

EL PASO, Texas, May 27.—The Rio Grande river rose two inches last night. The outlook is more ominous than ever. The river swept away a large portion of the bank protecting the headgate of the canal and it seems impossible to prevent it from going out altogether, letting the water run through the Santa Fe railroad yards and also the business portion of the city. All residences in the neighborhood have been vacated and the families have gone to the higher foothills. The big levee protecting the southern portion of the city is being strengthened, but it is feared that wind, so common this season, may come up and force the water over it. The situation at Juarez, Mexico, opposite the city, is even more precarious, the levee being considerably weakened by the terrible force of the current.

LATER—Both headgates of the canal and levee have just broken. Terrible excitement prevails.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., June 1.—The Missouri River and Los Angeles Railroad company has been organized with \$42,000,000 capital. Judge A. V. Larimer of this city was chosen president. Other incorporators are Francis McNulty, Don-Isa McLean, Robert Buchanan, Sioux City; Henry Woods, Dakota City; E. B. Reynolds, Jr., Wymore, Neb. The company proposes to build a road from the river, presumably at Sioux City to Los Angeles. From here to O'Neill Neb., it will be distinct from the Pacific Short Line. The rest of the way it will be over the right of way McLean has recently secured. It was hoped to use the Short Line, but the best terms for it were \$1,800,000 and \$1,000,000 for the Short Line bridge. The company expects to build a bridge for \$400,000 and a line to O'Neill for \$1,200,000.

NEW YORK, June 1.—President Baldwin of the Long Island railroad received reports today from the crew of the train which yesterday ran down a tally-ho party, killing five and fatally injuring others of the young pleasure-seekers. The engineer and conductor say the usual warning was given of blowing the whistle and ringing the bell as the train approached the crossing.

Engineer Calligan said that he did not see the tally-ho until it was too late to avoid the collision.

An official of the road said the company has information that the occupants of the tally-ho were singing, shouting and making such a noise that it was hardly possible for them to hear the locomotive whistle, and the signal at the crossing until it was too late.

HELENA, Mon., May 31.—Reports of the killing of seven men by the Cheyenne Indians at Lame Deer agency are not verified. It is not believed that any one was killed except a shepherd named Hoover, whose murder a week ago caused all the excitement. The settlers and cowboys determined to avenge his death and give the Cheyennes an object lesson to deter them from similar acts in the future. They sent all the women and children to places of safety, armed themselves and congregated near the agency and demanded the surrender of the Indians accused of murdering Hoover. The Indians armed themselves

and made threatening demonstrations against the whites, but no battle has been fought nor massacre begun, so far as is known. Six companies of United States troops are at the agency. The Indians declare that they don't want to fight the soldiers, but are anxious to have a brush with the white settlers and cowboys.

There is a conflict of authority between the Indian agent, Capt. Stouch, and the sheriff of Custer county. The sheriff's deputies were ordered off the reservation by the agent. They returned to Miles city and got a warrant for the arrest of the agent for interfering with the officers, and started back to arrest him. Lame Deer is sixty miles from a telegraph office, and the result of their expedition is not known. The trouble is due to the charges of settlers that the Indians kill and steal their cattle, and counter charges of Indians that the settlers continually intrude on the reservation.

Gov. Smith wired President McKinley today protesting against the action of Capt. Stouch, and asking that he be directed not to interfere with the civil officers. Stouch says he can and will arrest the murderers as soon as the excitement dies out.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The Indian trouble in southern Montana, reported from Helena, was made known to the authorities of the war department last week, and in the opinion of officials is not likely to be followed by serious results. The first knowledge of the affair came to the department in a telegram from Col. Sheridan, the adjutant-general of the department at St. Paul. At present the department has no commander, owing to the recent retirements among the major-generals and the delay in assigning the new commands among the colonels recently promoted. So Secretary Alger himself is responsible for the command, and he is directing affairs through Adj.-Gen. Ruggles. Col. Sheridan's telegram was received last Friday, and simply stated that a report had come to headquarters at St. Paul that two white men, herders, had been killed near Lame Deer reservation in southern Montana. To guard against trouble, two troops of cavalry were ordered by telegram from Fort Custer. They started last Friday, and since then no dispatch has come to the war department, though it is possible Gen. Alger, who is now at West Point, may have telegraphed. The absence of further reports from the troops satisfies the war department that the trouble has been quieted, for they say they would be sure to hear if anything so serious as the killing of troops had occurred. Moreover, the agency where the men are reported to have been killed is in charge of an army officer, Captain Stouch, who, it is said, has the entire confidence of the Indians and is capable of dealing with them without friction if not interfered with from the outside sources. There is a disposition at the department to attribute the affair to the encroachments of the white upon the Indians. No intimation of any trouble among the Cheyennes has reached the interior department, and the Indian officials are at a loss to account for the lack of advice if any

trouble has occurred or is apprehended. No incidents have been reported to the department recently that would likely lead to serious results, and the fact that the reports date the trouble several days back is cited as significant.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 1.—Fear of a repetition of the trouble of 1885 has been removed by the shooting of the remaining Indians at Bay in the Bluff, near Dutch lake. The trouble was small in itself, but it was feared if Almighty Voice, the Indian outlaw and murderer, and his companions escaped to their hands the fire would spread. People all over the Dominion, therefore, felt greatly relieved. Superintendent Gagnon returned to Prince Albert from Manitoba last night with the police and volunteers, bringing the bodies of Corporal Hocken and Constable Kerr. A coroner's inquest was held and Hocken and Kerr buried with military honors today.

The volunteers from here arrived at the bluff Saturday night under command of James McKay, Q. C., and took a position around the bluff. The Prince Albert gun began work about 7 o'clock the next morning and was answered by shot and some yells from Almighty Voice. Twenty-five police from Regina, under command of Inspector MacDonnell, came up bringing with them a nine-pounder gun and commenced to shell the bluff, keeping up a fire for about two hours, during which time the bluff was very much cut up. The Indians not returning the fire, the shelling was stopped at 11 a.m. After a consultation among the officers a general charge was ordered, the volunteers keeping up a continuous fire as they charged. When they arrived at the rifle pits they found all the Indians had been shot. Almighty Voice was literally riddled with rifle balls and the others were mortally wounded in several places. Police Constable Kerr and Mr. Grunsky's body were found about twenty-five yards from the pits with shots in several places in the head and body. They were stripped of their clothing, which was found on the bodies of the Indians. After the bodies of the Indians had been identified they were buried where they fell. The remains of the murdered police were taken to Prince Albert and those of Mr. Grunsky to Duck lake. The Indian John, Almighty Voice's father, who was caught while conveying ammunition, will be brought to Prince Albert as soon as possible.

Captain Allen, Sergeant Raven and Napoleon Venne, who were wounded, are progressing favorably. It is thought by many that if it was not for the timely assistance of volunteers to the police a second edition of 1885 might have developed.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Heavy frosts occurred the past two mornings over the greater part of the northwest. Snow and freezing weather are reported from northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, with much damage to vegetables and small fruits. The Wisconsin strawberry crop may be a total loss. Tobacco in southern Wisconsin is reported slightly injured and in northern Illinois badly damaged. Corn in northern and north-central Illinois is reported to be cut down by the frost.