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Leaves Independence for Monmouth and Dallas.	**Leaves Dallas for Monmouth and Independence.**
11:00 a. m.	1:00 p. m.
7:15 p. m.	5:30 "
Leaves Monmouth for Airlie.	**Leaves Monmouth for Independence.**
7:50 a. m.	9:45 a. m.
3:50 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
	2:40 p. m.
	5:45 p. m.
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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

A second-class naval station will be established at San Diego, Cal.

Churches and residences of foreigners in Tien Tsin have been burned.

An extra session of congress may be convened owing to the Chinese war.

China will have a heavy bill of damages to pay for the Boxer outrages when order is again restored.

Fire destroyed the Home for the Friendless children at Leadville, Colo., causing the death of four of the inmates.

Francis of Orleans, Prince of Joinville, son of the late Louis Philippe, king of the French, is dead of pneumonia, aged 82 years.

Three persons were killed and 16 seriously injured by a collision between an express train and a train filled with race-goers near London, England.

G. P. Rummelin, a well-known merchant of Portland, Or., was murdered in New York city, presumably for the purpose of robbery. His throat was cut from ear to ear.

A native rising has occurred in the Gambia colony, West Africa, and two British commissioners and six members of the police have been killed at Sannkandi, on the south banks of Gambia river, by Mandingoes. The party had gone to Sannkanndi to settle a question of local administration, when the Mandingoes suddenly attacked and murdered them.

The Mexican government, following the example set by Texas, has quarantined against San Francisco, and until notice to the contrary is given, all persons who have been in San Francisco within a period of 15 days will not be allowed to pass the border until they have remained in quarantine for a sufficient length of time to make up the 15 days. The Mexican quarantine relates to passengers only. The border authorities have the matter in hand.

Journal specials from towns in Southwest Nebraska tell of violent rain and wind storms with some hail. At Syracuse, 5½ inches of rain has fallen in 24 hours. Damage to crops is heavy. The Little Nehama valley is one vast lake, and many families have been compelled to abandon their homes. Freight trains on the Burlington have been abandoned. Weeping Water creek, at Weeping Water, Cass county, is the highest known for 10 years and Missouri Pacific trains are delayed.

British marines killed and wounded 40 Boxers.

Roberts' line of communication is again open.

General Grant reports the capture of San Miguel, a rebel stronghold.

Seven persons were drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Lake Bennett, Alaska.

Four people were killed by the destruction of a large cooperage plant in Brooklyn.

Robert's forces had a hard battle with General Botha, but did not defeat the Boer leader.

Pennsylvanians will push the candidacy of former governor Pattison for the vice-presidency.

The money appropriated by congress for use at the mouth of the Columbia will be used at once.

Two persons were drowned at South Bend, Ind., by the capsizing of a boat on the river, at that place.

Methuen and Kitchener, in an engagement with Dewet's troops, scattered the Boers in all directions.

Terry McGovern, champion lightweight of the world, knocked out Tom White in three rounds at New York City.

New York capitalists have secured concessions from the government of Honduras to build a railroad in that country.

Wood workers of Chicago threaten to go out on July 1, unless their wages are increased. The strike will involve 8,000 workmen.

Two city detectives of Kansas City undertook to stop a street fight between a crowd of negro men and women and as a result a man and a woman were killed.

News has been received in New York of the murder of Dr. Edna G. Terry, in charge of the station of the Methodist Episcopal Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Tsung Hua, China.

Thomas Lewis, a miner of Tucson, Ariz., has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the Catelina forests, where 5,000,000 feet of timber were destroyed. A miner who was with Lewis claims that Lewis became incensed because the pine needles hurt his feet and set fire to them, causing the most disastrous forest fire ever known in the Southwest.

The tobacco trust has established a virtual boycott on independent dealers doing business in New England.

Statistics of the criminal population of the United States shows that only six per cent of the total number of criminals are women.

The Montreal Star claims it has evidence that the Clan-na-Gael planned the Welland canal explosion as a reprisal on Canada for sending troops to South Africa.

Benjamin D. Stillman, of New York, aged 95, is the oldest living graduate of Yale, of which his father and grandfather were also alumni. He is still a practicing lawyer.

The San Francisco Call states that ex-Queen Liliuokalani has decided to bring suit against the United States government for the restoration of the crown lands and revenues.

The navy department is arranging for the fortification of Dry Tortugas, Pearl harbor, Pango Pango and Guam. With these, Alaska and Cavite, America would dominate the Pacific.

LATER NEWS.

Two thousand stand of arms have been given up by the Boers at Pretoria.

The battle-ship Oregon and 5,000 American troops will go to Taku at once.

American ships took no part in the bombardment and seizure of the Chinese forts at Taku.

A special session of congress may be called. The situation in the far East seems to demand it.

Three of the forts at Taku were completely destroyed by the bombardment from foreign ships, and the British vessels captured four Chinese torpedo boats.

Mrs. Beveridge, wife of United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, died in a sanitarium at Dansville, N. Y., of heart failure. She had been ill several months.

Half of the business portion of the city of Bloomington, Ill., including five squares of the finest business blocks of the city and the court house, were destroyed by fire, with losses estimated at $1,000,000.

Negotiations for a commercial treaty with France have been satisfactorily concluded by the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs at Rio Janeiro. France will grant a reduction of 20 per cent on the duty on Brazilian coffee.

The Pacific Oil Works Company was incorporated at Tacoma, Wash., with a capital of $250,000, to bore for oil in a gulch, almost in the heart of the city. Sample oil from outcropping indicate rich deposit. Work will be prosecuted at once.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts sent from Pretoria, June 16, gives an official version of an attack on a British post at Zand river, June 16, by 800 Boers, with three guns. It says that General Knox, with a mixed force, drove off the Boers, who left four dead and four prisoners on the field. The British loss was Major Seymour and two men killed and nine wounded.

The French government will have 4,200 troops at Taku when the reinforcements just ordered have arrived there. They will reach Taku before June 30. The dispatch of a cruiser division, which was decided upon, will give France a strong naval force, consisting of seven modern cruisers—three of the first-class and four of the second class—four gunboats and a dispatch boat.

Princess Radizwill, of Russia, was robbed of jewelry worth £10,000 at her hotel in London, June 20. Among the jewels was her historic rope of 150 pearls, each weighing 22 grains, and a bracelet of emeralds, the gift of the Ameer of Afghanistan. The princess was about to start to Paris, but while at luncheon she left the jewels in their cases, locked in her wardrobe. On her return she found them missing. All the efforts of the Scotland Yard detectives have thus far proved unavailing. Fortunately most of her diamonds were in a safe at Coutt's bank.

Chinese forts at Taku fired on foreign vessels, but were soon forced to surrender.

Russia has demanded of China an indemnity of 50,000,000 taels for the damage done to the railroad from Tien Tsin to Pekin.

John Vass, one of the best-known mining experts on the Pacific Coast, died of consumption at Baker City, Or., aged 46 years.

Trouble is rife in the northern part of the Republic of San Doimngo. Many arrests have been made, including leaders of the former government party.

In consequence of the gravity of the situation in China, England has ordered the Seventh Bengal infantry at Simla, India, to proceed to Hong Kong.

J. C. Pardee, aged 36 years, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific train, who lives in Ashland, Or., was killed at Dunsmuir, Cal., by bein run over by a train.

Information from Pekin, brought to Shanghai by refugees, says that the city is in a state of panic. Incendiary fires are of nightly occurrence, and scores of outrages are reported. Women and children from Tien Tsin are pouring into Shanghai. The chief danger there is the fact that the native town, behind the European settlement, is full of bad characters, whose attitude is becoming every day more insolent and menacing.

At Needles, Cal., the federal quarantine inspector has been prevented from molesting passengers on Santa Fe trains at the state line and his authority is ignorned by the railroad officials. Orders have been issued to all conductors to take up the pass of the inspector, Mr. Jenkins, if presented, and collect his fare. Jenkins has wired to Surgeon Kenyoun for instructions. The conductors have also been ordered to give the inspector no information.

S. J. McCowan, superintendent of the Phoenix, Ariz., Indian Industrial School, having been directed to investigate the condition of the Pima Indians on their reservation on the Gila river, 30 miles from Phoenix, who were reported to be suffering from famine, states that 8,000 Pimas and an equal number of Papagoes are in great distress. Congress has appropriated $33,000 for the relief of the Indians and rations will soon be distributed.

By the death of Thomas E. Miaco in New York six theaters and a large fortune are left to his 15-year-old daughter Edna, his sole heir.

A monument to Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick has been set up at his birthplace, Cornwall, Conn., and it was dedicated on Memorial day.

Berlin postal authorities estimate that no fewer than 160,000 postal cards without any addresses at all are mailed in the German empire every year.

"Sneipaadelzoonsderpersetrooirjuig" is the Flemish word for automobile. Wouldn't that make you stick to the old reliable hoss?

A balloon house is being built at Fort Myer, near Washington, and extensive experiments are to be made by the government looking toward the use of the balloon in warfare.

According to a decision of the Kentucky court of appeals, if any one annoys a dog while the animal is eating, and gets bitten as a consequence, the victim is guilty of contributory negligence and cannot recover damages.

RETURNED FROM CAPE NOME

The Steamer Alpha Arrives at Vancouver, B. C.

DID NOT TOUCH AT ST. MICHAEL

Vessel Brought Back Four Passengers, With a Quarter of a Million—Claims Richer Than Reported.

Vancouver, B. C., June 19.—That the gold fields of Cape Nome are richer and more productive than has yet been represented, is the story brought down by the steamer Alpha, which arrived from the North tonight. From a single claim, worked by 20 men in the employ of Jack Brady, $15,000 was taken out in one week and the same claim panned out $56,000 within a month. As an earnest of Cape Nome's golden productiveness, the Alpha brought down $260,000 in gold dust. There were five passengers on board, and the dust belonged to four of them, in the following amounts:

Jack Gill, of Seattle, $145,000; J. C. Mongahan, of Denver, $40,000; Frank Green, of Kansas City, $30,000; Glen Tinsley, an old Dawson miner, who went to Nome last year, $35,000.

Unusual interest has followed the Alpha's trip, not only because she was the first steamer to sail for Cape Nome, but more especially on account of possibility of international complications, the Alpha being a Canadian bottom and Nome not being a sub-port of entry. But the skipper had no trouble with the customs regulations. He sailed from Vancouver on April 5, clearing for St. Michael. He says he was so menaced with icebergs as he approached St. Michael that he proceeded directly to Nome, landing 153 passengers and their supplies on the beach on May 25, and sailing for Vancouver on May 30.

The Alpha was carried by the ice to the Siberian coast, and for five days was packed in the ice unable to move. She finally made Nunivak island, where she found the San Francisco whalers, Alexander and Jeanette, with about 100 passengers each, also trying to reach Nome. After spending three days more in very heavy ice near Pribyloff islands, the Alpha finally made Nome, whither the Alexander had preceded her two days. So overjoyed were the miners at the double arrival of the Alexander and the Alpha that a civic holiday was declared, and the Canadian boat was received with salutes, all the customs regulations being waived, although as she had cleared from Vancouver for St. Michael the discharge of her freight was in direct contradiction of the custom laws.

Nome was rather dull during March and April, work being entirely suspended on account of cold weather. Several times during the winter the settlement narrowly escaped total destruction by fire. All the buildings are said to be flimsey structures, and no fire protection is afforded.

The extent of the gold-producing area of Nome seems much greater than was at first supposed, and all over the country men are reported to be washing from 15 to 25 cents to the pan in gold. Golden Gate and Mascot creek are turning out well. Topcock is the biggets find of the season, where it is considered nothing remarkable for a miner to make $30 a day on many of the claims, although the gold is found in intermittent streaks. It was on Topcock creek that $56,000 was cleaned up in 30 days. Topcock is 15 miles from the sea, and 50 miles south of Nome. One thousand people are working there now, and there have been clean ups from $25,000 to $50,000 on 100-foot claims.

The Colombian Rebellion.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 19.—The Royal mail steamer Don, Captain Davis, which arrived here today from Colon, brings news of an important battle fought on Friday last about 10 miles outside of Panama. According to this information the insurgents forces were victorious and some 200 of the government troops were killed. It is inferred that Panama may already be in possession of the rebels. The latter are strongly entrenched at San Joaquin, near Santa Marta, and all the government troops at Baranquilla had been dispatched to Santa Marta, when the Don left Colon.

Help From Manila.

Manila, June 19.—The Ninth regiment has been ordered to Manila, whence it will proceed to China.

Manila, June 19.—The gunboat Concord, with marines aboard, has sailed under sealed orders, supposedly for China. The British cruiser Buonaventura has sailed for Hong Kong with troops and stores for Hong Kong or Tien Tsin.

Died in a Dining Car.

Chicago, June 18.—John H. Donlin, a prominent contractor here, died while sitting at the table in a Chicago & Northwestern dining car between Waukegan and Kenosha Wis., last evening. Donlin, with two friends, were on their way to Eagle river, Wis., where they intended to spend several days fishing.

Des Moines Auditorium Burned.

Des Moines, June 19.—The Des Moines auditorium, used for a convention hall, which was constructed a year ago at a cost of $50,000, was destroyed by fire today. It was insured for $25,000. It was occupied by the Commercial Exchange and the T. W. P. Chase Amusement Company, the latter holding a lease and conducting a vaudeville show. All the seats, effects and scenery were burned, making a total loss, as now estimated, of $40,000, with $27,000 insurance.

Grain Elevator Burned.

Kansas City, June 19.—The big Union grain elevator, located on the West river bottoms, but a few blocks from the union depot, was destroyed by fire this afternoon, causing a damage of over $100,000. The building was valued at $70,000, and it contained $30,000 worth of wheat, all of which was destroyed. J. K. Davidson, principal owner of the property, states that the loss is covered by insurance. The C. A. Brockett Cement Company, whose warehouses adjoined the elevator, sustained a damage of $15,000. Several freight cars also burned.

CALLED TO ORDER.

Opening Session of Republican National Convention.

Philadelphia, June 21.—Chairman Hanna, with a rabbit's foot suspended from a minature of McKinley in the lapel of his coat, surveyed an imposing spectacle when he called the 12th Republican National convention to order in the exposition building at 12:35 P. M. today. The valleys below him were crowded with the 1,800 delegates and alternates and stretching away to the four corners of the immense hall were endless vistas of people rising in terraced seats to the walls. He looked into the faces of fully 15,000 men and women. Opposite, in a broad gallery, were massed a hundred musicians, their leader a mere pigamy in the distance.

The platform on which he stood jutted out like a huge rock into an ocean of humanity. Below him and flanking the stage, was an embankment thronged with the representatives of the press of the country. Above was a riot of flags, bunting, eagles, shields, the whole scheme of the elaborate decoration culminating in a huge portrait of McKinley nestling in the graceful folds of the American flag. About him were the working leaders of his party, and behind, among the dignitaries and honored guests of the convention, were white faced men who had been present at the party's birth in this city, almost half a century ago.

It was not a riotous convention. There were no wild outbursts of enthusiasm, no frenzied partisans of rival candidates, no entrance of delegations with banners to set the multitudes to cheering, no skirmishing and clashing of candidate managers over rules of procedure and contesting delegations. The chieftain in the coming battle had already been selected by the unanimous voce of the Republicans of the country. The man who had stood at the helm of the ship of state for four years was their unbroken choice. The platform was the record of his administration. The only question remaining for the convention to decide was the vice-presidency, and it was not a sufficient bone of contention to produce the tumultuous scene which usually attends the assembly of a National convention.

The convention today was a dignified gathering of the representatives of the Republican party, to ratify formally the wishes of the millions whose authority they held. While the crowds and delegates were funnelling into the hall before the hour for calling the convention to order had arrived, there were no wild greetings of party leaders. A scattering applause met Mr. Hanna as he made his way to the stage. General Grosvenor, Senator Lodge, Senator Foraker, ex-Senator Quay and a few others aroused a fluttering of handkerchiefs and a round of hand-clapping, but men of national reputation, whose fame has spread away from our shores across both oceans, entered without producing a ripple. Perhaps most of them were not recognized. It seemed tame. There was only that indescribable buzz and murmur of voices which belongs to a National convention as the humming of bees belongs to a field of clover in summer.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE.

Estimated That the Loss May Reach Two Million Dollars.

Bloomington, Ill., June 21.—Half of the business section of Bloomington, including five squares of the finest business blocks of the city and the court house, erected at a cost of $400,000 was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is variously estimated at from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000. One death also resulted from the fire. Robert Schmitt, 19 years old, died from the shock occasioned by the noise of the explosion of dynamite, which was used by the firemen in blowing up buildings to stay the progress of the flames.

The fire department was badly handicapped by an almost total failure of the water supply, and it was not until late this morning, when the buildings had been blown up with dynamite, that the flames were finally gotten under control.

The fire started in the Model laundry on Monroe street, in the block east of the court house. A strong wind was blowing at the time and before the fire department arrived, the fire spread to the four-story brick building occupied by B. S. Green & Co., and thence steadily eastward. In an hour the entire block, except the postoffice building, which was saved by hard work, was in ruins. In this block was the old Darley theater, which was being remodeled. The fire worked westward across to Greishem's seven-story building, at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, and soon that entire block was also in flames. From there the fire spread to the court house and thence to adjacent blocks.

In the meantime aid had been summoned from Peoria and Springfield and with the assistance of fire apparatus from these cities, the fire was gradually brought under the control to the west. To the east it was necessary to use dynamite to destroy several buildings in the path of the flames before the fire was stopped in that direction.

Madison, Wis., June 21.—The entire business section of the village of Middleton, eight miles west of here, was wiped out by fire tonight. The insurance loss is $75,000 to $100,000, with actual loss much greater.

Exchange of Bonds.

Washington, June 20.—The exchange of old bonds under the recent act of congress for new bonds bearing 2 per cent interest, today passed the $500,000,000 mark, and so far has resulted in net profit to the government approximately of $8,000,000. The exact amount exchanged up to the time for closing the department today was $300,179,250, and of this amount $72,894,800 was received from individuals and institutions other than that of national banks.

Li Hung Chang Summoned.

Paris, June 21.—At a cabinet council today, the minister of foreign affairs, M. Del Casse, announced that the telegraph line between Pekin and Tien Tsin was still interrupted. A dispatch received here from Shanghai says Li Hung Chang has been summoned to Pekin from Canton.

Lieut. Col. Webb C. Hayes, Thirty-first volunteer infantry, son of ex-President Hayes, is no longer connected with the army, his resignation having been accepted by the president.

OPEN FIRE ON WARSHIPS

Chinese Forts Begin the War With the World.

WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER

Fortifications at Taku Opened the Conflict by the Orders of the Empress—Now in Hands of Powers.

London, June 20.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory, the best semi-official information being the dispatch received at Berlin from Che Foo. A press dispatch from Che Foo, dated yesterday afternoon, says:

"The forts on both sides of Taku are now occupied. The Chinese opened fire unexpectedly. The casualties to the mixed force were as follows:

"Killed — British, one; German, three; Russian, one, and French one.

"Wounded—British four; German, seven; Russian, 45, and French, one.

"Chinese torpedo boats were seized."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says:

"The forts began firing in obedience to the orders from Pekin, conveyed in the personal edict of the empress dowager, by advice of Kang Yi (president of the minister of war.) Several warships were struck by shells from 12-inch guns of the forts. The heavy Russian losses were due to the blowing up of the magazines of Mandshur.

"Four hundred Chinese are reported killed. The Chinese, who were retreating, fell into the hands of the Russian land force."

The Daily News has the following from Che Foo:

"Two of the forts were blown up. The 32 warships at Taku aggregated 200,000 tons, and carried more than 300 guns."

TRIP OF THE ELDER.

Account of the Journey From Portland to Dutch Harbor.

Dutch Harbor, June 7.—Thus far has the good ship Elder, with her enthusiastic collection of goldseekers, progressed on her way to the land of promise. Under fair auspices has the journey been thus far, and the light of hope kindles each eye has the future is contemplated. Many have suffered from the trials which the capricious mood of "Old Briny" has inflicted on them, but not severely; for, to give Old Briny credit, thus far he has been very lenient with us. Our time has been passed in visiting the sick and needy, who, like the poor, are always in evidence on a sea trip, and various social diversions, consisting of entertainments in the afternoon and song services in the evening. Our worthy leader has been Judge Galbraith, and to him we are deeply indebted for his many kindnesses in helping out the programme. We are also honored by having in our midst a poet, John E. M. Shea, who has been inspired to write a poem aboard, entitled, "The Voyage of the Elder." Among the faces familiar to Portland people are: W. T. Hume, W. S. Chapman, Captain Watson, George W. Hazen, Joe Ben Lane, Silvey Stuart, J. D. McKinnon, Captain Lyons. We have but few ladies aboard. Among them are Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Jewell.

Captain Randall is quite popular, and has won much praise by his gentlemanly and considerate deportment. Mr. Heywood, the purser, and Mr. Owens, the freight clerk, also deserve special mention for their courtesies. As the days go by and the trials of seasickness are over, the jollity at meals increases, revealing many original characters, and there is much by-play of talk. At our entertainments, too, much of originality is brought out in the remarks made, creating no little merriment. And so, day by day, in our lonely floating home on the trackless ocean, we have our simple pleasures, each hoping in his heart, that Dame Fortune may smile upon his venture and that he may return to his friends in dear old Portland a successful and happy man.

Colombian War.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 20.—Passengers who arrived from Panama on board the British steamer Don, from Colon, bring details of a battle which was fought June 13 and 14 on Bejuca plain and Anton hill, between government forces composed of three battalions and numbering about 1,500 men, and a force of revolutionists under General Belasarobe Parras. It is asserted that 400 soldiers and 35 officers of the government force were killed and that the forces of the government army were divided. The passengers of the Don further assert that General Parras addressed a letter to General Campos, the governor of Panama, demanding the surrender of the city, adding that otherwise the place would be taken by force. When the Don left Colon, June 15, General Parras was 15 miles from Panama, with 1,500 well-armed infantry and 500 cavalry. It was believed that General Campos would be compelled to surrender the city.

New York Apartment House Burned.

New York, June 20.—The Miner apartment-house, a six-story structure at Madison avenue and Sixty-third street, was destroyed by fire this morning. The property loss is $260,000. Only three of the ten apartments in the building were occupied, but so rapidly did the fire spread that many of the persons in the building escaped with difficulty. Several were overcome by heat and smoke, and were carried out of the building by the firemen.

$110,000 Damage by Fire.

New York, June 20.—The Decoursey building, a 10-story structure, 676 West Broadway, occupied by several firms, was damaged, with its contents, to the extent of $110,000 by fire tonight.

Tucson, Ariz., June 20.—News has been received of the destruction by fire of the Commonwealth Mining Company's mill at Pearce. The loss is estimated at $500,000.

Philadelphia has been selected as the meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly in 1901.

TRAIN IN A HAIL STORM.

All Windows on One Side Were Broken and Much Damage Done.

Kansas City, June 20.—The Burlington passenger train from Denver reached the Union depot late last night in a sadly wrecked condition, having passed through one of the severest hail and wind storms which railroad men say they ever encountered. The train ran into the storm between Falls City and Rulo, Neb., 40 miles west of St. Joseph, Mo. The railroad men say that at times it seemed as if the cars would be lifted from the tracks.

The storm struck the train in an open piece of country, and the engineer threw open the throttle in the hope of running away from it. The train was filled with people, and in the cars there was great excitement. With all the wind and rain came hail. Hail stones fell as large as baseballs. Every window in the north side of the sleeper, three coaches and one mail-car was smashed. Glass flew all over the cars, and many of the passengers were cut by flying fragments. Water poured in through the windows, and fairly flooded the cars. The mail clerks in the mail-car climbed up near the roof of the car to keep dry. Much of the mail matter was damaged by water. The damage done the cars and sleeper will amount to about $500. Every window in the engine cab was smashed by the hail.

CODE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Commissioners Are at Work on One for September.

Manila, June 20.—Judge Taft and his colleagues of the civil commission are studying the different legislative phases of the situation preparatory to the work of enacting new laws on September 1, when they will assume legislative powers. The subjects have been tentatively divided among them as follows:

Judge Taft—Crown lands, land titles, the church and the civil service, the last-named with a view of bringing from the United States a good class of government employes, who shall eventually replace army officers in the civil administration.

Judge Wright — Internal improvements, constabulary, commerce, corporation franchises and the criminal code.

Henry C. Ide—Banking and currency and the organization of civil courts.

Bernard Moses—Revenues, taxation and schools.

The commissioners have established offices in the same building with General MacArthur, and are receiving, discussing and absorbing the opinions of army and navy men and of foreigners and Filipinos. The people of Manila seemed pleased with the democratic course of the commissioners.

FIGHT TO A FINSH.

St. Louis Transit Company Rejects Strikers' Offer.

St. Louis, June 20.—War to the knife was the slogan adopted by the striking employes of the St. Louis Transit Company today. This extreme action was decided upon this afternoon when the proposition adopted by the striking street-car men yesterday looking to a settlement of the strike was turned down by the Transit Company.

President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, called on President Whittaker, of the transit company, today in the interests of the strikers and remained in conference with him and the board of directors for some time. The conference broke up at 1:15 P. M., and Gompers announced that all negotiations between the strikers and the transit company were again off. Whittaker refused to submit the question of reinstatement of the striking employes to arbitration. Whittaker said the best he could do if the strike were declared off would be to place the strikers at the bottom of the list, and give them work as they are needed.

President Mahon, of the International Association of Amalgamated Street Railway Employes, made this statement this afternoon:

"This is now a fight to a finish. President Gompers told me this afternoon that he proposed to turn the entire power of the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of 2,000,000, against the transit company and fight the issue out if it takes five years to do it. The boycott to be declared will apply not only to the transit company, but to every person, every business man, every corporation or individual favoring them in any way."

Two Fights With Filipinos.

Manila, June 20.—The United States forces had two engagements of importance last week. The troops under General Funston and General Grant organized an advance with part of five regiments and two guns against 500 rebels in a mountain stronghold east of Biabacota, where it was supposed Captain Roberts, of the Thirty-fifth regiment, who was captured last month at San Miguel de Mayumo, was held captive. The Americans operated under many difficulties and over an exceedingly rough country; but the rebels retreated, only a few resisting, and the stronghold was occupied and burned.

As a result of last week's scouting, 60 Filipinos were wounded, 200 killed and 240 rifles, with 24,000 rounds of ammunition, was surrendered. Two Americans were killed.

Washington, June 20.—The following cablegram was received at the Japanese legation from the Japanese government at Tokio: "The situation in North China is daily growing more serious. The imperial government has consequently, in addition to the fleet already at Taku, decided to dispatch a military force of about 1,000 men to Tien Tsin in order to strengthen the hands of the Japanese minister in China. The latter is in full concert with the other representatives of the principal powers."

Hudson Bay Dividend.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 20.—The Hudson's Bay Company has declared a dividend to shareholders of 15 shillings per share and a bonus of 10 shillings per share. The dividend and bonus is equal to 9½ per cent on the capital stock, as compared with 7¾ per cent for the previous year. In addition, the company has also set aside £10,000 for the employes benefit fund, £40,000 to the insurance fund, and carry forward £50,000, as compared with £42,000 in the previous year. This is the best showing ever made.

ARE STORMING THE CITY

Russian Forces Before the Gates of Pekin.

ATTACK UPON THE LEGATIONS

It Is Rumored That All the Foreigners in the Capital Have Been Massacred—Japan Mobilizing 25,000 Troops.

London, June 21.—The Russian relieving force arrived outside of Pekin this morning, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daly Express, and immediately began to attack the city on two sides, employing numerous artillery. The force apparently arrived in the nick of time, for the Chinese assert that the attack upon the legations had been successfully renewed. The night of June 16 the Chinese troops, under Generals Tu Fuh Siang and Hung Ching, attacked the legations and set on fire five European buildings. Nothing definite is known as to the result, except that the Chinese were disappointed, although other reports, utterly discredited by foreigners here, are that the Chinese, infuriated by the destruction of Taku, have since massacred all the foreigners in Pekin.

A modified version of the rumors received at Berlin is that the French as well as the German minister has been killed. The English at Shanghai think that the Chinese had foreign advice in organizing the defenses at Taku, because of the precision with which their attack was delivered. The wires connecting with the harbor mines were cut by the boats of the warships the night before the bombardment. It is now reported at Shanghai that it was on board the Russian cruiser Koretz, and not the Mandschur, that the explosion occurred, killing and wounding more than 50. It is reported that no fewer than 700 Chinese were killed in the forts.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says he is officially informed that Japan is mobilizing 25,000 men for immediate transport.

The British cruiser Undaunted arrived at Shanghai yesterday, cleared for action and took up a position commanding the Chinese forts. There are three Chinese cruisers in the harbor. The new Chinese cruiser Hai Hang, built by the Armstrongs, has been taken into custody at Taku by the British and Russians.

At Yumnan Fu, where the rising has been gathering force for several days, 680 Christians have been attacked at the French mission settlement, many being put to death. The French consul and three missionaries are still in prison.

The disorderly elements have secured the upper hand at Wa Hai and Czechuan, where the native Christians have been massacred. A thousand Boxers have gathered on the outskirts of Tien Tsin.

Thre Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"The Chinese officials here assert that they have news from Pekin up to June 17. The situation was then very serious. Beyond that they claim to have received nothing, but they deny that dispatches have been withheld.

"Although I am not willing to adopt the alarmist reports, my impression, gathered from the consuls and Chinese authorities, is that the worst is to be feared in Pekin. Admiral Seymour's column is now in the middle of an arid plain, with no food and no good water, and surrounded by hostile forces."

A dispatch from Shanghai announces that the United States transport Thomas, with troops for Manila, was diverted to Nagasaki and has arrived at Taku with 1,200 men.

Killed in a Train Wreck.

Lebanon, Ky., June 21.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured in a wreck this afternoon on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Cavalry, six miles from Lebanon. The killed are: George Mullins, of Mount Vernon, and J. H. Houston, of Pinehill, both bridge carpenters. Thirteen bridge carpenters were at work on the bridge that crosses Rolling Fork River. The passenger train was in the center of the first 100-foot span when the bridge gave way and precipitated almost the entire train into the bed of the river. The last coach, containing 20 passengers, was left hanging over the abutment, and was not seriously damaged until after its occupants were taken out.

Going to Fight African Natives.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 21.—The West Indian regiment today received orders from the war office to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Cambia, Western Africa, to fight the Sofas. Demarara has offered 400 volunteers and a Maxim gun for service against the Ashantees. About 775 men of the Kingston infantry militia volunteered for the same service yesterday.

Beckham Wants Renomination.

Frankfort, Ky., June 21.—Governor Beckham, the youngest governor this state has ever had, and the youngest governor in the United States, issued a statement tonight, formally announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself.

Fatal Tenement House Fire.

Buffalo, June 21.—Three deaths have resulted from a tenement-house fire here last night, and a fourth will follow. The dead are Mrs. Guliana Milandas and her son, aged 8 years, and a daughter of 5 years. An infant child of Mrs. Milandas was badly burned, and it cannot survive.

Bucharest, June 21.—The insurrection in Bulgaria is spreading. Fifty peasants have been killed by the military at Duran Lekah.

Italian Cabinet Crisis.

Rome, June 21.—Signor Saracco, president of the Italian senate, who was summoned to the quirinal yesterday after the resignation of the cabinet, has been intrusted by King Humbert with the task of forming a new ministry to succeed that of General Pelloux.

Washington, June 21.—Adjutant-General Corbin received a cablegram from General MacArthur, at Manila, today, saying that Captain Orison Lee, of the Forty-fifth volunteer infantry, was drowned off the coast of Albay the 10th inst.