

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Incidents, Enterprises, Accidents, Ventures, Crimes and Wars.

Church of the World organized by a Cincinnati lawyer.

Allied villagers, which is a new name for the Boxers, have armed force of 25,000.

Rear Admiral Irwin, retired, died after illness of several months.

J. Pierpont Morgan probably ends steel strike by arranging mutual concessions, which the Amalgamated Association may ratify.

Result of giant struggle between capital and labor is regarded as a draw.

Drenching rains in five states of the great corn belt break the drought and revive the shriveled crops.

Millions of dollars will be saved to the farmers.

Baron von Holderberg, who previous to his death Saturday at Lindenbush, L. I., had led an obscure life, came from a wealthy and aristocratic family in Germany.

Thousands of homestead seekers at El Reno, O. T., attend the lottery drawing for Kiowa-Comanche lands.

The Union Pacific Railway, in lessening the distance to the Pacific coast, accomplishes one of the greatest engineering feats of modern times.

Health of London menaced by the product of its unsanitary bakerhouses.

Chinese slaves smuggled into the United States across the Mexican border.

Hotel men disappointed at the attendance of the Baptist Young People's convention at Chicago.

J. H. Chapman re-elected president of the union.

Cyrus Lake, 8 years old, robbed of 48 cents by several companions of his own age at Rogers City, Mich., and then drowned in a mill pond by them.

Report in investigation of Indianapolis insanity trust shows that nearly half the persons examined were found sane.

Jury, under instruction of the judge, acquitted Robert S. Fosberg of the murder of his sister at Pittsfield, Mass.

Total registration at El Reno for lands in Kiowa reservation was 167,006.

Strike of cigar makers closed nearly all the factories at Tampa, Fla.

Rain has fallen in many places in the corn belt, relieving the drought.

Earthquake felt in Nevada.

The strike of the union ice handlers at Columbus, O., for a ten-hour day and pay for overtime ended in a victory for the strikers.

W. E. Moses of Denver has made claim to four islands near the mouth of the Maumee river at Toledo, O. The islands are valued at \$150,000 and are now claimed by the state under the swamp act of 1850.

After eighteen months of continued work it is announced that work on the telegraph line to Dawson will be entirely completed Aug. 1.

Li Ching Fang, Li Hung Chang's adopted son, is likely soon to be appointed minister to the United States, the press reviewer being suspicious of Wu Ting Fang.

Democratic state executive committee of South Carolina, by decree of Senator Tillman, passes resolution demanding resignation of Senator McLaughlin on charge of treachery to party.

Government health officers found case of bubonic plague reported at New York to be the genuine disease. Three more cases discovered at San Francisco.

Excessive heat continued Wednesday throughout Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. In St. Louis there were forty deaths and fifty prostrations, and fatalities in many other cities.

Beatrice and Robert L. Fosberg, the sister and father of Robert, told the story of their sister's murder. Their stories strengthened theory that crime was done by burglars.

Russian and Imperial troops defeated in an encounter with rebels in southeast Manchuria. Foreign consuls warned to be prepared for another uprising.

Secretary Long granted Admiral Schley's request for a court of inquiry and appointed Admiral Dewey presiding officer. Investigation of the charges to be most thorough.

The body of James Freeman, a well-known young man of Aurora, Ill., was found on Hurd's island. He had committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. In a letter to his mother he intimated that a quarrel with his sweetheart led to the deed.

Dr. M. A. Arnold, ex-member of the Pennsylvania legislature and one of the most prominent physicians in Pittsburgh, shot himself through the heart. The suicide was the result, it is supposed, of ill health, from which Dr. Arnold had suffered for the last two years.

Chicago Presbytery found the Rev. E. T. Fleming guilty of lying, but acquitted him of improper conduct toward Mrs. F. S. Dvorak.

Representatives of three New York papers barred from Fosberg trial at Pittsfield, Mass., for printing stories calculated to prejudice the jury.

Four persons, believed to be members of notorious Bender family of Kansas, located near Fort Collins, Colo. Frank Ayres declares one of them Kate Bender, his former wife.

John L. Sullivan to open a saloon in Buffalo.

Dr. Koch's assertion that the germs of consumption cannot be transmitted from animal to human beings is vigorously combated.

James Fosberg, a brother of Robert, related how he found the body of his sister the night she was shot at Pittsfield, Mass.

PLAN FOR BOER PEACE.

Gibson Bowles Says That Negotiations Are in Progress.

Following in the information cable to New York that rumors of an important step toward enforcing peace between England and the Boers pervaded the house of commons for several days came a speech by Gibson Bowles, conservative, that caused a profound sensation, says the London correspondent of the World. Mr. Bowles gave the government solemn warning that unless peace were made in South Africa before spring extreme grave complications would confront England in Europe.

A ministerial contradiction of the statement made by Mr. Bowles was looked for, but none came.

Upon inquiry in the lobby of the author of the warning, a World correspondent learned that Mr. Bowles, who, though a conservative, is somewhat disaffected and more or less antagonistic to the ministry, referred in his speech to a movement set on foot by Premier DeKuyper of Holland, aided by Queen Wilhelmina, by which he had succeeded in interesting the emperor of Germany and the czar of Russia so far that their negotiations were fast approaching a point where England could no longer safely ignore them.

Gen. Lyttleton will probably succeed Lord Kitchener as commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa.

Thirteen British killed and twenty-one wounded in fight with Mad Mulah.

Boers captured, wounded or surrendered from July 1 to 22 numbered 1,368.

AGREE AS TO INDEMNITY.

China to Pay Sum of 450,000,000 Taels to Powers.

A memorable meeting of the ministers was held in Peking Friday, it being announced thereon eleven governments had agreed that the indemnity to be paid by China should be 450,000,000 taels, and that the security would be the salt tax, the native customs and an increase in the maritime customs, to an effective 5 per cent. The principal of the Chinese loan to pay the indemnities will be payable in 1940. The total payments of principal and interest will be 1,000,000,000 taels. Chinese bonds will be accepted at 4 per cent. The individual claims have not yet been determined. A full protocol for the signatures of the ministers is now being prepared. It is hoped to have it completed in time for its signing by Mr. Rockhill, the American special commissioner, and M. de Giers, the retiring Russian minister.

Maniac Shoots Six Persons.

Michael Kelly, an insane man at the office of the Robert Garrett Lumber company, Leavenworth, Kan., shot six persons, killing one, probably fatally wounding another, and more or less seriously wounding four others. He was himself finally killed by policemen, who vainly tried to overpower him. The victims are: John R. Garrett, aged 40 years, junior member of the firm of Robert Garrett Lumber company; died at hospital. Michael Kelly, aged 50; died after being taken to police station. Dr. Charles McGee, aged 30; shot in back and probably fatally wounded. Police Sergeant William Dodge; shot in neck; wounds serious. Michael McDonald, detective; shot in leg; slight. Joseph Palthager, policeman; shot in hand; wound slight.

Woman's Eyes Burned Out.

Peter Tibbary, an iron worker at Muncie, Ind., who for years had pleaded with Mrs. Mary Torrey to marry him, but always meeting with refusal, threw carbolic acid in her face, burning her eyes and frightfully burning her neck, breast and arms. Tibbary went to the home of Kate Phinney, where Mrs. Torrey was visiting, to commit the revengeful act.

Cool Dress at Church.

At the request of the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Conger, the congregation of the Universalist church at Benton Harbor attended service Sunday in shirt waists, low-necked gowns and outing suits. Some of the women were hatless. Dr. Conger believes in comfort in religion, and church members are pleased with the new departure.

Enoch Payne Dead.

Enoch Payne, one of Springfield's oldest residents, prominent in war times as a printer and book binder, and the proprietor of an establishment for the manufacture of cartridges, is dead of old age. The deceased had known every governor of Illinois, going to Springfield when the capitol building was moved from Kaskaskia.

Poisoned by Dye of Hose.

The condition of Lieutenant Commander J. C. Cressop of the navy is at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va., suffering from blood poisoning. Lieutenant Commander Cressop wore a pair of tight shoes, which pressed the stockings so hard against the foot that the dye affected it, blood poisoning setting in, and his life was despaired of.

Farms Are Quarantined.

Members of the Illinois state livestock commission believe they have checked the danger of an epidemic from anthrax among the cattle of Palestine, Ill. The farms of the men who are believed to have had infected cattle have been quarantined, and the extermination of the disease has been left in the hands of Floyd Gibbs, a veterinary surgeon. Henry Denton and Joseph Kitzon, who were made ill from taking care of the infected cattle, were said to be in a much improved condition.

Young People's Meeting Closed.

The Young People's Christian Union of the United Associate Reforms of Presbyterian Churches of North America closed its annual session of five days at Winona Lake, Ind., Sunday. Hereafter biennial meetings will be held, the order to apply after the meeting next year at Winona. Rev. M. Russell, D. D., delivered the convention sermon. Rev. J. A. Duff of Chicago gave a review of the work of the convention, and Rev. E. B. Stewart of Chicago directed a conference of pastors.

SCHLEY-SAMPSON INQUIRY

Schley's Son Talks of the Sensational Case.

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The Young Man Says He Would Like the Privilege of Asking Admiral Sampson One Question—The Brooklyn in the Battle of Santiago.

Captain Thomas F. Schley, eldest son of Admiral Winfield S. Schley, who is stationed at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City, Sunday outlined some points that will be brought out in the court of inquiry as to his father's conduct at the battle of Santiago. He declared that some startling facts will be brought to light if the whole truth shall become known, and that the reputations of persons other than his father are likely to suffer. "I have just written to my father," said Captain Schley, "that I thought he ought to spare nobody and that he should withhold none of the facts in his possession about Admiral Sampson or anybody else."

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campaigns in the Philippines where he earned his captaincy. Since his return from the Philippines he has been stationed at Fort Douglas.

ESCAPED BEING BURIED ALIVE.

Mishawaka Man, Supposed to Be Dead, Returns to Life.

A singular case of suspended animation was recorded at Mishawaka, Ind., Sunday. At 11 o'clock Saturday morning a telegram came from Harvey, Ill., announcing the death of Charles Vrooman, until a short time ago a well-known merchant here. Blood poisoning due to burns was the cause assigned. Local papers published his obituary last evening. Upon receipt of the dispatch the relatives hastened to the Mishawaka town to take charge of the remains and arrangements were progressing in this city for the reception of the corpse and the burial. He supposed dead man being a leading member of local secret societies. About 7 o'clock Saturday evening, however, a second message came, declaring that Vrooman had returned to life, the remarkable transition taking place in view of relatives and the undertaker.

Governor Allen of Porto Rico is to retire on Sept. 1, and he will be succeeded by William H. Hunt, Secretary of the island.

THAT \$280,000,000 PROBLEM—VERY SIMPLE.



Uncle Sam—"Gentlemen, there ought to be no trouble in settling this matter. As I understand it, Andrew Carnegie, who got the money that did not go to the steel workers, is now wondering how to give away two hundred and eighty million dollars. That's the trust side. The other side, the working-

man's side, only wants enough to live decently and to educate his son instead of sending him out to work. "I do not see why you should not get together. "Let the workers be well paid now, instead of piling up hundreds of millions more for some future Carnegie to puzzle over."—Chicago American.

Twenty-third infantry, in command at Fort Douglas. Although he has not had a letter from his father since the court of inquiry was ordered, he is familiar with the questions at issue, and pointed out some of the facts that will be urged in the admiral's defense.

"When the court of inquiry meets," said Captain Schley, "I would like to have the privilege of asking Admiral Sampson just one question: 'If the battle of Santiago had resulted in defeat, to whom would the blame be attached?' This, I think, tells the situation in a nutshell. If Admiral Schley had lost the battle he would have been blamed. He won it, and he should have the credit. The accusations that are made are ridiculous when they are investigated. Take, for example, the charge of disobedience of orders in May, 1898. An attempt has been made to saddle the responsibility on my father. The fact is that he has a letter from Admiral Sampson telling him to do exactly what he did, and this letter will be produced at the inquiry. At that time he was maintaining the blockade of Cienfuegos. Secretary Long wired Admiral Sampson strongly advising that the blockading fleet go to Santiago in the hope of finding the Spanish fleet there. Admiral Sampson sent the dispatch to Admiral Schley with a note in which he said: 'After duly considering the telegram I have decided to make no change in the present plans—that is, you should hold your squadron off Cienfuegos.' This letter was suppressed. Regarding the maneuvers of the Brooklyn at the time of the battle, Captain Schley says the facts all go to show that this was the best move under the circumstances. The part played by the Brooklyn in the battle certainly compares favorably with that of the New York, he thinks.

"If this inquiry is full and fair," declared Captain Schley, "some facts will be disclosed that will startle the public. My father has several strong cards up his sleeve, and I trust he will make use of them all." Captain Schley enlisted in the army in 1884, and was appointed a second lieutenant in the Twenty-third infantry seven years later. He has served with his regiment all through its

Promotion for McNichols. Charles S. McNichols, formerly editor of the Momeque Press-Reporter, this county, has been promoted from Indian agent at the Colorado river agency in Arizona to the position of special agent for the Interior Department. His duties will be the inspection of the forty-eight Indian agencies of the country and the disbursing of the annuity funds to the Indians under treaties made years ago. His first work will be the disbursement of about \$5,000 to the various Sioux tribes in South Dakota. As he can only draw \$25,000 from the treasury at one time, under his bond, this will keep him in that place for several weeks. McNichols' salary and per diem amounts to \$3,000 a year, and all of his traveling expenses are paid. His successor as Indian agent will be Jesse Moore of Danville.

Calls the Judge a Liar. Mrs. Annie Biehr of Cincinnati was committed to jail at Batavia, O., by Judge Parrott because she had called him a liar in open court. She had asked for a divorce from her husband, August E. Biehr of New Richmond, but it was refused. Her child had previously been held by each parent in turn during alternate months. She had promised the judge to give the child to the father on a certain date and when asked to do so refused. To the judge's question whether she had not agreed to give up the child she replied, "You are a liar." She was sent to jail until she retracts the statement, which she says she will never do.

Bridge Toll-Taker Stabbed. Frank Bakalars, toll-taker on the Mississippi river wagon bridge at La Crosse, Wis., was stabbed, probably fatally, by William Warnoch, who attempted to cross the bridge without paying toll. Bakalars drove Warnoch off the structure, when the latter turned and stabbed him in the back. As Bakalars fell he drew his pistol and fired at his assailant, striking him in the arm. The police arrived at this point and both were taken to the station in the ambulance. While Warnoch's wound is inconsequential, it is feared that Bakalars will not recover.

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Shoots Girl and Himself. John Benesh and Agnes Jirsa of Walford, Benton county, Iowa, engaged in a lovers' quarrel. Benesh induced the girl to go with him for a walk, and on the outskirts of the village he shot her. He then turned the revolver on himself. Probably both will die.

Brings Gold from Alaska. The steamer St. Paul has arrived at San Francisco from Alaska with about two and a half millions in gold consigned to the Alaskan Commercial company.

Fifteen Sials in Explosion. An explosion of petroleum in the harbor at Stockholm, Sweden, on board the American schooner Louise Adelaide, Captain Orr, which left Philadelphia April 24, and Portland, Me., June 4, for Stockholm, resulted in the death of Captain Orr, ten members of the steamer's crew and four Swedish customs officials. Two of the crew were saved. The explosion set the schooner afire and the blazing petroleum enveloped the vessel and those on board.

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Losses in Stricken States Amount to Hundreds of Millions.

KANSAS SUFFERS THE MOST.

Wisconsin Now in the Heat-Blasted Belt—Melons Short in Indiana—Corn Shortage Can Not Be Fully Estimated But Is Enormous.

Carefully prepared estimates on the losses to crops in the west, due to heat and want of rain, show the following figures: Kansas, \$300,000,000; Missouri, \$150,000,000; Nebraska, \$50,000,000; Iowa, \$25,000,000; Ohio, \$20,000,000; Wisconsin, \$20,000,000; Indiana, \$10,000,000; Illinois, \$10,000,000.

Crop damage in Indiana is greater than has been estimated, especially in the southern part. In the Indianapolis section the corn on high ground has been burned till it will not yield half a crop. Melons will be short 50 or 60 per cent, and potatoes will not make more than half a crop. In Knox, Daviess, Orange, Monroe and other counties in those sections, the corn on high ground will not average five bushels to the acre. Miami, Carroll, Howard, Henry and other counties report great damage to crops, but not to the extent of the southern and southwestern counties.

Even should heavy rain fall in Wisconsin corn will not be more than half a crop, and most of it will be of little use, except as forage. Tobacco is almost a total failure, oats about 40 per cent of a crop. Dairyman are selling their cows, owing to the scarcity of feed. Notices are being sent by Dean Henry of the college of agriculture to all newspapers in the northern part of the state where rain has been abundant, urging the farmers to save every particle of feed of every kind, as there will be a big demand for it at good prices.

In Illinois the injury to corn is not great as yet, but leaves are curling and in a few places tassels and top leaves dying; good rains within a week or ten days would save corn, but yield will be below average; crop looks well in vicinity of Springfield and is able to stand ten days more drought; hay harvest nearly over, light crop; gardens and potatoes badly injured; pastures bare, farmers feeding stock; wells and stock water becoming scarce; peaches fair; apples continue dropping.

Walcott and Corbett Win. Before the Royal Golf and Athletic club at Bridgeport, Conn., Joe Walcott won the decision from Jack Bonner at the end of fifteen rounds. Walcott kept up a tattoo on Bonner's heart and stomach during the fight. The negro weighed 145 and Bonner 165 pounds.

At Denver "Young Corbett" of Denver made Kid Broad of New York look like an amateur in their ten-round go at the Coliseum, and was given the decision at the end of the bout. Corbett had no trouble in landing on Broad and put him to the mat three times during the bout. He landed an average of five blows to Broad's one. Thirty-five hundred spectators witnessed the go.

Collision on Rock Island. A passenger train on the Rock Island railroad ran into another which was going on to a siding at Tiffin, Iowa. A sleeping car was knocked over on its side and several passengers were injured, but none of them seriously. Following are the names of those hurt: C. D. Reiter, East Orange, N. Y., back hurt; two children slightly bruised; Frank L. Adams, Boston, Mass., foot hurt; J. E. Dunreap, Denver, Col., cut ear; A. M. Collins, Lebanon, Kan., head, slightly; J. A. McGraw, Chicago, bruised; E. Bumpson, Chicago, porter, bruised left shoulder. All the passengers injured proceeded to their destination.

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BIG BLAZE AT DAVENPORT.

Fire Destroys Mill, Lumber and Residence Worth \$800,000.

Fire laid waste an area of sawmill and residence property in Davenport, Iowa, Thursday evening equal to two ordinary city blocks. The flames started at 2:30 in the big piles of kindling wood of the Rock Island Fuel Company on the levee. The brisk breeze blowing carried the flames directly across the immense lumber yards of Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann, which soon were a mass of flames. The spread of the fire was so rapid that the workmen had barely time to desert the yard, some losing their coats and dinner pails. The flames pushed their way into the adjoining residence district, closely settled with middle-class homes of an average value of a few thousand dollars each, from which the occupants escaped only with their lives and the clothing on their backs. Over fifty homes were burned, some tenements, resulting in 100 families being rendered homeless. Others deserted their homes in the threatened district. Vacant houses all over town were filled with furniture removed from the imperiled district.

Tar and Feathers Follow Assault. Valentine Miller after being tarred and feathered in West Chicago, Ill., was saved from being lynched only by the strenuous resistance of the older men in the angry crowd which surrounded him. Instead of hanging there was substituted riding him out of town, on a rail. The younger men in the crowd, aroused by the unusual experience of tarring and feathering, and excited by the cries of the hundreds of angry women, were anxious for more conclusive vengeance, and for a time fought fiercely to get a rope around Miller's neck. The people of West Chicago were aroused by the appearance of Mrs. Miller running down the main street, crying loudly, and with blood running from numerous cuts on her head and face. The beating she had received she declared was the last one of a long series for which her husband was responsible. She said she had been knocked down and struck repeatedly across the face and breast.

Admiral Schley Requests Investigation. Admiral Schley will ask an investigation of his conduct during the Cuban campaign by a naval court of inquiry and will sue the author of Macley's history for libel. He made known his determination at Washington in response to urgent inquiries from the Washington Post. The editor of that paper telegraphed Admiral Schley that in an editorial it insisted that he owed it to himself as well as to his friends to begin proceedings against Mr. Macley to disprove the latter's charge, adding: "Will you do this? Please wire statement." Admiral Schley's statement follows:

"Great Neck, L. I., July 23.—Editor Washington Post: I believe the first step should be investigation of all matter by a court, then a civil action afterwards. I am preparing to take this course. W. S. Schley."

Cape Rebels Executed. Two Cape rebels have been executed at Kenhardt. The government issued a proclamation authorizing the commanding officer of the Mount Fletcher and Matatiele districts. The military court which is sitting at Dorrecht has sentenced thirteen rebels to imprisonment for life. Two others who were convicted were sentenced to five and ten years' imprisonment, respectively. A fight is reported to have taken place between James-ton and Lady Gray, eastern Cape Colony. Fouchey's commando attacked a hundred Comanchet rangers, but scouts from Alwal North appearing, the Boers retreated, apparently thinking that the scouts were strongly supported. The Boers are said to have lost heavily.

Scores Youngsters' Pardon. The Minnesota Bankers' association adopted a resolution at Duluth putting their mark of disapproval on the pardoning of the Younger brothers from the state penitentiary. There was no opposition to the resolution, which is as follows: "Resolved, That the stability of the government, the well-being and good morals of the people and respect for rights of others demand equitable and firm execution of law and the infliction of penalty for its violation. In the parole of the Youngers we believe a precedent has been set injurious to the well-being and order of society and one that may cause a tempted repetition by sympathizers and criminal admirers, and we deprecate the notoriety given them."

Most Consumption in Tenement. Professor Koch, the famous scientist and discoverer of the phthisis bacilli, read a paper before the Tuberculosis Congress at London in which he announced the discovery made by himself that human tuberculosis was different from animal tuberculosis, and that the latter was rarely infectious to man. Tenement houses, he declared, were the greatest breeding places of tuberculosis.

Oppose Governor of Texas. There is apparently a serious rupture between Governor Sayres and the Railroad commission in Texas. A few weeks ago the Governor addressed a letter to the commission, saying he desired to use fuel oil in the State institutions and asking the commission to call a meeting to reduce the rates. The commission has published an address claiming the rates on oil in Texas are lower than those in effect elsewhere and that the railroads are entitled to make a profit. They intimate that the Governor has violated the proprieties.

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Wrecked by Explosion of Oil. A terrific explosion of petroleum in the most thickly populated quarter of Batum, Asiatic Russia, wrecked the whole center of the town. It is impossible to estimate the loss of life and property, but in each case this is large.

Former Congressman Dies. Ex-Congressman I. C. Goodnight died at his home in Franklin, Ky., Wednesday evening. Goodnight was Circuit Judge at the time of his death and a Democratic candidate for United States Senator.