A League Official Makes a Definite Statement.

THE DETAILS EXPLAINED.

John Ward, Staley and Hurley Talk About the Brotherhood.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

A prominent official of the National League makes a definite statement to the elfeet that two clubs will be dropped from the circuit. New York has to be looked after. John M. Ward says a few words on the situation. Pitcher Staley and Catcher Hurley arrive. A big consolidation movement among local gun clubs is well under way.

It is now safe to say that almost all arrangements have been made to dispense with two of the ten clubs now in the National League. This fact was declared yesterday by one of the best authorities among the League magnates. He declined, for obvious reasons, to allow his name to be made public at present in connection with the statement, but he gave the writer clearly to understand that there will only be eight clubs in the League circuit this year. He also said that Washington and Indianapolis will be the two clubs that will be dropped. The League official referred to made the following statement regarding the matter;

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

"Now let me tell you that it will be absolutely safe to predict that there will be only eight clubs in the National League when the cham-pionship season opens. I am not at liberty to tell you how this end will be accomplished any more than saying that Washington and Indianapolis are the clubs to be dropped. There never has been the slightest intention on the part of the League to drop either Cleveland or Pittsburg. The reports about Pittsburg going to sell out are really ridiculous, and do not contain a grain of truth. I probably can give you a little more detail about the matter, New York is the keystone to the entire affair, because the League must have a first-class club there by all means. This is a settled fact among all of us connected with the organization. We can-not get along with ten clubs, and the two that we can best afford to drop are Washington and

"Now there are many advantages in dropping Indianapolis. One is that New York can get the majority of the good players there, and this is the programme so far. The New York club can afford to pay for them, so that the Indianapolis club will lose nothing by it.

WILL BENEFIT NEW YORK. "A transfer of this kind will give New York one of the strongest teams in the country, and that will be a great blow to the Brotherhood people in New York particularly. I know that the Indianapolis directors are not so much opposed to being dispensed with as we have been publicly given to understand. If they are paid

not we are a paring an eight-club schedule.

It was, however, definitely stated yesterday afternoon that the League Schedule Committee is at work on an eight-club schedule; indeed. one authority stated that a schedule of the kind one authority stated that a schedule of the kind named has already been arranged. J. Palmer O'Neill, when spoken to about the schedule, said that he knew nothing officially about it, as he was not a member of the Schedule Committee. He left for New York last evening, and, although he denies that he has been in this city on baseball business, it is well understood that he has been conferring with Mr. Nimick regarding the dropping of Indianapolis and Washington. His mission to Cleveland was also in a creat measure to confer with Presialso in a great measure to confer with President Robinson, of the Clevelands, on the same matter. Both President Numick and President Robinson, it is stated, agree with the suggestion to drop the two clubs named. Mr. O'Neill wil neet the Eastern magnates this week, and it is not unlikely that a vote by telegraph will be taken within a few days to determine the fate of the Senators and Hoosiers.

### PRESIDENT ROBINSON'S JOKE, How Cleveland's Baseball Magnate Fooled

President Campan, of Detroit. It has long been known that President Robinson, of the Cleveland Baseball Club, is an outand-out joker. Yesterday afternoon J. Palmer

O'Neill told a most amusing story regarding how Mr. Robinson played a practical and very costly joke on President Campau, of the Detroit Driving Park Association, Mr. O'Neill told the story as follows: "Some time ago Mr. Robinson came to my place in Chicago and said he wanted 200 buckshot cartridges, and they had to be labeled 'No. R. He wanted to forward them to Mr. Campau, who was going to shoot a match for \$100 a

shot would be dangerous, and that Mr. Campan would not be able to kill one-tenth of his birds with it. That's just what I want, said Mr. Robinson. He insisted, and finally he made out an order for the kind of cartridges that he wanted. They were made and he labeled them No. 8 himself, and forwarded them to Mr. "Robinson was on hand when the match was contested, and Mr. Uampau, who was known as a good shot, missed his first 22 birds. He was wild, and cursed everyhody and everything. Robinson's sympathy was aroused, and he then slipped three bona fide No. 8 cartridges into Mr. Campau's bag. The latter downed his next

introduced that his \$350 gun was wrong, and he had it sent to the guismith. Before the evening was ended, and while he was railing against his rotten shooting a farmer visited him and charged him with killing two cows during the match. Campau began to jump and tear his hair, but he had to pay for the two cows, lost the match, its reputation as a shooter and the match, his reputation as a shooter, and paid a gunsmith to examine his gun. And Robinson laughed and went home to Cleve-

## WARD PASSES THROUGH. The Brotherhood Leader Talks Hopefully

and Wisely About the Situation. Brotherhood of Baseball Players, pass

John M. Ward, the popular leader of the through the city yesterday en route for New York. He only had about six minutes between trains at the depot to talk to Mauager Hanlon and the reporters, and, therefore, couldn't say Mr. Ward was delighted with the prospects

of the Players' League, and expressed himself to the effect that it is a certain success. He said: "Our team, that is, the Brooklyn team, is showing up well, indeed. The Philadelphia Players' team is also playing a great game. Undoubtedly there will be some strong teams in the new League; some of the best that have been seen on the ball field."

Speaking of the Pickett case, Mr. Ward said: "All there is in it is this: If Pickett had signed with Kansas City before be signed with us, he must go to Kansas City. I am opposed to acting dishonorably, and it would be doing so to sign Pickett if he had already signed with Kansas City. We would have had Long and others with us had we been disposed to ignore contracts such as I have referred to." to the effect that it is a certain success, He

On Another Quiet Trip.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19 .- President Brush and Director Schmidt are off on another "private" business trip, disappearing mysteriously and leaving no trail. The supposition is they have gone East to meet other League mag-nates. The local players are becoming demor-alized over the uncertainties, and hall players are swearing mad because somebody doesn't in the new club.

either fish or cut bait. Even the loss of the franchise would not cause more cursing than follows these numerous flights of the directors, who constantly report no change in the situa-

ROGERS SAYS A FEW WORDS. He Disputes the Statement of the Philadelphin Brotherhood Magantes.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) PHILADELPHIA, March 19.-There is war be-A Conference at Which Poley and Ennis

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—There's war between the Philadelphia League and Brotherbood club. Colonel Vanderslice, the Players' counsel, made a statement that Clements, Delahanty and Gleason had made overtures to return to the Players' ranks.

To-night Colonel John I. Rogers is out in a long interview in which he says that the sentiments of all the players mentioned are very strong against ever returning to the Brotherhood. Colonel Rogers plainly intimates that the Players' League directors are not telling the truth about Clements and Gleason writing to them, and he treats with scorn Mr. Vanderslice's threat to assign Myers, Delahanty and Thompson to the Buffalo Players' club and Gleason to Pittsburg.

Colonel Rogers points out the inconsistencies in the Brotherhood argument on players under contract, and goes into details in the case of Joe Mulvey, which do not reflect great credit upon the Brotherhood management. Colonel Rogers says Mulvey may be restrained by the Philadelphia club. Under Judger Thayer's decision he can be held, but the Philadelphia management will take no steps toward securing him unless Manager Wright thinks he will strengthen the Philadelphia team.

## CLEMENTS' DENIAL.

The Philadelphia Catcher States He With the Old League.

Regarding the reported weakening of Clements and Gleason, Colonel J. I. Rogers says: "All I know I read. It is true that I heard this "All I know I read. It is true that I heard this thing some days ago, and I at once wired Manager Wright, asking him to look into the matter. He sent me a telegram in reply to this signed by both Clements and Delahanty, in which they say: 'We give Manager Wright the authority to deny for us the rumors of our intended desertion. We have made no overtures in any way to the Brotherhood asking to be reinstated,' This is all I know about the matter."

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Speaking on the same subject Director Wagner, of the Philadelphia Players' club, says: "Gleason is in the same boat with Clements. Although I have never heard of his wauting to join us except what I read in the papers, still he cannot do so, because he first signed with the League, and this is an insurmountable barrier. Never did I think before I entered baseball that it would take so much of my time. If I had I am free to confess that I should never have started. But now that I am in, I am there to stay. I have been out on the grounds nearly all day looking after the laying out of the diamond and other things."

# PITCHER STALEY ARRIVES.

The Young Twirler Returns Full of Vigor

and Confidence. Harry Staley, the effective and popular young pitcher of last season's local League club, arrived in the city last evening from his home at Springfield, Ill. As is generally known, Harry's lot this season is cast with the Players' League. he was looking in excellent condition and gave evidence of having been indulging in lively exercise. No doubt he will be ready to give a good account of himself when the gong rings for his first game. He is enihusiastic about the Brotherhood's chances of success, and is satisfied that all the best players will be in the new League.

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Jerry Hurley, the new California catcher of the Players' club, also arrived. He looks just the kind of young man to be a good player, and his mode of living gives assurance that he may be relied upon. He comes here highly recommended by all good judges of ball playing who have seen him. He stated that he met one or two gentlemen recently who claim young Corcoran, the new local short stop, to be one of the best infielders in the country to-day. This news cheered Manager. Haulon. The latter is certain that Corcoran is a wonder.

Lehane outside of any financial inducements, and he was not for sale. Johnson, Dovle, Easton, O'Connor, Crooks, Munyan and Reilly, of the Columbus club, have reported for duty, and Widner, Gastright, Bligh, McTamany and Nichol will be here to-morrow. The exhibition season opens March 30, with the Cincinnati League club in that city.

# DUNLAP IN A DILEMMA.

He Doesn't Yet Know Where He Will Play This Season.

INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, March 19.-After a four PHILADELPHIA, March 18, Carled by a re-days' chase Fred Dunlap was located by a re-porter to-day, and he told the following story in Durshare special published last rebuttal to a Pittsburg special published last week: "I wish you would please state for me week: 'I wish you would be a seen that I never gave my terms to the Philadelphia Players club. I did talk with Mr. Love, but I was under the impression that he knew I expected as much as I received last year. I would pected as much as I received last year. I would not take \$2,000 worth of stock in any club. "I wrote to Al Johnson and Secretary Brun-nell to-day, and if I can get an answer from them I may know where I'm going to play this senson. I don't want to draw salary and do nothing, but I'm afraid it's a case of freeze-out. At all events time will tell."

# Gattenburg Entries.

RACE TRACK, GUTTENBURG, N. J., March The entries for to-morrow are as follows: First race, six furlongs—Beaten horses: Lewis 6 117, James Norris 106, Billy Crane 101, Dynamite 29, Dover 25, Alfred 26, Carlow 26, Big Brown Jug

Second race, six and one-half furlongs, selling— Harry Faustns 17, The Bonrbon 114, Oarsman 111, Wahoo 111, Student 111, Pericles 107, Ralph Black 105, Alva 100, Mala 97, Featns 97, Rose 95, Thiru race, seven furlongs—Freedom 114, Tom Kearns 104, Seatick 102, Blessed 100, Dizzy Bru-nette 108, Lord Beaconsfield 99, Melodrama, 99, Owen Golden 98, Mclwood 97, Velvet 98, Fourth race, seven furlongs, selling—Neptunus 119, Boodle 119, Harwood 115, Thad Rowe 115, John Jay S 111, Mamle Hay 109, Ban Hope 107, Monte Cristo 107, Alveda 105. Fitth race, half a mile, 2-year-olds, selling— Alderman Mac 110, Planette filly 102, Lottie 102, Best Boy 100; Meirose 35, Addie L 94, Priscilla 92, Addie 18 52. Addle B 52. Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling—Bothwell 118, Bay Ridge 118, Black Thorn 114, Kink 111, Centi-pede 107, Wanderment 107, Bob C 107, Bass Viol 107, Englewood 107, Maxie 108.

English Racing.

LONDON, March 19 .- At Derby to-day the Devonshire handicap hurdle race, about two miles, was won by Mr. J. B. Burton's Brownie Mr. J. Howard's Meldrum was second and Mr. H. Heasman's Prince Frederick third. There were ten starters. Brownie won by three lengths. There was a head between Meldrum lengths. There was a head between Meldrum and Prince Frederick.

The inauguration of the Hurst Park Club The inauguration of the Hurst Park Club steeple chase took place at Molsey Hurst today. The principal event was the Hampton Court handicap steeple chase of 500 sovereigns by subscription of 3 sovereigns each. The starters were Game Cock, Wild Meadow, Trinidad, Magic and The Tyke. Game Cock won the race, being the only one of the starters who went over the whole course, Wild Meadow and Trinidad refused the jumps, and Magic and The Tyke fell. and The Tyke fell.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 NEWARK, O., March 19.-An exciting wrest ling match was witnessed at Music Hall last night by about 100 persons. The contest was

night by about 100 persons. The contest was between Sebastian Miller, of Cincinnat, a wrestler of some note, and Fritz Grennewein, a local celebrity. The match was for \$100 a side and two best in three falls, mixed. The referee decided the first fall in favor of Miller, second for Grennewein and the third for Miller. There was much dissatisfaction manifested and another match will be arranged for next week.

. New Orleans Races. NEW ORLEANS, March 19 .- Following were the results of the races here to-day: First race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile-friend-less first, Harvester second, Pinkerton third. less first, Harvester second, Pinkerton third.
Time, 1:08%.
Second race, five furlongs—Mollie Hardy first,
Second race, five furlongs—Mollie Hardy first,
Schoolgiri second, Sheridan third. Time, 1:03%.
Third race, one-half mile—Litzle D first, Captain King second, Cliquot third. Time, 1:8.
Fourth race, one mile—Recluse first, Macaulay second, Vice Regent third. Time, J:53%.

A Big Enterprise.

A movement is on foot to consolidate all the local gun clubs and buy about six acres of land. The matter has been talked of for some land. The matter has been talked of for some t me, but definite action is to be taken shortly. The intention is to erect a first-class club house on a large scale on the grounds and run the establishment just as if it were a social club. It is expected that about 300 members will be

He Has Secured a Definite Promise of the Hearty Support of

RANDALL AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

Were Converted. MONEY TO PURCHASE TAX RECEIPTS

Philadelphia.

Randall has promised Wallace to use his influence to secure him the Democratic nomination for Governor in case there is a contest. The matter was arranged at a conference last summer. The Democrats are perfecting their organization in Philadelphia.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.! PHILADELPHIA, March 19.-The conference of Democratic State and local leaders, which was held at the Bellevue Hotel last night, was the talk of the active party workers of the several wards to-day, and the general impression is that on account of the interest which had been displayed at this early stage of the campaign by the leaders, that extraordinary efforts are to be put forth to elect the Democratic State candidates at the fall election.

It was learned to-day that considerable of the four hours time devoted to the conference was spent in discussing the condition of the party organization in the city, and those leaders present who reside outside of the city were anxious to learn just what amount of money will be needed for the purchase of tax receipts by the city commissioners for the coming election, and it is said that there is but little or no doubt in the minds of the local leaders that the needed money will be forthcoming at the

RANDALL FOR WALLACE.

One of the statements made by a participant in the Bellevue conference, who is a friend of ex-Senator Wallace, was that Con-gressman Samuel J. Randali has promised Mr. Wallace his support in the event of there being a contest for the nomi-nation for Governor. The story goes that on the occasion of Mr. Waliace's visit to Mr. Randall's summer residence at Wallingford last summer, the two old-time enemies had a long and friendly talk, the result of which was that Mr. Randall promised to inform his friends of his desire to see Mr. Wallace named as the Democratic candidate for Governor.

Friends of ex-Senator Wallace call attention to the fact that shortly after Mr. Wallace's visit to Mr. Randall, Patrick Foley, of Pittsburg, with other friends of Mr. Randall, came here, and during their stay took a run down to Wallingford and apont a few hours with the average with the average with the stay of the stay took as the stay of the spent a few hours with the ex-Speaker, who was at that time in a fair way to recover his

ONE BIT OF EVIDENCE. When Foley and his friends came back

he will not, so to speak, have it offered to him on a silver plate.

ANY NUMBER OF THEM. The names of at least 15 available candidates for the nomination for Governor were carefully discussed, but no agreement was eached beyond one to the effect that ever effort should be made to have the nomination go to some one man whose elements of strength as the candidate for Governor would place the party in a hopeful fighting condition. As there was unanimous agree ment among the conferrees regarding the holding of the State Convention at a late date, the month of August being deemed as the best, many of the local workers are of the opinion that the State things into shape in order to take advantage Republicans, and as a consequence the party's future outlook was discussed in a more cheerful vein than has been the case

# THE RUINS FALL.

Exciting Incidents at the Scene of the Indianapolis Disaster-Adjoining Buildings Cave In-Two Men Injured by the Flying Debris.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19 .- About 1 o'clock this atternoon the east wall of the Becker block, adjoining the burned Bowen-Merrill block, crushed down on top of the ruins of Monday evening's fire. For a time the wildest rumors of disaster were affoat. and before they were set at rest a large portion of the city's inhabitants had thronged into the adjacent streets and alleys. After full investigation, however, it was learned that but two men had been hurt, though many had narrow escapes. These injured were but slightly hurt.

After the crash Mayor Sullivan inspected the rains and ordered that the front wall of the Bowen-Merrill building be torn down. This was done, and a half hour later the Becker building, a narrow four story structure occupied by a notion store, fell down in a heap. Then the flames broke out again in the ruins and up to 10 o'clock had not been wholly extinguished, though a flood of water has been pouring onto the piles of wreckage. There is, however, no fear of further loss of life, though the threestory front stone building, occupied by George W. Sloan, druggist, is regarded as unsafe, and there are fears that the drygoods house of H. P. Wasson may also succumb. Under the ruins there is known to be the body of one fireman, Henry Woodruff, who was caught in Monday's collapse. Further than this it is not believed that the casualties will be extended.

to-day's accidents F. P. Bicknell, housekeeping notions, sustains a loss of \$10,000; George W. Sloan, druggist, \$1,000, and several stocks of goods have been more or less damaged. To-morrow the funerals of the dead firemen will occur. The subserintions for the relief of their families are growing rapidly and now approximate

Rend Our Hosiery "Ad"-About the Great Price Revision. Prices on our new importations of children's and ladies' hosiery are 10 to 20 per cent lower than ever before.

Jos. HORNE & Co.'s Penn Avenue Stores. FRENCH ROBES-Handsome designs with

the new escurial lace trimming, from \$18 to \$60 each. HUGUS & HACKE.

DIED. BARBIN—At the parents' residence, 96 Web-ster avenue, on Thursday, March 20, 1890, at 1.50 a. w., WILLIE J., youngest son of Thomas M. and Josephine Barbin, aged 3 years 1 month. Notice of funeral hereafter.

# LABOR'S FIGHT.

Continued from First Page.

hour system may be inaugurated, united labor might strike everywhere at the same time, or we can try to have laws passed which may do something. Unfortunately, so far as laws are concerned, we have several of them now upon the statute books making eight hours a day's labor and they count for nothing. In my own trade, I foresee that any general demand for a reduction in the hours of labor willfresuit in doing away almost wholly with anything but piece work, that is to say work people will be paid for what they do without regard to the time they take to do it in, and a man may work one hour or 20 hours a day as he thinks fit. This tendency is not to be entirely welcomed.

SOME OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES. In the first place, piece work is usually done in tenements, where the air is bad, the accommodations vile, and where three or four slaves are under the lash of a master, who is amenable to no one. In large shops the authoritie have some control over the sanitary arrangehave some control over the sanitary arrangements, and if we can induce the owners of such shops and factories to consent to eight hours in their shops, it will be a great gain. The cigar trade in this city has been vastly benefited by the partial abolishment of the tenement house work, and so it would be in the clothing trade.

The proprietor of a big clothing shop would, of course, say that he cannot afford to pay rent and supply tools when his work people are there but eight hours a day. In our clothing shops there is no reason why the day should not be 16 hours long, divided into two parts, one gang for each.

each.

I employ workmen myself, but I am not going to allow any man or woman to work for me more than eight hours a day after the 1st of May, unless under unusual conditions. I believe in the proposed plan to inaugurate a strike first in one trade and then in another, the whole body of organized labor supporting and backing the one trade until the strike is gained. A general strike would be to cut off the sources of supply. GOMPERS IS ENCOURAGED.

Samuel Gompers said that he thought the prospects encouraging, and it is to him that the plan of campaign is largely due. The policy of the Federation will be to settle upon some trade and city where the demand shall be made. The masons, of Boston, for instance, will be told to strike for eight hours, and at the same time the shoemakers of Chicago, the tailors of New York and the hatmakers of Yonkers, or the carpet weavers of Philadelphia, if their demands are not granted they are to strike and to be supported in their fight by the entire Fed-eration, which is now said to number nearly eration, which is now said to number nearly 1,000,000 workers. Mr. Gompers said:

I have reason to believe that the eight-hour day will not meet the opposition feared. It was a remarkable fact that so influential and conservative a body as the Association of Builders, which recently met in St. Paul, was not unfavorable to it. The public has, I think, been convinced that in this proposed movement we do not mean the destruction or derangement of business, but the prosperity of the wage-earning class, and consequently that of the employing classes. I believe that there will be strikes in different parts of the country after the 1st of May, because there are many employers who hold that the effect of a reduction in the hours of labor will be rainous; they look upon it as a surrender of their business to the working people.

the working people TIME WILL BE NECESSARY. Of course it will take some time to adjust the problems fronting the different occupations, the waiter, the carpenter, the cab driver, and the machinist, but the eight-hour day can be made to apply to all. We think that the work man has not had his share of the vast benefits conferred upon mankind by steam, and all the labor saving inventions. He does not ask for luxuries, and we deny that his wants increase faster than his means to supply them. He asks not for marble halls or gold plate, but for sanitary dwellings, good food, warm clothing, and a little time for rest, recreation and self improvement.

best infielders in the country to-day. This news chered what money they have reasonably invested they will be satisfied. However, a deal by which they will be disposed of will shortly be effected. Another advantage in dropping Indianapolis is the lack of baseball enthusiasm in that city. We all know that it is not a profit able city, and it is considerably out of the way.

"Well, with Indianap is dropped, Glasscock, Denny, Boyle and Myers at least will go to New York, and the transfer will be better for thom and the directors will lose nothin, by it. Washington, that is President Hewitt, is already resigned to the fact that there will be nothing better on the only eight clubs. If I mistake not negotiations are already in progress to dispose of Washing how the shore statement, and he remarked. "Why my lips are valed on that subject at present. I make the shove statement, and he remarked. "Why my lips are valed on that subject at present. I make the matter jut. now: nor can I tel, you whether or not we are a paring an eight-club schedule. It was, however, definitely stated vestered by the constant of the country to-day. This intended was not for sale, and in the country to-day. This intended in the country to-day. This intended in the corrant is a wonder.

When Foley and his friends came back from Walling for they admitted that the subject of the Democratic nomination had been talked over, and within a few weeks following the visit to Mr. Randall's home Mr. Foley and Mr. Enns publicly stated their preference for Mr. Wallace's nomination, Foley saying: "I will go into the State convention to cast a vote for our old-time enemy, ex-Senator Wallace."

It is also known that there was considerable in the convention to cast a vote for our old-time enemy, ex-Senator Wallace. "It is also known that there was considerable poly in the wired vice President Lazarus the nomination for Governor to go to any of the cardidates who have been actively identified with factional struggles of the past. While Mr. Wallace was well repre

SCOPE OF THE MOVEMENT. The scope of the movement which is now to agitate New York and all great towns in this country within a few weeks, may be seen from the following resolution, adopted at the great mass meeting of the American Federation of Labor in the Cooper Union: WHEREAS. The application of scientific genius to the invention of machinery has most marvelously increased the productive capacity of the human race, making it possible to supply all the wants of man, and banish every cause of

of the human race, making it possible to supply all the wants of man, and banish every cause of poverty; and.

Whereas, In consequence of defective distribution the application of machinery and minute subdivisions of industry are continually throwing larger numbers of the working classes out of employment, visibly swelling the ranks of the unemployedlyear by year;

Resolved, That in the light of the foregoing and undeniable facts, it becomes our solemn duty to use all means consistent with human dignity to reduce the hours of labor to such a point as will afford to all an opportunity to labor, to earn their daily bread; and be it

Resolved, That we, the people of New York, do heartily indorse the fixing of the date for the final inauguration of the eight-hour day.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to aid to the full extent of our ability, regardless of all minor considerations, the determined movement of the American people for the eight-hour work day, and to conquer in spite of all opposition. Eight hours for work. Eight hours for rest, Eight hours for what we will.

A MYSTERY STILL. Chicago Police Have Plenty of Theories, But No Facts Bearing Upon the Death of Mrs. Jennie Bingham-A

Similar Case Reported. CHICAGO, March 19.-The inquest into the cause of death of Mrs. Jennie Bingham, whose body was found on Garfield boulevard on Sunday night was begun to-day. Mrs. Jessie McGarvey, of Wauwatosa, Wis. mother of the dead woman, and her sister, Mrs. C. L. Sparks, were the only witnesses examined. They told of Jennie's life in Milwaukee; of her marriage to Major Bingham, and of her subsequent separation from him on hearing that he had another wife in New York, but they could throw no light upon the manner of her death. Chief of Police Marsh has discovered that the woman was addicted to the use of morphine, and that she had attempted to commit suicide. alleging this as the cause. His theory is that she went driving with someone—the police believe with a hackman from Milwaukee-whom they are trying to locate; that, with liquor and morphine, she be-came helpless and fell out of the buggy, inflicting the injuries which were found on her body, and that her companion, panic stricken, drove rapidly away, leaving her to her fate. Chief Marsh has received a telegram from Chief Jansen, of Milwaukee, establishing an alibi for "Major" Bingham who, he says, was at the County Hospital on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Bingham's remains were taken to Milwaukee to-night by her mother and

A case entirely similar to that supposed to have been experienced by Mrs. Bingham was told to the police to-day by Mrs. Katie Hamilton. She says that a hack driver induced her to enter his hack, after they had drank together in a restaurant, to be driven from that time till the next morning, when she found herself lying in a vacant lot, robbed of her money and jewelry. She believes she was drugged.

### WOULD LIKE RECIPROCITY. Manitobane Want Unrestricted Business

Pacilities With the United States. WINNIPEG, March 19 .- A resolution praying that steps be taken by the Dominion Parliament to negotiate with the Government of the United States with a view of arriving at some agreement by which there should be unrestricted reciprocity in trade between the two countries was unanim carried in the Manitoba Legislature to-day.

# TRUSTED TOO MUCH

John F. Plummer & Co., an Extensive New York Drygoods Firm,

FAILS FOR A MILLION DOLLARS.

The Nominal Assets Said to Slightly Exceed the Liabilities.

SUSPENSION MAY BE ONLY TEMPORARY

The Head of the Firm a Warm Friend of President John F. Plummer & Co., a New York

drygoods firm, assigned yesterday, owing to

depreciation in the value of stock and over

advances. The assets are nominally \$1,200,-

000, while the liabilities are placed at NEW YORK, March 19.-The drygoods trade was startled to-day by the failure of John F. Plummer & Co., following as it did so closely upon that of Harbison & Loder, which took place last week. The firm is composed of John F. Plummer and William Darling. They made a general assignment for the benefit of their creditors to Jeremiah P. Murphy, their cashier. Mr. Plummer also made an individual assingnment to Mr. Murphy. Much re-

gret has been expressed in the trade. Mr. Murphy, the assignee, said that the assignment was principally due to depreciation in the value of the goods which the firm had on hand and which they had been carrying for some time. When they realized their position they made every effort to go on, but found it impossible and had to make an assignment without preference. Mr. Plummer is recognized by the trade as a man of high honor and competent business

MAY TIDE OVER. The creditors concerned, by uniting, possibly can make the suspension only a temporary one. Mr. Murphy said the liabilities were about \$1,000,000, of which about \$300,-000 is for borrowed money and the balance is due to manufacturers and for trust money deposited with the firm by relatives and friends. The trust money is a family matter. The assets nominally were a little larger than the liabilities. They consist of stock and outstanding accounts and some valuable real estate owned by Mr. Plummer.

In the trade the liabilities are reported to be \$1,100,000 and nominal assets at \$1,200,-000. The trade attribute the failure to over advances chiefly on the satinet accounts and complications arising from the old firm of Stoney & Darling, whose business John F.

PULLED DOWN BY OTHERS. It is said that the firm of Pomeroy & Plummer was mixed up with the firm of Ferdinand Mayer, which failed in September, 1885. Pomeroy & Plummer dissolved January 1, 1885, and was succeeded by the present firm of John F. Plummer & Co. They took the satinet business of Stoney & Palling to when it is easily they made the Darling, to whom it is said they made the necessary advances to enable them to liqui-

date.
The Hocanum Company of Rockville, Conn., is reported to be one of the largest creditors of the firm. Mr. Maxwell, President of that company, loaned Mr. Plummer \$50,000 when the latter founded the present firm, and it is said that the loan was repaid last August.

Mr. Plummer was for many years with the old house of Pomeroy & Adams, in which he was admitted a partner in 1866, and three years later was changed to Pome-

Plummer & Co. claimed a capital of \$300,000, and a business of \$3,000,000 the first year of its existence. Their statement January 1, 1889, showed assets of \$830,978 and liabilities of \$385,862. The open accounts amounted to \$624,570, and these were

They did a large business in woolens and were negotiating to take Southern cotton goods accounts which would have increased the business \$1,000,000 a year. Mr. Plummer was active in Republican politics, but it is claimed that did not interfere with his business. He is a personal friend of President Harrison and took a leading part in last Presidental election in

the drygoods trade. "It is serious," said a merchant to-day,
"that two leading Republicans—Mr. Plummer, of New York, and Mr. Franklin
Woodruff, in Brooklyn—should fail within

# Falled for \$52,000.

DECATUR, TEX., March 19 .- Joseph T. Brown & Co., drygoods merchants of Paris, Tex., and this place, made an assignment to-day. Liabilities, \$52,000; assets not stated. There is \$35,000 due Eastern credi-

# NOT QUITE READY.

Bismarck Intended to Resign, but Not Just at Present-He Was Only Wniting for an Impressive Opportunity-Why He Quarrelled

With William. BERLIN, March 19 .- Prince Bismarck's letter, tendering his resignation and giving of the Hurley Bank, was finally discharged his reasons, covers 20 pages. General Von to-day after having been out since Saturday Caprivi, Commander of the Tenth Army Corps, has been appointed Chancellor of the and three for conviction, and District At Empire, to succeed Prince Bismarck. torney Bossman charges that members of the It is reported that the Emperor was an jury were tampered with, and will make noved at Bismarck for interviewing Wind-

thorst without consulting him. It is certain that Bismarck did not intend to resign at present, because he wished to avoid the impression that the elections caused him to resign. He intended to make a great political speech on the re-opening of the Reichstag and to await a chance for an impressive exit from the political scene. Several German reigning princes tried to mediate. Bismarck is in excellent spirits. He suffers from insomnia and earnestly desires rest. His family, and especially his wife, is glad that he resigned.

Herr von Boetticher becomes President of
the Prussian Ministry. Count Fulenberg, Governor of Hesse-Nassau, succeeds Herr von Boetticher as Minister of the Interior. Count Herbert Bismarck will receive an ambassadorship. Ministers Herr Furth and Maybac have resigned the latter be-cause he lost Prince Bismarck's support against the demands for increased strategic communications.

BOOMERS GETTING OUT.

Afraid of Raining the Future Chances for a Homestend if They Stay. ARKANSAS CITY, March 19 .- The invaders of the Cherokee strip, who crosse the line from this point, are coming back with almost as much haste as they went in They are afraid they will be legally regarded as "sooners" and dispossessed of their omestead rights. Those who have returned report a general exodus from the trip. Twenty-five or 30 boomers started from

Twenty-nee or 30 boomers started from Literal, Kan., this morning for the neutral No Man's Land. They say the President's order does not apply to No Man's Land, and they are determined to enter there and found a town at Hardesty. They have arranged to meet with boomers at various points, and by the time they cross the line t is expected their force will number 200 or 300 men. Struck for Eight-Hour Days. LONDON, March 19 .- Eight thousand

employes of the Armstrong Gun Works at

Fiswick have struck for a working day of

# HELPLESS NO LONGER,

dinority Stockholders in Ohio Rallways Given the Right to Prevent Combinations-The Hearn Bill Passes the House-Its Provisions. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.1

COLUMBUS, March 19 .- What is known as the Hearn bill to protect the minority stockholders of a railroad corporation passed the House to-day by a unanimous vote. The main provisions are as follows: A stockholder who refuses to convert his stock into the stock of the consolidated company shall be paid at least the actual value of such stock, to be ascertained not alone from its market value, previous to the making of such agreement for consolidation by the directors. but from a consideration of the earning capacity of the road, past and prospective, without ref-erence to such proposed consolidation, the con-sideration of the roads, betterments, cars and

erence to such proposed consolidation, the consideration of the roads, betterments, cars and other property, its existing connections, and any other facts tending to increase or dimensih the value of the stock, such payment to be made before the consolidation takes effect, and if a stockholder refuses to consolidate, and the Board of Directors desiring to consolidate, cannot agree as to the value of such stock, the parties may submit the question to arbitration, which arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the law regulating arbitrations, so far as the same may be applicable, except that the arbitrators in the discharge of their duties shall also have the power to personally inspect the roadbed, fixtures, betterments, books and other property of the company by three disinterested persons, to be appointed upon the motion of either of the parties by the Judge of the Court of the Common Pleas of the county in which the person owning the stock resides, or, in case he is a non-resident of any county through or into which the road passes, then in any county in the State into or through which the road passes.

Mr. Hearn, in his speech in support of the bill, said that it was of special interest to the minority teachielders of the Parties to the head of the Parties to the head of the Parties to the head of the Parties to the minority teachielders of the Parties to the minority teachielders of the Parties the parties to the minority teachielders of the Parties to the parties of the Parties to the minority teachielders of the Parties to the parties of the Parties to the many county to the parties of the Parties the Parties o

Mr. Hearn, in his speech in support of the bill, said that it was of special interest to the minority stockholders of the Pan-handle and calculated to protect them in the event of the proposed consolidation of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis; Chi-cago, St. Louis and Pittsburg; Jefferson-ville, Madisonville and Indianapolis, Cin-cinnati, Richmond and Chicago and the Cincinnati and Richmond. The new con-solidation is to have a capital stock of \$75,-000,000 and a bonded indebtedness of an equal amount.

The stock of the Panhandle, he said, fivesixths of which is owned by the Pennsylvania Company, and one-sixth, amounting to over \$1,000,000, by individuals, is the only stock considered a paying investment. It has not paid a cash dividend, and now they are trying to consolidate with roads whose earnings will not pay expenses. Under the present law the minority stockholders are at the mercy of the Pennsylvania Company, holding five-sixths of the stock. The Pan-handle in the past six years, he held, had made a profit of \$4,000,000, while the Chicago and St. Louis had lost \$1,111,000.

### MARRIED THE WRONG MAN. Plymouth Bride of Three Wecks Elopes With a New Admirer.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WILKESBARRE, March 19 .- Three weeks ago John Bowman and Miss Norah Healy were united in marriage by Father Mack, of Plymouth. The wedding was a brilliant affair, over 400 guests being present, Among the guests was James Wright, of Philadelphia. The bride was introduced to the Philadelphian for the first time. On Monday evening she eloped with him. She took all her husband's money with her. She left a message for her husband, saying she had just discovered that she had drawn the wrong prize in the marriage. drawn the wrong prize in the marriage lottery. She didn't love him and couldn't live with him. Wright was the man of her choice. The irate husband offers a reward for his wife's arrest.

## FIVE MEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fire Raging at the Germania

Mine in the Gogebic Mine. HURLEY, WIS., March 19 .- The first serious mine fire in the history of the Gogebic iron range started last night, and is still in progress at the Germania mine with no prospect of extinguishment short of an perty. Five men ar known to have lost their lives, and this number may be increased. The names of the missing men, the bodies of two of whom the pit boss; James Sullivan, pumpman; Thomas Thomas, miner; Joseph Thomas, son of Thomas Thomas, and an unknown

# AFRAID OF CHINA.

tussia Discovers That She is Not Strong Enough to be Aggressive. St. Petersburg, March 19 .- At a military conference here General Unterberger, Governor of the Province of Amoor, advocated a policy of moderation toward Chins, on the ground that in case of war Russia could place only 20 battalions against 80,000

Manchurian soldiers.

He urged the speedy construction of the Siberian railway as the best counteraction to the massing of Chinese troops on the Siber-ian boundary with the object of seizing Russian ports on the North Pacific coast.

THEY COULD NOT AGREE. The Jury in the Hurley Bank Robbery Case Are Discharged. ASHLAND, WIS., March 19 .- The jury in the case of Perrin, charged with the robbery It is said the jury stood nine for acquittal

thorough investigation.

THE CHINESE MUST GO. Is the Cry Still Heard From Citizens of the Pacific Const. SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.-The Pacific Coast Board of Commerce, composed of delegates from various commercial organizations in California, Oregon and Washington, met here to-day.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act and asking for such additional legisla-

tion as will effectually, prevent Chinese im migration. Iron Works Scorched. CLEVELAND, March 19 .- The foundry and machine shop of T. H. Brooks & Co.'s architectural iron works, at the corner of St. Clair and Lawrence streets, were partially destroyed by fire to-night. Loss \$20,000

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ising. Weather cloudy, Thermometer, 392

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rising. Weather cloudy. Thermometer, 41°

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