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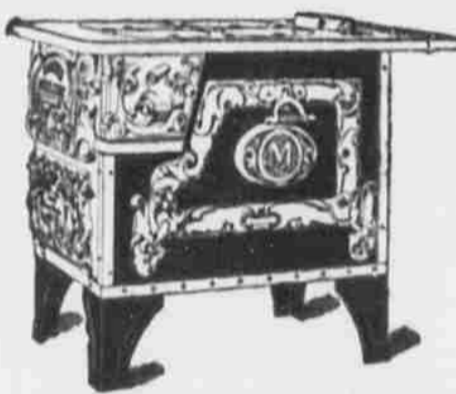
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LONG DRY SPELL IS UNBROKEN

Oppressive Heat All Over Drought Stricken District.

SEVERE HEAT IN KANSAS

Average Temperature For the State is One Hundred—Ottawa Will Soon Be Without Water—Continued Hot Weather in Missouri.

TOPEKA, Kas., July 20.—Kansas has had another day of protracted heat with little prospect of immediate relief. One or two small showers fell in Central Kansas, but the sky over the remainder of the state was cloudless. Numerous cities have now completed thirty days with only a trace of rain.

The state is again encountering the severe heat that was present before the recent period of low barometer, when a number of cities were relieved by rain. At Ottawa, in the eastern part of the state, a temperature of 106 is reported. There the river is drying up and the city will soon be without water. In Leavenworth the temperature was about 100. This is the average for the entire state. Corn, which had fairly good prospects a week ago is beginning to tassel out, and this will prove its destruction.

HUNDRED DEGREE MARK

Has Been Reached Regularly for Twelve Days in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, July 20.—For thirty-one successive days the temperature in Kansas city has risen above 90 degrees. On most of the days the temperature has reached or exceeded 100 degrees, and during the past twelve days the 100-degree mark has been reached regularly. At noon today the temperature was 100 degrees for the first time at so early an hour. The highest point, 104 degrees, was attained at 4 p. m.

Since April 5 there has been one heavy rain, June 22. Most of the street thermometers registered 119 in the shade each day. There have been a few heat prostrations and not many deaths ascribed to the heat, but the mortality among feeble old persons and young children has been unusually large. The same conditions of heat and rainfall have prevailed all over the drought-stricken region of the Southwest, Kansas, Western Missouri, Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

Practically no rain has fallen in this area in the past twenty-four hours, the few local showers being trivial. For the next twenty-four hours continued hot weather is expected.

PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

Missouri and Kansas Churches to Hold Special Services.

KANSAS CITY, July 20.—Prayers for rain will be offered in nearly all the churches in Missouri and Kansas tomorrow, in the former state in obedience to the governor's proclamation.

In some of the churches of this city special services will be held.

AT MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, July 20.—The thermometer at the weather bureau registered 99 and those in the street from 105 to 110. This is the highest temperature for Milwaukee in July since 1887.

HOTTEST DAY ON RECORD.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20.—This was the hottest day ever recorded here. At 3 p. m. the temperature was 102.

IN NEED OF VEGETABLES.

BOISE, Idaho, July 20.—Vegetables are being shipped from Idaho as far east as St. Louis. Today a representative of the Pacific Express Company arrived here whose special duty it is to hunt up a vegetable supply for the drought stricken section. He has made an arrangement for a shipment from Gardens here.

MISSIONARIES TO INDIA.

Dr. Churchill and Assistants Will Inaugurate New System.

NEW YORK, July 20.—D. C. Churchill sailed on the Manilleo to day on his way to Bombay, where he will inaugurate an entirely new system of missionary work in India. Mr. Churchill is an engineer and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been asked to found a system of model trade schools at Ahmednagar, about 175 miles inland from Bombay. Speaking of his mission, Mr. Churchill said the missionaries in the east had decided in favor of more practical instruction and less Bible study as a means to the end they seek.

"The enterprise on which I am bound is supported partly by the government and partly by the contributions of two

New York gentlemen. Dr. Huma, minister of the Congregational church, has collected this money, about \$25,000, and has secured the promise of the government to pay half the salaries of the teachers we may employ. It is through him I received my appointment.

"The movement, however, is purely denominational. All the missionaries are expected to be interested in its development. Associated with Mr. Churchill is J. B. Rice, an expert agriculturist. With his aid, Mr. Churchill will construct a complete system of irrigation through that part of India.

HAVANA DRY DOCK.

Bought by the Navy Department and Will Be Towed to Subig Bay.

NEW YORK, July 20.—It is announced that Rear-Admiral Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, is taking steps for the transportation of the Spanish drydock in Havana harbor to Subig bay, island of Luzon.

Had it not been for Rear-Admiral Bowles' foresight the dock would within another week have been in the possession of New York capitalists who had opened negotiations for its purchase and were making final arrangements for the transfer when the navy department stepped in and bought it.

The route and the distance the dock would be towed are thus stated by the navy department: Havana to Canary Islands, 3100 miles; Canary Islands to Gibraltar, 100 miles; Gibraltar to Port Said, 1920 miles; Port Said to Aden, 1110 miles; Aden to Colombo, 2130 miles; Colombo to Singapore, 1270 miles; Singapore to Manila, 1386 miles; Manila to Subig Bay, 100 miles; total distance towed, 11,916 miles.

SALMON COMBINE FILE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Board of Directors Stated—Orrifroy Will Be Secretary of Corporation.

PORTLAND, July 20.—A dispatch from New York says that the following are stated for directors of the new salmon combine, articles of incorporation of which were filed today:

August Belmont, Snyvesant Fish, C. R. Flint, Richard DeLaford, J. Borne, Mr. Caray, T. B. McGovern, all of New York; John F. Connelman, Chicago; R. Orrifroy, Fairhaven, Wash. It is understood Orrifroy will be made secretary of the corporation.

IMPROVE RATION SYSTEM.

Secretary of the Navy Appoints Board to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The secretary of the navy appointed a naval board headed by Lieutenant-Commander Hunter, to take up the question of the naval ration. It is forty years since anything was done on the ration and it was felt to be opportune now that the subject be taken up with a view to improving the system.

MISS DALY WEDS.

Daughter of the Mayor of Limerick Married in New York.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The announcement is made that Miss Kathleen Daly, of Limerick, Ireland, and who recently visited this country has been married at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church in this city, to Thomas J. Dungannon, of Ireland. Aside from the newspaper notice no information was obtainable.

CONSTABULARY ROUTED.

Boots Have the Best of the Engagement Near Petersburg.

LONDON, July 20.—The casualty list received tonight at the war office indicates that a party of the South Africa constabulary was ambushed near Petersburg, July 16, and that two members of the party were killed, one dangerously wounded, and seventeen missing, who are believed to have been taken prisoners by the Boers.

BIG FIRE AT WINTERS.

WINTERS, Cal., July 20.—A \$100,000 fire occurred here tonight. The principal losers were the Winters Dried Fruit Company, \$40,000; S. B. Chandler Lumber Yard, \$15,000; Granger Warehouse Association, \$15,000; Henry Trainers, \$2000.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20.—A telephone message to the Times says the town of Riceville, with a population of 800 to 1000, was practically wiped out by fire today, involving a loss estimated at \$200,000.

STRECKER'S BIG SCORE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Adolph Strecker, the Schutzen king of the third national Bundles festival, returned to the ranges this morning and made the score 49 out of a possible 50 on the American standard target.

SHARKEY AND MAHER.

A mixed wrestling match between the pugilists Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher this afternoon resulted in a draw.

BIG MEETINGS OF STEEL WORKERS

One Endorsed Unionism and the Other Condemned It.

SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS

Non-Union Men Ready to Take the Place of Strikers—Believe That Their Condition Cannot Be Improved.

PITTSBURG, July 20.—The first week of the steel strike ended today in this district with two big meetings, one endorsing non-unionism, the other condemning it. The first was held at Vandergriff this afternoon where the sentiment of the workers of Vandergriff, Leeburg, Ahalle and the Saltzberg plants of the American steel company was expressed in speeches and resolutions. Eighteen hundred men attended the meeting.

The resolutions says: WHEREAS, The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers, of the American Sheet Steel Company, which has arisen by reason of said association demanding that all non-union mills be organized into a union, which demands we do not endorse, Therefore, be it resolved, by the iron workers of Vandergriff, Apollo, Leeburg and Saltzberg, That we hereby express our loyalty to the managers of the American Sheet Steel Company.

"During the years we have worked for said company we have received only the fairest treatment at their hands; our wages have been entirely satisfactory and we ask that we be permitted to work non-union men as we have been doing since 1893.

"We feel that no labor union can make our condition any better or more honorable than it is at present since we are subject to no one man's dictation." The meetings at McKeesport were diametrically opposed to the Vandergriff gathering in its object and action.

PARDONS FOR BANKERS.

McKinley Has Pardoned Twenty-One and Death Leniently With Others.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—James E. Smith, pardon attorney for the department of justice has submitted a report to the attorney-general concerning the action of the president upon applications for pardon of persons who have violated national banking laws. In preparing the report he made a comparison of the second administration of Mr. Cleveland and the first administration of Mr. McKinley.

During Mr. Cleveland's second term there were filed forty-four applications for pardon in banking cases, of which three were denied and forty-one were acted upon favorably, as follows: Twenty-one pardons, one restoring to citizenship, eighteen commutations and one commutation and restoration to citizenship.

During President McKinley's first administration there were sixty-one cases acted upon, of which twenty-four were adversely reported and denied and thirty-six were favorably acted upon, as follows:

Pardons 15; restoration to citizenship five; commuted, 12; commuted and restored to citizenship, four.

Continuing, the report says: "I have furthermore brought this report down to date, which shows that during his two administrations to date President McKinley has acted upon applications for pardons in bank cases as follows: Total number acted upon, 62; total acts of clemency, 45, as follows: Pardoned, 21; pardoned to restore civil rights, six; commuted and restored to civil rights, four; commuted, 12.

AMERICANS ARE DEFEATED.

The Canadians Beat Them in Amateur Rowing Contest at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 20.—The world's champion vesper eight-oared shell of this city, which has carried the colors of its club to many a victory went down to defeat today before the strong argonaut crew of Toronto, Canada, in the last day of the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. Not only was this crew whipped by the Canadians, but eight men of the Winnipeg Rowing Club also flashed past the champions and beat them out at the finish.

It was the first defeat for the Vesper eight. The Argonaut's time for the mile and half was 7:49.

A dual contest for the championship of the United States in singles was won by Ten Eyck from Greer.

THE EXILED BOERS.

Nationalities That Make Up Prisoners at St. Helena.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The British

steamship Reading from Ascension and St. Helena is now at Jersey City.

"There are about 400 Boer prisoners on the island," said the Reading's commander, "and of these 17 per cent are Transvaalers and Orange Free States. The remaining 83 per cent is made up of other nationalities in this order: Scandinavians, Germans, Italians, a few Russians, Irishmen and even Englishmen, a handful of Scotchmen, a few Americans, a few Greeks and scatterings from other nationalities.

"The farmers are complaining because the government has impressed the surplus labor for work on the breakwater. A large number of Boer prisoners are also employed on the breakwater at five shillings per day. Some do not choose to work, others labor for the farmers and the older prisoners whittle out toys which they sell. General Cronje is also weary of his detention but says little. I am told that the permission of native Boers was representative of their entire army."

STRIKE AFFECTS STOCKS.

Declaration Causes Crushing Liquidations in the Market.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The declaration of the strike of the steel workers brought crushing liquidation upon the stock market Monday. In pursuance of the policy of relieving and supporting the market the Northern Pacific settlement was pushed to completion and announced on Wednesday morning.

The breaking of the drought in the corn belt was an important additional influence in relieving the depression of the market. Realizing of profits has continued in large volume at all stages of the rally and has kept the market feverish and unsettled, but effective support has persisted throughout.

DECISION IN FAVOR OF FAIR'S CHILDREN.

Judge Trout Orders Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Distributed Among Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Superior Judge Trout today granted the petition of the late Jas. G. Fair for the distribution of the personal property now in the hands of the executors and ordered the immediate surrender to them of \$500,000 as a share to which they are entitled under the provisions of Senator Fair's will.

Bonds of \$250,000 are reserved from the decree of distribution to meet the demands of the attorneys for the executors and fees of the latter. It is also stipulated that in the event of Mrs. Nellie B. Craven being able to prove herself the lawful widow of Senator Fair she shall be permitted to share in the reserved portion.

SENATOR WOLCOTT IN ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, July 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

Senator Wolcott has arrived here from Carlsbad in excellent health and spirits. He was perfectly well, he remarked, when he went, and is a good deal better now. He will probably remain in England several months.

TOWNE CALLED BOLTER.

Chairman Johnson Says Party Is Better Off Without Him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20.—Chas. A. Towne, of Minnesota, was branded as a bolter by J. G. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee in an interview. He said further that the Democratic party can get along without such men as Towne and Webster Davis in it.

Chairman Johnson then launched forth into a denunciation of several big attempts to reorganize the Democracy and especially the Ohio convention.

REITZ STEYN LETTERS.

NEW YORK, July 20.—A dispatch from Paris says:

Dr. Leyds, the representative of the Transvaal, has been summoned in haste to The Hague in consequence of the divulgement of the Reitz-Steyn letters which were captured by General Broadwood at Reliz. In the Orange River Colony.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Anxiety over the Western crop situation overbore all other considerations in the stock market today and carried prices down through attempts of inside interests in certain stocks to support the market. Closing prices were near the lowest and the market was active and weak at the last.

WILL RECEIVE PATRIOTS.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The Irish National Club of this city is planning a big reception to John E. Redmond and John Dillon who are to visit this country in September.

MRS. KRUGER REPORTED DEAD.

PARIS, July 20.—A dispatch from Brussels says Ex-President Kruger has been notified by cable that his wife died today at Pretoria.

FIREMENS STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED

Coal Operators Believe It Will End Next Week.

STRIKERS THINK DIFFERENT

Are Confident They Will Win in the End—Mine Workers' Convention Will Make an Effort to Settle the Trouble.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 20.—The close of the fifth day of the Stationary Firemen's strike finds both sides firm.

The strike leaders profess to be as confident as ever that they are going to win. The coal operators, however, do not share in this belief. They think that next week will see the end of the strike.

It is generally believed that at the convention to be held in this city tomorrow the United Mineworkers will make an effort to have the strike settled.

NEXT CONVENTION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Claims of Various Cities Are Considered—Churches Crowded at Testers' Meetings.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—This evening a meeting of the board of control of the Epworth League was held to consider the claims of the various cities which are anxious to secure the next international convention. It was decided to refer the whole matter to a special committee.

CHURCHES WERE CROWDED.

Yesterday Was a Big Day for Epworth Leaguers.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—A spirit of animation and enthusiasm marked the work of the third day of the International Epworth League Convention. The delegates had been admonished at the close of yesterday's meetings by Rev. Dr. Berry, general secretary of the league, that there had been too much sighing and that "all should get to work and pump salvation into these people."

This injunction was obeyed. The visitors foretook the alignments of sight-seeing today and devoted their attention to one of those campaigns of fervid religious enthusiasm and soul saving for which Methodism is noted. Under the influence of the bright sunshine and a cool and invigorating breeze right from off the Pacific, the visitors sought the places of meeting early. Every one had become rested and there was an entire absence of anything resembling weariness.

Enthusiasm and a manifest determination to make this the big day of the convention was everywhere evident. Everything went with a vim that had been lacking at some of the previous sessions. Again did the sunrise prayer meetings, with which the most devout open the day, draw crowded houses at every one of the four principal Methodist places of worship. From that early hour on throughout the morning every path seemed to lead crowds to the pavilion, the Altamont theater and to the Metropolitan Temple, Central and Howard street churches.

The 9 o'clock opening song at each of these places saw greater audiences than had before joined in the first hymn of the day. A long program of speeches was gone through with considerable promptness, all being listened to with the deepest interest and applauded with hearty enthusiasm. Open air meetings were held at half a dozen places in widely separated districts of the city, as well as the music stand in the Golden Gate Park and the court of the Palace Hotel. Song service, prayer and made up the programs at these meetings which were attended by large crowds.

STATE GRAIN COMMISSIONER.

TACOMA, July 20.—William H. Reed has been appointed by Governor Rogers a member of the Washington state grain commission to succeed himself for the term ending July, 1903.

LARGE NUMBER REGISTERED.

EL RENO, July 20.—When the registration booths closed this evening 102,271 persons had registered.

NOTED ATHLETE DEAD.

ST. LOUIS, July 20.—Wayman Crow McCreery, noted as a billiard player, musician and amateur athlete, died today of cerebral apoplexy.