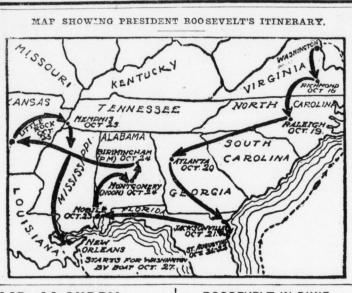
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MR. MCCURDY **IS DEFIANT** 

PRESIDENT OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. REFUSES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

A DAY REPLETE WITH SENSATIONS

McCurdy Tells of the Payment of Mr. \$10,000 to Settle a Suit Brought Against the Company by an Agent Who Was Dismissed.

New York, Oct. 13-Testimony in the insurance investigation, which was resumed Tuesday, was most ex-citing and only the threats of Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee, to clear the room prevented vio-lent demonstrations of disapprobation of the witness, who was Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

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As it was, however, there were jeers at several periods of the day's testi-mony. These came when Mr. Hughes, counsel for the committee, asked questions that Mr. McCurdy was re-luctant to answer or evaded. In Mr. McCurdy's testimony a new feature was disclosed, and this was that the Mutual Life Insurance Co. employed a literary bureau to send out to the press of the country news matter that was of benefit to the com-pany. pany.

An attempt was made to obtain from Mr. McCurdy the reason for re-ducing the dividends on policies as the business increased and the assets piled up.

The examples cited were principally on the policies of the ten payment life plan.

To all questions on this matter the witness said he was not fortified with the information required; that these were actuarial matters; and, when pressed for his opinion, replied that he refused to discuss the question or

to enter any discussion. A voucher in 1902 for \$10,000 pay-able to T. H. Bowles was explained by Mr. McCurdy as part payment in set-tlement of a suit Mr. Bowles, formerly the general agent in Milwaukee, had brought against the company. It was testified to early this month that Mr. Bowles had been dismissed by the company for insultordination. Mr. company for insultordination. Mr. McCurdy said yesterday that the in-subordination consisted in "throwing mud" and trying to injure the company.

# GIVES THEM GREAT POWER.

An Amendment to Civil Service Rules Permits Cabinet Officers to Dismiss Employes in Most Summary Way.

Washington, Oct. 18 .- An amendment to the civil service rules, sweep-ing and comprehensive in its character, was authorized vesterday by President Roosevelt. Hereafter, a cabinet officer will have the power to remove summarily and without hearing any civil service employe in his depart-

ROOSEVELT IN DIXIE. The President Begins an Extended Tour of the Southern States.

Washington, Oct. 19 .- In redemption of a promise given more than a year ago, President Roosevelt started yesterday on an extended trip through the states of the south. He will visit, in the course of his tour, all of the At-lantic coast states, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana. Richmand, Va., Oct. 19.—Richmond yesterday threw open her gates to President Roosevelt and during the

President Roosevelt and during the seven hours of his stay, state and city officials and citizens accorded him a welcome hearty and sincere. The presidential train arrived a few min-utes after noon and from that moment until 7 o'clock last night, when he de-parted for Raleigh, N. C., over the Seaboard Air Line, he was given an ovation. His entry into the city was the signal for a wild demonstration from a multitude, and the welcoming enthusiasm only ceased when his train continued on its journey through train continued on its journey through the south.

the, south. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 21.—The presi-dent's visit to Atlanta yesterday was a marked event in the history of Geor-gia. He was greeted on his arrival by it most distinguished citizens and through the day on every hand were shouted words of welcome that left no room for doubt of their sincerity. The city was in gala attire and busi-ness was practically suspended. South ness was practically suspended. South Carolina, through Gov. Heyward, added its welcome.

Numerous extra trains brought Rumerous extra trains orolgnt Georgians from the surrounding coun-try and cities, and it was estimated that not less than 100,000 persons saw and welcomed the president. In his speech here President Roose-

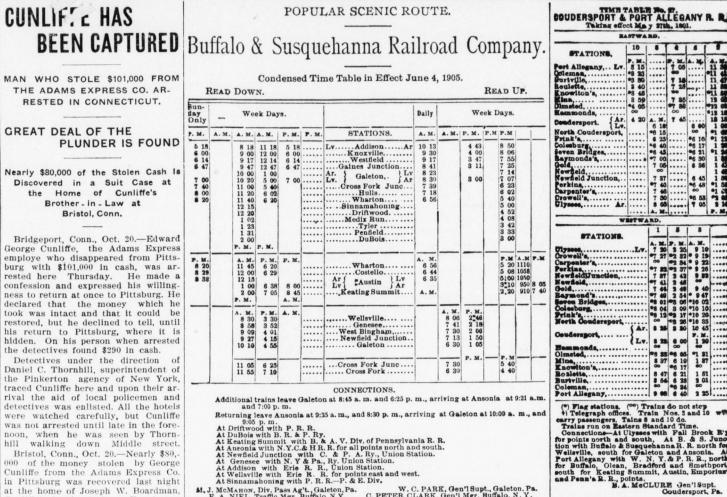
velt arraigned the men who do not di-vide actions into those that are honest and those that are dishonest, but create a third class for themselves, of "law honesty," that kind of honesty which consists in keeping clear of the penitentiary. He sought to arouse public indignation and contemptuous abhorrence of the man who, "in a spirit of sheer cynicism, debauches either our business or our political life."

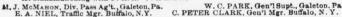
## DEATHS IN A TORNADO.

# Eight People Killed at Sorento, III., and 40 Dwellings Demolished.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—A tornado struck the village of Sorento, Ill., 32 miles northwest of St. Louis, Tuesday night, killing eight persons, hijuring 35 oth-ers, of whom three will probably die, and doing a great amount of damage to property. Forty houses were blown to atoms or carried far from their foundations. A complete swath was cut through the town. Everything in the track of the tornado was reduced to debris or blown away. The dead: Mrs. Thomas File, 38 years. Mrs. William Stewart, 60 years. William Mann, 60 years. Four unidentified persons. The storm approached from the St. Louis, Oct. 19.-A tornado struck The storm approached from the southwest and swept through the main residence portion of the town. The work of the wind was quickly done and then followed a heavy downpour

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## A PROFIT SHARING PLAN.

#### It is Proposed by the Cotton Mill Owners of Fall River, Mass.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 18 .- The Manufacturers' association yesterday announced a 5 per cent, increase i wages of cotton mill operatives and a profit sharing plan to take effect Oc-

Under the present market conditions the profit sharing plan should net an additional 8 per cent. In July, 1904, a reduction of 12½ per cent in wages was made and a nine months' strike followed. The present proposal of the manufacturers not only restores the old scale of waves as requested the old scale of wages as requested, but makes a slight advance.

## A Deadly Shower of Molten Metal.

Chicago, Oct. 18 .- Five tons of molton metal exploded yesterday at the Jollet plant of the Illinois Steel Co., may die.

## Woman and Five Children Cremated.

ning and deep thunder. Those who es caped injury were for the time panic-stricken, but finally rallied and set to work to rescue the injured. So violent was the tornado that some resient was the tornado that some resi-dences were swept away completely. 'Tulsa, I. T., Oct. 19.—In a tornado which passed over the country one mile west of Manford, Okia., late Tuesday night, two children of E. R. Anderson were killed and Mrs. Ander-son and Miss Maud Root were seri-son and Miss Maud Root were seri-ously injured. Several other nersons ously injured. Several other persons are reported hurt. The path of the storm was a quarter of a mile wide and several miles long.

An Important Discovery

the United States geological survey, announces that as a result of experi-ments made during the last few months, a method has been discovered for economically reducing to iron the magnetite, or black sand, vast depos-its of which are found at the mouths of rivers along the Pacific coast. The black sand has long been known to be rich in iron, but no means have previously been devised for reducing it economically

## Is in araguan Prison.

Philade\* 19.-The Evening Bulletin proces the following: "Fred \$10,000 worth of diamonds from the W. Murphy, a Philadelphian, is in a wife of George W. Hoadley at the failing in a shower of death on a band failing in a shower of death on a band of workmen about the converter. One man is dead, three are fatsly burned and a half dozen injured so badly they men die dozen injured so badly they Central American prison unknown to most of his relatives and friends here. ing was announced yesterday by the

## Loss of a Famous Ship.

Woman and Five Children Cremated. St. Louis, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Allce Hart-man and her five children were burn-ed to death and their home was de-stroyed by fire at Port Royal, a vil-lage in Franklin county.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 20.-W. B Smith, former president of the Western national bank of this city, was in dicted Thursday by the federal grand jury on ten counts, charging him with embezzlement, making false entries and the misappropriation of the funds of the bank. The total defalcation charged in the indictment is \$198,013. Smith is said to be in Porto Rico, and it is alleged a cablegram has been received from him saying he will re-turn to Loaisville on October 29. Smith went to New York from Lou-isville last week. Last Saturday he wired President Jefferson his resignation as a director of the Western national. Mr. Smith bought a controlling interest in the Western national two years ago and became its president. years ago and became its president. Owing to dissatisfaction among the directors over his administration he was forced to resign on July 10 last. He was succeeded by T. L. Jefferson, Mr. Jefferson and the other mem-bers of the directorate exerted all their energies to held the bank up, but on Avanuet 21 the computation of the on August 21 the comptroller of the currency ordered it closed. The bank has since reopened.

Smith is 32 years old. He came here from Paducah, where he was in-terested in several enterprises.

#### \$10,000 Diamond Robbery.

New York, Oct. 20 .- The robbery of ing was announced yesterday by the police. The robbery occurred while Mr. and Mrs. Hoadley were at the the atre.

## Is Willing to Accept the Crown.

Copenhagen, Oct. 20.-It is announc-ed that Prince Charles of Denmark is willing to accept the crown of Norway when elected by a majority of the storthing.