

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

REVOLT SPREADS OUT

SITUATION IN NICARAGUA IS GROWING WORSE DAILY.

Capt. Shipley Declares Insurgents Are Maintaining Blockade Off Greyton—Groce and Cannon Shot by Order of President Zelaya.

Groce and Cannon, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, last week, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to private advices received in Washington Thursday night from Bluefields, where the revolutionist government is located. This dispatch stated that the state department of the United States had been notified to this effect.

The state department has been anxious to clear up the point whether the two men held commissions or were merely acting in their individual capacities, for in the former event they would have been entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

Groce and Cannon were volunteers in the revolutionary army. This information came Thursday to Salvador Christillo, the representative of the revolutionists in Washington. The cablegram follows:

"Groce, ex-superintendent of the Lulus and Los Angeles Mining company, and Cannon, a most esteemed person, were serving as volunteers with the rank of colonels in the revolutionary army, and consequently did not deserve the penalty of death, among other powerful persons, because they were not military personages in the actual service of Zelaya. A similar crime of Zelaya has never been witnessed in the history of Central America."

The revolution in Nicaragua is spreading, in the opinion of Capt. Shipley, commander of the United States cruiser Des Moines, which is off the east coast of Nicaragua. The revolutionary forces are reported to be maintaining an effective blockade and are patrolling off Greyton with two gunboats. Assurance was given that American and foreign interests are being protected.

PLEASED WITH THE CANAL.

Congressional Committee Coming Home from Inspection Tour.

The American congressional appropriation committee, which has been inspecting the Panama canal, arrived at Havana Thursday morning from Colon.

Members of the committee said they were pleased with the progress of the canal and believed the channel would be open for traffic in advance of the estimated date. Senator Coe I. Crawford, of South Dakota, said all the members of the committee were impressed with the splendid work of Col. Goethals, chairman of the canal commission and chief engineer of the work. They were convinced, he said, of the desirability of the passage of the bill designed to reduce the number of canal commissioners, which would give Col. Goethals a freer hand. It is also probable that the committee will recommend a reduction of from \$3,000 to \$10,000 in the estimate of the canal commission.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN LAKE.

Gasoline Explosion on a Boat Causes Panic.

Five persons were drowned in Muskegon lake in Michigan Thursday afternoon when the pleasure launch Olga, carrying a party of nine young people, capsized as a result of a panic following a gasoline explosion. Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family.

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ALL HOPE GIVEN UP.

Rescuers Find No More Living in Cherry Mine.

Hope that there might still be alive some of the 188 men known to be entombed in the St. Paul coal mine was practically abandoned Tuesday.

An exploration into what is known as the second vein, where it was thought probably many miners had barricaded themselves and had managed to exist on oats and corn provided for the mules, showed that great portions of the tunnels had collapsed. It is believed many men were buried under the debris, and if the obstruction is not soon cleared away at least 100 bodies may never be dug up. Fire is still raging in this tunnel and the back portions where the imprisoned miners could have found a retreat were said to be full of fatal black-damp.

"What little hope we had was given up when we penetrated to what is called the 'overcast,'" said W. W. Taylor, general manager of the mine. "In that place pure air would have been found if it could have been found anywhere, and the miners aware of it would have retreated there. When we got into that place we found it empty both of bodies or live men. We listened in vain to detect a signal or any other sign of life."

Meanwhile Cherry continues to be a village of mourning. The death Tuesday of one of the survivors brought to the surface last Saturday reduced the total number of those saved out of 380 lost in the disaster to nineteen. Almost all of the forty-two bodies taken out Monday were identified.

Down in the mine the rescuers met with great obstacles. In one instance fire broke out in a tunnel, temporarily cutting off the escape of twenty-seven men who had ventured twenty-five feet from the hoisting shaft. The small of smoke gave the warning and the rescuers were reached and brought to safety by another rescuing party.

Following a telegram sent out to Gov. Deneen by the executive board of the miners' organization, asking that someone be designated by the state to take charge of the mine, Mine Inspector Hector McAllister was placed in charge. It was said that despite the fire and the discouraging news of tunnels having fallen in the rescue work would be pushed night and day.

ASTOR'S YACHT NOT WRECKED.

Findings of Safety of Boat Reach New York.

The steam yacht Nourmahal, with Col. John Jacob Astor on board, arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, from Mayaguez, on Sunday, November 14, and was still there on the evening of November 17. All were well on board, and the Nourmahal was planning to leave soon for Ponce and from there to some Cuban port before her departure north.

The finding of the Nourmahal's safety were taken to New York by the insular line steamer Harry Luckenbach, which arrived Tuesday afternoon from Porto Rico ports.

The news brought by the Luckenbach makes it positive that no harm came to the yacht in the storm earlier in the month.

The Nourmahal has by this time probably proceeded to Ponce, where she would have been reported had cable communication been re-established to that point.

STATE SCORES A POINT.

Juror in Night Rider Trial Fined \$50 and Jailed.

The state of Tennessee scored Tuesday in the trial of Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clear, the alleged leaders of the Redfoot lake night riders, accused of the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, when Juror Charges Jackson, charged by the state with having openly expressed sympathy for the night riders, was fined \$50 and sentenced to ten days in jail for contempt. Witnesses supported the charge. Attorney General D. J. Caldwell announced that he would prefer similar charges against two more jurors. A sharp altercation arose between Sheriff Easterwood and Judge Jones when the court, on motion of the state, instructed the sheriff to remove the jurors from the jail, where they had been residing during the progress of the trial. The sheriff yielded.

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STORM ON THE OHIO RIVER.

Boat Sunk and Its Crew Has A Narrow Escape.

A wind storm approaching tornado proportions swept up the Ohio river Monday afternoon, doing widespread damage in Cincinnati and its suburbs. The wind reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour and during the height of the storm a tow boat, the G. W. Daily, of Marietta, was wamped and sunk in the river and members of the crew had narrow escapes from drowning.

In the downtown district windows were crashed in, signs were torn loose and carried through the air and telegraph and telephone wires were broken, while in the residence districts the chimneys of numerous houses were toppled over.

Several persons sustained severe injuries, but there were no fatalities. At Hamilton, O., a tornado damaged property to the amount of \$50,000, while barns and outbuildings in rural parts of the country were blown down and other damage done.

In Hamilton the roofs were blown off a number of business houses and factories.

Wind and rain also caused heavy damage between Booneville and Newburg, Ind. The wind had a velocity of from forty to fifty miles an hour and tore down buildings and uprooted trees.

Ten large barns were demolished and several horses were killed. Several farm houses were badly damaged.

Rain and sleet driven by a wind which at times registered a velocity of 48 miles an hour marked the storm which raged all day Monday on Lake Michigan and throughout the region of the great lakes. Only a few vessels braved the gigantic waves which thundered outside the breakwater.

ROBBERED OF MILLIONS.

"Sleeper Trunk" Frauds Involve Immense Losses.

Institution of criminal prosecutions against perpetrators of "sleeper trunk" customs frauds, with ramifications in all parts of the country; the pressing of existing indictments to avoid lapse under the statute of limitations, and customs investigations generally were discussed at a conference at the treasury department in Washington, D. C., Monday. Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh, Attorney General Wickham, Collector Loeb, of the port of New York, and United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, of New York, participated.

Incidentally Secretary McVeagh announced that the \$2,000,000 odd which the American Sugar Refining company had paid over to the government on account of evasion of duties was regarded by the government as a complete settlement for all its underweighing frauds, but that amount in no wise figured as to any other matters and that the government purposed to recover much more money as the result of the frauds the so-called trust had committed.

CYCLONE IN MISSOURI.

Fifteen Houses Are Demolished in the Town of Dexter.

A cyclone struck Dexter, Mo., shortly before noon Monday and demolished fifteen houses and wrecked the Stoddard county fair buildings, including the amphitheater. Two women and children were injured.

The storm originated north of town and cut a path 300 feet wide and about a quarter of a mile long. All buildings which it hit were demolished, most of them being reduced to kindling wood. The estimated loss is \$70,000. Several buildings were damaged in Essex, a small town east of Dexter. Trainsmen on the Iron Mountain report a heavy wind caused havoc near Dudley, and that they were compelled to stop the train twice to remove fences and small trees from the track.

BARON GEORGE DE REUTER DEAD.

Baron George De Reuter, of London, younger son of the late Baron De Reuter, who founded Reuter's Telegram company, and a brother of the present Baron De Reuter, managing director, died Monday. The widow is Maud, daughter of John Potter, of Philadelphia.

VOLCANOES VERY ACTIVE.

A dispatch from Teneriff says a tenth crater has opened and the five volcanoes are throwing out great quantities of lava. The explosions, however, have ceased and the population, which has been in terror for several days, is slightly calmer.

SILVER BOWL FOR WARSHIP.

Admiral Sir Edward H. Seymour of London Monday presented the flagship Inflexible with a silver bowl for its ward room to commemorate the admiral's mission in carrying the admiral's flag to the Hudson-Fulton celebration at New York.

HEAVY QUAKE AT CALNAS, CAL.

The heaviest earthquake recorded in Calans, Cal., since the shock of April 18, 1906, was felt at an early hour Monday. Buildings rocked and cracked for fifteen seconds and people rushed into the street for safety.

TRAVELING MAN ENDS LIFE.

J. S. Parrish, traveling salesman for a woolen mill firm, of Baltimore, Md., and of Jefferson City, Mo., committed suicide in a hotel at Winchester, Ky., Monday. The cause is not known.

FIRE LOSS OF \$65,000.

Fire at Warrentown, Va., Monday night destroyed four blocks of buildings, causing a loss of \$65,000. Only by the use of dynamite was the town saved from complete destruction.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

CORN SHOW AT CEDAR BLUFFS.

Fred Engel Wins First Place in Class Oats.

The corn show held at Cedar Bluffs Saturday was a success so far as a good display of corn could make it. The interest was very great, but the misfortune of speakers in missing their train was a great disappointment to the exhibitors.

Val Keyser, superintendent of farmers' institutes, and Prof. Chase were the judges and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Class 1—Fred Engel, first; J. S. Wilcox second; J. M. Winslow, third. Class 2, White; F. B. Romans, second; Robert Engel, third; W. R. Ackerman, fourth; N. P. Paulson, fifth; Roy Weidenhaft, sixth; J. M. Winslow, seventh.

Class 2—Yellow—Robert Engel, first; H. J. Behrens, second; John Sohl, third; Andrew Sohl, fourth; Frank Schneider, fifth; E. Olsen, sixth.

The display was exceptionally fine and was an object lesson, showing the fact that the land around here sells for \$150 to \$200 per acre.

AGED COUPLE ARE IN COURT.

Woman of 74 Sues Man of 81 for Breach of Promise.

Judge Redick, of Omaha, held district court at Blair last week and several jury trials were on the docket, of which one of the most interesting was the breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Hannah J. Loosing, aged 74 years, against Henry Monke, aged 81 year, both old, wealthy and respected residents of that county. Mrs. Loosing is the owner of 840 acres of the best land in the county and Mr. Monke is about as well fixed in worldly goods. Over a year ago the suit was first filed and damages asked in the sum of \$20,000, which was compromised without coming to trial. Mrs. Loosing receiving \$2,000. She now claims that Mr. Monke again promises marriage and the suit was brought in court, the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of Mr. Monke.

Mr. Monke claimed that he had only visited the plaintiff twice during the year and conversed with her only about twenty minutes. Both parties have large families of grown and married children.

PROMOTER PATTERSON GONE.

Investors in Employees' Protective Association Holding Sack.

The Employees' Protective association of Nebraska, launched something over a month ago at Omaha by H. J. Patterson, as president, is believed to be no longer in existence.

Patterson has disappeared and members of the association who paid \$2 each to be provided not with positions, but also against sickness and accident, are anxious to know where he is.

The police have a little claim against Mr. Patterson for an overcoat secured from the Guarantee Clothing company, and several young and older men who paid good money for winter jobs failed to get them.

At the offices of the Employees' Protective association on the third floor of the Paxton block nothing as to Mr. Patterson's whereabouts could be learned. His desk is locked, although the police effected entrance a few days ago while in search of the president.

VERDICT IN HERALD CASE.

Plattsmouth Man Given Judgment for \$5,000 for Malicious Prosecution.

The Herald-Coates damage case at Plattsmouth was given to the jury at 5 o'clock Saturday evening. Henry Herald sued W. W. Coates for \$50,000 damages and received a judgment for \$5,000 for slander and \$7,500 for malicious prosecution. Judge H. D. Travis set aside the judgment for \$7,500 which was the cause of this trial. At 11 o'clock Saturday night the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$5,000. It is understood that this case will be appealed to the supreme court as the other one was.

NEW DEPOT COMPLETED.

The last of the fixtures for the new Union Pacific depot at Columbus arrived Friday, and that evening and Saturday the moving into the new building was completed. This depot is said to be the finest and best one in the Union Pacific between Omaha and Cheyenne.

MEMORIAL CONFERENCE AT HENDERSON.

The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren of the United States began at Henderson Sunday in the local church of the denomination. Nearly 400 delegates, largely from Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, but with representatives from all over the United States, are present.

OSMOND MAN INJURED.

Henry Tupper, of Osmond, who operates a corn husking machine southwest of town, had his right hand caught in the snapper rolls of the machine, resulting in a bad laceration.

BODY FOUND NEAR SCHOOL.

A man who is believed to be George Austin, residence unknown, was found dead lying near the fence behind the Dundee school building by Marshal James Fredebeck, of Dundee. The man who had been dead for several days as his body was covered with sleet and snow.

LABEL CASES IN LEBED CASE.

The libel case wherein County Attorney Thompson was suing P. W. Shea, of Orleans, for \$20,000 damages was brought to a close in district court when the jury returned a verdict for Mr. Thomas, allowing him \$3,000, and the costs to be paid by Mr. Shea.

SOILIER REMEMBERS STATE.

Col. Dave Bowden, commander of the soldiers' home at Milford, has enriched the cash fund of the home by a deposit of \$405, which was given to him by A. A. Sharkey, a member of the home, who died last week.

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James Smith was convicted of murder in the second degree by a jury in Omaha. He was tried for the murder of James Rawlins, a negro.

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HIS DEATH MYSTIFIES.

Body of Unknown Man Found in a Field Near Emerson.

J. Henningson while hunting rabbits found the body of a dead man in a cornfield near Emerson. The authorities were notified at once. Coroner Graham, of Allen, arrived and searched the man's clothes.

A purse containing a small sum of money and a pass book on the First National bank of Emerson were found. The pass book showed he had \$75 on deposit and that his name was Ed Hamlin. The bank officials failed to place him and he is unknown in Emerson.

The coroner announced that he would hold an inquest. The dead man was found in a natural position, with his coat under his head and had evidently lain there for some time.

ENGINE BOILER EXPLODES.

Burlington Fireman Killed and Engineer Seriously Hurt.

The explosion of Burlington engine No. 2046, pulling a forty-car extra freight west in the Lincoln yards, caused the death of Fireman C. A. Meecham Thursday and the serious injury of Engineer George Pierce and Brakeman Upton. The injured engineer may die.

The train was beginning to pick up its speed at the extreme western limit of the yards when the explosion occurred. The boiler was thrown ahead of the engine drivers and truck and the impact of the exploded boiler broke the rails ahead of the engine. The tender remained standing on the track and none of the cars were wrecked.

GIVEN LIFE TERMS.

U. P. Bandits Sentenced to Prison by Judge Munger.

Judge T. C. Munger in the United States district court at Omaha Thursday overruled the motion for a rehearing on the part of the five men convicted of holding up the Union Pacific Overland limited train May 23 last and robbing the mail car, and sentenced each of them to life imprisonment in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth. The men are William Mathews, D. W. Woods, Fred Torsness, Frank Grigware and Lawrence J. Golden. Notice was given of an appeal to the circuit court of appeals. The prisoners will be taken to Fort Leavenworth.

BOY KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

The 2-year-old son of James Peterson, eleven miles southwest of Hastings, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. The boy's grandfather left the gun in the kitchen of the farm house upon his return from a hunting expedition, and it was picked up by a farm hand, who began talking to James Peterson about its mechanism. While he was thus talking the man accidentally pulled the trigger and the gun was discharged, tearing the top of the boy's head entirely away.

DRIFTS TWENTY FEET DEEP.

The heavy fall of snow in the last few days blocked up all wagon roads leading into Broken Bow and caused much inconvenience to those living at a distance. In some places the snow drifts were from ten to twenty feet deep, while shovels and scoops had to be used before a passageway could be effected.

ROBERT FORD GUILTY.

After being out nearly all night the jury in the case of the state against Robert Ford, a negro, charged with highway robbery of a mason named McGowan, of York, on the night of September 30, returned a verdict of guilty of grand larceny, for which the penalty is from one to ten years.

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STATE CAPITAL

LINCOLN

Another hitch has occurred in the proposed profit-sharing agreement between the city and the traction company, and Mayor Love has asked a committee from the Commercial club to pass on the articles prepared and see if the city is to come out at the little end of the horn. The city officials are so suspicious of the traction company doing things to the city that when someone started the report there was a joker in the proposed agreement it was generally believed, and at once the mayor asked the Commercial club committee to pass on it. In the meantime there is a lot of sentiment for a vote of the people on the agreement, as it proposes to bind the city for a period of fifteen years, so it is very probable no agreement will be reached unless the matter is left to the voters. Many prominent men, including County Attorney Tyrrell, object to the agreement because the city now has authority to regulate the company as well as levy an occupation tax on itself. He also objects to the city becoming a partner in a street railway company.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

The weekly review of Chicago trade by R. G. Dun & Co. says: Trade developments sustain optimistic views as to the future, and further testimony to the progress made is furnished by the bank reports, which reflect gratifying expansion in both deposits and discounts. Credits generally are strengthened by the improved condition of collections throughout the western territory, although the trading defaults yet show more than normal. Seasonable weather stimulated wider demand for necessities and the leading branches of distribution exhibit increasing activity in current shipments and forward bookings. Retail trade here and at the interior equals the best expectations. Heavy absorption is noted of winter clothing, blankets, worsteds, footwear and food supplies, most stocks undergoing gratifying reductions. Supplementary orders are numerous in wholesale dry goods and other staples, many requiring immediate forwarding and indicating that consumption exceeds that for which provision was previously made by many country dealers. Another rise in costs of cotton fabrics has also induced urgent buying against future needs.

Prices of food products and other needs average unusually high and cause enforced economies, but increased population and purchasing power assure prospects for very encouraging results in Christmas trade.

Bank clearings, \$277,816,907, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1908 by 4.2 per cent and compare with \$196,856,633 in 1907.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number twenty-seven, against thirty-three last week, eighteen in 1908 and thirty-six in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number six, against eleven last week, five in 1908 and fourteen in 1907.

With the arrival of cold weather this week, retail trade hitherto inclined to lag, has taken on the appearance of activity, and distributive trade reports are more uniformly encouraging than for some time past. In some sections, particularly the Northwest, the temporary effect of heavy snows interrupting transportation to some extent has been to dull some lines of wholesale trade, but the general effect of the winter visitant has been helpful.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Nov. 13 were 232, against 221 last week, 273 in the like week of 1908, 265 in 1907, 212 in 1906 and 224 in 1905.

Business failures in Canada for the week number 26, which compares with 29 last week and 33 in the corresponding week of 1908.—Bradstreet's.

The city of Lincoln intends to be prepared with a new charter for the consideration of the next legislature and to that end the mayor has already appointed a committee to draft the instrument. The committee is to get busy at once. When it has completed its work, then the people will have ample time to discuss the measure and reject or accept it before the legislature convenes and thus avoid the fight which occurred before the late legislature.

The indictment of any persons by a grand jury called in Nebraska at this time or at any time since the first regular term of the district court following the adjournment of the late legislature may be seriously questioned in the courts. This state of affairs is due to the action of the late legislature in amending the law providing for calling grand juries and very likely there can be no more grand juries called legally in Nebraska under the present law.

The sugar beet industry turned out a rather expensive experiment. Mr. Smith sold his crop for \$1.90 more than the seed cost. He put in about fourteen acres and raised two carloads, or about a ton and one-half to the acre. And this does not take into account the escape of five convicts and the money spent in apprehending them so they ran away.

Engineer Meyer, of the soldiers' home at Milford, was at the state house talking about securing a fireman for the winter months. Another engineer has applied for the job and agrees to work for \$70 a month with the exception of four winter months, when he wants \$80. Meyer receives \$70 the year around. Members of the board are inclined to believe that it will require an extra man during the winter months.

The talk of moving the state university out into the country from Lincoln in order to secure more ground has already had its effect on the value of real estate, at least in the vicinity of the state farm, where it is supposed naturally the school would go. It was announced that a quarter section near the state farm could be bought now for the mere pittance of \$1,000 an acre.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$9.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$8.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.19 to \$1.20; corn, No. 2, 61c to 63c; oats, standard, 37c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 73c to 74c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$15.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$13.50; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 30c; eggs, fresh, 25c to 28c; potatoes, per bushel, 30c to 50c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$8.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$8.15; sheep, good to choice, \$2.15 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.17; corn, No. 2 white, 57c to 59c; oats, No. 2 white, 39c to 41c.