SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Today's Weather.
Partly cloudy.

DOMESTIC.

Snow fell in the Adirondack mountains yesterday and the temperature rested at 33.

Receiver appointed at Covington, Ky., for the Texas and Louisiana National Oil company which has large holdings in Texas.

Meeting held in Chicago by prominent manufacturers, bankers, capitalists and railroad officials to arrange for trip to Texas on Governor Sayers' invitation.

In a parade in honor of General Fitzhugh Lee at Birmingham yesterday a G. A. R. post in line dropped out because a Confederate flag was being carried by a colored boy.

Tennessee democrats in convention at Nashville nominated Hon. J. B. Frazer of Chattanooga for governor and other candidates for State offices.

WASHINGTON.

Executive committee of the democratic congressional campaign committee considers plans for making the trusts and the tariff leading issues of coming campaigns.

General Felipe Beuncamino, formerly Aguinaldo's secretary of war, called on the president. His mission is to correct false reports regarding the civil government and the army in the Philippines.

Senator Platt introduced a bill making train robbery a felony, punishable with death.

There is opposition to the oil experiment paragraph in the naval bill.

There is small hope for the projected East Texas navy yard.

FOREIGN.

Colonel Frank D. Baldwin, reporting to General Davis, says certain Filipinos will fight until "wiped out."

Government Leader A. J. Balfour promised the house of commons that a definite statement as to peace negotiations shall be made to that body on Monday.

George J. Kavanagh, who left Fort de France with Robert T. Hill, penetrated to within a mile of the crater of Mont Pelee.

Designers Fife and Watson have collaborated in designing a yacht to challenge for the America's cup.

Lord Milner has gone to Johannesburg and the Boer delegates returned to Vereeniging. It is supposed definite conclusions have been reached.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The house adjourned until Monday after adopting the conference report on the omnibus public buildings and fortifications bills and passing the subsidiary coinage bill.

The senate galleries were crowded yesterday to listen to speeches on the Philippines bill. Senator Morgan spoke in favor of the measure. Senator Spooner began a speech which he will conclude Saturday.

Bill to care for Confederate mound in the Oakwood cemetery, Chicago, passed the house yesterday.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the rivers and harbors bill without division.

TEXAS.

The time for holding the convention in the Third supreme district has been changed to July 1.

Under the decision of the supreme court the State loses its case against the Cameron heirs for Greer county school land.

State Chairman Wells has announced the appointment of a number of district and county chairmen.

The investigating committee continued its examination of witnesses in connection with the failure of the First National bank.

The attorney general will enter suits against corporations which he alleges are illegally doing a banking business.

The new hospital at Austin was dedicated with ceremony.

Blood poison and lockjaw have developed at Goliad and there have been three mere deaths.

The regents of the girls' industrial school have decided on a building to cost $45,000.

The authorities of Grayson county will rearrest Bob Smith and again try him for the murder of Mrs. Taylor.

J. S. Neeley, a young man, suicided at Waco by shooting himself.

The Treadaway well off Spindle Top has been abandoned because of a number of accidents.

Three saloon men defied the mayor of El Paso and now the grand jury has returned true bills against all the gamblers and saloonists.

It is rumored a steamer line is to be put on between Port Arthur and Galveston.

SPORT.

At Hawthorne Vulcain won the mile handicap from Flying Torpedo and Searcher.

One favorite was first past the post at Gravesend, the other races going to second and third choices.

Clorita won the last race at Latonia pulled up running her field off their feet.

Favorites captured most of the purses at St. Louis yesterday.

Two games are scheduled for the American and National league series today, as is usual on Decoration Day.

COMMERCIAL.

Cotton advanced on better spot demand and lost most of the rise on heavy liquidation. Liverpool was firm.

Chicago's grain pits were again under control of the bears, who depressed values to new levels. No market today.

In Wall street the dealings were wholly influenced by the triple holiday. No session until Monday next.

The Chicago cattle market was again slightly weaker under large arrivals. Kansas City closed 10 cents lower. St. Louis was steady to 10 cents down.

Bradstreet's and Dun's reports show a gratifying condition in business circles. Railroad earnings materially increase.

On the London exchange values were maintained on Balfour's statement. Americans forgotten.

Decoration Day will be observed by the closing of all the exchanges.

RAILROADS.

The per diem plan for handling freight cars will go into effect June 1.

Mr. Broocks makes a statement of the position of the Gulf and Interstate.

Machinists on the International and Great Northern have struck in an effort to secure increased pay and a decrease in the number of apprentices. The shops at Palestine, Taylor and San Antonio are affected.

The stockholders of the Rock Island held a special meeting at Fort Worth to authorize bonds for the proposed extensions.

The Southern Pacific shop men have appointed a committee to go to San Francisco to see General Manager Kruttschnitt.

Suit instituted at Memphis against several great railway trunk lines under section 5 of the interstate commerce act. First prosecution of the kind ever attempted.

HOUSTON.

The ordinance forbidding the throwing of garbage and trash upon the streets will be rigidly enforced.

The Milam street bridge has been ordered closed for several days to admit of work upon the sewer syphon.

The High School commencement exercises at the Auditorium last night were successfully conducted.

SCHOOL GIRLS.

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RAILROADS BEING SUED

For Interstate Commerce Act Violations at Memphis, Tenn.

INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

Six Leading Trunk Lines Are Included in the Prosecution, Which Is the First of the Kind Attempted.

Memphis, Tenn., May 29.—The first prosecution of common carriers in the United States under section 5 of the interstate commerce act, as amended, has been begun here with indictments against six railroads as follows: Illinois Central Railroad company, Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad company, the Frisco (K. C., M. and B.) system, Southern Railway company, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis company.

The indictments were returned against these railroads and their officials because the government contends that the declaration by each road is in fact a pool among them to divide on a pro rata basis the cotton out of Memphis, and to maintain rates. This agreement was known among the railroads as a "declaration."

The government called it a pool and the evidence of it is alleged to have been so strong that the grand jury returned the indictments.

United States District Attorney Randolph and J. T. Marchand, special attorney for the interstate commerce commission, are conducting the suits for the government.

INDICTED BY GRAND JURY.

Washington, May 29.—Vice President Finley of the Southern railway today made the following statement: "I have information that the railway companies entering Memphis, Tenn., and which are interested in the transportation of cotton from that point, have been indicted by the grand jury of the Federal court at Memphis on the charge that the railway companies entering that city have defined the respective proportions of cotton which they are prepared to handle from and passing through that city. Several years ago it was alleged that rebates were being secured and rates unlawfully reduced, through the routing of cotton via certain intermediate and connecting lines and to stop these illegal practices and in pursuance of the policy of the lines in the South to conduct trade with proper observance of the laws of the country, steps were taken by the lines entering Memphis, individually, to control the routing with respect to intermediate lines; furthermore, and acting under the advice of counsel, the traffic officials of the various lines, recognizing the exceptional conditions under which the cotton crop is moved, and the dependence of interior cotton markets in the South in a reasonable regulation of the cotton movement, adopted the principle of announcing, each for himself alone, the proportion of cotton his company was prepared to handle. No penalty was attached and no agreement entered into.

SUPREME COURT RULING.

"Both of these arrangements were involved in a suit subsequently brought at Memphis, entitled Post vs. Southern Railway company, and in that suit the supreme court of Tennessee held as follows:

"'Where goods are tendered for shipment to a point beyond the initial carrier's line, and there are several routes equally safe, prompt, reliable and cheap, such carriers can not be compelled to accept the goods to be carried over one route in preference to another at the shipper's option, unless some reason appears therefor, especially where the use of one route may be advantageous to the carrier without injury or sacrifice to the shippers.

"'An initial carrier can not be compelled to make a through shipment to a point beyond its line over any particular line merely to enable the shipper or consignee to get a rebate under secret agreement with the line.

"'An initial carrier is liable to the shipper for loss for the selection of an insolvent connection for the through shipment.

"'In order to obtain relief in courts of equity against the concerted action of carriers there must not be only concert of action, but its direct and immediate effect must be to restrain commerce and trade, and this is not the case where the roads simply make declarations that they will not cut unlawfully or secretly reduce their published rates on cotton from a certain point, and that, to preserve the integrity of such routes, they will control the routing of cotton and that they will limit to a certain per cent their carrying of cotton from, and passing through, such point and where the rates were not advanced in consequence of such declaration, but were maintained at reasonable figures where competition had placed them.'

"I am at a loss to account for the action of the grand jury of the Federal court at Memphis and the causes inspiring such action in the light of the above decision."

"KILL NO ONE UNNECESSARILY."

Instructions in Reconcentrado Camps in the Philippines.

Washington, May 29.—Colonel A. L. Wagner, for two and a half years adjutant general in the Philippines, was heard by the Philippines committee today. He described the concentration camps in certain provinces and said they could not be compared with the Weyler camps in Cuba. They were necessary in order to clear the country of ladrones and guerillas. The people were treated well and while a dead line was established the orders were to kill no one "unnecessarily." He also discussed the various orders of Bell and other officers in the Philippines, saying he presumed that the officers acted upon authority of General Chaffee.

A number of questions were asked by Senator Culberson concerning General Bell's policy in comparison with that of his predecessor, General Sumner.

"General Sumner," said the witness, "was not allowed to take as severe measures as he deemed necessary."

He said that neither Sumner nor Bell had been responsible for the policy pursued, as each was subject to the orders of department commanders.

"If Sumner had remained in command," he said, "he would have been required to carry out the same policy as Bell did."

The witness said that indiscriminate burning of villages was not countenanced by the rules of war and that the practice of burning the property of non-combatants was inexcusable, except in cases in which it was impossible to separate it from that of hostiles, or where the enemy was making use of it.

WEATHER INFORMATION.

Probabilities.

Washington, May 29.—Eastern Texas—Partly cloudy Friday; warmer in northwest portion. Saturday fair, fresh southeast winds on the coast.

Oklahoma and Indian Territories—Fair, warmer Friday. Saturday fair.

General Observations.

Observations taken by the United States weather bureau at 8 p. m., 75th meridian time:

	Temperature.	Rainfall.
Abilene, Texas	83	.24
Amarillo, Texas	74	.00
Atlanta, Ga.	74	.00
Corpus Christi, Texas	80	T
Davenport, Iowa	74	.00
Dodge City, Kan.	68	T
El Paso, Texas	90	.00
Galveston, Texas	80	.00
Kansas City, Mo.	68	T
Memphis, Tenn.	66	T
Montgomery, Ala.	80	.00
Nashville, Tenn.	72	.00
New Orleans, La.	78	.00
North Platte, Neb.	64	.00
Oklahoma, O. T.	66	.02
Omaha, Neb.	74	.00
Palestine, Texas	78	.00
San Antonio, Texas	88	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	74	.00
Vicksburg, Miss.	64	.72

Cotton Region Bulletin.

Report for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time, May 28:

	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rainfall.
Abilene	*88	58	1.52
Ballinger	94	65	1.67
Beeville	91	68	.05
Blanco	88	66	.00
Brenham	87	70	.00
Brownwood	90	65	.10
Corpus Christi	84	78	.01
Corsicana	86	61	.17
Cuero	93	71	.00
Dallas	81	62	.00
Fort Worth	*76	62	.08
Galveston	82	78	T
Greenville	71	56	T
Hearne	89	68	.00
Henrietta	70	56	1.11
Houston	90	69	.00
Huntsville	92	70	.00
Kerrville	85	67	.00
Lampasas	89	66	.07
Longview	76	58	.00
Luling	90	67	.00
Nacogdoches	80	73	T
Palestine	80	64	T
Paris	78	52	.34
San Antonio	88	68	.00
San Marcos	89	68	.00
Sherman	70	54	.15
Taylor	88	70	T
Temple	88	67	T
Tyler	78	60	.00
Waco	*94	68	.74
Waxahachie	82	63	T
Weatherford	86	59	.12
Wharton	88	72	.00
Means	84.6	65.8	.12

*Not included in means.

District Averages.

	Stations rep't'g.	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rainfall.
Atlanta	13	78	50	.00
Augusta	11	80	54	.00
Charleston	5	72	54	.00
Galveston	31	85	66	.12
Little Rock	14	68	54	.22
Memphis	16	72	54	T
Mobile	10	78	56	.00
Montgomery	10	80	56	.00
New Orleans	15	82	62	.16
Oklahoma	8	64	52	1.12
Savannah	11	86	60	.00
Vicksburg	13	76	56	T
Wilmington	10	70	50	.00

Cotton Is Being Damaged.

Texarkana, Texas, May 29.—The cold wave striking this section on Tuesday still prevails. The weather has created considerable alarm among the cotton raisers, who say that if it continues the young cotton will be ruined. Much of the cotton is already stunted and will be retarded throughout its growth.

Hard Rain at Denison.

Denison, Texas, May 29.—There has been a steady downpour all day, one of the hardest of the spring. The continued rains are damaging wheat and oats, which are ready to harvest. Cotton and corn are in the weeds. The cold nights are hurting the cotton.

Church Destroyed at Queen City.

Queen City, Texas, May 27.—Late yesterday evening a severe storm visited this town, completely demolishing the Baptist church and unroofing one brick store. Considerable damage to corn crop. Loss on church $750.

Wheat Harvest Stopped.

Denton, Texas, May 29.—Series of good heavy showers have fallen over the county today. They will help corn, but will put a stop to wheat harvest for a day or so.

Snow in the Adirondacks.

Malone, N. Y., May 29.—Snow fell last night throughout the northern part of the Adirondacks. The mercury here dropped to 33.

OIL COMPANY RECEIVERSHIP.

The Texas and Louisiana National Oil Company Before the Courts.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29.—Judge Tarvin, in the Kenton county circuit court at Covington, Ky., on petition of Dr. E. Y. Ames appointed George M. Keefer receiver of the Texas and Louisiana National Oil company, which has a registered capital stock of $2,000,000.

The company, since its capitalization over a year ago, has acquired several thousand acres of land in Texas, Louisiana and Kentucky, where it has been actively engaged in boring and prospecting for oil, but, Dr. Ames says, with poor results. Among the company's real estate holdings, for all the oil there is in it, is a tract of land 3000 acres in extent near Somerset, in Kentucky, and the company has an option of many thousands of acres more in Texas, where Dr. Ames was placed in charge of operations and returned to file suit for a receiver.

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NEAR THE PELEE CRATER

KAVANAGH WENT WITHIN A MILE AND SECURED PHOTOGRAPHS.

Prof. Heilprin and Mr. Leadbetter Will Attempt to Make a Thorough Examination of the New Craters.

Fort de France, May 29.—The crater of Mont Pelee has been approached within one mile. This feat was accomplished Tuesday afternoon by George J. Kavanagh, an unattached newspaper man, who had accompanied Prof. Robert T. Hill, the United States government geologist, on his expedition. When Prof. Hill turned south toward St. Pierre, Mr. Kavanagh continued on past Morne Rouge. His route seemed to have been along or near the Cale Basse divide. He says he descended from Morne Rouge into the valley between Morne Rouge and Mont Pelee. This valley was deeply strewn with ashes. Mr. Kavanagh was guided by an aged negress to where an old foot path once led to Lake Palmiste, near the summit of the crater. There an iron cross twenty feet high was buried in ashes to within a foot of its top. Before him stretched upward the mountain slope covered with ashes which, soaked by the heavy rains and baked by the sun and volcanic heat, looked like a cement sidewalk. The whole mountain top was shrouded in smoke.

Forgetful of the explosion of the previous night and the awful suddenness of the outbursts and tempted by the seemingly easy ascent, he continued upward and made photographs and rough sketches. Mr. Kavanagh found the valley filled with ashes and two great rifts, which he was afraid to approach. At 6 in the evening he turned back, reaching Morne Rouge at about 9 o'clock. He had made no new observations and realized his danger only the next morning, when occurred the greatest outburst since Mont Pelee's first eruption.

On Wednesday Mr. Kavanagh tried to descend to St. Pierre, but failed. He found a little hamlet, in a valley near the mountain, black with 150 dead bodies. They were not carbonized, nor had their clothing been burned off. Probably this valley lay near the inner edge of the zone of blasting flame.

George Kennan reported from Morne Rouge this morning.

Two hours ago Prof. Angelo Heilprin, president of the Philadelphia Geographical society, but here under the auspices of the National Georgraphical society, left with Mr. Leadbetter to make a three days' careful exploration and study of the new craters, east and north.

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church elected W. L. Caruthers of Apache, O. T., a moderator.

NEW YORK.—Public opinion in Peru approves the agreement between Argentine and Chile, according to a Herald dispatch from Lima.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Platt (N. Y.) introduced a bill making train robbery a felony and providing the death penalty for the offense.

HOT SPRINGS.—Mrs. Bessie P. Ware was acquitted on a charge of murdering her divorced husband, John D. Ware, who was a prominent business man here.

NEW YORK.—Dr. Jameson will return to South Africa soon, to remain two years, says a Tribune dispatch from London. He takes a hopeful view of the country.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador.—The newspapers denounce Former President Alfaro of Ecuador, who is residing here, for conspiring to overthrow President Plaza, his successor.

NEW YORK.—It is asserted that Senor Assis, the Brazilian minister at Washington, has accepted the portfolio of minister to foreign affairs in the coming administration of Rodrigues Aloes.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The members of the local post, Grand Army of the Republic, dropped out of the parade in honor of General Fitzhugh Lee, because a Confederate flag was being carried by one of the colored boys.

PITTSBURG.—Rev. Dr. J. M. Ross called the forty-fourth general assembly of the United Presbyterian church of North America to order for the first business session. Rev. James C. Wilson of Erie was elected moderator.

WASHINGTON.—It is said at the war department that the departure of the Hancock and Sherman from Manila with the Ninth and Nineteenth regiments of infantry, reduces the army in the Philippines to less than 28,000 men.

NEW YORK.—Congressman Amos J. Cumming's will, which has just been filed for probate, makes Mrs. Cummings sole beneficiary. The petition values the late congressman's personal property at only $1500 and states that he owned no real estate.

NEW YORK.—By the adoption of an amendment to the by-laws the New York cotton exchange has definitely decided to blacklist bucket shops. The amendment excludes from membership in the exchange any person or firm who conducts a bucket shop business or any representative of the same.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Session in Washington to Define Issues for Congressional Campaign.

Washington, May 29.—The executive committee of the democratic congressional campaign committee was in session here today. Messrs. Ben T. Cable of Illinois, chairman, and Judson Hardon were present with the senators and representatives. The other outside members were represented by proxies.

Although the meeting was private, it was learned that the committee had considered plans for making the trusts and the tariff leading issues of the coming campaigns for the election of members of congress. A committee of seven was appointed to go over these subjects and the results of their deliberations will be brought before a caucus of the democratic members of the house. The membership of the committee of seven was not made public, but it is said to include men of prominence in the party outside of the executive committee of the congressional committee.

The general headquarters will be in Washington with Representative Griggs, chairman of the congressional committee in charge, while Mr. Cable will direct the Western headquarters at Chicago. This evening the full congressional committee held its weekly meeting and adopted a resolution by Representative Newlands (Nev.) and supported by Senator Turner and Representative Glenn, indorsing the pending irrigation bill.

To Rush Congressional Business.

Washington, May 29.—Representative Payne (N. Y.), the floor leader of the majority, today introduced a resolution to rescind all leaves of absences heretofore granted in order to transact the business necessary during the closing weeks of the session. The resolution was referred to the committee on rules and it is understood it will be reported immediately. It is pointed out that under the present law the sergeant at arms has authority to withhold the pay of members absent without leave.

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TEXANS WHO ARE TO GRADUATE IN LAW SCHOOLS.

President Roosevelt Has Been Asked to Extend His Trip to New Mexico. Opposition to the Oil.

(Special to The Post.)

Washington, May 29.—At the commencement of the National university to be held next Saturday night the degree of master of law will be conferred on Oliver Francis Busbey and that of bachelor of law on James V. Townsend. The commencement of the Columbian university will be held next Tuesday night. The degree of bachelor of law from that institution will be conferred on Richard Colbert and John Alonzo Pace and that of doctor of medicine on Edward Clark Hudson, Carl Lovelace and Francis Herbert Poole. All of the young men named are from Texas.

Senator Lodge, chairman of the senate committee on the Philippines, stated today that the witness, O'Brien, whose testimony before that committee reflected severely upon Captain McDonald and other army officers, will be prosecuted by the proper officers on the charge of perjury.

Representative Slayden called at the White House today and presented to the president an invitation to visit San Antonio during the fair to be held in October. As was exclusively stated in The Post not long ago, the president has definitely decided to visit Texas this fall, probably during October, but no details of the trip have as yet been arranged and it was therefore impossible for any positive answer to be given Mr. Slayden's invitation so far as attending the fair was concerned.

The president has been invited to extend his Texas trip into New Mexico and to visit the territorial at Albuquerque in October. So far no answer has been given to this invitation beyond a statement to the effect that the president will be glad to attend if possible. It has been decided that he will visit Iowa in September.

The senate committee on naval affairs has for a day or two past been considering the naval appropriations bill and considerable sentiment against the item of $20,000 for experiments looking to the use of Texas oil as fuel in the vessels of the navy has developed. Senator Bailey has been looking after the matter and has made a hard fight for the item. It is now known that he has been successful and that the appropriation will be retained.

There is absolutely no chance for the Cooper bill providing for a navy yard on the Sabine or Neches rivers. It appears that the committee is of the opinion that the very small sum of $20,000 is all that Texas is entitled to, even though that sum is not to be expended in the State, inasmuch as the oil needed for the test will be furnished free and the entire appropriation will be available for the other expenses of the experiments.

General Felipe Beuncamino of Manila, formerly Aguinaldo's secretary of war, called on the president today in company with Secretary Root. Judge Taft's commission had the entire confidence of all "rightly disposed" natives, he said, and it was General Beuncamino's hope that Judge Taft might be induced to remain an indefinite time at the head of the civil government. The Filipines, he said, love Judge Taft.

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS.

THE STATE CONVENTION MEETS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES.

Hon. James B. Frazer of Chattanooga Nominated for Governor—Kansas City Platform Indorsed.

Nashville, Tenn., May 29.—Tennessee's democracy met at the capitol today and amid enthusiasm and stirring scenes nominated Hon. James B. Frazer of Chattanooga for governor and Hon. J. Neil McKnight for railroad commissioner.

Joseph Jones of Dresden was temporary chairman and Z. W. Ewing of Pulaski the permanent presiding officer.

While the democrats were of one accord on the question of nominations, there being no contest whatever, and while the platform was unanimously adopted in the convention, the democratic State executive committee wrestled with the platform until last night and then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, when agreement was reached. The essential parts of this platform finally adopted are these:

Kansas City platform and position of democratic members of congress indorsed; declaration denouncing trusts.

Plank favoring tariff for revenue only.

Denunciation of the ship subsidy bill and the republican position on the Philippines; favoring the speedy restoration of peace in the East and giving them independence.

The platform declares against the increased standing army, denounces republican extravagance and favors the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The planks following express sympathy for the Boers, liberal commercial relations with Cuba, indorse the administration of Governor McMillin, declare for such revenue laws as would reasonably limit the lien or right of recovery for taxes and such assessment as would make back or reassessment unnecessary.

The platform next indorses the public school system and the text book law and the establishment of good roads.

Less important features are the declaration in favor of the State fair proposition, which has so agitated the people of Tennessee who favor the promotion of agricultural interests; a revision of the State laws on the inspection of coal mines and factories, to afford better protection for the laboring classes.

The platform does not touch upon the liquor question.

The judiciary convention meets tomorrow to nominate candidates for the supreme court and the court of chancery and appeals. Hon. James D. Porter, former governor and first assistant secretary of state under President Cleveland; ex-Governor James D. Buchanan and Governor Benton McMillin addressed the convention.

COLONEL BALDWIN'S OPINION.

Says Defiant Element in Philippines Respects Only Powder and the Sword.

Manila, May 29.—Colonel Frank D. Baldwin of the Fourth Infantry has telegraphed to Brigadier General Davis, in command of the United States troops in the island of Mindanao, that he does not expect to establish satisfactory peace conditions in the Lake Land district until the defiant element is wiped out. The natives pretending to be friendly are urging that this be done, as their own lives are in jeopardy. "which," the colonel says, "we are, in the highest sense, under obligations to protect."

"The defiant element," continues Colonel Baldwin, "respects nothing but power and the sword. They will destroy human beings until destroyed themselves."

General Davis replied that to meet the emergency in the way suggested would necessitate the capture of every fort by admitting the troops as friends which was forbidden under existing orders.

MILITARY WITHDRAWN.

Manila, May 29.—Arrangements are being made for the removal of the military forces from the several places in the departments of the North Philippines. Cholera is abating.

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JOURNAL OF COMMERCE FIGURES A DECREASED ACREAGE.

Dun & Co. Say There Is Unanimous Opinion that the Weather Is Very Good for the Crop.

New York, May 29.—The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin has completed a most careful investigation of the area planted in cotton this season, and of the condition of the plant. In brief, the results indicate, first, a decrease of a fraction over 2 per cent, to be exact, 2.23 per cent, in the acreage planted, comparing with the department of agriculture's June report of a year ago; and, second, that the average condition of the plant is 91.9. In other words, a reduction of 612,000 acres is indicated in the area planted, while the condition of the plant is 10.4 points higher than reported by the department of agriculture twelve months ago.

The data from which the indications in this report are drawn comprise nearly 1100 reports from correspondents throughout the cotton belt.

Taking the reports from the various sections of the cotton belt as a whole, they seem to agree that the season is moderately backward, but that it is still much earlier than at this time last year. Correspondents in South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas are about evenly divided whether to call the season late or early, but the other States indicate a late crop, say, about ten days late.

The decrease in the use of fertilizers is quite marked. The high price of feedstuffs is evidently responsible to a considerable degree for the diversion of land from cotton.

Detailed conditions of the various States are here given:

State—	Condition. 1902.	1901.	Decrease acreage.
North Carolina	91.2	87	9.4
South Carolina	94.4	80	6.9
Georgia	91.4	80	4.5
Florida	93.2	88	.2
Alabama	90.8	76	5.4
Mississippi	87.5	82	3.7
Louisiana	90.2	80	1.9
Texas	93.3	84	1.0
Arkansas	91.7	81	4.3
Tennessee	96.7	78	2.3
Missouri	96.0	..	12.9
Oklahoma	92.9	88	12.6
Indian Territory	92.5	85	45.0
Totals	91.9	81.5	2.23

HOUSE ADJOURNED.

No Session Will Be Held Until Monday Next—Reports Adopted.

Washington, May 29.—The house today passed the bill to increase the subsidiary silver coinage. The democrats directed their fight chiefly against the provision to recoin the standard silver dollars into subsidiary coin as public necessities might require. A half dozen roll calls were forced. Some of the New York democrats voted for the previous question, but voted with their colleagues on a motion to recommit with instructions to strike out the provision relative to the coinage of silver dollars. The conference reports on the omnibus public buildings and fortifications appropriation bills were adopted and the house adjourned until Monday.

The text of the subsidiary coinage bill follows: That the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized to coin the silver bullion in the treasury purchased before the passage of the act of July 14, 1890, into such denominations of subsidiary silver coin as he may deem necessary to meet public requirements, and thereafter as public necessity may demand, to recoin silver dollars into subsidiary coin, and so much of any act as fixes a limit to the aggregate of subsidiary silver coin outstanding, and so much of any act as directs the coinage of any portion of the bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, into standard silver dollars is hereby repealed.

TO CARE FOR CONFEDERATE GRAVES.

Some minor business was transacted by unanimous consent before the house today resumed the consideration of the bill to increase the subsidiary coinage. The bill was passed for the improvement and care of Confederate Mound, in Oakwood cemetery, Chicago.

Mr. Loud (Cal.) called attention to the fact that there was buried at Confederate mound twelve Union soldiers and 4039 Confederates, and expressed the opinion that the bill would be the first step in the direction of National care for the graves of the Confederate dead. But he made objection.

A bill was also passed to reduce the selection of reserve banks to cities of 15,000 inhabitants.

Consideration of the bill to increase the subsidiary silver coinage was then resumed, the pending question being on the Newlands amendment to the Grow amendment, by which it was proposed to make silver coins, coined under the provisions of the acts, a legal tender for all debts, public and private.

The Newlands amendment to make subsidiary coin legal tender and Mr. Grow's amendment providing that the subsidiary coin should be half and quarter dollars, 10 and 5-cent pieces of proportionate ... of 4½ grains, were defeated without division.

Without amendment the bill was reported to the house. The previous question was demanded and upon a roll call was ordered.

Mr. Shafroth (Colo.) then moved to recommit the bill with instructions to strike out that portion of the bill relating to the recoinage of silver dollars into subsidiary coin.

The motion to recommit was lost. The bill then passed without division.

The senate joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to ... upon the action of the house, ... its conferees upon the army appropriation bill, was adopted. The speaker appointed the following committee: Mr. Dalzell, Cannon (Ill.) and Mr. Richardson (Tenn.)

Mr. Mercer (Neb.) called up the conference report on the omnibus public building bill which the senate adopted ... and it was adopted.

The conference report on the fortifications bill also was adopted. The house adjourned until Monday.

CHICAGOANS OUT OF MEAT.

Butchers' Shops Closing by the Hundred—Teamsters' Strike the Cause.

Chicago, May 29.—Thousands of people in Chicago were unable to buy food at any price, and it is declared that the shortage will be felt far more seriously tomorrow. Two hundred butchers on the North Side have decided to close their doors until the teamsters shall be granted concessions asked any many others will be forced to close because of their inability to get fresh meat. A number of the Jewish butchers have agreed that they will not buy any more meat from the packers until the strike is settled.

Although the supply in the downtown district, which affects the hotels and restaurants, has not been shut off, the delivery of ice and coal in many instances has stopped and it is probable that those who are not in a position to run independent of those commodities will be forced temporarily out of business.

For the first time since the strike began violence was used today, and the men becoming so much excited over the situation that more clashes are feared. The police had to be called on several times to quell small riots. The police details in the vicinity of the stock yards have been hastily doubled and the yards have taken on much of the appearance of the armed ...

Texans in New York.
(Special to The Post.)

New York, May 29—The following Texans are registered in New York:

Houston.—Miss Neville, Miss ...
R. E. Paine, Normandie.
El Paso.—W. G. Dunn, Hoffman.
Dallas.—S. W. Duncan, Miss J. ... Imperial.
San Angelo.—E. R. Jackson, ...tan.
Sherman.—C. P. Castella, C. H. ...cock, Albert.
Texas.—M. Shepard, Marlborough.

More Wool Buyers at San Angelo.

San Angelo, Texas, May 29.—Additional sales of wool have been made, approximating 1,000,000 pounds. More buyers are arriving.

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