

CUBAN CONGRESS ASSEMBLES AT HAVANA

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WILL PASS UPON CREDENTIALS.

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Havana, (Special).—The Cuban Senate and House of Representatives assembled at noon Monday.

The senators met in the Palacio Segundo and the representatives in the Comandancia General de La Marina Building.

Governor General Leonard Wood made an address wishing the legislators success in the work upon which they were about to enter. He informed them that no legislative power would be vested in the insular congress until after the formal transfer of the government. Their work now was to pass upon credentials and to inform the military government officially who had been elected president and vice-president, senators and members of the House of Representatives.

The position of president pro tem. in the Senate and the House was unanimously accorded to the oldest member of each body. Salvador Cisneros was elected president of the Senate, while Pedro Albarran was elected president of the Representatives.

After appointing committees to pass upon credentials both bodies adjourned.

MILLIONS OF EGGS STORED.

Big Packers Are Gradually Starving Out Small Shippers.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special).—The big packing houses have made such inroads into the business of packing and shipping eggs and poultry for consumption in Eastern markets that the business of the small shippers in this part of the West is threatened with destruction, according to members of the Produce Dealers' Association of Kansas and Oklahoma, which met here to consider the situation.

John Stewart, of Concordia, Kan., president of the association, said: "The packers are so firmly entrenched that I do not believe that we can do much to oppose them. I do not know whether the recent operations of the beef dealers could be called a corner or not. However, I do know that four big firms have stored 144,000,000 eggs, or 400,000 cases. At this time last year more than 1,000,000,000, or 3,000,000 cases, were in cold storage. There will be fewer eggs stored this year, because the prices are higher."

PROHIBITION STATE 21 YEARS.

Governor Stanley, of Kansas, Says Effect Has Been Beneficial.

Topoka, Kan., (Special).—Twenty-one years ago prohibition was adopted in Kansas. Governor Stanley discussed its effect as follows:

"Prohibition in Kansas has been marked by very beneficial results, and this is apparent to anyone who will travel through Kansas and through any of the license States that may be selected and note the difference in the types of young men in the two States. There are thousands of young men in Kansas who never saw a saloon, and will avoid it, if for no other reason, because it is under the ban of the law. There are thousands of men who probably would patronize the saloon if sanctioned by law and conducted, as the law brands it, as an Ishmaelite among the legitimate enterprises of the community."

Price Cost \$1,000 an Hour.

Chicago (Special).—Rebates to the amount of 10 per cent. were received by the persons who contributed to the fund for the entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia when he visited Chicago in March. The total amount subscribed was \$25,000, and the expense of the princely visit amounted to \$22,500. Prince Henry arrived in Chicago at 6 o'clock on the evening of March 3 and departed for Milwaukee at 2 o'clock the following afternoon. Entertaining royalty in Chicago cost over \$1,000 an hour by averaging up the expenses. Out of this all the numerous celebrations came, except the luncheon at the Germania Club.

Two Killed in Feud Fight.

Ola, Ky., (Special).—In a feud fight on Beaver Creek, near the border of Knott and Letcher counties, William Osborne and Hiram Little were killed. Sam Cook badly injured and George Reedy slightly injured. It is stated that Osborne and Little recently attempted to shoot Cook and Reedy, who awaited the victims along the highway.

Waterspout in Oklahoma.

Anadarko, Okla., (Special).—A report was received here of a waterspout at Foss, a town on the Choctaw Railway, in which it is said twelve persons were drowned. The Washinta River is said to have risen ten feet. Anadarko people living on the bottoms fronting the river are hurrying to higher ground.

Caught in Boiling Slag.

Harrisburg, Pa., (Special).—Word was received here that one man is dead, three probably fatally injured and five others badly burned, the result of the boiling over of slag in one of the open-hearth mills of the Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Steelton.

Shade-Grown Sumatra Leaf.

Hartford, Conn. (Special).—The first sale of shade-grown Sumatra tobacco leaf was held here, all of this tobacco raised in the Connecticut river valley in the season of 1901 having been brought in by agreement of the growers to be sold by auction. There were dealers and manufacturers present from New York, Chicago and Boston. The prices varied from \$2.80, the highest, to 20 cents for the lowest, the leaf of the low-priced bales being dark and short.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

The puddlers at the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company's three plants in Lebanon, Pa., and at the Penn. Iron Company's plant in Lancaster, Pa., went on a strike.

Eighty-four Moro prisoners attempted to escape from the American military guard. The troops pursued and fired upon them, killing 35 and capturing 9.

The Union Traction Company of Philadelphia, leased all of the lines in the city to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Mrs. Estrada Palma started with her family, from Newburgh, N. Y., to join her husband in Havana.

William Rabel, who killed his young wife in Fort Wayne, Ind., committed suicide in his cell.

The work of rebuilding Denigh Hall at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, was begun.

Miss Josephine Holman, who broke off her engagement to Signor Marconi, it is announced, will marry Eugene Boross, of Budapest, Hungary, who met her on the steamer while en route to Europe.

The White Star steamship Celtic returned to New York after a trip of 14,000 miles to the Orient.

The Gates syndicate has bought a controlling interest in the Monon, which gives his Louisville and Nashville Road an entrance to Chicago.

Frank Smith died in Allentown, Pa., from the effect of a blow received in a boxing bout with Hans Hartranft.

Two hundred ironworkers employed on the new North German Lloyd pier at Hoboken went on a strike.

A tornado near Centerville, S. D., destroyed property, killed a baby and injured several people.

The trial by court-martial of Arthur Howard, a deserter from the United States Army, in the Philippines, was concluded at Manila. He may, if convicted, be pardoned because of services to the government.

Adrian Britt, at one time publisher and editor of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Union, and who, it is said, influenced the delivery of Southern States to Rutherford B. Hayes, died a pauper in Chicago.

The Interstate Commerce Commission began an investigation of the Immigrant Bureau in New York, which is claimed to be operated by the railroad companies, in violation of the law.

Three tornadoes swept through Central Iowa, desolating a number of towns, seriously injuring about a dozen persons and doing much damage to crops and property.

The managers of the international steamship syndicate have called upon the members for a 25 per cent. assessment of the subscriptions.

A number of iron and bridge-building concerns have signed the eight-hour scale of the Structural Workers' Union.

The Chilean steamer Cheribon was totally wrecked off Remedios Reef, near Acapulcan, Salvador.

Strikes were begun on May Day by workmen in various parts of the country. Pittsburg was the center. Many employers and contractors conceded the demands of the men.

P. O. Fisher, manager of the Virginia Woolen Mills, in Winchester, Va., died from a shock resulting from an operation.

Foreign.

Fear that the murder of the French priest in Chi Li province will retard the restoration of Tientsin has caused the government to command that an indemnity be paid and the responsible Chinese officials punished.

The United States Ambassadors at Rome, in the name of the United States, threw the King of Italy for his clemency in liberating the officers of the cruiser Chicago who were imprisoned at Venice.

Reports of the capitulation of the capital of Santo Domingo to the revolutionists are confirmed and President Jimenez has sought refuge in the French consulate.

The system of discharging the crews of British vessels abroad is rapidly causing an increase of the foreign sailor element in the British mercantile marine.

The congress of the German People's Party, which was held in Vienna, broke up in a free fight between the contending factions.

Queen Wilhelmina's condition, as now reported by her physicians, is somewhat improved.

The British Finance Bill as finally shaped provides for a duty of threepence per hundredweight on wheat, barley, oats, rye, buckwheat, etc., and fivepence on flour, meat, cleaned rice and starch.

Over 1,000 people were killed in the fighting between the Chinese rebels and the troops of Ching Sheng Fu. The rebels also burned and looted stores and houses in other towns.

Spanish florists are busy preparing for the great battle of flowers, which will be a feature of the coronation of King Alfonso, May 17.

John D. Rockefeller is behind the Virginia-North Carolina Chemical Company's designs upon the German potash fields.

Fifty lives were lost in the burning of a town on the right bank of the Danielta branch of the Nile.

Russian soldiers are beginning to show disloyalty by refusing to act against the people. Eight hundred men in one regiment have been disciplined for refusing to fire upon the rioters in Moscow.

The officers and marines of the United States cruiser Chicago, who were pardoned by the King of Italy of the offense charged against them in Venice, have been released and deny the charges.

The French Premier has called the attention of the prefects of departments to the interference of the clergy in the recent elections.

Successful tests with England's new submarine torpedo boat have been made, although conducted with great secrecy.

A French Jesuit priest was murdered by the Chinese and his head hung on a tree.

Financial.

St. Paul gross earnings in March increased \$209,454 and the net increased \$126,481.

Union Pacific March earnings show a gross increase of \$182,545 and a net increase of \$17,636.

It is again reported that the Louisville & Nashville dividend will be increased to 6 per cent. in July.

It was stated that about 30 per cent. of the proxies of the two classes of stock issued by the United States Steel Corporation have been received in favor of the \$200,000,000 refunding plan.

MRS. KATE SOFFEL HAS NO DEFENSE

Aided the Biddle Brothers to Escape From Pittsburg Jail.

ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY.

Mrs. Soffel Entered the Room With a Firm Step—She Was Accompanied Only by Her Physician and Attorney, Having Made a Special Request That None of Her Relatives Be Present.

Pittsburg, Pa., (Special).—Mrs. Kate Soffel, the wife of Warden Soffel, of the Allegheny county jail, who figured in the sensational escape and recapture of the Biddle brothers last January, was called into court and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting in the escape of prisoners.

The maximum penalty is two years in the penitentiary.

The courtroom was crowded to the doors, many women being present, and much curiosity to see the prisoner was manifested.

Mrs. Soffel entered the room with a firm step.

She was dressed neatly, unveiled, and appeared to have entirely recovered from the wounds received during the battle between the bandits and officers.

During the preliminaries incident to the opening of the court she showed little embarrassment and talked freely with her attorney and physician.

The Soffel-Biddle tragedy is still fresh in the minds of the public, and the story in which love, romance and bloodshed figured will not soon be forgotten. On January 30, "Ed" and "Jack" Biddle, condemned murderers, escaped from the Pittsburg prison. They were aided by the wife of the warden of the prison, Mrs. Kate Soffel. The Biddles, after their dash from prison, might have made good their escape, but they were not without a certain feeling of chivalry that made them true to the woman who had risked all to aid them.

The three left Pittsburg and for about 36 hours nothing was heard from them. Then the authorities got on the right track, and the pursuers and pursued met near Butler, Pa., on the evening of the day following the one on the morning of which they escaped. The two Biddles were mortally wounded and Mrs. Soffel was seriously wounded.

Mrs. Soffel was infatuated with one of the Biddle brothers, and as soon as the men escaped, her husband, the warden, made a statement to the effect that he believed her guilty. Mrs. Soffel has never denied that she loved one of the murderers, and the very fact that her mad love led her to such extremes has aroused not a little sympathy in her behalf.

WANTS RHODES' GIFT REFUSED.

Boer Says It Is Soiled With Blood of Women and Children.

Detroit, Mich., (Special).—Rev. H. D. Broekheisen, former pastor to President Kruger, of the Transvaal, delivered an eloquent address to a large audience at Light Guard Armory here under the auspices of the local Transvaal League.

He said he had shouldered a rifle and preached between battles, and had never seen a British officer or private ill-treated by the Boers. Referring to the death of Cecil Rhodes, he said:

"The gold he has taken from South Africa is soiled with the blood of women and children. God pity the man who takes this gold from any Englishman. I hope the presidents of your universities and your men of affairs will warn those under their care of this gold and to shun it as they would a viper."

Defended a Brother Officer.

Washington, (Special).—First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne received the first word that has come to this country direct from any of the officers of the United States steamship Chicago arrested in Venice. It was from his son Frank, who is captain of the marines on the Chicago, and was in response to cablegrams sent when the first news of the affair reached this country, and evidently was dispatched at the first opportunity Captain Wynne had for communication with his home folks.

The cablegram stated that the sender had defended a brother officer from an attack by a mob and that there was no occasion for worry.

Pardons From Italy.

Rome, (By Cable).—The King has pardoned the officers of the United States cruiser Chicago who have been imprisoned at Venice. They will be immediately handed over to the United States Consul, from whose charge they will be transferred to the Chicago, which is ready to sail. United States Ambassador Meyer conferred with Signor Prineti, the foreign minister, and the release of the American officers was arranged, conditioned upon the payment of civil damages amounting to \$2,000. It is understood that after a caution they will leave Venice aboard the cruiser Chicago.

Mysterious Deaths Near Parkersburg.

Parkersburg, W. Va., (Special).—Two mysterious deaths occurred near here. At Kraft's Station, three miles from town, the remains of James Kenney were found beside the railroad track. He started home from town and probably fell asleep on the track while resting.

At Cornwallis the body of an unknown woman was found on the railroad track. She is a stranger, and her presence there can only be accounted for by the theory that she jumped or fell from a passenger train.

Patients Fire Pesthouse.

Deadwood, S. D., (Special).—The patients in the County Pesthouse, who are said to have secured a quantity of whiskey, overturned beds, destroyed the furniture, indulged in fights, and, as a climax, set fire to the building, which was completely destroyed. Many of the patients were in the worst stage of smallpox and were rescued with difficulty. They were forced to remain out on the hillside until morning, when the sheriff and a force of deputies got them to a temporary shelter.

LIVE NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

McKinley's Doctors' Bills.

Congress will pay the funeral expenses of President McKinley, including the doctors' bills, over which there has been so much contention.

An item is to be inserted in the Urgent Deficiency bill, now under consideration by the House Committee on Appropriations, which provides for an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses attending the death and burial of the President.

The committee has gone fully into the question of compensation to the doctors who attended the wounded Executive and has decided that, notwithstanding the physicians declined to submit a bill for their respective services, they are entitled to liberal fees for their efforts to save the President's life.

It is understood that an agreement has been reached whereby \$31,000 of the amount to be appropriated shall go to the doctors and the remainder will be used to defray the funeral expenses.

Friends of the dead President and others interested in the subject have been consulted, and it is believed that the allowance thus made is not only liberal and reasonable, but will be entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Statements of all the expenses incurred were submitted to the committee, and the amount named will cover all obligations of the government.

Postponement of the Fair.

Secretary Hay has sent to the Senate a letter stating the necessity for postponing the Louisiana Purchase Exposition from 1903 to 1904.

Inclosed with it was a letter from Chairman Carter, of the government commission, and a telegram from President Francis, of the Exposition Commission, showing the necessity for the postponement. Senator Cockrell had the letter read in the Senate and then offered an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill now pending in the Senate providing for the postponement of the Exposition in accordance with the request. The papers and amendment were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

In his telegram President Francis says prospective exhibitors cannot construct necessary buildings and install their exhibits within the time limit.

Chairman Carter's letter is in the same tone and says about \$20,000,000 is to be spent within the grounds.

Ladybug to Fight San Jose Scale.

The Department of Agriculture is preparing to fight the ravages of the San Jose scale throughout the country with its natural enemy, the ladybug, brought from the interior of China. Assistant Botanist Marlatta has just returned from the Orient, where he sought the original source of the latter country, where European plants had not penetrated, he found the scales and also the ladybugs, which kept the scales in subjection and permitted the native plants to flourish.

Mr. Marlatta started home with a good supply of these ladybugs, but only 16 survived on arrival in this country and 14 of these subsequently died. The two remaining, however, were nursed carefully by the government with a view to fighting the scale in the same manner as in China. There now are 50 of them, requiring the constant gathering of scales from the department grounds for food. While not expecting the scales to be exterminated from this country, experts are planning to attack them with the increasing breed of their natural enemies.

Accounts Reported Short.

Harry A. Barrows, disbursing clerk of the United States Census Office, whose home is at Berwyn, Md., several miles north of Washington, was summarily dismissed by Director Merriam pending an investigation into the condition of his books.

This action followed a statement made by Barrows in which he is said to have existed which may reach \$7,000. While the money was entrusted to his care, it is said, he speculated with it, met with reverses and reached a point where he was unable to replace it or prevent the shortage being discovered.

Root Says the Task Is Great.

Secretary Root wrote to Senator Culbertson an explanation of the reason why the War Department thus far has made no response to the Senate resolution adopted April 17 calling for exact and detailed statements of the cost of the war in the Philippines. He will show that from the moment the resolution was received every one of the supply bureaus of the War Department has been engaged in collecting material for the answer. The task involved is said to be a great one.

Volcano's Ashes Cover a Town.

St. Thomas (By Cable).—Advices received here from the Island of Martinique announce that the volcano on Mont Pelee, which had been inactive since 1851, has within the last week been alarmingly active. On Thursday it belched forth smoke, ashes and flames. The town of St. Pierre was covered with ashes to the depth of a quarter of an inch, and appears to be enveloped in fog. Great consternation prevails there and business is suspended.

A Princess Attempts Suicide.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch from Rome says Princess Beatrice de Borbone, daughter of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, attempted suicide by throwing herself into the Tiber, but was rescued. Private troubles are supposed to have prompted the act.

Killed by a Live Wire.

Piedmont, W. Va., (Special).—Robert Kuhnle, a chemist for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, and son of J. Christopher Kuhnle, was instantly killed by a live electric wire in the basement of his father's house.

Claims Many Millions.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—Messrs. Egbert Jamieson, Dudley and Michener and Robert Christy, as attorneys for John Celestin Landreau, have filed with the Secretary of State a petition against the Government of Peru, claiming a one-half interest in the reward, amounting to \$15,000,000, promised by that government to his brother, J. Theophile Landreau, the original discoverer of valuable deposits of guano upon its seacoast and Littoral Islands in 1865.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH THE MOROS

Bullets Their Reply to General Davis' Ultimatum.

3 OFFICERS AND 20 MEN WOUNDED

American Artillery Shell Two Forts on Mindanao Island, the Filipinos Stubbornly Defending Them—One Fort Captured, But Not Until After the Infantry Reached the Ditch—Messenger's Fate Unknown.

Manila, (By Cable).—General Davis in command of the American forces in the Island of Mindanao, cables that his ultimatum has not been answered, that the American outposts were fired upon. The troops advanced and shelled Moro fort, but did not capture it until the infantry reached the ditch. This fort was strong and well defended by 300 men.

Fort Panda Padto was then surrounded and heavily shelled.

General Davis also reports that Lieut. Henry S. Wagner, of the Fourteenth Infantry, has been seriously wounded, that two other officers were slightly wounded and that 20 enlisted men were wounded.

This is the substance of a brief cable message from the field.

Washington, (Special).—The War Department received a cablegram from General Chaffee, which contained the following:

"After much effort to talk with Datto Bayan, General Davis demanded May 1 that murderers and horses be given up or Datto send peace delegation to talk with him by noon May 2. Message was delivered noon May 1. Messenger had not returned 11 o'clock May 2. During night our troops were fired upon. Did not reply. Moros again fired on troops the morning of May 2. Squads went out and drove off the approaching Moros. At 11 o'clock the troops attacked and took the fort without loss. Thirteen hundred yards beyond another fort was encountered. A dispatch from General Davis says our troops surrounded this fort at 3 o'clock. Firing in progress at 5 o'clock. About 20 men wounded; also, First Lieutenant Henry S. Wagner, General Davis' aid, and Lieutenant Jossman, Twenty-seventh Infantry, former seriously."

Trieste, Austria-Hungary, (By Cable).—The United States cruiser Chicago arrived here at noon from Venice. The usual exchange of salutes took place.

Rome, (By Cable).—Private dispatches from Venice say the Cruiser Chicago will proceed for Naples May 13, and that she will there be joined by the battleship Illinois, the flagship of the United States European Squadron, on board of which vessel the officers of the Chicago who were arrested and imprisoned in Venice will be tried by court-martial.

Another United States cruiser, these dispatches further say, is expected to arrive at Venice shortly. She will moor outside the St. Mark dock.

Determined to Kill Himself.

Chicago, (Special).—Thomas Gregor, a real estate dealer, committed suicide here in a sensational manner. He was one of a crowd at the Wrightwood Avenue Station of the Northwestern Elevated road. When the train approached he jumped from the platform and fell across the rails. By a desperate effort the motorman succeeded in stopping the train. Gregor was hoisted back to the platform, but no sooner were his arms released than he stabbed himself several times in the neck. The jugular vein was severed and he died within a few minutes.

Spotted Fever.

Helena, Mont., (Special).—Dr. A. F. Longeway, secretary of the State board of health, and a party of scientists left here for the Bittle Boot valley to inquire into the mysterious malady known as spotted fever, which is causing a panic among the inhabitants of that region. Every case of the disease has been fatal, and up to the present time it has baffled the skill of all physicians who have sought to investigate it. Several eminent New York scientists have been invited to participate in the investigation now commenced by the State.

Meat Boycott for Thirty Days. Amsterdam, (By Cable).—The Amsterdam Central Labor Union, composed of 25 subordinate unions, with a total membership of 5,000, has adopted a resolution to abstain from the use of meat handled by the so-called Meat Trust for the next 30 days.

Fifty Die in Egyptian Fire.

Cairo, Egypt, (By Cable).—Fifty persons have perished in a fire at Mit Gamr, a town on the right bank of the Danielta branch of the Nile. The flames were started by the intensely hot weather prevailing. Thousands of native residences and 200 stores were destroyed.

Many Fishermen Lost.

Yokohama, (By Cable).—Two hundred and fifty fishermen are reported to have been drowned in a gale, which has made havoc of the herring fishing fleet on the west coast of Japan. The Japanese cruiser Musashi was driven ashore, but her crew were saved.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

The National Association of Blast Furnace Workers and Smelters made formal demand upon the United States Steel Corporation and kindred organizations for an eight-hour day.

E. A. Dixon was sent to jail for 12 months in Richmond, Va., for administering knockout drops to J. A. Lamb, of Petersburg.

A motion was made in the British House of Commons with a view of having the government interfere to prevent the consumption of the big shipping syndicate, which, after debate showing its serious character, was withdrawn.

A vote in the Danish Landsting indicated a determination on the part of the majority to postpone ratification of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States until after a plebiscite of the islands has been taken.

The semi-annual conference of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church was begun in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Capt. Ramon D. Garcia, an interesting and picturesque character of Richmond, Va., died there at the age of 71 years.

Charles J. Searecy, the Aquia Creek train robber, was released from the Virginia penitentiary.

Speaker Henderson was renominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Third Iowa District.

It is reported that R. G. Erwin will be offered the presidency of the Atlantic Coast Line as soon as the consolidation of that company and the Plant system has been effected.

Mrs. Adeline Sage, a Detroit woman, crazed by the death of her child, poured kerosene over her clothing and then ignited it. She was burned to death.

J. Pierpont Morgan notified the White Star Line that he would accept the agreement whereby the White Star Line enters the shipping combine. It was stated that Mr. Morgan's firm would receive \$2,500,000 for organizing and financing the concern.

POTTER PALMER DIES SUDDENLY.

Was One of Chicago's Most Prominent Business Men—Had Nervous Trouble.

Chicago, (Special).—Potter Palmer,

for nearly half a century one of Chicago's most prominent business men, died at his residence on Lake Shore drive. The exact cause of Mr. Palmer's death has not yet been determined. He had been suffering for several weeks with a nervous disorder, but, as he was able to be about the house, his condition was not thought to be serious.

When he retired Saturday night he was feeling, if anything, better than for several days. During the night, however, he seemed to lose all his energy, and Sunday morning was unable to leave his room. He gradually grew weaker during the day, and at 5:40 o'clock he suffered a sudden collapse, from which he expired.

The physicians who were attending Mr. Palmer are at a loss as to the ultimate cause of his death. Apparently he had no organic troubles. Mrs. Palmer and her two sons, Honor and Potter, Jr., were with Mr. Palmer when he died.

RAN AWAY WITH ROBBER.

Train Flew By Their Confederates at a Mile a Minute.

Paris, Texas, (Special).—An attempt was made to hold up the Frisco express between Seligman and Washburn, Mo.

Two men boarded a baggage car at the former place and after the train pulled out covered the engineer and firemen with pistols. They ordered the engineer to increase speed, but to stop when they gave the signal. Two miles beyond Seligman seven or eight men appeared at the spot designated on the train. In the meantime the engineer had pulled the throttle wide open, and when ordered to stop was making more than a mile a minute down grade. It was impossible to stop within half a mile. After leaving the confederates out of sight the robbers abused the engineer for not stopping and ordered him to let them off at Washburn, a way station. The engineer obeyed and the two would-be robbers escaped.

Tornado in South Dakota.

Centerville, S. D., (Special).—A tornado passed five miles east of here, destroying Victor Anderson's house and barn, killing his baby, fatally injuring his wife and injuring his mother. Two horses were killed. Anderson was away from home, and lost his reason when he returned and saw what had happened. A number of other houses and barns were wrecked, but no one was hurt.

Four