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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

AROUND THE STATE

Many Farmers Mutual Phone Lines in the State—Crop Conditions Good

Indians Work on Grading—Grant County Farmer Killed in Runaway

At a meeting in Pierre attended by the leading business men of the city it was decided to take definite action toward securing the necessary cash by sale of state building lands to secure the required \$150,000 for the erection of a wing of the new state capitol. It was proposed that a company be chartered under the state laws, with P. F. McClure, A. Ewart and C. C. Bennett, the presidents of the three national banks of Pierre, as the directors, to issue stock to the amount of \$120,000 for the purchase of 13,000 acres of the lands. The amount appropriated for the construction of the wing is \$150,000. The amount on hand being \$20,000 the amount of capital of the company is just the amount required to be secured through sales.

Uncle Sam's Lands Go Fast.

During the month of May 350 original homestead entries were filed at the United States land office in Chamberlain for lands in Lyman county, along the projected extension of the Milwaukee railroad. This is a large increase over the filings on Lyman county lands during the month of April, when the number was 260. It is doubtful if there ever has been a greater influx of land settlers into any portion of the Northwest than is being witnessed at Chamberlain at the present time.

Pupils' Savings Grow.

The school children of Pierre now have on deposit in a bank in that city more than \$2,000 as their savings through the school savings bank system. This represents the accumulation in large part of the pennies and nickels which would have been spent for candy or wasted in some way if it had not been for the savings system. The increase for the last school year was \$689.92 and the total on deposit at the end of the year was \$2,069.17.

Bullock Seeks Rangers.

An examination will be held in Hill City July 5 to 7, conducted by Captain Seth Bullock, forest supervisor of the Black Hills, for the purpose of securing competent men for rangers on the reserve. The forest reserve is undergoing a thorough reorganization. Rangers are now under the civil service rule and their salary will be \$60 to \$90 a month. The examination at Hill City will be the only one in this state.

Mining Concern Assigns.

The Hearst Mercantile company of Deadwood has filed application for a receiver for the Horseshoe Mining company and R. N. Ogden, law partner of General Manager W. L. McLaughlin, was appointed. The action was advised by friends of the company in order more easily to settle the business of the company, which has been disrupted since fire destroyed its cyanide plant.

Crop Conditions Favorable.

The weather bureau at Pierre reports a total rainfall of 4.23 inches for May. Only one shower came with a dash which allowed the water to run off, all the rest coming in soaking drizzles, which went into the ground, and vegetation was never in better shape in the vicinity of Pierre for the first of June.

Phone Lines Multiply Fast.

The reports coming into the office of the state auditor for assessment purposes show that more than fifty new telephone companies will be placed on the tax list this year. These lines are mostly small mutual or farmers' lines, which are being rapidly threaded all over the state.

Farmer Killed in Runaway.

William Meyer, a farmer living in the western part of Grant county, was found dead on the road between South Shore and Summit. His body was tangled up in the harness of his team, which had run away. Meyer was an old resident of Grant county and was wealthy.

Indians in Grading Gang.

A large number of Indians from the Crow Creek and Lower Brule agencies are working with the gang of 300 men grading for the Milwaukee road extension near Chamberlain. The Indians have been compelled to work by the curtailment of their rations.

Open Carnegie Library.

The public library at Deadwood, which was built with a gift of \$15,000

from Andrew Carnegie, has been opened to the public. A large number of new books have been purchased by Deadwood people and added to the library list.

Buffalo Herd Grows.

The Phillip buffalo herd at the ranch near Fort Pierre has been increased two or five this year from calves born in the herd. The herd has nearly doubled in size since it has been taken charge of by the present owner.

Whitlaw Is Acquitted.

E. P. Whitlaw, who has been on trial in the circuit court at Deadwood for the murder of Richard Galvin, has been acquitted. The case has attracted wide interest. The defendant pleaded self-defense.

Elrod Fixes Flag Day Date.

Governor Elrod has issued a Flag day proclamation fixing Wednesday, June 14, as Flag day and asking for a general observance of that date.

NEWS CONDENSATIONS

Thursday, June 1.

Lord Rosebery's Cicero Wednesday won the English derby stakes of 6,500 sovereigns.

John Head, son of Mahlon Head, a bank cashier of Jefferson, Ia., has been found dead at Portland, Ore., having taken morphine with suicidal intent.

Henry Stahler, a leading merchant of Waverly, O., committed suicide by jumping into the Scioto river from a bridge. Ill health is said to have been the cause.

New incorporations in the Eastern states in May, together with increases in capital, show the largest total since 1903. Those involving \$1,000,000 or more aggregate \$249,250,000.

The Chinese chamber of commerce of Manila, by a unanimous vote, has decided to stand in line with the treaty ports of China in boycotting American merchandise in retaliation for the new exclusion laws.

Friday, June 2.

Mgr. Innocent, the archbishop of Belgrade and primate of Serbia, is dead.

Mary Catherine Dolson, ten years old, committed suicide Thursday at Bay City, Mich., by taking carbolic acid.

The postal deficit for the current fiscal year will be approximately \$15,000,000, the largest in the history of the country.

John T. Thoroughgood, a prominent manufacturer and politician, dropped dead in his office at Janesville, Wis. Death was due to apoplexy.

Henry Charles Riphards, Conservative member of parliament for East Finsbury and well known advocate of old age pensions, is dead in London.

At Marine City, Mich., Worthy Naulty, aged nine, and Louis Jolin, aged ten, were drowned by the capsizing of a dock boat in which they were playing.

Saturday, June 3.

Swarms of seventeen year locusts have appeared all through Southern Wisconsin.

Damage estimated at \$100,000 was done by a fire at Oneonta, N. Y., which destroyed two brick blocks and two frame structures.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bayles Wheaton, for many years affectionately styled the "mother" of Wheaton Female seminary at Norton, Mass., is dead, aged ninety-six years.

J. Montgomery Sears, the heaviest taxpayer of Boston and one of the wealthiest men in New England, is dead at his summer home at Southboro, Mass.

Inspector John Journee, head of the New Orleans police department, has been dismissed from the service as a result of an investigation of charges filed against him.

Monday, June 5.

Former Congressman Samuel W. Moulton, eighty-two years old, is dead at Shelbyville, Ill.

The situation over Morocco is viewed with no little concern in diplomatic circles in London.

Peter L. Kimberly, prominent throughout the United States and Canada in mining circles, died at Chicago Sunday of apoplexy.

The employees of the street railway systems of Saginaw and Bay City, Mich., and the Interurban line between those cities went on strike Sunday.

Confederate Memorial day was observed Sunday with appropriate ceremonies in the Confederate section of the Arlington national cemetery at Washington.

At San Francisco Eddie Hanlon fought Young Corbett to a standstill during the last few rounds of a twenty-round contest and was awarded a hard earned decision.

Tuesday, June 6.

Dr. John Williams Streeter, author of "The Fate of the Land," and for many years a leading Chicago physician, is dead.

Fire has destroyed an extensive portion of the business quarter of Etienne, France. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Seven men were shot in a gun fight at a Sunday picnic near Lee City, Ky. Two were killed, two mortally wounded and three less seriously shot.

Whitelaw Reid, the new American ambassador to England, had an audience with King Edward at Buckingham palace at noon Monday and presented his credentials.

General W. T. Wilson, one of the two survivors of the delegates to the first Ohio state Republican convention, which was held in Columbus in 1855, is dead from the effect of disease contracted in Libby prison during the War of the Rebellion.

Wednesday, June 7.

An old four-story brick building on a lot 30 feet in Broadway by 39 feet in Wall street, was sold in New York city Tuesday for \$700,000.

A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, has resigned from the directorate of the Equitable Life Assurance society.

Charles A. Bailey, aged fifty years, a prominent resident of Berkeley, Cal., has been killed by falling from the precipice of Elkitan, a distance of 1,400 feet.

One fatality resulted from the heat wave, which has prevailed in Washington, D. C., for the past two days. Tuesday the thermometer registered 92 degrees.

A chemical analysis of toy beads obtained as a prize by a five-year-old Chicago girl revealed that the beads contained enough arsenic to cause death. The child died after having put the beads in her mouth.

DEPOSES KING OSCAR

NORWEGIAN STORTHING TAKES FIRST STEP TO DISSOLVE UNION WITH SWEDEN.

Christiania, Norway, June 7.—The storthing during the day declared the union between Norway and Sweden under one king to be dissolved and



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that the king has ceased to act as king of Norway.

The storthing further empowered the present state council to act as a government of Norway until further notice and to exercise the power heretofore appertaining to the king.

RIVER OUT OF BANKS

CITY OF FOND DU LAC, WIS., BATTLING WITH WORST FLOOD IN ITS HISTORY.

Fond du Lac, Wis., June 7.—Fond du Lac is battling with the worst flood in its history and with threatening clouds overhead and more rain the whole city may be under water before another twenty-four hours.

The Fond du Lac river and both its east and west branches and the De Neve creek are raging torrents, sending water over the banks for miles beyond. Nineteen thoroughfares are covered with water. The downtown basements and residence cellars are flooded. Business houses and manufacturing concerns will suffer heavily. Crops in rural districts and gardens are practically ruined.

The damage so far is estimated to reach about \$100,000 in the city and North Fond du Lac, with possibly twice that amount in the country.

The flood is the result of a storm which started Saturday and has continued ever since. Water on several of the streets of the West Side is from seven to ten feet high.

The storm since Sunday has been general in the state and much damage has been wrought to railroad property, crops and general business interests.

Drop us a postal today. Say that you want the DEMOCRAT sent to you. It will come.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

The War Party Grows Weaker, Prominent Members Deserting Therefrom

But Linevitch Breathes Defiance and Thinks he Can Whip Oyama

St. Petersburg, June 7.—Beyond the statement that advisability of confiding the opening of peace negotiations to President Roosevelt in the event that Emperor Nicholas shall have decided that the time has arrived to indicate to Japan Russia's desire to end the struggle, was presented in a favorable light, no definite announcement can be made at this hour regarding the result of Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's audience with the emperor on the subject of Count Cassini's dispatch communicating the president's practical tender of good offices. It can, however, be stated in addition that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, the emperor's brother-in-law, who undoubtedly exercises a greater personal influence with his majesty than any other member of the imperial family, and who, until the disaster to the Russian fleet was the most uncompromising advocate of war to the last ditch, has joined Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the emperor, in counselling the conclusion of peace.

Useless to Continue Struggle.

Grand Duke Vladimir at a recent family council, while urging the futility of continuing the struggle, stoutly maintained that the loss of Manchuria and even of a portion of Eastern Siberia would not mean the ruin of Russia's prestige, but that she could continue to grow in influence and power, just as Great Britain after the loss of her American colonies.

Another important convert made by the advocates of peace is Admiral Alexieff. With Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, Grand Duke Vladimir and Admiral Alexieff on the side of peace the backbone of what has been denominated the war party seems to have been broken. Nevertheless, the final word rests with the emperor himself.

WILL DEFEAT OYAMA

GENERAL LINEVITCH IS CONFIDENT RUSSIAN ARMY WILL BE VICTORIOUS.

Russian Army Headquarters, Gushu Pass, Manchuria, June 7.—Undismayed by Rojestvensky's defeat and full of confidence as to the outcome of the approaching battle, Lieutenant General Linevitch is for war to the bitter end, and he believes that the Manchurian army is now strong enough to assume the aggressive.

To a question put to him by a correspondent as to whether he was for war or peace, the commander-in-chief replied firmly and without the slightest hesitation:

"Most certainly I am for war. I am a soldier. The emperor's will is naturally my law, but my voice now, as before, is for the continuance of the fight.

"With the destruction of our fleet, vanishes, of course the hopes of those who at the beginning of the war wished to make peace at Tokio, but our defeat at sea has not interfered with my plans—absolutely not one whit. I consider myself strong enough now not only to hold my ground, but even to advance.

"I am no prophet and have no desire to be one, but I firmly believe that I can and will defeat the Japanese in Manchuria.

"I have asked the war office to send me reservists of the youngest classes instead of older ones, not because the latter make poor soldiers, but because with plenty of young and vigorous reservists it would be unjust as well as inadvisable to call the older men from their more settled life."

Special Low Rates to St. Paul, Minnesota.

On account of the Grand Lodge, Patriarchs Millant and Bebekah Assembly I. O. O. F. Minnesota, June 13 to 16, and the installation of Civil War Flags and Trophies at the new State Capitol Building June 14th, the Great Northern will sell tickets to St. Paul and return at one fare plus 50c for the round trip, tickets on sale June 13th to 14th, inclusive, with final return limit June 17th. See local agent for further particulars. 39

KING ALFONSO IN ENGLAND.

Spectacular Effects of Reception Are Spoiled by the Weather.

London, June 6.—Alfonso XIII, the young king of Spain, was welcomed to England during the day with the most elaborate of ceremonies, every detail of which was supervised by King Edward himself. Never in the case of reception of a national visitor has greater attention been paid to detail or more careful preparation made for a magnificent display. If only the weather had been propitious the reception probably would have been the most brilliant ever accorded a foreign visitor to England. A deluge of rain at Portsmouth and at London, however, marred all the spectacular effects.

ORDERS THEIR EXTRADITION.

Canadian Commissioner Renders Decision in Gaynor-Greene Case.

Montreal, June 7.—Judge Lafontaine, extradition commissioner, has given judgment in the case of the United States vs. John F. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene, committing both for extradition and ordering them back to jail to await surrender to United States officers.

Gaynor and Greene are accused of conspiracy to defraud the United States. The men have fifteen days to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

DEATH LIST GROWING.

Five Hundred Persons Perished in Natal Hurricane.

London, June 3.—According to a dispatch to a local news agency from Durban, Natal, the death toll resulting from the hurricane which recently swept over Natal and the subsequent bursting of the reservoir at Pinetown was nearly 500 Hindoo laborers and fifty Europeans.

TORNADO IN MICHIGAN

HALF A DOZEN FATALITIES REPORTED AS A RESULT OF THE SEVERE STORM.

Detroit, June 6.—Reports received here from various points in lower Michigan show that the "Thumb" district and the Saginaw valley bore the brunt of a severe electrical storm, which swept Lower Michigan late in the day. Residences, schools and barns in the path of the storm were blown down and a half dozen fatalities have already been reported. Two children of John Smith, a farmer near Urban, in Sanilac county, were killed, the father had an arm broken and another of his children had an arm torn off. In the same neighborhood three children of Edward Philipotts were fatally injured and a Mrs. Wagner had her back broken. At Hemlock, twelve-year-old Elsie Appleman was killed by lightning. In the neighborhood of Cass City, thirteen residences and nineteen barns were blown down and a number of people were injured.

SCOLDED CHILD A SUICIDE.

Schoolgirl Drinks Carbolic Acid Because of Rebuke.

Billings, Mont., June 6.—Mabel Harper, a thirteen-year-old girl, daughter of George Harper, a Northern Pacific section foreman, committed suicide at her home in this city by drinking one and one-half ounces of carbolic acid. The girl had been to school in the forenoon and when she came home for lunch she was scolded by her mother for some trivial offense. She bought the acid at a drug store and returned to her home and drank the poison. Death came in a few moments.

ROYAL WEDDING IN BERLIN.

Crown Prince Frederick Married to Duchess Cecilia.

Berlin, June 6.—Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin were married by Dr. Dryander, the court chaplain, in the small chapel of the palace at 5 p. m., according to the ritual of the Lutheran church, which is the same for a prince as for a subject. About half of the 400 persons present were princes or special ambassadors of other countries, with their aides-de-camp. Ambassador Tower attended as the extraordinary ambassador for the United States. Mrs. Tower was with him. The other guests were the diplomatists accredited to this court, the members of the cabinet, generals and admirals.

The ceremony was brief, occupying precisely twenty minutes.

GARRISON WIPED OUT.

Natives Capture German Headquarters in Southwest Africa.

London, June 5.—A dispatch to a news agency from Capetown says native reports have been received in official quarters to the effect that Warmbad, the German headquarters in Southwest Africa, has fallen and that the garrison has perished. No news is obtainable except from native sources.

STILL WOOING THE DOVE

Serious Efforts to Secure Peace Still Being Made in the Strike Stricken City

Arbitration Cannot be Agreed Upon, But Conference Committee Appointed to Act

Chicago, June 7.—The teamsters' joint council at night appointed a committee with full power to settle the strike and a conference will at once be arranged with the employers.

This appointment of the committee follows the announcement of Attorney Mayer, who, speaking for the employers' association, said two days ago that no more conferences would be held with the men unless the committee came to the meeting with full power to act and this power must be explicitly stated in writing. The teamsters promised to appoint the committee Monday night, but instead of doing so sent a committee to arrange individual settlements with a number of the large dry goods houses. This attempt failed completely, the employers having announced that no separate settlements would be made and that if the strike was declared off it must be declared off in every direction. Failing in the efforts to effect a settlement with the stores Tuesday, the teamsters' joint council at night appointed the committee which it had agreed to appoint Monday night. It is composed of one representative of each union involved in the strike and is headed by W. J. Gibbons, president of the teamsters' joint council.

At a mass meeting of the truck drivers called to consider the question of arbitrating the demand of the Teamowners' association for deliveries to the boycotted houses it was decided to decline the arbitration, notwithstanding the fact that the agreement between the teamsters and Teamowners' association contains a provision calling for arbitration in exactly such cases as the one under consideration. The action of the truck drivers, however, loses much of its importance compared to the appointment of a committee empowered by the men to settle the strike. No action will be taken by the teamowners pending the meeting of the strikers' committee with the employers. President Shea of the teamsters was not present at the meeting of the joint council when the committee was appointed.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS NEEDED.

Recommendations Made by Equitable Life Investigators.

New York, June 3.—Liberal extracts are published of the report made to the Equitable Life Assurance society directors by the Frick investigating committee. The report consists of thirty-eight printed pages. Its principal points follow closely the outline forecasted several days ago and in closing the committee declared:

"Excessive salaries, excessive commissions, excessive expenses and superfluous offices should not be tolerated.

"Investments should be carefully made and all the useful formal precautions employed to insure the location of the moral responsibility of the officers who are charged with the duty of making them.

"The committee, having pursued its investigation of the present management of the society sufficiently far to convince it that the personnel of the management should be radically changed and the methods of conducting the business of the society brought back to sound legal and ethical lines, were to be relieved from further duty."

M. DELCASSE RETIRES.

Resigns Because of Failure of His Moroccan Policy.

Paris, June 7.—Foreign Minister Delcasse has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Premier Rouvier will assume temporarily the portfolio of minister for foreign affairs.

Later it was announced that M. Rouvier would hold the portfolio of foreign affairs indefinitely, probably yielding the ministry of finance (which he directs in addition to being premier) in order to devote his entire attention to the solution of the troubled foreign situation.

The resignation of M. Delcasse is due to the failure of French policy in Morocco, the sultan having practically rejected France's plans for the reform of the administration of Morocco by proposing that the whole subject be submitted to a conference of the powers signatory of the treaty of Madrid.

M. Delcasse tendered his resignation April 21, but he was prevailed upon to retain the portfolio of foreign affairs.