

# Morgan County Republican.

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VERSAILLES, MISSOURI.

Out in Michigan a millionaire lumberman has just died, leaving 27 wills, and it won't be long before there will be 27 lawyers to each will.

Baggy trousers such as the English expert intends as part of the American soldier's uniform will render it difficult for Uncle Sam's boys to run after their enemies.

A Houston (Tex.) married man defines sorrow as "an emotion which the benedict rarely experiences when Mary and the kids go to the seaside for the summer."

Sarah Bernhardt need not repine because the decoration of the Legion of Honor has been denied her. The decoration of the American Dollar is always hers for the asking.

Miss Corey says she doesn't believe any rich New York man is fit to be the custodian of a child. She has not trusted herself to express an opinion concerning rich Pittsburg men.

It has been observed that Americans are more ardently patriotic than ever after a sojourn in Europe. This rush of millionaires to the other side ought to be a good thing for the country.

One of the Chicago university scientists declares that 95 per cent. of the population of that city eat too much. Very strange. Our understanding is that 68 per cent. of the Chicago people board.

Seventy-five Jews were arrested in Odessa recently for defending themselves against hoodlums. In Russia it is a serious crime for a Jew not to stand still and be killed when the fanatics get after him.

The chignon is said to be coming in fashion again. The chignon is made from your hair rolled over a turban at the back of your head. Reasons for its return have not yet been given out.

In Ithaca, N. Y., four cripples recently engaged in a hand-to-hand combat over an argument as to which one of them was really the most unfortunate. The incident illustrates the pride that human nature takes in any kind of a distinction.

Another pedestrian—this time a Greek—has turned up who is walking around the world on a wager of \$20,000. Funny that no one ever hears of these tramps winning the pot. And anyhow, where do they get the money with which to bet?

Alas for the hens of Franklin, Pa. Sit they ever so patiently, it is reported that the shock of blasting operations now going on in their neighborhood is killing the unborn chicks and reducing the maternal sitting to a mere physical exercise for the cultivation of patience.

That opportunities for poor but energetic young men are still to be found in this country is manifest in the circumstance that such a young man, with no other capital than a two-cent stamp, cleaned up a matter of \$25,000 by bidding for the Panama canal bonds. If that youth does not develop into a Napoleon of finance the indications are at fault.

The poet Holland's prayer in 1856, "God, give us men," was answered. It had been answered before it was uttered. We had men and they stood forth when the imperative call came. We have them now and they are not so much in obscurity as they were in 1856. We have stronger, greater men in the forefront now than we had then and there are plenty more who will stand forth when the call upon them is unmistakable.

Kansas is preparing to roll in wealth once more as a result of unprecedented crops. All anticipations have been surpassed. From present appearances the state will have 90,000,000 bushels of wheat, or 13,000,000 bushels more than the big output of last year. Corn is also in splendid condition, and from these two cereals Kansas expects to be enriched to the extent of \$115,000,000. Once more it is to be said emphatically that there is nothing the matter with Kansas—except a little difficulty in getting hands enough to gather her grain.

Germany is still fighting the rebellious negroes in her southwest African possessions. Of the 15,000 soldiers sent there to subdue the negroes, 2,120 have been killed, 1,000 have returned to Germany as invalids and 1,000 more are in the field hospital. The war has cost Germany to date \$100,000,000. Perhaps, says the Atlanta Constitution, this is why England, France and Italy have decided to reduce their standing armies and relieve the taxpayers a bit. The Kaiser isn't half as fierce as his mustache.

## MAP OF VALPARAISO AND VICINITY.



### APPEASE LAND HUNGER

**CZAR'S EFFORTS TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF PEASANTS.**

### A BOLD BID FOR SUPPORT

**Crown Lands and Appendages For the Peasants, and Then Go Before the Country Upon the Issue.**

St. Petersburg—An important series of conferences are being held at Peterhof, on the question of the immediate distribution of the crown lands and appendages, to the peasants, in an attempt to find a partial solution of the agrarian question by measurably appeasing the land hunger of the peasantry. The government has definitely decided to proceed with the original plan outlined August 7 for settling the agrarian question regardless of parliament, and go to the country upon the issue at the coming election.

**The Distribution of Land.**  
Within a fortnight an imperial ukase will be issued, directing the agrarian commission to begin the distribution of 1,800,000 dessiatines (a dessiatine is about 2 1/2 acres) belonging to the appendages, 4,000,000 dessiatines belonging to the crown, and 2,000,000 dessiatines of land offered to or purchased through the peasants' bank. Only the forests and lands belonging to the state, the preservation of which is considered necessary for the future agricultural prosperity of the country, will be reserved.

**How Financed.**  
The transaction will be financed through the peasants' bank. Little cash will be required. The landlords and other sellers will be given marketable land scrip, eventually redeemable by the peasant purchasers in installment notes designed to meet the interest and amortization. The emperor will not give up land of the imperial family as a free gift, but like other landlords he will accept scrip. It is believed that no parliament will ever dare to repeal this temporary law. Nearly all the present restrictions upon the peasants as a class will also be removed. This in substance is the government's bold bid for the support of the Russian peasant millions against the propaganda of the revolutionists.

**Gen. Mien Assassinated By a Girl.**  
St. Petersburg—Gen. Mien, commander of the Semenovskiy regiment, was assassinated in the park of the Peterhof palace. He was promenading with his family, when a young woman fired four shots at him with a revolver. The general was instantly killed.

**Attempt On Stolypin's Life.**  
St. Petersburg—The city has not recovered from the shock of the bomb thrown at the official residence of Premier Stolypin, in which 28 people were instantly killed and many others wounded. The premier's injuries were not serious, but his son was seriously hurt. His daughter, at first reported dead, still lingers, although she can scarcely recover, as both her legs were so badly shattered that amputation was found necessary.

**Engineer and Fireman Killed.**  
Indianapolis Ind.—Passenger train No. 25, on the Big Four railroad, running between Elkhart and Indianapolis, was derailed at Taft, 20 miles northeast of Indianapolis. Engineer Parker Bugby and fireman Harry Guy were crushed to death under their engine. None of the passengers was injured. The engine, tugged, baggage car and smoking car left the track and rolled down an embankment.

**Shaw Will Speak in Tennessee.**  
Nashville, Tenn.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, will open the republican campaign in Tennessee with a speech here September 14.

### DISEASE EPIDEMIC FEARED

**STRICKEN CHILEAN CITIES IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION.**

**Rainstorms Follow Severe Shocks at Valparaiso and Santiago—Clearing Away Wreckage.**

Valparaiso.—There were two slight earthquake shocks here Thursday night.

Rain began falling again, increasing the sufferings of thousands who are living in tents. Many sought refuge in houses whose walls are in a dangerous state of ruin.

It is believed that if the rain continues much longer a serious epidemic is sure to break out.

About 10,000 workmen are employed in clearing away the ruins here and in searching for bodies of those who lost their lives during the recent earthquakes and fires.

In the wreckage of a house workmen found a child alive in a barrel, which had protected it from harm.

The naval school is to be reconstructed, and it is expected that the cadets will be able to resume their studies there in about two months.

The sale of articles of food is strictly supervised by the city and government officials, to prevent any abuse in the direction of the increase in prices. Merchants detected in the act of selling food above the fixed prices are compelled to close their stores.

In order to guard the people as much as possible from suffering during the heavy rains a complete drainage system has been constructed at all the spots where the population is living in tents.

President Riesco has visited all the tented parts of the city in his efforts to do everything here to encourage the homeless people.

The commercial houses and the banks will pay their employees their full month's wages to assist them in their present hardships. The government will also pay its employees the same day.

### EMOTIONAL INSANITY PLEA.

**Attorneys Conclude to Make That Thaw's Defense.**

New York, N. Y.—A decision was reached by attorneys for Harry K. Thaw that Thaw's defense to the charge of killing Stanford White will be a plea of emotional insanity.

This will include as part of the defense that Thaw's insanity existed only until after White was killed, and that Thaw is now sane again, and has been since the killing.

### CARNEGIE SPELLING REFORM.

**It Has Been Adopted By President Roosevelt.**

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—President Roosevelt has adopted the Carnegie spelling reform movement. The president has issued orders to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the president and all other documents emanating from the white house shall be printed in accordance with the recommendations of the spelling reform committee headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia university.

**Wilson Visits Packing Plants.**  
Omaha, Neb.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, unattended, and without disclosing his identity, drove alone in a closed carriage to the packing plants in South Omaha. After a short inspection of several of the plants, the secretary returned to this city, saying: "I don't want my identity known."

**Standard and Central Indicted.**  
Jamestown, N. Y.—The federal grand jury for the western district of New York has returned indictments against the Standard Oil Co. and the New York Central Railroad Co., charging violations of the interstate law in giving and accepting special rates in the shipment of oil.

## MAY END REBELLION

**BANDERA, CUBAN INSURGENT CHIEF, SLAIN IN BATTLE**

### WAS TERRIBLY MUTILATED

**Bandera's Death Believed to Mean End of the Revolt in Havana Province.**

Havana—The body of the negro, Gen. Quentin Bandera, the most daring insurgent in Havana province, who was killed in a battle, lies in the morgue at Havana flanked by those of two mulatto comrades, all rightfully gashed by the long, heavy machetes of the rural guards, who ended their career. Across the street, in Neptune park, a great crowd, mostly negro friends of Bandera, are watching the morgue with silent interest.

It is believed the insurrectionary movement in western Havana has been broken by Bandera's death.

The arrival of Bandera's body here was the first news of the fight in which he met his death. The conflict occurred at the Silveira farm, near Punta Brava, 15 miles from Havana.

A detachment of 38 mounted rural guards, under Capt. Ignacio del Gado and Lieut. Martinez, searched throughout the night for Bandera's party.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the guards were breaking through a wire fence at the edge of the Silveira farm, when they were suddenly fired upon by Bandera's followers, 20 in number. The guards rushed upon the insurgents, but with the exception of their chief and his two leading comrades they all escaped.

The guards made the chief and his two companions a special object of attack, and all three received several bullet wounds and were horribly mutilated by machete cuts. Not one of the guards was wounded.

**Bodies Terribly Mutilated.**  
The bodies of Bandera and his companions were placed in a wagon and taken to Havana. An examination of Bandera's body showed that his principal wound was a severe machete blow on the head, which cut off his left ear and made an ugly incision in his face. He also had bullet wounds in his arms and breast.

The condition of Bandera's two dead companions was even more shocking. Their faces and heads were terribly gashed, and they also had machete wounds in their breasts and on their arms. The clothes of all three men showed every evidence of the hard life which they had been leading while eluding their pursuers.

### Gen. Gomez Enters Denial.

Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, at his formal arraignment, denied the allegation that he had engaged in conspiracy against the government.

The government expects that the steamer Mexico, which will sail from New York on Saturday, will bring 18 rapid-fire guns, 10,000,000 cartridges and 12,000 Lee rifles.

Tomas Estrada Palma, Jr., has joined the Havana city militia.

The disturbed situation of the country is interfering with commerce. The transportation of merchandise by railroad has practically ceased, shippers fearing the seizure of their goods.

### RECORD BREAKING RAINSTORM.

**Bodies Washed Out of Graves By Downpour at Kansas City.**

Kansas City, Mo.—A terrific rainstorm prevailed in Kansas City and vicinity, causing more or less serious damage.

In Kansas City 5.93 inches of water fell, a record for the time, three hours and a half.

A telephone message received from Elmwood cemetery says that several bodies were washed out of their graves by the record-breaking rainstorm.

### ONE HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR.

**Empire State Speeds Ten Miles in Eight Minutes.**

Buffalo, N. Y.—One hundred miles an hour was the rate of speed made by the Empire State express train a few miles east of this city Friday in an effort to make up time lost a few minutes previously. Engine 3875, in charge of Engineer Varley, jumped out of Corfu with a train of six cars after it. The first ten miles were made in eight minutes, three being run at an average below 40 seconds, and one was made in 36 seconds.

### Pat Crowe Arrested and Released.

New York, N. Y.—Pat Crowe, of Omaha, who was acquitted of the Cudahy kidnaping, and who recently came to the city, was arrested, charged with being a suspicious person. He was taken to police headquarters. The police, however, were unable to find a record of a case for which they believed he was wanted, and he was released.

## JAPS NOT WELL PLEASED

**JAPAN TO INVESTIGATE KILLING OF POACHERS.**

**Killing of Mikado's Subjects May Result in That Country Asking Heavy Damages.**

Washington—Japan has decided to make an investigation into the killing of the Japanese poachers and to have representatives present at the trial of those who were captured in Alaska before it takes any steps in the direction of settling the matter.

The Japanese government is not well pleased over the killing of its subjects, and it has ignored the department of state, which notified it that its subjects had been killed by the Alaskan police force while raiding the seal rookeries. It is now probable that the Japanese government will make a claim for indemnity.

This investigation will be made by the Japanese embassy at Washington. It has commissioned Masanari Hanahara, the second secretary of the embassy, to proceed to Alaska to make the investigation and to be present at the trial of the prisoners, who will be arraigned at Valdez, Alaska. Mr. Hanahara will leave Wednesday, and on his way west will stop at Chicago to have a conference with Solicitor Sims, of the department of commerce and labor, who made the investigation of the seal question and reported to Secretary Metcalf the killing of the Japanese.

## Some Terse Telegrams

**Too much rain for cotton in portions of Texas.**

**Wheat in North Dakota and Manitoba reported damaged.**

**Call money in New York, 7 per cent., the highest in several months.**

**After a four days' frenzy, caused by the episode in the Harriman stocks, the New York exchange has settled down.**

**Announcement of dividends on Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stock causes a frenzied buying in Wall street.**

**The insurrection in Cuba has caused a tumble in island securities in London.**

**There are persistent rumors in New York money circles of early large gold imports.**

**Available cash balance in United States treasury, \$190,152,414; gold coin and bullion, \$110,987,554; gold certificates, \$42,281,460.**

## ILLINOIS G. O. P. CONVENTION.

**Presidential Boom of Speaker Cannon Indorsed.**

Springfield, Ill.—The ticket named below was nominated by the republicans in state convention:

**Treasurer of State—John F. Smulski.**

**Superintendent of Public Instruction—Francis G. Blair.**

**Trustees of the State University—Mrs. Carrie S. Alexander, Fred Hatch, Alexander McLain, L. L. Lehman (short term).**

**The presidential boom of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, for 1908, which was launched by his own congressional district, was given an enthusiastic indorsement by the convention.**

## Rate Law Effective August 28.

Washington—There will be absolutely no formality of ceremony incident to the taking effect of the new rate law and the reorganization of the interstate commerce commission. The law takes effect Tuesday, August 28. It is not certain whether there will be any members of the commission here on that day. Only one is in the city now, Senator Cockrell, and no move has been made toward having a meeting. It is explained that there is no occasion for any meeting or formality.

## No Assistance From the Treasury.

New York—Those who have looked for some sort of financial relief for Wall street from the secretary of the treasury have had their hopes dashed by the announcement of the secretary that present conditions call for no government assistance.

## "Nebraska Welcomes Bryan."

Omaha, Neb.—A special train of seven cars, adorned with banners bearing the inscription, "Nebraska Welcomes Bryan," prominently displayed, has left this city for New York.

## Palma a Hard Worker.

Havana—President Palma has not left the palace this week. He is constantly receiving reports, holding consultations and issuing orders.

## To Launch the Cuttlefish.

Washington—The submarine boat Cuttlefish will be launched at Quincy, Mass., the afternoon of Saturday, September 1.