LORD SALISBURY SUCCEEDED BY BALFOUR

Retiring Premier Gives Advancing Years And Failing Health as Reasons.

MANY RUMORS OF OTHER CHANGES.

The New Chief of the Cabinet, it is Stated, Will Remain Government Leader in the House of Commons-Chamberlain is said to accept the New Situation in a most Cheerful Manner.

London (By Cable) .- The Marquis of Salisbury has resigned the premiership of Great Britain, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and government leader in the House of Commons, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr Balfour visited the King and accepted the premiership.

While it was expected in official and political circles that Lord Saliabury's retirement would be coincident with the scarcely looked for prior to that event. Consequently, about the only surprise expressed as the news spread through London concerned the date rather than the fact of the resignation. The real interest was not so much in reference to Lord Salisbury's withdrawal as it was in the appointment of his succes-BOT.

The liveliest speculation is rife as to the personnel of the new cabinet. The most discussed features of the pending changes is the position of Mr. Chamber lain, the colonial secretary, who in many quarters has been regarded as the most promising candidate for the pre-

It is learned that prior to the acceptance of his new office Mr. Balfour first had an interview with Mr. Chamberlain and then consulted with his other cabi-net associates. This is regarded as assurance that the future relative posi-tions of Messrs, Baliour and Chamber lain will be satisfactory to both. Mr. Chamberlain's friends say he always recognized the reversion of the pre-miership to be Mr. Balfour's right as coverament leader in the House of

BOERS LOST 3,700 MEN.

Had 75,000 in the Army and 32,000 Were Prisopers.

Pretoria (By Cable) .- According to an estimate of the Red Cross identity depot, which fulfilled the functions of a casualty bureau for the Boer forces, the total losses of the Boers during the war were 3,700 men killed or died of wounds and 32,000 made prisoners of war, of whom 700 died. The Boer forces in the field numbered about 75,-

The curator of the former Boer Government's official papers has handed over to the British all documents, including confidential reports, giving a complete history of Mr. Kruger's relations with foreign powers.

ere is some uneasiness here regard-Th ing the attitude of the Basutos. In consequence of supposed treachery during the war, Joel, one of their prominent chiefs, has been summoned to Maseru, capital of a military district of Basute land, to stand trial on the charge of high

The paramount chief Lerothodi likely to support Joel in the event of the latter's refusal to obey the summons. Troops have been dispatched to the fron-

KILLED THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Portland Man Shoots His Wife, Her Parents and a Boarder.

Portland, Ore. (Special.)-A. L. Belding, a bartender, has shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law, and

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS. PRICE OF CORN Domestic.

The striking freight handlers and the railroad companies in Chicago have not yet come to terms, and many of the ruck teamsters refused to haul goods o the freight houses,

John Henry Varden, who eloped from Montgomery county, Va., with Jennie Austen, 13 years old, whom he married Ohio, was arrested on the charge of belaction

Captain Greble, instructor in artillery tactics at West Point, was seriously hurt and three cadets injured during drill there, a runaway horse causing the accident.

The engagement is announced Bishop Potter, of New York, to Mrs. Alfred Corning Clark, who was the head of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, At a meeting of soft coal operators in longer than a few minutes.

New York it was decided to hold their present stock pending the threatened rouble with the miners M. Crews, of Buckingham co

Va., was shot during a quarrel by W. S. Zimmerman, his brother-in-law. The strike of the boilermakers on the coronation of King Edward, it was Chicago and Northwestern Railroad system was settled by compromise. Chio Faust, a former wealthy farmer been carried on with such security and of North Dakota, who, affected with a confidence. Compared with the present religious mania, gave away nearly all his lands for charity, was declared in-sane in Chicago and will be taken back deal that of Joseph Leiter in wheat was retail trade. o his Dakota home. Dr. A. B. Ryno, a prominent physi-

only 4.000,000 bushels have been turned cian, has been arrested at McPherson Kan., on a warrant charging him with over, although the shorts were straining having some connection with the mysevery nerve to get corn and save them shooting of Miss Maud selves from ruin. Fourteen business days remain in the month, and during Holmes

Fourteen miners still alive, and one that time 10,000,000 bushels of corn of of them a raving maniac from his suf-ferings, were taken out of the Johns-town mine. The dead, burned and contract grade must be brought to Ch cago and delivered, or else the penalty must be paid. mangled by the explosion number over 100

The court-martial of Capt James A Ryan, of the Fifteenth Cavalry, at Maula, on the charge of unneces verity to natives was concluded and in s believed he will be acquitted, General Maxilon, convicted of trea-

son at Cebu, the Philippines, has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$2000. Rhodes Clay, a member of the Mis ne in 20 years

souri Legislature, was shot and killed in a street duel in Mexico, a Missouri

Mrs. Frank Lavelleur, of Newton Iowa, was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of murdering her husband

Police Captain John Fitchette, their appeals. Minneapolis, was convicted of traffick-ing in positions on the police force. bolt of lightning shaved David Ful-s head in Richmond, the victim sus-

aining no other injuries. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad

has advanced the wages of its telegraph operators

Gen. Calvin H. Frederick, a retired eteran of the Civil War, died at his me in Omaha.

Juan Jiminez, the deported President i San Domingo, arrived in New York. The spread of cholera in Manila is re-

oried to have slightly decreased. Mrs. Joel E. Vaile, the authoress died at her home in Denver, Col. President Charles W. Eliot, of Har-

vard University, was elected president of the National Educational Association, in convention in Minneapolis. Pa-pers were read by Secretary of Agricul-ture Wilson, Dr. Jacob G. Schurman, o ornell University, and Mrs. Carrie

hanman Catt. Charles Frederick Osborne, who was equitted recently in Polic Court in Nortolk, Va., for the murder of his viie, Mattie, was arrested on the charge

Mrs. Alline Ellis O'Malley, wife o Prof. Austin O'Malley, and William J Hearin were held to bail in Philadelphi on the charge of stealing jewelry from Dr. Joseph O'Malley, of that city, Mrs. O'Malley's brother-in-law.

Foreign.

HIGHEST IN YEARS

Commercial World.

on. It is a purely speculative Never before have operations

the first to days of the month

corn have been bought by the ring for

delivery to it during the present month,

481 MILES IN 460 MINUTES.

New Record Made by the Twentleth Century

Limited on the Lake Shore.

Twenty million bushels of

During the Present Month-

It is now practicable to determine the effect of the drouth of 1901 upon the ex-Present Boom One of the Wonders of

Protect of the drouth of 1901 upon the ex-port trade of 1902. Preliminary figures on the exports of breadstuffs and provisions just complet-ed show about 97 per cent of the total exports, and a reasonably accurate measurement of the exportation of ar-ticles affected by the drouth of last year can now be made. The tables show the exports of quantities and value of com-and commeal exits and oatmeal wheat DANIEL G. REID THE MOVING SPIRIT. Losses Sustained Last Fall in a 3,000.000 Bushel Deat Caused Existin ; Conditions-

LIVE NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Loss by 1901 Drought.

cornmeal, oats and oatmeal. Twenty Million Bushels of Corn Have Been Bought by the Ring for Delivery to It lour and other breadstuffs, also live cat tle, fresh beef and other beef products as well as other provisions. The most Chicago, Ill. (Special) .- Corn is

marked reduction is in corn, the expor-tation of which at the principal ports announts to 26,000,000 bushels in the fisworth more than wheat. Such a relation has only twice occurred in many cal year ended June 30," 1002, against 176,000,000 at the same ports the pre-ceding year, the value for 1902 being years, and neither time did it last \$16,000,000, against \$82,000,000 the pre-ceding year, a reduction of \$66,000,000. tastes of his notorious grandmother with the iresponsibility of his father.

The reason for it is even more strikcomplete figures probably will ing than the fact. Corn has been rush The ed to its high price by the manipula show the total exports at about 27,ins of the strongest and richest ring speculators that ever joined hands 000,000 bushels against 181,000,000 in hull markets and drive bears to de-

the preceding year. Exportations of commeal have also fallen from \$2,000,000 in 1901 to \$1,now on strained terms with the Queen Mother, whom, it is said, he has re-peatedly insulted. He has estranged 000,000 in 1902, making the total reduc the sympathy of the family and of his tion in corn exports in round terms, a court by the fondness he has develop own by the preliminary figures, \$67. ed for low associates. The household has made desperate efforts to conceal Compared with the fiscal year 000.000. 1000, the reduction is still greater: the corn exports of the fiscal year 1000 were these facts and prevent a public scan-dal, but a portion of the truth has, he largest in the history of American nevertheless, leaked out in social cirexport trade, amounting to 213,123,412 bushels, while for the year just ended the complete figures will amount to cles here. The King's attitude towards the Queen Mother is the most severely crit-icised part of his conduct, for he seems about 27,000,000 hushels.

Oil Fuel for Warships

to have lost all sense of respect due to her, and when in any way crossed Oil may be adopted for coal fuel for naval vessels as a result of successful experiments made at the Washington by her he uses the most violent language

Rear Admiral George W. Melville. The shorts are fighting desperately, hey are ransacking the West for corn. Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy, believes that in time a large number of the smaller ships will be using it, and even-They are breaking threats of court pro-ceedings against the bulls, though they are unable so far to find any possible procedure that will readily help. They vally coal will pass out of general use in the mavy. Besides generating a quicker file and giving greater heat, it They have even started a petition calling upon the directors of the Board of Trade to set a "marginal price" for is said it permits vessels to maintain a wider steaming radius and reduces considerably the cost of fuel. So far but little headway has been

rn, something that has never been made by the merchant marine with its use, but the few vessels experimenting It is cold comfort to bears to know that not a single one of their number who has gone to the bulls thus far to with it have found that oil is superior to coal in many respects, including less effect a private settlement has been acweight in proportion to the number of miles the ship steams. A special board mmodated. miles the ship steams. A special board will go to the Delaware Breakwater and you sold it." is the answer they get to mont. Texas, oil fields, which uses oil. you sold it," is the answer they get to The first state of the first ships to be fitted out on the Atlantic. The success of this fuel will mean much to traffic on the Pacific, where the price of coal is double that asked on the Atlan-tic Coart.

tic Coast.

Buffalo Exposition Claims.

Chicago (Special) .- Reeling off 481 The Treasury Department has perfected a plan to pay the claims against the Pan-American Exposition Company and Michigan Southern Road smashed of Buffalo out of the appropriation of \$500,000 made in the General Deficiency records for fast running on that system and verified assertions made by the offi

Act. By the terms of the appropriation cials that a 16-hour schedule could, if necessary, be maintained between Chi-cago and New York. The train, 45 miles west of Buffalo, was two hours these are to be made pro rata on claim: for "labor, material, services and other expenses," and no payments are to be made to stockholders or for any claim and twenty-eight minutes behind its secured by mortgage. The claims to be pro-rated aggregate about \$640,000. schedule, and then it was that the engineers were given a clear track and or-dered to make their best time over the They are to be audited at the Treasury Department and the warrants drawn in The train covered the 134 miles be-tween Brockton and Cleveland in 131 minutes. From Cleveland to Toledo the engineer pushed along over the 113 avor of the individual claimants. These avor of the individual claimants. These warrants are to be delivered through and receipted for by John G. Milburn, the president of the Exposition. In this way the necessity for Mr. Milburn giv-ing a bond will be avoided. Mr. Mil-burn termination that the second sec miles at some points at a speed reach-ing 90 miles an hour, covering the disin 103 minutes. The run to Elkburn is anxious that every cent of hart, Ind., 133 miles, was covered in 115 \$500,000 shall go to the creditors of the Exposition.

Next Step tor Irrigation.

F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of he Geological Survey, has gone West three towns where the speed of trains is limited by ordinances. Slowdowns o make a preliminary investigation of he irrigation problem. The irrigation law passed by the last on of Congress makes it necessary for a survey to determine the location the proposed extensive reservoirs, and several engineering parties already have been sent out to do preliminary work. Mr. Newell will have general supervision of the task. It is intended that the preliminary work shall be most , and on this account it is not

WOE IN JOHNSTOWN. **KING ALFONSO'S** Shocking Calamity in Cambria Company Coal Mines.

STRANGE ANTICS Johnstown, Pa. (Special) .- Johns-Spain's Ruler Causing His Mother Much

Anxiety.

in the royal household considerable anx-

iety for the future of the young King,

who seems to combine the depraved

After angering the military authorities

and antagonizing his ministers,

town has again been visited by an appalling disaster, only less frightful than the awful flood of May 31, 1880. INSULTS MEMBERS OF THE COURT. Hundreds of homes are made desolate

by a mine explosion which took place Reported That He Has Lost Respect for the the Cambria Steel Company Rolling Noble Woman Who Devoted Her Life to Mill mine, under Westmont Hill, the Work of Vainly Trying to Fit film to Be

Just how many have, been killed it may ike several days to determine, but that a King-Story of a Violent Quarrel Between the Young Ruler and Queen Mother. it is a long list is certain. It may reach 200, or even rise considerably above that Madrid (By Cable) .- The cccentric behavior of Alphonso XIII. is causing

It was nearly an hour after the explosion before any general knowledge of what had happened got abroad. Mon who came from the mines, escaping with their lives, told the terrible news, and soon it spread like wildfire all over the

In scores of homes there were pathetic Mothers, wives, daughters, son and relatives were frantic with grief. Hundreds rushed to the point and with sobbing hearts awaited news from the mine that held their loved ones.

At the opening across the river from the Point the Cambria Iron Company stood guard, permitting no one to enter the mine, from which noxious gases were pouring.

It was nearly 4 p. m. when all hope of sending rescue parties from the West-

ont opening was abandoned. Two men who had escaped from the mine-Richard Bennett and John Meyers -went back two miles to see what as sistance could be rendered, but the fire damp drove them back, and they fell prostrate when finally, after a desper-ate struggle, they reached the outside. Doctors worked on the two men half an hour before they were restored to consciousness. Their story of the situa-tion in the mine made it clear that the rescue could not proceed from the Westmont opening. Then hasty preparations were made to begin that sad mission at the Mill Creek entrance, Soon after the news of the explosion

reached the Cambria officials Mining Engineer Marshall G. Moore and one of assistants, Al. G. Prosser, made an attempt to enter the mine. They were followed by Mine Superintendent Geo Robinson, but the deadly gases opped their progress and they were

Mine Foreman Harry Rodgers, his as sistant, Wm. Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Retallick, and John Thomas were overcome by the gases and it is feared they perished in a heroid effort to rescue the miners. Harry Rodgers then tried to reach his ather, but he was quickly overcome by the deadly gas and was carried out un conscious.

William Stibich spent several hour at the Mill Creek opening. He said that he believed as many as 450 men were still in the mine. In his opinion, from all he could glean, not more than 150 men of the 600 had come out of the col-

liery. Officials of the Cambria Company say damp

The catastrophe occurred in the section of the mine known among the min-ers as "Klondike." The name of the section on the company's books is the "sixth west of the south main head-It is about a mile and ing. from the main entrance of the Rolling Mill mine

The few survivors who have escaped The few survivors who have excepted from the depths of the mine give graphic descriptions of the disaster. Outside of the "Klondike" section the miners are safe and uninjured. Within the fatal limits of the section havec wa wrought by the terrific explosion.

Solid walls of masoury three fee trough were torn down as though barriers of paper. The roois of the mine were demolished and not a door remains standing.

Johnstown, Pa. (Special).-In spite of conflicting reports as to the number

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

News Mappenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

Patents granted: Jackson D Carring-, ton, deceased, New Castle, J. S. Whitla, idministrator, automobile; Kenton Chickering, Oil City, spool for sand reels, etc.; John Davis, Pittsburg, appa-runs for purifying water; Frank B, atus for purifying water; Frank B. Deitr, Coudersport, display case; Jas. Dempsey, Keating Summit, hammer; George H. Everson, Pittsburg, metallic George H. Everson, Filisburg, metanic hub-drilling machine: Elmer Flowers, Harrisburg, string fastening device; Henry F. Freed, Harrisburg, electrical transportation system; Glenn D. Gibbs, Pitisburg, stop cock for gas burners, Wm. S. Head and G. J. Dovey, La-

Wm. S. Head and G. J. Dovey. La-trobe, carbureter; George L. Lyons, Bradford, curtain pole and shade roller bracket; Andrew E. Maccoun, Brad-dock, controlling system for electric hoists for elevators; Harry C. Peffer, New Kensington, soap: Ellis D. Read, Pittsburg, bottle or flask; Wm. T. Sed-don, Minersville, battery; Benjamin Smith, Shippensburg, railway ties; Her-bert Van Hatten, Meadville, reizacto ophthalometer; Samuel' B. Whinery, Pittsburg, bhe printing apparatus.

Pensions granted: Henry S. Lindley, Pittsburg, \$12; Stephen Hoffman, Pitts-burg, \$6; Collin A. Kellogg, Robesonia, \$6; Wm, G. Dubs, Fairfield, \$12; John B. Crawford, Nistany, \$10; David B. Coulter, Apollo, \$10; Chas, W. Shupps, Pipes Creek, \$17; James Penrod, Brad-dock, \$12; Ellis Baker, Montoursville, \$10: Oscar J. Phillips, Tioga, \$8; Chas, E. Goodwin, Sabula, \$12; Jacob Meese, McWilliams, \$12; Thomas Burns, Ju-iian, \$10; Thomas Alexander, Pittsburg, \$12: Thomas E. Keen, Dubois, \$12: Wm. L. Mahan, Indiana, \$17: Edward Moore, Newton Hamilton, \$12; John W. Smith, Johnstown, \$8; John H. Love, Callensburg, \$12; Robert Beer, Eric, \$8; Anthony Day, Oil City, \$12; Wm. A. Chapman, New Castle, \$8; George Wis-Chapman, New Castle, \$8; George Wis-tailler, Lilly, \$to; Alice Reynolds, Pitts-burg, \$8; minor of Thomas D. Woody, Franklin, \$8; Mary E. Taylor, South Solon, \$12; Hannah M. Sheppard, Rockland, \$8; Isabell Reid, Rose Point, '8; Catharine McDonald, McKcesport, South Status Construction of the Status Construc-tion of the Status Construction of the Status Construct 612: Margaret Evans. Worthington \$12: Mary Decker, Strodes Mills, \$12.

Pennsylvania will within the coming ear pay out between \$400,000 and \$500, 000 for bridges destroyed by floods and fires in the past six months, as the law compelling the State to replace bridges across navigable streams when they have been destroyed by flood, fire, etc., is being invoked in many counties.

When the bridge is destroyed the couny commissioners, through their attorney, present a request to the Attorney-General asking for viewers, and the matter is taken into the Dauphin Coun-y Court, which appoints the viewers If the report is favorable it is approved by the court, and the matter then goes

to the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, which sends out engineers to stimate the cost, and then the contract is let. Engineers are now out examining locations for twenty-one bridges that the State will build in Juniata, Clearfield, Jefferson, Lycoming, Brad-hird, Berks, Forest, Wyoming, Carbon, Wayne, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Sul-livan. The engineers now engaged in

preparing plans and specifications for the twenty-one bridges are M. D. Bow man, Mahanoy City; Herman Loeb Pittsburg; Oscar Thompson, Phoenix ville; Emil Swennsson, A. J. Whitney, Rome. Pittsburg, and The cost of the bridges is from \$5000 to \$115,000 each and there is apprehension that when the law becomes better known there will be a raid on the treasury. It is said an efort will be made to repeal the law at the next session of the Legislature.

General orders were issued from the eadquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania announcing the following appointments in the medical depart-ment: First Lieut. John W. Coffin, of Beaver county, surgeon of the Tenth Regiment; Edwin H. Lowe, of Westty, assistar the Tenth Regiment, and Franklin F

Arndt, of Lackawanna county, assistant

surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment.

lieved from duty upon their own appli-cation and placed upon the retired list; Major George W, Neff, surgeon, Tenth Regiment; Capt, Joseph L, Hunter, chaplain, Tenth Regiment; Capt, An-thony F, Machold, Company G, Third Regiment and Lieut, Col. Thomas H

Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. Thomas H

of the murder of his wife at West Ches-ter, will have another trial, the court

having granted the petition of his coun-sel. The pleas were many, based upon

the argument that the verdict of guilty was not consistent with the evidence.

that testimony was admitted that should have been rejected, and that several

urors were ineligible because of their

naving expressed opinions in favor of

Pratt's guilt prior to their being drawn,

Hon. William S. Kirkpatrick, of Easton, notified the Board of Trustees

of Lafayette College that he will accept the invitation of the Board to act as

president of Lafayette during the leave of absence extended to President War-

field, who will go abroad until next year

The York County Historical Society

elected 60 new members, one of them being Semitor Quay. The society has just finished cataloguing and labeling its collection of books and relies,

to regain his health,

William H. Pratt, who was convicted

Maginness, of Philadelphia.

following officers have been re-

The most recent of these scenes nearly resulted in an open rupture between the King and the Queen Mother. One evening the King, disguised as a la-borer, had slipped away from the palace unrecognized by the guards and had

proceeded to the slum quarters of Mad-rid, where he made up his mind to attend a workingman's ball. He passed the night dancing, drinking and playing and returned to the palace at dawn in a half intoxicated condition. The Queen Mother, acquainted of his mys terious disappearance from the palace, had spent the night in agony. When

she heard the cause of his absence she felt compelled to remonstrate against onduct so unworthy of a king. The King told her to mind her own siness and respect his authority, lik

the rest of his subjects. The Queen replied that, in the eyes of God, the son owed submission to his mother. The King, flying into a violent passion, finaly ordered her out of the royal pal-ace. The Queen remained impassive,

the King cried violently: "I shall call my guards to throw you into the streets of Madrid."

AERIAL FEATS AT ST. LOUIS.

Large Purses are to be Awarded Under the Ruics.

St. Louis (Special) .- The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company issued that the explosion was caused by fireits rules and regulations governing the aeronautical contests to be held at the

World's Fair in 1904. Two hundred thousand dolars has been appropriated by the company for these contests. Of this sum \$100,000 is offered as a grand prize. Fifty thou-sand dollars has been appropriated for and dollars has been appropriate for com-ninor and subsidiary prizes for com-petitions between airships, balloons, been and kites. The remainirship motors and kites. The remain-ng \$50,000 is reserved for the expense cident to the competition. The competition for the general prize

of \$100,000 is open to all the world without limitation as to the power used

r mechanical principles involved. No applicant shall be admitted to the competition who shall not present satis-factory evidence of having at some time made a flight over at least a mile course nd return with a machine simi

of having murdered a former wife in Stillwater, Mich., several years ago. The run into Chicago from Elkhart was slower, on account on the necessity of slowing down while passing through

Frank Woodward, an inmate of his house, and fatally wounded L. Mc-Croskey, his father-in-law.

Belding married the daughter of the McCroskeys, eight years ago, but has not lived with his wife for some time. He was jealous of Woodward, whom he suspected of being intimate with Mrs. Belding.

Going to the McCroskey home Belding gained admittance, and meeting Woodward in the hallway drew a revolver in each hand, exclaiming, "You first," and fired. Woodward fell to the floor fatally wounded. Mrs. Belding rushed upon her husband and was shot Mrs. Belding down by the infuriated man. Then the parents of Mrs. Belding came to the hallway and were both shot,

Beld Officers at Eay.

Brewster, N. Y. (Special). - John Dvalstedt, a shoemaker in this village. was arrested on suspicion of murdering John Anderson, a journeyman, in his shop, who died June 26 from what is believed to be strychnine poisoning. Dvalstedt is said to have held insurance policies on Anderson's life. A warrant for Dvalstedt's arrest was issued by Coronel Mitchell, an analysis of the dead man's stomach having shown that he had swallowed a large amount of strychnine. On the approach of the constable with the warrant Dvalstedt took to the woods and was pursued by a posse. He resisted arrest, holding the posse at bay with two revolvers.

Proposed Big Labor Convention.

Chicago (Special) -Fifty thousand longshoremen of the Great Lakes will be represented at the annual convention of the International Association, to be held in Chicago this week. most important work planned is amalgamation of the association and the National Union of Dock Laborers in Great Britain and Ireland, with 100,000 members.

Dynamite in Jail.

St. Joseph, Mo. (Special) .- Sheriff Spencer summoned a large force of guards and armed them heavily, in the expectation that a second attempt would be made to blow up the county jail and hiberate many desperate criminals, Enough dynamite was stolen from a rock quary to blow up half the town, a con-siderable part of which was discovered to have been smuggled into the jail. Sheriff Spencer sent his family away. No stranger is permitted to approach within 50 feet of the building.

Died Working on His Tombstone.

New York (Special) -- Thomas R Mills, 59 years old, of Clifton, S. I. who made his own coffin 20 years ago, was putting the finishing touches on his

was putting the funshing touches on his own elaborate granite iombstone when he dropped dead from heart failure. Mills was the Democratic nominee for sheriff 10 years ago. He weighed 400 pounds. He feared that his family could not secure a coffin large enough to hold him without delay, so he thought it best to make his own casket before he died. The tombstone was an-tiher pet idea of his.

The United States steamer Ranger sailed from Panama for Chiriqui to protect American interests there. United States Consul Gudger went to Chiriqui with important papers for General Her rera from the Governor of Panama, pre-

umably including peace terms sumably including peace terms. The reputation of Albert Ballin, di-rector-general of the Hamburg-Ameri-can Line, is said to have greatly in-creased by his alliance with J. P. Mor-gan. He has also won high favor with

the Emperor. The Czar has affirmed the sentence

of imprisonment for 12 years imposed on Colonel Grimm for revealing military secrets. The Vatican is believed to be trying

make use of the Tait mission to es-blish diplomatic relations with the United States.

A violent shock of earthquake oc-

curred in Caracas, Venezuela. King Edward's condition continues to ve, and it is now officially stated te coronation will take place beween August 8 and 12. The proposed ocession has been abandoned. Fowler Brothers and Fowler, Sons & extensive meat dealers of Liver bool, have sold out to Swift & Co., o

Chicago, The report that J. Pierpont Morgan

s planning a scheme for the unification of the Turkish debt is denied. Extreme heat prevails in France and other parts of Europe. Ele storms have done great damage. Electrical

Many of the Boer commandants and field cornets are relusing to sign the oath of allegiance.

Morgan's shipping combine has been lisenesed in the British House of Com-nons. Gerald Ballour, president of the London Board of Trade, stated that it was inexpedient to tie the hands of the boose were coming slowly towards Pe government by promising that the House should be consulted before the Admiralty entered into any agreement with Morgan.

FinanciaL

nons.

London traded in 15,000 shares of American stocks, buying chiefly Atchi-son and selling United States Steel, Negotiations are practically closed for he sale of the Detroit & Toledo Short Line to the Grand Trunk line. Thus Grand Trunk secures an entrance into

It is announced that the Virginia-Car-Chemical Company's increased here. olina seed in greater demand.

The Central Trust Company, of Camden, N. J., has declared its regular semiannual dividend of 3 per cent, and added \$25,000 to surplus account, making that account \$100,000, equaling its capital.

It is stated that despite the recen satisfactory increase in the carnings of the United Power & Transportation Company, the heavy expenses arising from extensions and the system as well Triton

as conservative business reasons prevent any early increase in the company's dividend.

The New York banks have lost \$541, oco during the week.

were also necessary for the 14 grade railroad crossings in Chicago. Despite these delays the 101 miles were covered in 111 minutes, and the train, which was due in the city at 0.45 a. m., arrived at the Grand Central Passenger Station only 28 minutes late.

various divisions.

COFFIN NINE FEET LONG.

Lewis Wilkins, A Western Glant, Dies In a Hospital in Chicago.

Chicago (Special) .- One of the giants of the earth has just died in the Pres-

byterian Hospital in the person of Lewis Wilkins, who was for several months afflicted with a tumor on the brain. He was eight feet two inches tall. When in good health he weighed 365 pounds.

casket nine feet long and twice as wide as the ordinary coffin was constructed for the body. Wilkins' great height subjected him

to many discomforts. When he came to this city from Omaha to be treated at the hospital an ambulance awaited him the Polk Street Station. The mat was so tall that he could not lie on the regular stretcher, but was forced to sit the floor of the vehicle and draw his gs up beneath him.

special bed had to be constructed him at the hospital. A ring that ilkins had worn on a finger of his left hand is so large that a silver half dollar can be easily passed through it.

Two Men Killed in Railroad Wreck.

Peoria, Ill. (Special) - Two men killone fatally injured and several more or less seriously injured is the story of a wreck on the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway. All the injured he-longed to the construction crew except

Lepage and Meyers, who are traveling salesmen. An extra engine and oria, having received word to look out for the construction train, when the two met on a curve. The construction train was going at a high rate of speed.

Fatal Mistake of "Bad Men."

Davenport, Iowa (Special) .-- Christo-

pher Leonidas and his son, long-haired medicine men, wearing sharpshooter medals and heavily armed, boarded the Diamond Jo steamer Dutaque at Rock Island, Ill., and attempted to take pos-session. Mate Dan Green shot and killsession. Mate Dan Green shot and kill-ed both when the boat was in front of

Davenport. The bodies were taken off here. The boat officers were held. At earnings are due to the short corn crop the inquest Mate Dan Green was acquit-last year, putting the products of cotton ted by the coroner's jury on the ground of self-defense.

Wircless Telegrams Under Water.

Paris (By Cable) .- A successful test of the application of wireless telegraphy to submarine torpedo boats was made at Cherbourg. A mast with receivers was fitted to the submarine boat Triton. The

dived and reported that it received clear and distinct signals from the central submarine station

Exploding Gas Plant Kills one

Municipal Acetylene Gas Plant at Ma-rion blew up. One man was killed and several injured.

expected that the construction of any of the proposed reservoirs will be undertaken for a year or two. Mr. Newthe rules ell expects to devote the entire summer to work in the field

Oleomargarine Tests.

The Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued instructions cov-ering artificial tests for coloring matter in oleomargerine. Detailed directions are given for making tests to distions are given for making tests to dis-cover coloring matter principally used in coloring cleomargerine. The circu-lar says: "If a sample gives negative re-sults by both tests above described, it may be safely concluded that it is free from artificial coloration. If it re-sponds to either test, or if there is any doubt as to the results obvioud the doubt as to the results obtained, the sample should be forwarded to this office for analysis

Depository of Public Moneys,

In accordance with a provision of the Philippine Civil Government Act the Secretary of War has directed that the Freasury of the Philippines shall act as depository of the public moneys of the tited States without being required deposit bonds in the Treasury of the United States or to give any other spe-cific security for the sale keeping of public money "until the further direc-tion of the Secretary of War."

Capital News in General.

Secretary Root has called in Secretary Hay to assist in his negotiations with the Vatican, Judge Tait's mission having been a failure so far as its pur-pose was to secure the expulsion of the riars from the Philippines.

Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese Minister to the United States, has received an ap pointment that practically means

Secretary Moody has instructed Rear Admiral Wildes to place a number of small gunboats now operating in Phil-ippine waters out of commission. Secretary Root sent out a circular letter containing the report of Acting Gov-ernor of the Philippines Wright, declaring that the charge that the Cethoic religion is discriminated against in the public schoools is absolutely with-

out foundation. The Comptroller of the Treasury overruled the Auditor of the War De partment in the claim of the State of Maryland for expenses incurred in raising troops for the Spanish War. Of a claim for \$6742, the Auditor allowed only \$1110. The Comptroller decided that the allowance should have been of

\$6578. The Collector of Internal Revenue has suspended the collection of the war revenue on undivided profits of national New Bedford, Mass. (Special).-The banks pending the decision of the Su-

The Uniform Board of the Army has recommended a gorgeous affair for a dress coat for the officers.

principle to that which he pro- of conflicting reports as to the number The of dead in the mine disaster, a careful poses to use in the competition. ac enautical jury may rule out, after and complete compilation shows that due investigation, any machine deemed 108 is the extent of the list of bodies outside the mine. too hazardous to life

As an evidence of good faith an en-To this number future explorations of trance fee of \$250 will be required, the mine corridors n which will be refunded when the ex- it cannot be many. the mine corridors may add a few, but

hibitor occupies the space assigned to im with an apparatus conforming to have been in the mine at the time of Each vehicle shall carry at least one

person during its flight. The competitors making the best av-

erage speed shall be awarded the grand prize of \$100,000, together with a suitable diploma, medal or certificate. The length of the entire course will mine

miles.

Alabama's Strike Settled.

Birmingham, Ala, (Special) .- After a

short discussion the joint convention o the United Mine Workers and coal operators agreed on a scale. Two unim-portant concessions on the part of the perators brought the miners the scale was speedily signed. It pro vides for a maximum price of 55 cent for mining coal and a uniform scale of ages for flay laborers. The miner, had demanded an increase of 3 cents per ton, two weeks' pay day and an 8-hour work day. They lost all of these contentions, but gained a point establishment of a uniform se the a uniform scale of wages for day laborers,

Postmaster Payne in Milwaukee.

Milwaukce, Wis. (Specia!) .- Post-master-General Henry C. Payne arrived Mass. in Milwaukee on personal business. Mr. Payne will remain here about 10 people. after which time he will visit Pres-Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, Mr.

bridge the Mississippi river at St. Louis ident Roosevelt at Oyster Bay. and erect extensive railroad terminal Payne will start on his vacation about August 1, when he will accompany the in the heart of the city. William Howard, a Newport News cattle puncher, will return to his old home in Fort Wayne, Ind., where a fornaval maneuvering expedition on the Atlantic ocean for a period of three

tune of \$110,000 awaits him.

Street Duc! In Missouri Town.

Mexico, Mo. (Special) .- Rhodes Clay, representative in the Missouri Assembly and recently nominated for a sec ond term, is dead as the result of pistol wounds inflicted by C. A. Barnes, a young attorney. Five shots were fired during the fight, which took place in front of the postoffice, Clay being shot through the breast and Barnes having his wrist shattered by a ball from his opponent's revolver. The shooting grew out of business transactions involving the principals.

Mrs. Ada Lestie Dead.

New York (Special).---Mrs. Ada Eu- Steel Works, near Pittsburg. Mrs. R. H. Harvey, who was bitten on the lip by a bug in Newport News, died from blood poisoning. genie Vrooman Leslie died at her home in this city after a lingering illness. She was born in 1846, and when only 16

Queen Alexandra opened the corona-tion bazar in aid of sick children in the Botanical Gardens, in London. The Queen had just passed under heavy decorations that fell and killed a woman years of age was widely known by her contributions in prose and verse to the leading periodicals. She married Alfred Leslie, a son of Frank Leslie. Aland injured several persons. ter his death Mrs. Leslie edited the Lady's Bazar and a number of other pe-riodicals. In recent years she assisted her sons, Arthur and Frank, in organ-izing the Leslie syndicate. A sensation was caused in Paris by the charge made in court and indignant-ly denied that Mme. de Gast posed in the nude for the picture known as "The Masked Woman."

Almost all the employes who could the explosion are accounted for. Few inquiries for missing have been presented the authorities or to the mine

efficials, and this, better than anything else, demonstrates the impossibility of many bodies still remaining in the The mine officials say there is no use

not be less than 10 nor more than 15 attempting to estimate the number of They say they simply don't They express the belief, howdend. know. ever, that all, or almost all, are out of the mine

Southern Railroad's Addition.

Knoxville, Tenn. (Special) .- It is reported that the Southern Railway will secure the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad and will extend it from Hunt dale, N. C. to Marion, N. C., to connec with the main line between Asheville and Salisbury in order to have a coal road nearer its Washington and Caro lina branch end without the long haul from the Jellico district through Knox-

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS

Dixon V. Conn was arrested in Roa-oke, Va., on the charge of swindling

R. B.Davis, of Petersburg, by a worth

Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, re

fused to order out the troops on the re-quest of Sheriff Gombert, of Carbor

James Landers, a freight handler, in Chicago, who had declared his purpose

to return to work, was found murdered

Fifteen men were burned, one fatally

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The Presbytery of Chester met at The seven-masted schooner Thomas Honeybrook and ordained Rev. Thos Roberts Guy as an evangelist to go of the mission field in China. W. Lawson, the largest vessel of the kind ever built, was launched at Quincy in the presence of over 20,000 A corporation has been organized to

Thomas L. Fawley, a commission merchant of Chester, narrowly escapec death from paris green poisoning, resuiting from cating new apricots of which the shipper had placed the pri on to kill insects.

Northern Pacific's estimated gross earnings for the year are \$42,000,000.

George Hudson was found on the Col, Nathaniel McKay, the million-aire hotel man, of Washington, died street at Chester unconscious from the excessive use of cigarettes. He was suddenly at Atlantic City while on his aken to a hospital.

Plans have just been adopted by the oard of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association for the erection of a \$70,000 building in Chester, which will grace the corner of Seventh street and Edgemont avenue, on ground pur-chased by Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer for \$30, 100. A feature of the structure will be the gymnasium, which will be equipped with all modern appliances for physical itvelopment.

is hurried adjournment of the trial of , care occurred in Alderman Raymond's courtroom at Altoona. A drove of steers was being driven along the street and two of them began fighting and ought their way into the hall of justice. An attorney was making a plea at the ime, but stopped abruptly and beat a hasty retreat. The steers smashed up some furniture and then left.

So-called experts differ widely in their estimates of the corn and wheat rop

Missouri Pacific's earnings for the first week of July were \$524,000, an in-crease of \$12,000 over 1001. Norfolk & Western's earnings for the week increased \$16,412 over last year, the total being \$207,154.

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