

Pioneer-Express.

PEMBINA, NORTH DAKOTA.

He laughs best who laughs at the jokes you crack.

A fine, well-appointed hospital, what every great college football center should have.

There are agreeable signs that the Balkan war cloud is about to take a well-earned vacation.

All that was left of Sir Thomas after the yacht races has succumbed to American indignation.

King Alfonso of Spain recently slaughtered his first wild bull, but has he ever busted a broncho?

Telegraphic communications to Nome being now established we can have our gold stories fresh.

Adam Bede attended the Associated Press banquet in New York. Rip Van Winkle was unavoidably detained.

Dr. Wiley announces that we are soon to be a hairless race. And what are the barbers going to do about that?

Capt. Mahan, the naval expert, is an aldermanic candidate in New York. He is now about to have the fight of his life.

Maxim has invented a gun that will kill faster than any present device. He ought to be able to sell it in Bulgaria.

Now that the American Indian cuts his hair, washes his face and goes on strike he may be considered strictly up to date.

A New York minister has found Scripture sanction of yacht races. Does he mean to insinuate that Lipton is a Jonah?

When we read in the papers that the beef trade or flour trade is promising the consumer is always able to suppress his joy.

It must be comforting to King Peter of Serbia to realize that the world is betting on how long it will be before he is assassinated.

A man who knows himself to be in the wrong generally tries to end the conversation, whereas, a woman—is never in the wrong.

A lady has been elected professor of language in the University of St. Louis. This is thoroughly in accord with the fitness of things.

The Boston Globe issues a warning against the practice of eating great big heavy dinners of sixteen courses and the like. The advice is wasted on us.

There is an emergency clause in the sultan's constitution which always enables him to act at once when he needs money from any of his rich subjects.

Punch has the exclusive news that the British museum will henceforth be devoted exclusively to picture postal cards. Mr. Morgan has bought all the books.

New York's water supply will be drawn from three sources in the state, but if there is any sign of famine some of the Jersey corporations might be tapped.

Now that Frank James, the former outlaw, has announced his intention of becoming a farmer other farmers are wondering just where he is going to settle down.

"It seems strange," remarked the philosopher, "that the man without any vices always aggravates ordinary people into having more vices than they had before."

An injunction restraining a Chicago firm from paying debts is the latest thing in the injunction line. Get your application for an injunction in early and avoid the rush.

It appears that Prince Albert, the new champion pacer, has to be dosed with whisky before he starts in a race. Well, Prince Albert isn't the only thing that whisky has caused to set a fast pace.

That child that was christened in a lion's den in New York will probably live to be thankful that its parents were not fool enough to have the ceremony performed in the stock exchange.

Four of the five elk which were placed in the Adirondacks last year to breed have been killed by hunters within two days. Evidently the hunters were better marksmen than they are citizens.

In Germany an electric car has been run on the Zossen military road at the rate of 106 miles an hour, and the engineers expect that a rate of 125 miles an hour will be reached. But who wants to ride as fast as that?

It ought to make men feel ashamed to figure out how many bonnets all the cigars they have smoked would buy.—New York Press.

There are some men mean enough to think how many cigars all the bonnets they have paid the milliners for would buy.

SWEPT BY FLAMES

BUSINESS SECTION OF ABERDEEN, WASH., WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

FOUR MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

PROPERTY LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

BUILDINGS ARE DYNAMITED

IN AN ATTEMPT TO STAY THE PROGRESS OF THE FLAMES.

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 17.—Fire that burned from 9 o'clock yesterday morning until 2 in the afternoon caused four deaths and destroyed property valued at approximately one million dollars. It practically wiped out the main business street of this town, which is built mostly of wood.

Ten business blocks and residences were destroyed. Every business man in the city is a loser, either by fire, water, removal, breakage or loss by theft. Not anticipating that the flames could get beyond the fire department's control, many waited until the fire was close upon them before starting to move out. The streets were soon strewn and littered with all kinds of material and the rush and haste of teams and people in every direction caused great confusion.

The fire started in the old Mack building on Hume street, which had been regarded as a fire trap and a dangerously constructed building. It was three stories high and was occupied by numerous single men who cooked their own meals chiefly on oil stoves. It was in a room on the third floor

where the flames started, and the interior of the building was a mass of flames when the alarm was sent in. The four dead men lost their lives in this building. From the Mack block the fire spread to the fine n.w. hose house and headquarters of the fire department. Great volumes of flames shot into the air and the heat became unbearable a block distant. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity, licking up building after building despite the heroic efforts of the firemen.

In order to stop the further progress of the flames dynamite was used on several of the buildings upon which the flames were advancing. Telephone messages brought the fire departments of Hoquian and Montesano to the scene and they did effective work.

Aberdeen has a population of about 7,000, and the chief industry is lumbering. Several large sawmills are located near the town, but the fire did not reach them.

ZION HOST IN GOTHAM.

Dowie and His Army Prepare for Reformation of the Metropolis.

New York, Oct. 17.—Dowie's restoration host, 4,000 strong, arrived here early yesterday. They landed at the Battery and at once boarded cars for Madison Square garden. As soon as the first car started the crowd on board began singing a hymn, and a large crowd of curious spectators gathered around those waiting outside the ferry house. The men were all dressed in a uniform resembling that worn by the United States infantry. The women did not wear uniforms. The crowd around the ferry house grew so large that it blocked the street, and the police drove the spectators back to the curb. Dowie himself arrived in his special train at the Grand Central station, disappointing the crowds who were awaiting him at the West Shore railroad ferry. A number of his own people greeted Dr. Dowie, but there was little demonstration. "Elijah" and his elders, chief priests and patriarchs will have apartments at the Plaza hotel.

MILLIONAIRE DISAPPEARS.

Believed to Have Been Murdered in Mountainous Regions of Virginia.

Big Stone Gap, Va., Oct. 17.—E. L. Wentz of Philadelphia, twenty-eight years of age, general manager of the Virginia Coal and Iron company, interested in coal lands in Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky and himself a millionaire, left Big Stone Gap on horseback for Kelly View, twenty-five miles east of here, on Wednesday and has not been heard of since. All circumstances point to the conclusion that he has been murdered in the mountainous regions. A hundred men are now scouring this section of the country. The horse ridden by Mr. Wentz was found Wednesday afternoon by a youth and to the saddle was attached the coat worn by the missing man.

WAGES RAISED 20 PER CENT.

Telegraphers on Rock Island Railway Secure Their Contention.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Telegraphers employed on the Rock Island railway system have been granted a 20 per cent increase in wages. The Order of Railway Telegraphers announces the successful termination of a month's negotiations with the railway officials. Thirty other committees are making the same demands of other transportation companies.

NOW THE ARGUMENTS.

Evidence Concluded in the Miller and Johns Trial.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 17.—The evidence was concluded and arguments were begun yesterday in the trial of Miller and Johns for alleged conspiracy to extort a bribe. As six hours were allowed for arguments and only half an hour was consumed before court adjourned last night, it is evident with five and a half hours for argument to-day and additional time for the charge of the jury and motions that the case will not go to the jury until this evening. It is thought by some that there will be no verdict until Monday. The feature yesterday was the testimony of the two defendants. Johns was cross-examined for over an hour. He denied that he had told inspectors Vickery and Fulton when they were investigating him at Rockville that he would talk if he thought nothing would come of it except the dismissal of a clerk in Washington. Most of his evidence yesterday consisted in such denials. Miller was on the witness stand from 11:30 a. m. until 4 p. m., and was generally conceded to be an exceptionally strong witness for himself, both in direct and cross-examination.

GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES.

Leaders of the Mutiny in Federal Prison at Leavenworth Convicted.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 17.—The five leaders of the Fort Leavenworth prison mutiny of November, 1901, charged with killing Guard Waldrup, were found guilty of murder by a jury in the United States circuit court here yesterday morning without capital punishment, and will be given life sentences. The prisoners are Gilbert Mullins, Turner Barnes, Frank Thompson, Fred Robinson and Robert Clark, all desperate men. Mullins and Robinson had practically finished their terms at the time of the outbreak, and the others were short-term men.

VIGOROUS PROTEST.

Union Veterans Object to Lee's Statue in Hall of Fame.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 17.—One of the concluding acts of the Union Veteran legion, which closed its annual meeting here yesterday, was the adoption of a resolution bitterly protesting against and denouncing the plan of placing a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Hall of Fame. The resolution asserts that such an act would be an insult to the Union soldiers now living and to the memory of the soldiers dead.

BILLS MARKED.

Superintendent of New York Postoffice Arrested.

New York, Oct. 17.—Alexander Hoff, superintendent of the foreign mail branch of the New York postoffice, was arrested yesterday by postoffice inspectors and arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields on a charge of embezzling letters from the mails. According to the inspectors \$8 in marked bills were found in Hoff's possession. The bills had been sent by the inspectors in "test" letters.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Officers and Bloodhounds Hunting for Unknown Assassin.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 17.—Joseph Gray, while returning to his home at Salem from this city, was attacked by some person unknown, who, without a word of warning, shot him through the stomach. Gray crawled to his home, where he died shortly afterward. The assassin disappeared. Officers and bloodhounds are scouring the country. The murder is regarded as very mysterious.

GIVEN FULL POWER.

Admiral Alexieff Is to Maintain Russian Prestige in the Far East.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is stated that the czar has telegraphed to Admiral Alexieff, viceroy of the far East, as follows: "I fully empower you to maintain the prestige of Russia by force of arms if necessary." It is pointed out, however, that a similar story was current when Admiral Alexieff was first appointed.

NEGROES RESIST ARREST.

Constable and One of the Negroes Are Killed.

McKeesport, Pa., Oct. 17.—As the result of an attempt by three officers to arrest negroes at Glassport last night, Constable William Shields was shot through the heart and almost instantly killed and Peter Melvin, one of the negroes, was shot dead by Peter Kelley.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Edward Van Antwerp was yesterday appointed postmaster at Dora, Otter Tail county, Minn., vice William J. Hoffman, resigned; also John Gertz, at Rose Hill, Cavalier county, N. D., vice Peter Block, resigned.

Can Fix Child's Sex.

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Dr. Rabbitt, one of the professors of the recently founded Smith college for women, says that colored light will fix the sex of an unborn child. He will experiment and expound his theories to the students of the institution.

Dozen Are Injured.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—Slippery rails precipitated a serious collision on the Seventh street line opposite Byrd street depot yesterday. A dozen people were injured, but none fatally.

BLOODY MASSACRE

RUSSIA PAVING THE WAY FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS.

CHANCE TO VENT RACIAL HATRED

MUSSULMANS WILL BE TURNED LOOSE ON OFFENDING CHRISTIANS.

ARMENIANS HAVE BEEN WARNED

EXPEDIENT FOR PREVENTING REVOLUTION OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—Every town in Transcaucasia inhabited by Armenians, including Erivan, Kars, Alexandropol, Nukha and Nakitchevan, has been proclaimed in a state of minor siege.

This means the suspension of the main features of civil administration in order to give a free hand to the military in repressing outbreaks against the government's sequestration of the property of the Armenian church.

It looks as if Von Plehve, minister of the interior, were paving the way for a massacre of the Armenians, since the Moscow Gazette, the Novoe Vremya and especially the Bessarabets—all of which newspapers participated in the crusade against the Jews in Kishineff and Gomel—are now pursuing a similar course with reference to the Armenians. The

Armenians Are Warned

by means of those journals that persistence in opposition to the policy of the government means that the Mussulman population of Transcaucasia will be turned loose to vent its radical and religious hatred against the offending Christian sect.

Such a course would be quite in accord with Von Plehve's latest expedient for preventing a revolution of the whole people by encouraging one nationality to attack another whenever a disposition is shown to break the peace.

Fortunately the Georgians, who form a predominant part of the Transcaucasian population, sympathize with the Armenians and they have promised to stand by them against both the government and the bloodthirsty Turks, whom the government has been grooming for a campaign ever since the last massacre.

GIRLS STABBED IN A RIOT.

Strikers Engage in a Fight With Non-Unionists.

New York, Oct. 17.—In a riot last night, the result of a strike at a rag factory in First street, several girls were stabbed, one of them so seriously that she had to be taken to a hospital. The employes, about fifty in number, recently organized under the name of the Clip Sorters' union. Demands were made upon the firm which were refused, and a strike was declared. To carry on their business the firm engaged a number of Italians. Then the new union proceeded to station pickets near the factory. Last night when the Italians came out of the factory a free fight occurred and the Italians, it is said, used knives to defend themselves.

IMPROVE LABOR CONDITIONS.

Action Possible That Will Bring Labor and Capital Closer Together.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Although questions of dispute and of great interest to the wage earners and the employers, such as the "open" shop, methods of paying wages, piece work and bonus, came up before the conference of the National Civic Federation yesterday no action has yet been decided upon that will improve the relations of the principals in the controversy. However, it was not considered improbable that before the session is brought to a close, some action that will aid in bringing labor and capital closer together may be taken. A number of the speakers at the session yesterday favored this, saying the occasion was opportune.

King Peter Will Visit.

Vienna, Oct. 17.—The Neues Tagblatt asserts that King Peter of Serbia will visit the Austrian and Russian courts in December. As both the courts have declined to receive Serbian officers it is evident that King Peter can only take with him a civil suite.

Three Seriously Injured.

New York, Oct. 17.—Three persons were seriously injured, a score of others were cut by flying glass and badly shaken up, and a panic was precipitated when an Eighth avenue electric car crashed into a horse car last night.

Shot by a Robber.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 17.—Louis H. Gooman, a jeweler, was shot and seriously wounded last night by an unknown man who entered his store for the purpose of robbery. The robber escaped.

Negro Murderer Captured.

Buxton, Iowa, Oct. 17.—Joseph Smith, the negro who shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Ida Canada, colored, yesterday morning, was captured last evening at Caulkins. He made no resistance.

LAND IN GREAT DEMAND.

Tract North of Red Lake Open for Settlement Nov. 10.

Crookston, Minn., Oct. 17.—The Crookston land office is busy getting ready for the opening of settlement of the land north of Red Lake Nov. 10. The office is in receipt of hundreds of letters daily relative to the matter. It would seem that people from all over the country are anxious to get a slice of the free lands. It is an open secret here that the lands are mostly worthless. With few exceptions the townships lie in the great swamp north of Red Lake and are great quagmires. The timber is stunted tamarack good for nothing but wood, and the ground is such that it can only be traversed in winter. The timber cannot be removed for years owing to the lack of railroad facilities.

BURGLARS OFFER BRIBE.

Offer City Marshal \$200 to Keep Away While They Rob a Bank.

Woonsocket, S. D., Oct. 17.—An attempt to rob the Citizens' National bank was made. Four suspicious characters landed in the city and one of them tried to bribe the chief of police by offering him \$200 if he would get off the street and keep quiet. He also offered to him that they intended to rob the bank and then steal a rig and drive to Westington Springs and rob the bank there. The marshal arrested the bunch, and one of the men exchanged shots with him.

ELLIOTT ADJUDGED INSANE.

Surgeons Say He Is Liable to Be Violent at Any Time.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Peter Elliott of Minnesota, who was arrested at the White House recently, and who made a violent attack upon the officers who had him in custody, yesterday was officially adjudged insane and committed to St. Elizabeth's insane asylum. Doctors Vale and Marbury, police surgeons, testified that Elliott is a paranoiac and is apt to be violent at any time. Elliott was entirely calm during the hearing and did not ask to be heard.

KILLED SEVEN PERSONS.

James Little Plume Confesses Indian Reservation Crimes.

Browning, Mont., Oct. 17.—James Little Plume has confessed to the murder of the seven people killed Sunday on the Blackfoot Indian reservation. This confession was made before United States Commissioner Arnaux. Among the seven killed was the wife of Little Plume. His intention, he said, was to kill fourteen more, but a shell stuck in his rifle, rendering it useless. He then cut a gash in his own throat and arm to allay suspicion.

PROMINENT MAN GONE.

Treasurer of Pembina County, N. D., Passes Away.

Neche, N. D., Oct. 17.—W. A. Murphy, chairman of the Republican county central committee and treasurer of Pembina county, died at his residence in this place yesterday of pneumonia, after an illness of less than a week's duration. He has long been one of the leading business men and politicians of this part of the state, and was prominent in secret society circles, being a Knight Templar, Shriner, Knight of Pythias and an Elk.

ROBBED OF \$5,000.

Streets of Viborg, S. D., Patrolled by Bandits While Safe Was Robbed.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 17.—The Bank of Viborg was robbed of \$5,000. The robbers were seen by citizens who did not care to venture on the streets, which were patrolled by armed robbers. Half of the money stolen was gold. The robbers escaped on a hand car. Citizens secured another car and gave chase. The men were seen at Volin at 5 o'clock and were headed toward Yankton. The bank is protected by insurance.

Forger Is Wanted.

Blue Earth, Minn., Oct. 17.—Two checks bearing the forged signatures of Elias Kjarstad, a saloonkeeper of this city, have recently appeared. The last was cashed by the L. B. Waugh Company of Minneapolis. Officers are after the forger, who has done some clever work as Kjarstad writes a peculiar signature.

In Bankruptcy Court.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Oct. 17.—Andrew Heinenmann, a prominent merchant and former postmaster of St. Cloud, filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing his assets at \$12,875, of which \$70 is exempt, and his liabilities at \$10,837.22.

Who Has Seen This Boy?

Marble Rock, Iowa, Oct. 17.—Harry Fletcher, fifteen years old, has been missing since Sept. 14. He wore blue overalls, dark coat and cap. He has brown hair, slim face and weighs 110 pounds. A reward is offered for information concerning him.

Lawyer Will Address Educators.

Winona, Minn., Oct. 17.—Hon. D. W. Lawler of St. Paul has been secured to address the Southern Minnesota Educational association's convention to be held in this city. His theme will be "Education and Citizenship."

Waives Examination.

Eldora, Iowa, Oct. 17.—E. S. Blydenburg, under arrest for alleged poisoning of his wife, waived examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He is out on \$10,000 bonds.

FORGE PAY CHECKS

GIGANTIC SWINDLE MAY BE UN-EARTHED ON MILWAUKEE ROAD.

DETECTIVES AT WORK ON CASE

FORGERY CONSISTS OF DUPLICATION OF COMPANY'S PAY CHECKS.

ONE CASE COMES TO LIGHT

LEADS TO BELIEF THAT THE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVE.

Milwaukee, Oct. 17.—Special detectives of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road have been assigned to investigate what may prove to be a most extensive series of forgeries.

Whether the amount involved is many thousands of dollars, or the single instance that has come to light is the sole example of the work of the forgers, is not known. The forgery consists of a duplication, according to the statements of officials of the road, of the pay checks of the company.

A few days ago, according to the story told Col. John A. Hinsey, who is at the head of the detective service of the company, a check was received at the paymaster's office in this city that had been cashed at an interior point. The check was made payable to "Jack Dillon," and was for \$63. It was on a form similar to that used by the company, being

An Exact Duplicate

of the railway check, save that it was printed instead of engraved. It bore what purported to be the signatures of the two officials of the auditing department that are necessary to make the check valid, and that of the assistant paymaster.

The check bore the indorsement of the supposed "Jack Dillon" and those of others through whose hands it had passed. Special detectives of the company are now engaged in an effort to trace it back to the person who originally received it. Up to yesterday it is said that only one of the forged checks has appeared at the paymaster's office. It is considered by the detectives, however, to be incredible that only one check was printed, filled in and signed.

SAULE IN JAIL.

Former Cashier Is Unable to Furnish Bail of \$25,000.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, Oct. 17.—Edwin O. Saule, late cashier of the Home Savings bank of this city, held on a charge of larceny by embezzlement, was given a preliminary hearing here yesterday afternoon. Saule waived examination and the case will go to the grand jury, which convenes Tuesday. His bonds were increased to \$25,000, and, in default of the same, he was taken to jail at Eldora to await the action of the grand jury. Yesterday's hearing was held behind closed doors, but it is said that evidence was introduced showing a shortage of \$29,000.

DYNAMITE MAY COME NEXT.

Unpaid Employes Threaten the Costly Works at the Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 17.—The Evening News has received a letter from a former workman of the Michigan-Lake Superior Power company, threatening that unless the men are paid soon something will happen beside which the riots in the Canadian Soo were insignificant. The watchmen at the head gates of the canal and power house have nightly seen men prowling about the premises, who openly make threats against the works. The officials fear dynamite may be used.

TWO OUNCES OF LAUDANUM.

St. Paul Man Commits Suicide in Sioux City.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 17.—Despondent on account of domestic troubles and because he had been on a debauch, T. McHanan of St. Paul took two ounces of laudanum last night in his room. He has a wife and several children in St. Paul.

TWO OUTLAWS KILLED.

Driven Off Reservation by Indians in a Running Fight.

Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 17.—A gang of thieves who tried to run horses off the Fort Peck reservation yesterday were ambushed and two of them killed. The Indians engaged in a running fight with the outlaws, driving them off the reservation.

Lynching Is Feared.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 17.—Albert Beckmann, who killed Helen Kelly, a former sweetheart, has been captured at Melrose. A heavy force of deputies has gone to bring the prisoner back. Lynching is feared.

Killed While Target Shooting.

Durand, Wis., Oct. 17.—Alvin Phillips, fourteen-year-old daughter of Jess Phillips, accidentally shot herself through the heart with a 22-caliber rifle while target shooting with young plannets.