by the canvassing board of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville. Counsel for the Democratic candidates gave notice of a motion to throw out the vote of the city because of the presence of militia at the polling places on November 7. The notice served on the commissioners follows:

For the Democratic candidates we now give notice that, at the close of the count and before any certificates be issued, we will move the board and all its authorities that may consider this election, to declare null and void the election held in the city of Louisville on the 7th day of November, 1899.

First—Because of the usurpation of William O. Bradley in calling out and illegally using the militia and overawing and intimidating the voters and officers of and at said election, and interfering with the progress of said election, and with the duties of the officers of said election.

Second—Because S. B. Toney unlawfully usurped power in requesting said William O. Bradley to call out and use said militia for said purpose, which call was entirely unnecessary, and the civil authorities were able and willing to execute any order made by said court.

Third—Because said militia was used for the unlawful purpose aforesaid.

Fourth—Because said election was not a civil election, but a military election.

Fifth—Because the said use of the said militia was unlawful in every respect and a criminal usurpation of power by said named persons, and thereby the civil power was subordinated to the military power and an overt act of a treasonable nature against the constitution of Kentucky was committed."

This action has been expected ever since the official count began. It was freely reported on election day that, if the militia were called out, it would result in some such step. With Louisville thrown out, Goebel would have a safe plurality in the remainder of the state. This dispute will prolong and aggravate the fight, for the Republicans will make every effort in their power to retain Taylor's plurality.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 17.—The official count was received to-night from Floyd and Knott counties. Floyd gives Goebel 156 and Knott gives him 459 plurality. In the last tabulated returns printed Wednesday morning from Democratic sources Goebel's plurality in the state was figured at one vote. In this table Floyd, unofficial, gave Goebel 400 plurality and Knott 439 plurality. The official returns from these two counties show a net loss of 224 from the unofficial.

FRANKFORT, KY., Nov. 17.—The proposition to-day from Goebel's lawyers to throw out the entire vote of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville, was not wholly unlooked for by the Republicans here. It is now said Senator Deboe's visit here last night was for the purpose of ascertaining definitely to what extent Governor Bradley would support Taylor in the event that Goebel is given the certificate of election, based on this proceeding. Senator Deboe and Governor Bradley are not on speaking terms, and a third party communicated with both of them. Deboe says he is satisfied Bradley will stand by Taylor and will vigorously resist Goebel. Senator Lindsay will be asked to act as one of the attorneys for the anti-Goebel men before the state election commission.

The Republicans have found a precedent established by the state election commission last year in which the board, by a unanimous vote, decided it was merely a canvassing board and had no power to pass on contests. This was the case of Mordecai Williams, Democrat, who filed a contest for the certificate of election as congressman in the Ninth district, on the ground that fraudulent votes had been cast for Congressman Pugh in several counties. The board declined to hear the contest on the ground of lack of jurisdiction and awarded the certificate of election to Pugh on the face of the returns.

Taylor's lawyers now claim that, under this decision, the vote of Johnson and Knox counties, at least, must be counted as certified. They have not given an opinion as to the bearing of this ruling on the Jefferson county case.

If Jefferson county is thrown out, the political complexion of the legislature will be affected, as one senator and seven representatives will have to be elected under a special election to be called by the governor.

HILLMON CASE TO JURY.

Arguments Have Been Made and Charge Will Be Delivered To-day.

LEAVENWORTH, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) The Hillmon case did not go to the jury to-night, as was expected. The arguments were not closed until late this afternoon, and the jury will be instructed to-morrow morning when the case will go to the jury.

L. B. Wheat, for the plaintiff, finished about 11 o'clock. He was followed by Judge Isham, of Chicago, for the insurance companies. George Barker, of Lawrence, followed Judge Isham this afternoon, and closed the case for the insurance companies. H. Atwood began his argument, closing for the plaintiff, at 4:45 o'clock, immediately after the afternoon recess. The courtroom was crowded.

A rather unusual incident occurred during the argument of Judge Isham. He was explaining the mutual nature of the insurance companies. He explained that every policy holder was a member of the corporation, so intimate was their relation to the company that the mere holding of a policy was sufficient to prevent him from becoming a juror in this case. At this point Juryman P. G. Lowe arose and informed the court that according to Judge Isham he was incompetent to continue as a juror, as he had a policy in the Connecticut Mutual, one of the defendant companies. Judge Hook informed the juror that the point had not been raised by the plaintiffs in examining the jurors as to their competency. The attorneys for both sides said their sides had no objections to a juror holding a policy in either or both companies and the arguments proceeded.

Accused of Failure to Provide.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) James Butler, Populist superintendent of the state reform school under the Leedy administration, was sued by his wife today for divorce. He is accused of failure to provide for his family.

ROSY COLOR.

Produced by Postum Food Coffee.

"When a person rises from each meal with a ringing in the ears and a general sense of nervousness, it is a common habit to charge it to a deranged stomach.

"I found it was caused from drinking coffee, which I never suspected for a long time, but found by leaving off coffee that the disagreeable feelings went away.

"I was brought to think of the subject by getting some Postum Food Coffee, and this brought me out of the trouble.

"It is a most appetizing and invigorating beverage and has been of such great benefit to me that I naturally speak of it from time to time as opportunity offers.

"A lady friend complained to me that she had tried Postum, but it did not taste good. In reply to my question she said she guessed she boiled it about ten minutes. I advised her to follow directions and know that she boiled it fifteen or twenty minutes, and she would have something worth talking about. A short time ago I heard one of her children say that they were drinking Postum now-a-days, so I judge she succeeded in making it good, which is by no means a difficult task.

"Tom O'Brien, the son of a friend who lives on Bridge st., was formerly a pale lad, but since he has been drinking Postum, has a fine color. There is plenty of evidence that Postum actually does 'make red blood,' as the famous trade mark says." Jno. Chambers, 9 Franklin St., Dayton, Ohio.

IT HAS BEEN A FIZZLE.

Leonid Show Not Up to Advance Notices—Return Engagement Possible.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 17.—The Yale astronomers this afternoon decided to give up further observations on the shower of Leonids. Dr. F. L. Chase, of the observatory, said:

"We have made several pictures during our observation of the meteors, but are not sure that we have been able to photograph any meteors whatever. We think that the shower must be over, and we shall take no more observations at present. We have observed a large number of sporadic meteors, but have apparently caught no glimpse of the Leonids."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—"The shower of Leonids will not occur this season. The brilliant spectacle has been announced one year too soon."

This announcement has just been made by Dr. L. J. See, one of the most advanced astronomers in the government's service. Dr. See has charge of the twenty-six inch equatorial telescope at the naval observatory.

He stated with great positiveness that the meteoric display, which has been a mere sputter this year, would be repeated at about this date in November next year, with a brilliancy quite equal, if not superior, to any of the tri-century displays with which the modern world has been startled.

"Astronomical calculations have not erred as to the periodicity of the Leonids," said Dr. See, "but the generally accepted conclusion as to the time it takes the Leonids to pass the earth's orbit has been wrong. After the most careful observations, made with the best instruments in the service of the government and after the most unerring calculations, in strict conformity to astronomical laws, I am thoroughly convinced that the period of passage is two years instead of one year, as heretofore believed.

"The Leonids have been within the earth's orbit for a year now, and will remain with us for another twelve months. The meteoric shower has not been as heavy this time as there was good scientific reason for believing it would be. That is because we have not yet struck the thick part of the trail.

"By my calculations, this collision will occur in the middle of November, 1900. Then the resultant display of burning meteors will be as brilliant as the one observed by Humboldt in Venezuela, in 1799."

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris quotes M. Camille Flammarion as follows:

"As I had calculated, the shower of shooting stars was not very abundant. The meteors had become dispersed along the whole length of their trajectory.

"Instead of the hundreds of thousands observed in 1799 and in 1833, it has not been possible to register even 1,000."

KANSAS BANK ROBBED.

Two Thieves Bind Cashier, Blow Open the Safe and Secure Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

PARKER, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) About 2 o'clock this morning two men entered the Parker State bank by skeleton keys and found Cashier Slaughter asleep on a bed in the bank. Reaching his side without awakening him one of the men covered him with a revolver while the other blindfolded him. They then took the cashier to the safe and told him to open it. This he could not do because it was a time lock and could not be opened until 7 o'clock in the morning. Finding the cashier's statement true the robbers took Slaughter into an adjoining room, bound and gagged him and returned to the safe. This they blew up with dynamite and secured about $1,300 in currency and about $500 in silver. Upon leaving the bank the robbers went to the outskirts of town and stole two farm horses. Slaughter managed to free himself and gave the alarm. A posse was immediately formed and pursuit began at 4 o'clock. A heavy rain aided the pursuers in following the robbers.

At 6 o'clock to-night the robbers' horses were found nearly dead at the edge of the timber along the Osage river, east of Parker. The robbers had left their horses there and taken flight afoot. At 8 o'clock tonight the robbers were still at large, but the posse is hot after them and they will surely be captured by daylight. The posse has increased to nearly 1,000 armed men and the whole country has joined the chase.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) A telegram to the state bank commissioner today announced that the Parker State bank, of Parker, Kas., was robbed at 2 o'clock this morning and $1,860 in cash stolen. The bank is a new institution. It was started just six weeks ago. The cashier, W. H. Slaughter, is a brother-in-law of Bank Commissioner Breidenthal. The bank had no vault and its safe was an old-fashioned one without even a time lock. No insurance was carried for the reason that companies refused the risk. Mr. Breidenthal says that the bank will continue in business; that the loss will be met by a levy on the stockholders.

MISSOURI BANK ROBBED.

Four Men Blew Open Safe Yesterday Morning at Carl Junction and Escaped.

WEBB CITY, MO., Nov. 17.—The bank at Carl Junction, a small station on the St. Louis & San Francisco, was entered by four robbers early this morning. The safe was blown open and about $3,200 secured. The robbers took six rifles that were stored in the bank for protection. The robbery was soon discovered and a pursuing party followed the men to a heavy wood near by.

Cashier G. B. Chitwood estimates that the robbers secured about $3,200. A posse of 500 citizens are scouring the woods for miles. A hand car that belonged to the Pittsburg & Gulf road, at Gulfton, one mile east of Carl Junction, was found in the city limits of Joplin standing beside the Pittsburg & Gulf track this afternoon. Officers believe it was used by robbers to make their escape and it is generally believed that instead of taking to the wood the robbers are now hiding in Joplin and will try to make their escape on some of the outgoing trains.

KANSAS Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

Successful Convention and Interesting Programme With 400 Delegates in Attendance.

OTTAWA, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) There are between 300 and 400 delegates to the state Y. M. C. A. convention being held here in the First Baptist church. Reports of the state committee and the state secretary were read to-day and addresses were made by Dr. D. M. Fiske, of Topeka; J. P. Baily, of Kankakee, and Rev. Mr. W. C. Veazie, of Topeka. The evening programme was opened with a prayer service by John Colewell, of Topeka. "A Bird's-eye View of the Work Over Kansas" was the subject of talks by several secretaries of city associations, but the main address was made by C. C. Mitchener, field secretary of the national association. The large work of the association's plans are being made for to-morrow's meeting. Governor Stanley, of Topeka, addresses the meeting to-morrow night.

KANSAS DAIRYMEN.

State Association Will Hold Thirteenth Annual Convention at Manhattan Next Week.

MANHATTAN, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) The thirteenth annual convention of the Kansas State Dairy Association will be held at the State Agricultural college here November 22, 23 and 24. President F. S. Hurd will deliver his annual address next Wednesday afternoon. Among the subjects that will be discussed are: "Testing Milk and Cream," "State Control of Milk Testing and Inspection of Creameries," "Kansas Cheese, Prices and Outlet," "Care of Boiler and Engine," "Skim Milk For Hogs," and "Feeding for Milk Production." Premium awards of cash and jewelry will be made Friday afternoon and election of officers for the coming year will be held immediately afterward.

Shot Her Husband by Mistake.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 17.—(Special.) Lou Boloque, a local liquor dealer, had a narrow escape from death last night, at the hands of his wife. He returned to his home, three miles southwest of this city, late at night, after chicken thieves had visited the place and awakened his wife. His wife mistook him for one of the thieves and filled his body with shots from a revolver. He is seriously, but not fatally, injured.

Serious Runaway at Lyndon, Kas.

LYNDON, KAS., Nov. 17.—(Special.) A runaway accident occurred here last night in which Miss Marie Sanderson, a well known teacher, had one of her limbs broken at the hip and was otherwise seriously injured, and the other occupants of the buggy, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols, were thrown out and badly bruised.

REVIEW OF TRADE

HEAVY VOLUME OF BUSINESS AT STRONG PRICES.

SLIGHT CHECK IN IRON BOOM

MILLS ARE BEGINNING TO CATCH UP WITH ORDERS.

Demand Nearly as Strong as Ever in West—Minor Metals Somewhat Lower—Cotton Goods Continue to Advance, With Strong Demand.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"General trade and industry continues at a maximum volume for this season of the year, while prices, as a whole, manifest a strength unapproached in recent years. Strength of values is still most notable among manufactured textiles, but cereals, hides, leather and manufactures thereof have also strengthened slightly. On the other hand, pork products, raw cotton and tin are slightly lower. The great majority of prices, however, remain firm at unchanged quotations. The strength of cotton goods this week, partly the result of active demand, and also of heavily reduced available stocks has been in striking contrast with the irregularity and at times weakness manifested by the raw product. A flock of low crop estimates have made their appearance and have been accompanied by heavy realizing and some increase in movement. An active consumptive demand for wool is reported at leading markets accompanied by a fair export demand and a further reduction in stocks.

"Cereals do not manifest any striking change this week, but the resisting power of the market is apparently greater, more moderate receipts of wheat at the West, including some covering, and corn is sympathetically stronger. Another feature naturally attracting attention at this time of year is the active demand for, but generally reported small, stocks of coal available, both East and West. Lumber displays continued strength, and advances are of an expected very heavy cut this winter, both in the Northwest and at the South. Some shading in provision prices is noted, largely as a result of heavy receipts of hogs. Sugar is in rather slow demand, notwithstanding reiterated reports of the settlement of the war among refineries.

"The market for iron and steel is rather quieting at the East, but a heavy demand both for pig iron and steel is reported at Chicago. While export business has been reported checked, it is interesting to record a very heavy order for steel rods for export placed this week. Reports are also that a large foreign contract for rails has been secured. Some shading in prices of plates and steel billets is reported, but Bessemer pig iron is higher. In other metals, a feature has been a decline in tin, both at home and abroad (partly recovered later, however,) while copper remains unchanged. In hardware, a further decline in builders' grades is reported, but already some orders for next spring's delivery are being placed.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say to-morrow:

"The signs of shrinking in the new demand for iron and steel products becomes more clear, and, while prices of pig are maintained without change, and billets are quoted lower only because premiums for early deliveries are no longer paid, plates are quoted lower at the east while some small mills selling at 2.5 cents at Pittsburg, and sheets are sold by some works there at $3.00 less than the regular price. Strength of bars at the West is largely due to the great demand for cars, of which it is said 1,000 per day are ordered, but at the East prices are a shade lower. A new demand does not make up for the rapid completion of old orders in some lines, so that competition of works weakens prices. In minor metals the collapse of London speculation depressed tin to 26 cents on Wednesday here, but subsequently an advance of $20 per ton in the foreign markets brought the New York price up to 28 cents. A sale of copper by the Calumet and Hecla, said to be of 20,000,000 pounds, lowered the price to 17 cents. Spelter is weak at 4.65, with lead and tin plates unchanged.

"Shipments of boots and shoes fall off, and yet are larger than in any previous year, for the first two weeks of November 183,281 cases, against 163,759 in 1897, and 146,972 in 1894, and less in all other years. Advances asked, especially since the recent rise in leather, have prevented much buying, though many works still have business ahead for some time.

"Textile manufacturers are doing well, although in woolens the speculation in material threatens to cause some embarrassment. Sales of wool were again heavy, 21,642,311 pounds at the three chief markets, making in two weeks 41,823,811 pounds, against 17,437,100 pounds last year, when the mills were well employed. Clearly a large share of the transactions has been for speculation, but the mills have been buying also, especially those recently started after long idleness. Prices are a shade stronger for fine washed Eastern fleece, and for fine and medium delaine, so that the entire list averages about an eighth of a cent higher. Worsted goods are in good demand and have been advanced in price with some flannels. Carpets also have been active, with prices advanced 5 per cent for the season. Cotton goods continue to advance with a strong demand and with the belief in a short crop, so that some have been for the time entirely withdrawn from the market by the mills, while bleached were advanced to the highest quotation for four years.

"Conflicting estimates still make the cotton market excited, but after falling ⅛ of a cent, the price has recovered a sixteenth. The increased sales by planters and shipments from plantations appear to have had rather more influence than short crop estimates, though from high authorities.

"Wheat declined a fraction, but fully recovered, although Atlantic exports were only 2,976,551 bushels, flour included, against 3,968,768 bushels for the same week last year, and Pacific exports 720,793 bushels, against 1,988,093 bushels last year. The course of the market is the more noteworthy because Western receipts are much reduced, being only 5,897,857 bushels, against 10,337,311 bushels last year.

"Corn declined a fraction, with heavier exports than last year and smaller receipts.

"Failures for the week were 219 in the United States, against 223 last year, and twenty in Canada, against twenty-six last year."

BEER INSPECTION CASE.

Missouri Attorney General Files Motions to Strike Out Respondent's Return.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 17.—(Special.) In the proceedings of the supreme court to-day, in the case of the state ex rel Kennamore vs. Judge Farris and the consolidated brewers, for writ of prohibition, prohibiting the respondents from interfering with the enforcement of the beer inspection law, Attorney General Crow, with Assistant Sam B. Jefferies and Judge W. M. Williams, filed a motion to strike out the returns of the respondents for the reason, first, that a court of equity has no jurisdiction to try the title to the office of the beer inspector; second, that the court of equity has no authority to enjoin the collection of a license, and, third, that the respondents have undertaken to enjoin the prosecution of a criminal offense, which is prohibited by law. This case, with the Kansas City and St. Louis election cases and St. Louis police cases, will be argued to-morrow.

Oklahoma Undertakers to Meet.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 17.—(Special.) The undertakers of Oklahoma will hold their annual convention for the present year in Guthrie on November 27 and 28. Representatives from every city in the territory will be in attendance and papers of interest to the delegates will be read. Local members of the business will serve a banquet to the visitors.

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WAR TAX ON INSURANCE.

Commissioner Wilson Rules That Policies in Mutual Life Companies Are Not Exempt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Commissioner Wilson, of the internal revenue bureau, has rendered an important decision in which he holds in effect that the policies of life insurance companies which are exempt from taxation under the war revenue act are only such as are issued by fraternal societies or orders; beneficiary societies or orders, farmers' purely local co-operative companies or associations and employes' relief associations operated on the lodge system or local co-operative plan, and that the exemption does not apply to the policies of life insurance issued by mutual insurance companies per se, although they may have features of mutuality. A further restriction imposed by the law on the exempted companies is that they shall not be "conducted for profit."

The commissioner says in part:

"I am of the opinion that it was the intention of congress to exempt from taxation policies of life insurance issued by fraternal societies or orders, and beneficiary societies or orders which are operated on plans similar to the lodge or ritualistic form.

"It surely cannot be said that a mutual life insurance company is a fraternal society or order; nor can it be said that a mutual life insurance company is a beneficiary society or order, although fraternal and beneficiary societies may be mutual.

"This office holds that all insurance companies that are doing business on the old line or fixed premium plan, where policies are issued for a given, definite, fixed or stated premium, payable or capable of being estimated in advance, insofar as determining the question of taxation on their policies is concerned, are organized and conducted for profit, whether the premium is paid by assessment or not."

MAY APPOINT POPULISTS.

Governor Stanley Has Naming of a Common Pleas Judge and Two Clerks.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) Under the law creating the common pleas district court for Cherokee and Crawford counties Governor Stanley has the appointment of a judge and two clerks for the short term, which expires on the first Monday of January.

W. J. Gregg, of Crawford county, the defeated Republican nominee for judge, can have the position of judge for the short term if he wants it. Some of his friends have asked the governor to appoint him, but Gregg has never made application for it and the governor is informed that Gregg says he doesn't want to give up his law practice to take the short term. Unless Gregg or some other Republican presents an application before many days, the governor will simply appoint the fusion judge and clerks elected at the recent election.

IN A HURRY FOR MONEY.

State Treasurer Grimes Asks County Treasurers to Remit Taxes Promptly.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) States Treasurer Grimes to-day sent out tax notices to the various counties. Each one was accompanied by a letter to the treasurer which read:

"I am sending out statements of taxes due the state earlier than usual this year, and would suggest that, as soon as convenient, you send in the taxes due the state. This is simply a business proposition for the benefit of the taxpayers, as you are aware that the state has been stamping warrants 'not paid for want of funds' which draw 6 per cent interest, and the sooner the state can stop this the better for the taxpayers."

TWO EDITORS DISAPPEAR.

George T. Everett, of Tonganoxie, and C. M. Dunn, of Rossville, Are Missing.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) George T. Everett, editor of the Tonganoxie Sentinel, disappeared on election day. He came to Topeka and gave several checks on a Tonganoxie bank which have been returned protested. He left here for the West and has not been heard of since. The paper is now in control of W. A. Brice, who leased it to Everett about six months ago.

C. M. Dunn, editor of the Rossville Times, also disappeared several days ago, leaving his family in destitute circumstances. His whereabout are unknown. The Times is being published by its old owner, T. P. McMillan, of Wamego.

A Sixth District Caucus.

TOPEKA, Nov. 17.—(Special.) A little caucus of Sixth district Republican leaders was held here today. Those in attendance were David J. Hanna, of Hill City; Cy Anderson, receiver of the Colby land office; Frank Lockard, postmaster of Horton, and E. S. Knight, of Goodland, clerk in the secretary of state's office. The senatorial question was canvassed, and available candidates for state senators and representatives in that congressional district were discussed. The caucus had a Burton caste to it.

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