MANY KILLED AND HUNDREDS HURT

Terrible Explosion of a Train of Naphtha Cars Near Pittsburg.

WAS STARTED FROM SWITCH LIGHT

Leaking Naphtha Became Ignited and Soon Tank After Tank Burst, Throwing Flames Far Up in the Air - Many Fearfully Burned, Beg Bystanders to Put Them Out of Their Misery.

Pittsburg, (Special).—The Sheraden yards of the Panhandle Railroad Company were the scene of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years.

A score of lives were lost and about according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which were being switched at the yard. In the switching the rear car telescoped a car forward.

The leaking naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw sames 50 feet high. Much of the escaping naphha ran through Corks run to Esplenboro, 1½ miles. Here it caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and the Collins House, pital in that city. The gift is in the form on River road, and badly wrecking a frame building near by, in which were congregated two hundred or more peron the races and baseball. Few occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt.

attracted a large crowd on streets lining the hills on both sides of and parallel to the railroad.

The second car exploded about 5 o'clock. It was 6.15 when three more cars of the deadly stuff went up with a roar that could be heard for miles. Then the work of destruction really began.

A torrent of flame burst forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terand sending a shower of fire over their

the air to such an extent that before the conscious by the extreme heat and the gaseous fumes.

The clothing of many was soon afire. report a heavy snowstorm. The victims ran frantically about tear-etables are said to be injured. ing their burning garments from their bodies and screaming for help.

All the ambulances in this city and Baptist Convention. Allegheny, together with many physicians, quickly started for the scene, and at the earliest possible moment the victims were receiving attention. The hospitals are crowded with writhing patients brother, Malcolm Webster Ford, writer and the morgue is full.

TWO YEARS FOR MRS. SOFFEL.

The Wife of the Former Warden Will Now Be a Penitentiary Priconer.

Pittsburg, Pa., (Special).-Mrs. Cathreleasing Edward and John Biddle, the the South. burglars and murderers of Grocer Kahney and Detective Fitzgerald, was sentenced to two years in the Western Penitentiary. Mrs. Soffel received the sentence calmly and with no show of emo-

Walter Dorman, the member of the Biddle gang who turned state's evidence. and entered a plea of guilty to the murder of Kahney, was called up and sentenced to death.

NEW STEEL COMBINE

Schwab, Gary and Gates in It-The Concerns That Have Consolidated

Chicago, (Special).-The Daily News printed the announcement of a new combination of interests in the steel industry which has just been perfected in this tion. city under the management of Arthur J. Eddy. The name of the new company is to be the American Steel Founders' Company, with a capital of \$49,000,000. equally divided between common and preferred stock.

Concerns comprising the new combination are: The American Casting Company and the Sargent Company, of Chicago; Light & Howard, of St. Louis; the Franklin and the Reliance Companies, of Pennsylvania, and the American Casting Company, of Newark, N. J.

Killed by His Brother.

New York, (Special).-The end of the long existing trouble among the children of the late Gordon L. Ford, millionaire real estate lawyer, of Brooklyn, came at 10.20 o'clock A. M. when Malcolm Webster Ford, who had been disinherited, shot and killed his brother, Paul Leicester Ford, the celebrated novelist and historian, and then took his The shooting took place in the beautiful new home of the author, 37 East Seventy-seventh street.

Estrada Palma's Reception.

Havana, (Special).-The shipping interests here arranged a striking reception. for President-elect Estrada Palma, who double line of decorated barges stretched today. from Morro Castle to the wreck of the United States battleship Maine. Between this double line passed a fleet of vessels headed by the Julia, having the presiden-tial party on board. The wharves and the whole water front was decorated with bunting and Cuban flags.

Augusto Severo Killed.

Paris, (By Cable).-The airship belonging to senhor Augusto Severo, the Brazilian areonaut, made an ascension here. The airship exploded and the two aeronauts who were on board were kill-

Earthquake Shocks Felt in Spain.

Madrid, (By Cable).-Earth shocks were felt at Alicante, Murcia and Elche, on the southwestern coast of Spain. Panics followed, but there were no fatali-

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

Checks aggregating \$10,000,000, making the second distribution of profits, were sent out by J. P. Morgan & Co., to the members of the syndicate that financed the Steel Trust.

Guy Locke, aged 18, and Edward C. Buffey, 20 years old, were sentenced in Chicago to penal servitude for life for murder

The Pittsburg structural workers accepted the American Bridge Company's offer in Pittsburg and returned to work The new steel castings combine will control one-fourth of the mills and be capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Blackman Somers comitted suicide while in New Jersey state prison, in The bodies of Paul Leicester Ford and

his brother, Malcolm Ford, were buried in different parts of the family plot in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown. Walter Pearce, of Norfolk, Va., sued 200 persons were so badly burned that, the Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum, for the endowment of the death of his brother, John L. Pearce.

The government bill against the Beef Trust was filed in the United States Court in Chicago.

A general strike of the miners of the anthracite coal region was ordered by the executive committee of the three districts upon receiving answers from the various railroad presidents and coal operators, all refusing to agree to the pro-

posed method of adjusting differences. J. H. Wade, who gave \$100,000 to the of 400 shares of United States Steel Corporation preferred stock and 400 shares American Shipbuilding Company presors from Pitrsburg and vicinity betting ferred stock, each bearing 7 per cent. interest.

Clara Taylor, who kidnapped her niece, Margaret Taylor, from Cincinnati, is de-The first car of naphtha exploded tained by the Italian authorities to await about 4.40 o'clock. The spectacle soon action by the United States government. tained by the Italian authorities to await The police chiefs, in session in Louis-ville, Ky., re-elected Major Sylvester, of Washington, president, and decided to

meet next year in New Orleans.

The wife of Juan A. Perira, the Chilian consul at Oakland, Cal., died in the dentist's chair from heart trouble while having teeth extracted.

During a drunken orgie at the home side of the track, sweeping back the ter-rified spectators like a charge of artillery Mrs. Herget was stabled to death. A receiver was applied for in New

York for the Morning Telegraph, which The successive explosions had heated had become financially embarrassed. The President sent to the Senate the third explosion many were rendered un- nomination of Eugene F. Ware, to be commissioner of pensions

Dispatches from Northern Minnesota report a heavy snowstorm. Early veg-Ex-Gov. John P. Eagle, of Arkansas, was elected governor of the Southern

The President signed the Oleomarga-Paul Leicester Ford, the novelist, was shot and killed in New York by his

and athlete, who immediately sent a bullet into his own breast, dying instantly. Mrs. Mabel D. Piggott, of Philadelhia, secured a judgment of \$5,000 in Denver against her niece, Miss Charlotte M. Byram, whom she charged with stealing her husband's affections.

The annual meeting of the American erine Soffel, the wife of Warden Peter Bible Society was held in New York. It Soffel, of the Allegheny county jail, who was stated that a special agency had been entered a plea of guilt to the charge of established among the colored people in

Mrs. D. T. S. Denison was elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Los Angeles, Cal.

The financial secretary of the admiralty informed the Britsh House of Commons that, under a recently renewed agreement, the White Star Line steamers must continue to fly the Britsh flag. The chancellor of the British exchequer

yielded to strong pressure and announced the withdrawal of the proposed onepenny stamp tax on checks. The collapse of Senhor Severo's balloon in Paris, which resulted in the

death of himself and his machinist, was due to the leakage of gas. A conference committee of the Danish Parliament now has the matter of the

sale of the West Indies under considera-Archduchess Maria Christine, daughter of Archduke Frederick of Austria, and Prince Emanuel Salm-Salm were

married in the chapel of the Hofburg in Vienna. Portuguese advices from South Africa state that peace is sure to be the out-

come of the conferences of the Boer leaders to be held at Vereeniging, Transvaal, May 15. The dictatorship paragraph is to

eliminated from the constitution of Alsace-Lorraine. The condition of Queen Wilhelmina continues to improve.

The United States cruiser Cincinnati has arrived at San Domingo. The hospitals there are filled with men who were wounded in the last engagements between the revolutionists and the forces of the former government.

English advices from Borneo state that the Sea Dyaks have been head hunting again, and have murdered a number of the peaceful Land Dyaks, in order to secure their heads as trophies. King Edward has expressed his

strong disapproval of the shipping combine on patriotic grounds. The English newspapers continue to dwell distrustfully upon it. The Chinese rebels bombarded Nan

Ning Fu, using modern field guns. From 300 to 400 people were killed. The Count and Countess de Rochamarrived in Havana Monday morning. A beau will sail from Havre for New York

> Gen. Tiresias Simon Sam, president of the republic of Hayti, has resigned. The town of St. Pierre, Island of Martinique, is reported to have been totally destroyed by volcanic disturbances, nearly at the top of the spiral tower and plunged all the inhabitants killed, and the steamer Roraima and other vessels wrecked.

The Norfolk & Western Railroad di-

rectors have declared a dividend of 1 per cent, on the common stock, International Paper Company officials deny that their company has secured control of the American Writing Paper

The former board of directors of the N. Y. C. & St. L. Railway have been re-elected. The old directors of the Lake Shore have also been re-elected.

The American Cereal Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 3

FORTY THOUSAND LIVES LOST.

St. Vincent and Probably Other Islands Besides Martinique Have Suffered From Terrible Outbursts of Volcanic Disturbances.

HORRORS OF POMPEII REPEATED.

Ships at Sea Enveloped in Clouds of Ashes and the Shore Lines of Martinique a Mass of Flames --- Four American Vessels Among the Shipping Burned .-- Details of Guatemala Horror.

Fort de France, Martinique, (By Ca- gases burning furiously. Nearly all the ble).—It is now generally estimated that victims had their hands covering their about 30,000 persons lost their lives at St. Pierre as a result of the outbreak of the Mount Pelee volcano last Thursday. How many perished in smaller towns and on plantations is not known.

The United States consul at Guadeloupe, Col. Louis H. Ayme, has made a tour of the desolate site where St. Pierre stood. From an interview with Colonel Ayme, who is a trained American newslowing facts are learned:

Thursday morning the Inhabitants of the city awoke to find heavy clouds sul. Mr. Japp had a large family at shrouding the Mount Pelee crater. All St. Pierre. day Wednesday horrid detonations had Wednesday night and fine ashes fell like rain on St. Pierre. The inhabitants were alarmed, but Governor Mouttet, who had arrived at St. Pierre the evening before, did everything posible to allay the panic.

The British steamer Roraima reached St. Pierre Thursday with ten passengers, among whom were Mrs. Stokes and her three children, and Mrs. H. J. Ince. They were watching the rain of ashes when, with a frightful roar and terrific electric discharge, a vast mass of fire, mud and steam swept down from the crater over city and bay, sweeping all before it and destroying the fleet of vessels at anchor off the shore.

Thirty thousand corpses are strewn about, burjed in the ruins of St. Pierre or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surounding seas. Twenty-eight charred, half dead survivors from the scene have been brought here. Sixteen of them are already dead and of the whole number only four are expected to recover.

Enormous quantities of the wreckage of large and small ships and houses now strew the surface of the sea. Huge trees and many bodies, with flocks of sea gulls soaring above and hideous sharks fighting about them, are floating here and From behind the volcanic veil come blasts of hot wind mingled with others ice-cold.

At Le Precheur, three miles north of St. Pierre, canoes with men and women frantic to get away are begging passage on the steamer.

The whole north end of the island is covered with a silver gray coating of ashes resembling dirty snow. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud sweep over the ruins of St. Pierre, which stretch nearly two miles along the water front and half a mile back to a cliff at the base of the volcano-

The still smoking volcano towers above the ash-covered hills. The ruins are burning in many places and frightful odors of burned flesh fill the air

Not one house is left intact. Heaps of mud, ashes and volcanic stones are seen on every side. The streets can hardly traced.

Here and there amid the ruins are being downward. In one corner 22 bodies of men, women and children were mingled in one awful mass, arms and protruding as the hapless beings fell in the last struggles of death's ty substances have fallen there.

Through the middle of the old Place Bertin runs a tiny stream. Great trees, with roots upward and scorched by fire, are strewn in every direction. Huge hot stones are scattered about. From under one large stone the arm of a white woman protruded.

The utter silence and awful, overpowering odor from the thousands of dead were fearful

Careful inspection shows that the fiery stream which destroyed St. Pierre must have been composed in part of poisonous gases, which instantly suffocated everyone who inhaled them, and of other only 300 yards below the surface.

A VALUABLE TESTAMENT. Princeton Gets Facsimile of One Presented to

Empress Dowager. Princeton, N. J. (Special) .-- A Chi-

nese New Testament of considrable value has been presented to the Theological Seminary library.

The book, which is a fac-simile of the one recently given to the Empress Dowager of China, is probably the only one of its kind in America. It was given to the library by Mrs. John Stranoch, of Philadelphia. The Testament was presented to her by the British and Foreign Bible Society in recognition of the services of her husband, who translated the New Testament into Chinese. The book is bound in full morocco and has solid gold clasps. It was published at the University of Oxford.

Acrobat Fails From Tower.

Nashville, Tenn., (Special),-While 8,000 persons were watching the feat of Achille Phelion, at the Eagles' Carnival headlong to the platform beneath. It is feared that his injuries are fatal.

Eleven Men Killed.

London (By Cable).-Lord Kitchener reports another accident on May 7 to a train bound from Pretoria to Pietersburg, Northern Transvaal. The cars were derailed at a curve and an officer and ten men were killed. Lord Kitchener also re- er, business man and philanthropist of ported that 47 additional Boers were this city.

2,500 Cholera Deaths to Date.

Manila, (By Cable).-The cholera sta-2,452 cases and 1,805 deaths.

mouths, showing that they had sought

are carbonized or roasted. Every vestige of clothing was burned away from the charred bodies, and in many cases the abdomens had been burst open by the intense heat. In one place a group of nine children were found lock-

relief from suffocation. All the bodies

ed in each other's arms. Three hours' exploration of the ruins of St. Pierre resulted in the finding of no trace of the American consulate. Consul Thomas T. Prentiss, his wife and two paper man, formerly of Chicago, the fol- daughters are undoubtedly dead. That quarter of the city is still a vast mass of lazing ruins. Nor has any trace been

A. G. Austen, manager of the Colonial Bank of Barbados, landed at St. been heard. These were echoed from St. Pierre with a party from the British royal mail steamer Solent. He found the south. The cannonading ceased the bank clock stopped at 10 minutes before 8 o'clock, when the city was destroyed. A horse and buggy and a policeman were in a dead group at the

At the request of S. A. MacAllister, United States consul at Barbados, Captain Davis and the Solent were put at his disposition by the Barbados government. ed. The Solent carried to St. Pierre the Colonial Secretary, two doctors, two mili tary officers, Dr. W. E. Aughinbaugh, of Washington, five hospital orderlies, three trained nurses and a full field hospital outfit. The Barbados government also sent 700 barrels of provisions, one ton of

ice and a supply of medicine. Several French steamers, including the Government vessel Rubis, have gone to Pierre, having aboard a Government delegate, a number of gendarmes, a deexchment of regular infantry and several priests. The vessel also carried a quanty of firewood, petroleum and quicklime, which are being used in the crema-tion of the bodies. Large quantities of disinfectants and stocks of clothing for the refugees were taken along.

Refugees were found assembled at Carbet and Case Pilote, not far from Pierre, and, it is reported, over a thousand of them have died since the fearful stream of lava poured down Mount Pelee.

The vaults of the Bank of Martinique, at the head of what had been the Rue de l'Hopital, were found intact. They contained 2,000 000 francs (about \$400, 000) in specie and some securities which were sent here for safe-keeping.

ST. VINCENT QUAKING.

Earth Shocks Add to the Terrifying Eruption From Lotty Soufriera

Roseau, Dominica, B. W. I., (By Cable).-The Soufriere volcano, on the Island of St. Vincent, is still in full eruption, having been in that condition since last Wednesday.

Many buildings have been destroyed. Earthquakes and loud reports accompany the eruption, and stones and ashes have nection with the Pension Bureau was fallen at Kingstown. Many persons not prompted by any suggestion or promheaps of corpses, almost all of the faces have been wounded and the bodies of

500 dead are unburied. Barbados, 96 miles distant, was in to- entirely independent of any outside contal darkness for a time. Pebbles and grit-

Canoes crowded with refugees are arriving at Dominica, and their occupants are hospitably received. The refugees tell pitiable tales of hardship and suffer-

Many empty canoes are in the channel, being driven by wind and current toward Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe. A few refugees from Martinique have arrived at

Dominica in a sloop The French cableship Pouver Quertier is trying to repair the cable. It is reported that she finds it sunk in 1,200 yards of water, where formerly it was

Seven Were Drowned.

Toledo, Ohio (Special).-Seven young people, members of a Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church, were drowned in the Maumee River just below the city as the result of the naphtha launch Frolic, on which they were taking a Arthur Woods, of the Great Lakes Towing Company's fleet. The launch is owned by Joseph W. Hepburn, of this city, who invited eleven young people to take an evening ride with him.

He Disliked Weeds

Hamilton, Ohio, (Special).—The will of John D. Maud, a Butler County farmer, who died last week, has been filed here. During all his life Mr. Maud was noted for his hatred of weeds. This characteristic appeared in his will, by which he left \$4,000 to the Mound Cemetery, at Monroe, where he was buried, "to keep the cemetery free from weeds and all noxious plants

Killed in a Mine.

Roanoke, Va., (Special).—George Bishop, of Roanoke, was run over and fatally hurt by a mine car in a coal mine near Bluefield.

Major E. R. Powell Dead.

Wichita, Kan., (Special).-Major E. R. Powell, said to be the first American ship captain to round the Horn for California, was killed here in a runaway.

Ship Canal Co. Morgan's?

Liverpool, (By Cable).-The Liverpool "Journal of Commerce" asserts postistics to date are as follows: Manila, stively that J. P. Morgan has arrived at some arrangement, with the Manila, some tively that J. P. Morgan has arrived at some arrangement with the Manchester Ship Canal Company.

the Senate committee carries \$7,946,481 an increase of \$1,384,431 over the amount provided by the House bill.

LIVE NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Coronation Envoy's Expenses.

A lively debate occurred in the Senate ipon an amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill offered by Mr. Bailey, of Texas, providing that no part of the appropriations made by the measure should be used in defraying the expenses of the special embassy to the coronation of King Edward VII. of England. Mr. Bai-ley contended that the United States should not send a special ambassador to the coronation of England's King, or to the coronation of any other ruler, when the country thus honored did not extend a like courtesy to the United States on the inauguration of a president. After considerable discussion the amendment

was withdrawn and the bill passed. Subsequently Mr. Bailey offered a resolution, which will be considered later, covering the point made in his amendment. It provides "that it is contrary to the policy of the United States to accredit to any foreign government any ambassador, minister or other diplomatic officer or agent to especially represent the United States at the coronation of any hereditary prince or potentate." also provides that the president has no power to appoint such an envoy, except with the Senate's sanction.

The New Republic. The State Department has decided upon the method it will employ to in-form the world officially of the birth of the new Cuban Republic on May 20. Instead of issuing a proclamation, the department will send identical notices to all United States ambassadors and ministers abroad that the military occupation of the United States of the island has ceased as of that date and that Tomas Estrada Palma has been duly installed as the head of the new government of the Island of Cuba. There will be invitation on our part to the nations to recognize the new republic, but it is expected that they will take notice themselves of the fact that the United States has so recognized the Cuban Republic by sending to the island a minister resident and staff of legation and consuls, and it is not doubted that the example will be follow-

Agricultural Appropriation Bill. Senator Proctor, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the Agricultural Appropriation Bill to the Senate. As reported, the bill carries \$5,249,680, or an increase of \$135,140 over the amount carried by the House bill. The principal item of increase is \$50,000, to be added to the provision for the purchase of sites for weather bureau observatories. The committee also added \$250,000 to the \$50,000 appropriated by the House for the aid of irrigation.

This Shoe Weighs 8 Pounds Empty. An eight-pound leather shoe decorated with nearly 400 copper-headed nails is on exhibition in the office of Major James E. Bell, superintendent of the free delivery division of the city postoffice. Its interest lies in the report that it is said to have been tanned by the father of Gen. Grant in 1859, and was used as a shoe sign for forty years. It has been owned for twenty years by F. H. McManigal, of St. Paul, Minn.

Protest Against "Jim Crow" Cars.

A protest again racial discrimination on "Jim Crow" railway cars was made before the House Committee on Commerce by a delegation of colored men, inling ex-Congressman White, North Carolina, Assistant Register of the Treasury Adams and Rev. Walter H. The delegation asked for an amendment to the Interstate Commerce law prohibiting discrimination on passenger cars on account of race or color.

Resignation Was Voluntary Act. In view of the public statements to the contrary, it can be said on authority that cannot be questioned that Commissioner Evans' desire to sever his conise on the part of the President or anyone sepaking for him. His resignation as commissioner was a voluntary act and

Civil Service Eligibles.

The Civil Service Commission transmitted to the House an answer to a resolution of Representative Gillet (Mass.) asking information regarding the eligible list of the commission. The statement shows that there are now 3,584 eligibles on the register. From July 1, 1901, to April 15, 1902, 7.972 persons were ap-

pointed to office from this register.

Roosevelt Signs Oleo Bill. The President has signed the Oleomargarine bill. This new law provides for a tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine, and further a yearly license fee of \$500 is to be paid by dealers in the product, a license fee of \$500 to be paid by makers of renovated butter and a license fee of \$50 a year to be paid by

makers of process butter. Sargent Is Contirmed.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Frank P. Sarpleasure ride, being run down by the tug gent, of Illinois, late grand master of the Locomotive Firemen's Brotherhood, as Commissioner-General of Ifnmigration, vice Terence V. Powderly, of Penn-

Stricken in Pleading.

After a dramatic incident in which Delegate Marcus A. Smith, of Arizona collapsed under the strain of pleading for its passage, the House passed with-out division the bill granting Statehood to the Territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Capital News in General.

President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the aid of the sufferers by the disaster in Martinique. Both houses passed a bill appropriating \$200,000. The War and Navy Departments adopted measures looking to the prompt relief of the sufferers.

Secretary Frost, of the Holland Submarine Company, explained to Secretary Moody that the accident to the Fulton was due, not to any gasoline leakage, but to lack of ventilation, which can be easily

Senator Foraker made a speech in the Senate defending the Administration's policy in the Philippines.

The Senate Committee on the Philip-

pez to testify. The Fortification Bill as completed by

Personally Looking Into Affairs in Mindanao Island.

TROOPS CONCENTRATED IN TOWNS.

accompanied by General Davis and an Escort, He Starts for Lake Lanas, in the Interior - Armed Insurgent Resistance Having Ceased in the Prevince of

Manila, (By Cable).-General Chaffee has arrived at Malabang, Island of Minfanao, where he was met by General Davis, the commander of the American forces in the island. Generals Chaffee and Davis, with an escort, at once started to ride to Lake Lanao, in the interior. The American forces in the Province

of Batangas, Southern Luzon, have been concentrated at several towns in the province. This action is taken because armed insurgent resistance in the province has ceased. The records, pleadings and evidence in the case of the San Jose Medical Col-lege, amounting to 518 printed pages, have been put into book form and for-

warded to the civil governor of the Phil-pines, William H. Taft, at Rome. These ecords are forwarded with the idea of heir being available for Governor Taft's use while he is in Rome. The San Jose Medical College case has een heard before the United States Philippine Commisson in Manila. The point contested was whether the col-

United States government or the church n the Philippines. The commission re-ierred the case to the Supreme Court of The United States Philippine Commis-tion has passed a law abolishing imprisinment for debt after the debtor has worn to bankruptcy. Until this law toes into effect the expenses of those versons who are now in jail for debt nust be borne by their prosecutors, and nust be paid weekly.

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Another case of cholera has occurred m board the United States army transort Warren. The ship and her passeners will be detained in quarantine for an dditonal five days. The Warren has aleady been quarantined for cholera for wer ten days.

HELD UP TRAIN, BUT GOT NOTHING. lobbers Resort to Desperate Measures, But Did Not Profit By Them.

Jonesboro, Ark., (Special) - The westound fast mail train on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway was held up bout 10.40 o'clock at Marsh Siding, five niles west, by four masked men. Inormation wired to express company oficials state that the robbers secured othing. The robbers flagged the train, which did not slow up quickly enough o let them on, and they threw the switch inder the rear of the chair car, throwing t and a Pullman across the tracks. The reman was compelled to cut off the entine, mail, baggage and express cars, which were pulled down the track some

Messenger Newton was ordered to open the express car. He replied he would if the robbers would not shoot him. The leader of the gang wanted to shoot the messenger, but the others dis suaded him, and the messenger opened the car door. The safe was wrecked with dynamite, which also blew out the side of the car. After fruitless attempts o secure any booty, the robbers cut off

he engine and ran farther west. Finally they jumped and the engine ran wild to Bond, where it stopped on the evel track. The conductor followed and found the engine. He aroused the Bono operator, and information was wired to headquarters, the conductor returning to the train with the engine. With the exception of the chair car, which was brought here by the wrecker, the train proceeded West.

gone after the robbers, who had a good

A posse, headed by the sheriff, has

Corporations to Be United. Boston, Mass., (Special).-It is ansounced that the recent sale of the Plant Investment Company's trolley lines and electric light plant at Jacksonville, Fla., was to the Stone and Webster interests of this city, which already control valvable Southern street railway and lighting systems, including those of Tampa, Fla., Savannah and Columbus, Ga., and El Paso and Houston, Tex. The new owners state that the various companies comprised in this purchase will be united in a single corporation, and that a considerable sum will be expended in devel-

oping the properties. Spaniards Discuss War.

Madrid (By Cable) .- For the last two days the Senate has been discussing the interpellation of Marshal Primo Rivera concerning the causes of the war between Spain and the United States. Senor Moet, in defending his conduct at that time, said the Spanish flect quitted Santiago de Cuba on the advice of the Council of the Admiralty, which had been convoked at Madrid. Senor Moret was Spanish Minister of the Colonies at the time of

West Has a May Snow Storm.

Detroit, Mich., (Special) .- Snow fell over the central part of the Lower Peninsula, and fruitgrowers in Western Michigan are alarmed. Grand Haven and Sparta report a fall of six inches. Reed City and Ionia report light falls. Fruit trees are in full bloom in the fruit belt along Lake Michigan, and if the temperature falls any lower the crop will be seriously damaged. There were very heavy flurries of snow in Detroit.

Georgia Cattle-raising Project.

Atlanta, Ga., (Special) .- A company has purchased and fenced in 1,100 acres of land in Lincoln county, Ga., and will, it is stated, devote the tract to the raising of Georgia cattle for the market. The corporation is said to have options pines decided to call Miss Clemencia Loon 10,000 acres in the vicinity. The first carload of cattle was sent from Atlanta to the new pastures. The company is financed by New York men and the commissioner of agriculture assisted in selecting the land.

GEN. CHAFFEE IS AT MALABANG ...