

ARMY CANTEENS

Their Existence Depends Upon Judicial Decisions Now Pending.

One Case at Fort Robinson, Neb., and Another at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Army Officers Are Loud in Their Praise of the Institution.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The closing of the post exchange at Fort Robinson, Neb., is, it is learned, only temporary and pending a decision by the judicial officers of the war department, and perhaps by the attorney general on the question involved, namely, the right of state officials to interfere in the internal administration of the affairs of army posts. The matter is giving much concern to army officers, for a judicial decision adverse to the post exchange, in most instances, would wipe out this institution, which the experience of several years past has shown to be of the greatest value in army administration, as tending to promote morality, sobriety and habits of thrift among the enlisted men. The question has arisen lately in the case of the post at Plattsburg, N. Y., and a judicial decision is also required in that case. This differs from the Fort Robinson case in that there is lacking a specific act of cession of jurisdiction by the State of New York to the national government and the issue must be decided there upon the basis of the general act relative to the administration of the affairs of the army establishment. At Fort Robinson, the act of cession was definite.

SHADOWGRAPH IN COURT.

Roentgen Rays Will Give Evidence Regarding a Fracture.

WICHITA, Kan., April 6.—Probably the first instance of a court recognizing the Roentgen discovery as a means of establishing a fact in evidence is that in which the district United States court directed a shadowgraph to be taken of the wrist of Peter Noel, who is suing for \$10,000 damages for wrongly setting the fracture of his wrist. The question of what the best evidence is, in a case of that kind, came up, and all the parties interested, as well as the court, agreed that in the light of modern science, a shadowgraph of the wrist would be the best evidence. Consequently the court directed Lucien Blake, professor of electricity in the state university, to make the test in court.

BIG HORN HOT SPRINGS.

They Will Likely Be Purchased and Held by the Government.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—An effort is being made by Representative Mondell of Wyoming to have the Big Horn hot springs, on the Shoshone Indian reservation in Fremont county, Wyo., purchased by the government and held as a public reservation, as the hot springs of Arkansas are. Indian Inspector McLaughlin has been sent by the interior department to negotiate with the Indians for the cessions of the springs and a tract 10 miles square surrounding them.

The Big Horn springs are said to possess remarkable medicinal qualities and are scientifically called sulphur saline springs. They are near the Big Horn river, with snow capped mountains on either side, and empty into the river in picturesque cascades.

A Congressional Pilgrimage.

LONDON, April 6.—The English preparations for the American Congressional pilgrimage to England, are now practically completed. The party, which is expected to number about 50, sails from New York on June 4, arriving at Plymouth on the 11th. After a day or two spent in the town from whence the Pilgrim Fathers set sail in the Mayflower, the party will proceed via Exeter, Wells, Glastonbury, Winchester and Bedford to London.

Harrison Receives Notice.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—General Harrison has received official notice that he could take possession of the gold medals presented to him by Spain and Brazil while he was president, as a token of esteem by the two governments. The passage of the act necessary to allow Mr. Harrison to receive them, and the signing of the measure by President Cleveland on the eve of his predecessor's marriage, is regarded as especially courteous.

Arrested an Embroider.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Ambassador Bayard has cabled the state department that Matt Adams has been arrested at Southampton and will be held for extradition. Adams was the acting clerk of the Arapahoe (Colo.) county, and is accused of making off after having embezzled \$40,000 of the funds of the county.

WILL MAKE GOOD TIME.

Rivalry Between Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

ST. PAUL, April 6.—There is considerable rivalry at present among the officials of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern over the time made by the trains of the two roads from St. Paul to the Pacific coast. As soon as the new Northern Pacific schedule was published the officials of the Great Northern began to juggle with figures, and very soon were ready to inform their agents and employees selling transportation that the train service of the Great Northern will be the shortest in point of time to the Pacific coast, according to the present schedule. The time given between St. Paul and the various Western points are as follows:

Seattle, 67 hours; Portland, 67 3/4; Spokane, 50 3/4; Helena, 41 1/2.

The Pacific coast train will leave St. Paul at 3 p. m. daily. It is now the Northern Pacific's move.

ENGLISH AFTER COPPER MINES

They Want the Other Three Quarters of the Anaconda Property.

BUTTE, Mont., April 6.—Information has been received that Hamilton Smith, who reported last fall upon the Anaconda properties, and upon whose favorable showing a one-quarter interest was taken by foreign capitalists upon the basis of \$30,000,000 for the property, is again en route for Butte. He is expected to arrive on the 23d inst. One rumor concerning his mission is that he comes empowered to examine the mines a second time to report upon the advisability of making an offer of \$40,000,000 for the remaining three-fourths of the stock. It is not believed in Butte mining circles that the figures are large enough to secure the property or that, in fact, it is for sale.

GETTING AFTER SHIPPERS.

Will Attempt to Punish Them for Accepting Low Rates.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The interstate commerce officials in Chicago are, it is said, planning to make trouble for some of the large shippers who have been receiving cut rates from the roads. No actual steps have been taken as yet but the officers of the law are after the large grain and packing house shippers.

This will be the first time that an effort has been made to get after the shippers for taking as low rates as they have been able to procure from the roads. It is a fact, however, that in the majority of cases which the interstate commerce commission has taken up in this city that the shipper has been the chief offender, as in most cases the railroad man is not going to offer reduced rates unless he is assured that he must do so in order to get the business.

HAWAIIAN CABLE.

Amount of the Government Subsidy Cut Down by the Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Pacific cable project was once more the subject of discussion by the house committee during the day. Mr. Bennett of New York presented a substitute bill, embodying several amendments which had been suggested by members in former discussions. It was the sense of the committee that instead of the subsidy of \$160,000 asked by the Pacific Cable company, a New York corporation, the government should not aid it in a greater sum than \$100,000 a year for 20 years, and that government business should be done free for all time.

Wants Half a Million.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Dr. Marc Livingstone wants \$500,000 for the interest which, as one of the executors of the penciled wills, he and some of his friends possessed in the estate of James G. Fair. Two of the children of the dead millionaire and some other legatees recognize that the physician has very valuable rights in the matter, but they have thus far offered only \$200,000 to compromise. It is believed there will be mutual concessions and a settlement.

Sold the Oak Park Track.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 6.—At noon Charter Oak Park, known the country over among horsemen as one of the finest of driving parks, was sold under the hammer for the sum of \$19,000 at a sacrifice of \$150,000 from the original cost. This magnificent trotting park was rendered useless by the enactment of the anti-pool selling law by the general assembly of four years ago.

Located the Bullet With X Rays.

OMAHA, April 4.—The first case in Omaha in which a surgical operation was successfully performed with the X rays occurred during the afternoon when doctors extracted a bullet which had been located by means of a Roentgen photograph, taken by Professor Turner of the Omaha high school.

Chamberlain Issues a Statement.

LONDON, April 6.—Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, has issued a statement calculated to calm apprehension regarding the situation in South Africa to the effect that he expects the force of 600 men now forming at Mafeking with the forces now in Matabeleland to be sufficient to crush the rebellion.

NEWS OF A LEGAL NATURE.

The Wagon Fish Law Has Been Decided Upon by the Supreme Court.

The federal supreme court has decided that the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law is valid.

Judge Gibbons declined to appoint a receiver for the National Linseed Oil company, and dismissed for want of equity, the bill asking for the receiver.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

An attempt was made to wreck the Mississippi capitol at Jackson by undermining it.

Two attempts have been made in Chicago to kidnap the granddaughter of Modjeska.

Martin McGrath, ex-alderman of Fort Worth, Tex., under sentence for murder, escaped from jail.

Formal charges of housebreaking have been preferred against Lieutenant Fitzgerald of the Seventh cavalry.

In a desperate fight between cattle thieves and cow men near Frevlis Lake, Tex., two thieves were killed and two wounded.

Paddy McGraw, in jail at Savannah, Mo., charged with the bank robbery there, is wanted at the Western penitentiary of Pennsylvania.

SPORTING NEWS.

Oxford won the fifty-third annual boat race from Cambridge, at Putney.

The Pacific Coast Jockey club stewards have unearthed a conspiracy of jockeys to fleece the public at Bay District and Ingleside tracks.

The Leipzig imperial court has quashed the conviction of Robert F. Kneeb, the American horseman who was recently convicted of "ringing."

President N. E. Young has appointed on his staff of umpires for this season: Sheridan, Lynch, Hurst, Emslie, Keefe, Weidman and Henderson, with Dan Campbell as substitute.

Tillie Anderson, the female bicyclist, rode 185 miles and 1 lap in nine hours, beating her own previous world's record, and coming within one minute of the record of male riders.

Joint Debates Postponed.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 6.—The series of joint debates between Secretary Hoke Smith and Charles F. Crisp is off for the present at least, Crisp having requested their postponement on account of his physical condition, his throat being considerably inflamed.

Increased Railroad Business.

DULUTH, April 6.—Railroad business at the head of the lakes was vastly better last month than in years. This was in great measure due to increased wheat receipts and coal shipments, but the fact is that business in general is improving. The total number of cars handled was 19,209, as against 15,194 a year ago and 10,457 two years ago.

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