MR. PARKER'S LETTER

Democratic Nominee States the Issues Before the People.

WHAT HE WILL DO IF HE IS ELECTED.

Mr. Parker Says Tariff Reform Should Be Prudently and Sagaclously Undertaken, on Scientific Principles, to the End That There Should Not Be An Immediate Revolution in Existing Conditions.

New York (Special) .-- The letter of Judge Alton B. Parker, accepting the Democratic nomination for President, was made public Sunday night. It is, in part, as follows:

To the Honorable Champ Clark and Others, Committee, etc.;

Gentlemen-In my response to your Committee, at the formal notification proceedings, I referred to some matters not mentioned in this letter. I desire that these be considered as in corporated herein, and regret that lack space prevents specific reference to them all. I wish here, however, again to refer to my views there expressed as to the gold standard, declare again my unqualified belief in said standard, and to express my appreciation of the action of the convention in reply to my communica-tion upon that subject.

Grave public questions are pressing for decision. The Democratic party appeals to the people with confidence that its position on these questions will be accepted and indorsed at the polls. While the issues involved are numerous, some stand forth pre-eminent in the public mind. Among these are tariff reform, imperialism, economical administration and honesty in the public service. I shall briefly con-sider these and some others within the necessarily prescribed limits of Roy Fenton, the driver of the ex-

this letter.

Presidential Prerogatives.

notification proceedings concerning ter. this vital issue, the overshadowing importance of this question impels me to refer to it again. The issue is oft-has arranged to resign from the entimes referred to as constitutional-ism vs. imperialism. ism vs. imperialism. If we would retain our liberties and

constitutional rights unimpaired, we with the Interstate Commerce Comcannot permit or tolerate, at any time mission by John Compton, of Georgia, or for any purpose, the arrogation of against the Seaboard and the Southunconstitutional powers by the execu- ern Railroad Companies. tive branch of our government. We Caspara Lamonica and Restiro the touch o the throttle. should be ever mindful of the words of Webster, "Liberty is only to be preserved by maintaining constitution-al restraints and just divisions of po-Mobile, Ala. litical powers."

Already the national government has become centralized beyond any point contemplated or imagined by the framers of the Constitution. How tremendously all this has added to the power of the President. It has have been of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company, in Birmingham, Ala. The executive committee of the Continental party named Austin Hol-comb, of Georgia, for president, and A King of Missouri, for vice presideveloped from year to year until it A. King, of Missouri, for vice presialmost equals that of many monarchs. While the growth of our country and the magnitude of interstate interests brought non-union men to take the may seem to furnish a plausible rea- places of the locked-out boilermakers son for this centralization of power, at their shops in Susquehanna, Pa. yet these same facts afford the most potent reason why the executive ed the contract to supply street letter should not be permitted to encroach and package boxes to the Van Dorn upon the other departments of the Iron Works of Chicago. government, and assume legislative, or other powers, not expressly conferred by the Constitution.

The magnitude of the country and they could get no work. its diversity of interests and popula-tion would enable a determined, ambitious and able executive, unmindful ly shot in Jackson, Mich., by his pal. bitious and able executive, unminimum ily shot in Jackson, Mich., by his pai. of constitutional limitations and fired with the lust of power, to go far in the University of Missouri have been the usurpation of authority and the held up by the Italian immigration authorities at Naples. Tore the situation could be fully ap-The insurance commissioners of the here are coach soft the westbound train. When the fearful jolt came, he said, all the seats in the car were torn loose, and people and seats were hurled to the front of the car. When preciated or the people be aroused.

Reading. Victims of Sonthern Railway Wreck May Domestic, The special train carrying the Arch bishop of Canterbury and J. P. Mor-gan, with their party, to Washington DID ENGINEER DIE IN HIS CAB? ran into a locomotive at North Brook-field, Mass. The members of the The Injured Reach 129-One Conjecture As to

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid

party were shaken up, but nobody was A cablegram from Caracas to New

ork says that criminal charges are be brought against the Asphalt Trust, which is accused of fomenting revolution in Venezuela. The First National Bank of Dun

ing on a roadbed in a supposedly high tee, Ill, sued Tracy & Co., stock-prokers, of Chicago, for \$41,400 lost a margins by the bank's cashier, who ondition of maintenance and having about them every safeguard known to modern railroading, two trains on the mbezzled the money. outhern Railway, carrying heavy

In a fight at the plant of the Pittsburg Steel Company, at Glassport, Pa-

between strikers and unionists, G. W. Fidlar, a deputy, was fatally shot. Senator Gorman had a conference death and injuring 120, several of whom will probably die. with Judge Parker at which Dan Lamont was present. General Miles is to take the stump for the Democrats. apparently from the disregarding of orders given to the two trains t Sebastion Fasancillo was arrested it meet at a station which has for a New York on the charge of selling long time been their regular meeting point. The claim of failure to see ogus naturalization certificates. Final arrangements were completed for the national Convention of the Republican Clubs at Indianapolis.

Dr. George S. Conant, of New York, willed his brain to the medical faculty of Cornell University. The National Council of Good Sa-

maritans closed its session in Inlianapolis.

by Newmarket Station. A reunion of Wilder's Brigade was eld in Lafayette, Ind. R. M. Alcivar, a Mexican passenger

on the Hamburg-American Line steamer Prinz Oskar from New York meet the westbound train which car-Genoa, became insane upon the ar-Knoxville, Chattanooga and other rival of the ship at Genoa and shot Southern cities. Captain Dugge, in command of the Orders Rashly Disobeyed.

SIXTY-TWO ARE NOW DEAD

Even Exceed That Mumber.

Loss Estimated at Nearly \$1,000.000 - Rigid

Investigation to Be Held-Traffic Resumed.

Knoxville, Tenn. (Special),-Run-

Hodges, Tenn., sending 54 people to

This appalling loss of life resulted

Light Local

in an hour, and all physicians in the

vicinity of the wreck were doing what

An Editor's Story.

fated engineer may have been asleep, but nothing is known save that the orders were not obeyed. The trains

press wagon from which the dynamite was dropped that caused the blowing were on time and not making over 35 up of a street car in Melrose, Mass. While I presented my views at the was held on the charge of manslaughmiles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful. Both Justice D. Cady Herrick, Democrat-

igines and the major portion of both ic nominee for governor of New York, trains were demolished, and why the orders were disregarded or misinterpreted will probably never be known, as the engineers of the two Charges of discrimination were filed trains were crushed, their bodies re-

maining for hours under the wreckage of the locomotives, which but a second before had leaped forward at the touch of their strong hands upon

Some of the bodies have not yet counterfeit money, were discharged been recovered and many remain unidentified An attempt was made to dynamite CASUALTIES OCCURRED IN HEAVY TRAIN.

Only the Engine Crew Were Killed on the Knoxville, Tenn. (Special) .- The ollision was between eastbound passenger train No. 12 and westbound passenger train No. 15, from Bristol.

No. 12 was a heavy train, carrying two Pullmans, two day coaches and a mail and baggage car. No. 15 was The Erie Railroad Company has a light local train. The greatest loss of life occurred in the eastbound train, The Postmaster General has awardwhile in the westbound train only the engine crew were killed. Relief trainwere dispatched from Knoxville with-

Brooklyn ma-George Vollner, a Brooklyn ma-chinist, and Samuel Schotten, of New they could when the local corps ar-York, both committed suicide because

rived. In a quarrel over the spoils of a burglary Frank Shoemaker was fatal-John W. Brown, of Rogersville, Tenn., a newspaper editor, was in the

various states will endeavor to pre- he recovered from the shock he heard the screams and groans of the injured

Nie: Little Girls Suffo:ated in School-yard Vault-Flooring Gave Way.

MET AWFUL DEATH.

Cincinnati, (Special) -School had

closed but a few minutes at Pleasant YENTAI MINES ARE NOW OCCUPIED. Ridge seven miles north of Cincinnat at the end of the first quarter of the Japanese Capture of Mukden is Expected Soot Reason Why He Disregarded Orders Not session, when, 9 possibly 10, school--A Detachment of the Mikado's Soldiers Makes a Dash to Tieling and Drives to Stop at Newmarket, Tena .- Rellway's girls were suffocated in a vault and : score of others narrowly escaped the Off a Body of the Enemy, Who Leave 19 same horible death. Dead.

> During the rest of the day the sub urb was wild with mingled excitement. St. Petersburg (By Cable) .- A dissorrow and indignation. At night those openly charging the calamity to official negligence are making serious as follows threats The large building is used for a high

school as well as for lower depart-ments. All of the victims were from lists of passengers, came together in a frightful headend collision near primary grades. Girls Made A Rush.

On opposite sides of the spacious ground in rear of the school are two outbuildings. When recess was given about 30 of the smaller girls went to outbuilding assigned to them, the when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into the vault below.

This vault is 12 feet deep and walled either the station or signals cannot up with stone like a well. The child-ren falling foremost filled up the vault be set up by the engineer of the westbound train were he alive to enter partially, so that others were not ena plea of defense, as the accident haptirely submerged. The struggles o a plea of broad daylight and, accord-ing to the best information obtain-able, he had the order in a little frame those who were on top kept at least in front of him as his engine rushed were about 20 feet square, without Soon after windows and with only one narrow doorway, so that only one girl escaped from the door. She ran into the it came full upon an eastbound passenger train, making for Newmarket from the door. She ran into the in compliance with instructions to building and told the teachers what had happened. The principal and othried the sleepers from the East for er teachers rushed to the rescue. The screams of the girls were dimly heard

were unable to speak when rescued The possibility exists that the ill- The teachers were soon reinforced by almost the entire population of the town, the police and fire departments rendering effective service. The firemen drained the vault to be sure that the resuce was complete. Those engaged in the rescue work

recite the most ghastly experiences. Even the children rescued alive presented such an apeparance as to make many in the crowd of spectators faint, sight within the vault beggared all description. Among the first to come to the re-

lief of P incipal Simmerman were Rev. to threaten the Russian line of com-Dr. I. D. Lambert, of the Presbyterian Church, and Frank S. Johnson, of the Herald and Presbyter, of Cincinnati, Rescued By Means Of Flag.

James Smith, aged 14 years, one o the pupils, climed the roof of the schoolhouse, untied the flag and ran to the vault. By means of this impromp-

tu rope several were rescued. Later army corps, which is acting as a rear a ladder was used. Marshal Wood guard and is not intended to, offer a had great difficulty in keeping the crowd from interfering with the res-The importunities of friends, cuers.

aken to their homes.

fresh air.

from

com

A little

Frank S. Johnson said:

Paris (By Cable) .- The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs

Smallest Suffered Most. "I was standing across the street

The smaller girls were being forced to the bottom by the movements and terrific struggles of the children in the a general assault, which is more furivault. Up the ladder climbed the little

fainting as soon as taken out into the ly and employing their whole forces,

BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE His Formal Acceptance of the Republican

MR. FAIRBANKS LETTER.

Nomination

Indianapolis (Special) .- The letter

of acceptance of Senator Fairbanks,

Republican nominee for vice presi

The Hon. Elihu Rott, Chairman of

Dear Sir-In accordance with the

promise made when you formally noti-

our national growth, yet always with

lamented predecessor. He kept the Cabinet of President McKinley, com-

eign trade have increased, and rela-

tions of amity have been preserved

dent, is, in part, as follows:

Notification Committee:

Nine Persons Killed and Many Were Injured.

WAS AN APPALLING SPECTACLE.

Ground in the Vincinity of the Accident Strewn With Legs and Arms and Writhing Mangled Bodies-The Force of the Exploilon Was So Great That the Front Dashboard Was Hurled More Than Fifty Feet.

hed me of my nomination for vice president, I avail myself of this op-Melrose, Mass. (Special) .- An outward bound election car, containing 32 persons, was blown to pieces in this ity by striking a 50-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright, 3 more died of their injuries within an hour and 19 others on the car were taken to the two hospitals, suffering from severe injuries. At well suited to our industrial and least a score of persons in the vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

So great was the force of the explosion that all but to feet of the rear The utterances of political parties The utterances of political parties portion of the car was blown into must be interpreted in the light of that small pieces, while windows within a practical construction which they have radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered.

A Gruesome Scene.

The immediate vicinity of the accident presented a fearful spectacle when those in the neighborhood We have had two administrations reached the scene. The ground was strewn with legs, arms and other por-tions of the bodies of those who had been killed, while shricks and groans We may consult the trade reports in came from the writhing forms of the injured.

The car contained mostly men on their way to their homes, and the injured were cared for until the physitians, not only from Melrose, tional equipment must keep pace with but from Medford, Everett and Malden reached the scene. due regard to the principles of sound

For more than three hours there economy in public expenditure. We have pursued no parsimonious policy was the greatest confusion, and it was difficult to obtain the names of travagance on the other. We have measured the public expense by the public necessity. The convention did well in its hearty

and the hospitals were besieged.

The Driver Arrested.

The police arrested Roy Fenton, driver of an express wagon. Fenton,of chief executive with a pledge to carry out the policy of his beloved and and did not know until he reached the express office that one of the boxes had dropped off. He hurried back in the hope of picking it up, but the elec-tric car reached the box first.

The force of the explosion was ter-rific, and the report was heard many miles. Directly opposite the scene was the Masonic Building, every window of which was shattered, and through one of the windows a human foot was blown. A score of persons within a hundred yards of the car were knocked down and rendered deal

\$2,000,000 FOR FRIAR LANDS.

by the concussion.

First Payment Made Through the Bank of England.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- The first payment of \$2,000,000 on account of the purchase of the friar land in the Philippines was authorized by the War Department.

There has been on deposit in New York since last December the fund of \$7,236,000 realized from the sale of bonds authorized to be issued in purof an isthmian canal; the Panama chase of the friars' lands, and a draft Canal Treaty, the Alaskan Boundary, Treaty, and commercial treaties with China and with Cuba. for this first payment will be made on the Bank of England, which will pay over the money to the Sociedad hina and with Cuba. Events in the Far East suggest the Agricola del Ultramar. The completion of these purchases was delayed by the great difficulties experienced in securing a clear title from the friars, some of whom attempted to convey their lands to private individuals and

vance. especially of weeping mothers, were FIGHT ON AT PORT ARTHUR. almost beyond the control of the offi-Land and Sea Forces Are Endeavoring to Drs. U. G. Senour and P. J. Shank, with their assistants, used the school Sterm Fortress. building for a hospital and a morgue until the dead and the rescued were as follows:

talking to Dr. Lambert, when a little girl came crying for help. We found Principal Simmerman saving lives, thur, regarding which place the great-Thirty treaties have been conclu-and proclaimed, and stand to the c ed the Emperor at 4 o'clock A. M. I the sword, but with the peaceful

ones, drenched, gasping for breath, and the town on three sides simultaneous-

Pauncefote Treaty, superseding the Clayton-Bulwer convention, which stood in the way of the construction being determined to finish the busi-"As fast as they came within reach of the door those who stood at the doorway reached down, lifted them distinguished himself, directing the

St. Petersburg (By Cable).-A dis-patch received here from Mukden gives details of the Japanese positions some further views with respect to the questions in issue before the people. The principles which are so frankly General Kuroki has concentrated one army with the distance between and felicitiously expressed in the plat Bentsiaputze and Bensihu as its ra-form adopted by the Republican Na

dius, and his advance is pushing fortional Convention meet with my heartiest approval. In the main, they have ward along the road leading to Fubeen subjected to the test of actual experience, and have been found to ehun and Fu Pass. The advance forces of two other armies occupy the Yentai mines, the village of Yetnational needs. They have brought us to a high state of material develtai and Sandenu. The front of these three armies is protected by an outopment, and have made the nation's post screen, which Chinese are not name respected among the powers of

allowed to pass. A small Japanese the earth. detachment is moving along the left' bank of the Liao river in order to protect junks.

GEN. KUROKI ADVANCES

His Purpose Is Believed to Be to Turn

Russian Left Flank.

The same dispatch reports that Chiput upon them when intrusted with power. It is not alone what they say, but what they will do, which should weigh in determining their canese bandits are openly siding with nine underneath until they were dead. the Japanese. The weather at Muk-The frame sheds of these vaults den is rainy and windy. Cold has prepacity to administer public affairs.

maturely set in. The absence of detailed official rein the last seven years which have been governed by the same politics. ports from the seat of war, despite the important character of events that are developing around Mukden, leads to the supposition that General Kuvain to discover when the one ended ropatkin may, after all, not seriously contest the Japanese advance and that and the other began. Both were obliged to make vast expenditures for within the vault, and most of them the long-expected battle at Mukden much-needed public works. The rap-idly expanding needs of the govern-ment business must be met. The na-

may turn out to be merely a rear-guard action upon a large scale. General Sakharoff reports that the Japanese army is moving from Bent-siaputze toward Fu Pass, a village six miles northeast of Mukden and near the right bank of the Hun river. The river at that point is shallow, and probably for this reason the locality

on the one hand, nor indulged in ex-travagance on the other. We have has been selected by the Japanese for crossing. If the Japanese succeed in gaining a foothold at Fu Pass, General Ku-ropatkin's position at Mukden will be commendation of the administration of President Roosevelt. This is sharply insecure, as the Japanese will be able challenged by the opposition. We accept the issue with confidence. The President assumed the responsibilities

munications and turn the left flank Fu Pass is only 20 miles north of Bentsiaputze, but at the present rate of progress the Japanese will probably occupy four or five days in traversing it.

posed of statesmen of eminent ability, in whom the country placed entire confidence. He carried forward the The Russian force south of Muk den is believed to consist of only one uncompleted work faithfully and successfully. The pledge has been kept scrupulously; the promise has been fulfilled. Peace and good order have been maintained. Domestic and forserious resistance to the Japanese ad-

est anxiety prevails at Court.

with foreign powers. The foreign policy of the adminis-tration has been conservative, just and firm, and has made for the advancement of peace. Time and events have given us a larger place in interna-tional affairs. While we have enlarged "Telegrams of which the General

our foreign commerce, we have in-Staff have as yet no knowledge reach- creased our prestige abroad, not with Thirty treaties have been concluded and proclaimed, and stand to the credthe administration. Some of

these are of far-reaching importance. Among the number are the Hayous than its predecessors, attacking

In Conclusion.

I have put aside a congenial work, to which I had expected to devote my life, in order to assume, as best I can, the responsibilities your convention put upon me.

I solicit the cordial co-operation and generous assistance of every man who elieves that a change of measures and of men at this time would be wise. and urge harmony of endeavor as well as vigorous action on the part of all so minded.

The issues are joined and the peo ple must render the verdict.

Shall economy of administration be demanded or shall extravagance be encouraged?

Shall the wrongdoer be brought to bay by the people, or must justice wait upon political obligarchy?

Shall our government stand for equal opportunity or for special privlege burn, O.

Shall it remain a government of law or become one of individual caprice? Shall we cling to the rule of the

people, or shall we embrace beneficent despotism?

With calmness and confidence we await the people's verdict. If called to the office of President

I shall consider myself the chief mag-strate of all the people and not of any faction, and shall ever be mindful of the fact that on many questions of national policy there are honest differmces of opinion. I believe in the patriotism, good sense and absolute sin- shortly announce important concesserity of all the people. I shall strive sions to the Jews. to remember that he may serve his party best who serves his country at Edinburgh, discussed Sir Thomas

If it be the wish of the people that undertake the duties of the presi dncy, I pledge myself, with God's help, to devote all my powers and ento the duties of this exalted office.

Very truly yours, ALTON B. PARKER.

Hoar Gradually Passing Away.

Worcester, Mass. (Special). family of Senator George F. Hoar, who has been lying dangerously

for several weeks, issued a bulletin showing that the Senator is gradually succumbing to the effects of his long illness. Only the immediate members of the Senators family are admitted to the sick chamber, and he spends most of his time asleep. The bulletin reads: "Senator Hoar has been weaker

since Friday, passing most of the time in sleep and refusing to take his medicine or nourishment.

Gift of \$590,000.

Philadelphia (Special) .- The Public Ledger says that a contribution, sup-Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul is unofficial

posed to amount to \$500,000, has been made to the University of Pennsyl vania to form the nucleus of an endowment fund to meet the current ex-penses of the institution. The actual shoot the chief of police of Odessa, Russia, but was seized by Prince Obolensky, and after a desperate strug-

penses of the institution. The actual amount of the gift and the identity of the donor will be announced next Fri-day at the opening exercises. Provost Harrison and other members of the faculty, beyond admitting that a large gift had been presented, would say nothing concerning the contribution. gle overcome. The Chinese government has apol-ogized for the assault made upon Cap-tain Laribe, of the French Legation guard at Peking.

vent the use of the mails by cat insurance companies.

and dying in every direction. "I left the car," said Mr. Brown, Charles A. Semler, assistant cash-ier of an Akron (O.) national bank, "as soon as I could, and walked to the has been arrested at San Francisco for main part of the wreck. It was the embezzlement most horrible sight I ever witnessed.

The fireman was killed and the en- I saw a woman pinioned by a piece gineer seriously injured by the derail-ment of the Diamond special at Barof split timber, which has gone pletely through her body. clay, 111. , quivering in death's agony, beneath the woman. I saw child. One woman was killed and a number had narrow escapes from death in the child die, and within a few feet rowly escaped death. When the crowd their desperate efforts. Six persons were killed and many decapitated body was several feet

injured by the blowing to pieces of a awa trolley near Melrose, Mass. The State of Tennessee has sued fear Another little girl, whose body was fearfully mangled, was calling for her the Standard Oil Company for vio- mother. mother. I have since learned that she was Lucille Conner, of Knoxville, Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Feiand that both her parents were killed. ows will meet at Washington, D. C I heard one woman, terribly mangled, praying earnestly to be spared for her

Both engines and all of the coache

Engineer William D. Simonton wa children, but death relieved her sufburned to death in a wreck near Lock fering in a few minutes. Sleepers Not Damaged.

Forty thousand bushels of whea ere burned in an elevator at St were of No. 15 were literally demolished, Joseph, Mo.

lating the Anti-Trust Law.

next year.

Suit was begun by the United States against the Fidelity and Deposit Com-pany of Maryland to recover on the bond of Charles F. W. Neely.

Foreign.

ogether into one mass of indescrib-able ruins. The cars which were de-The unveiling of the monument to Catherine the Great, at Vilna, Rus-sia, was a notable event. It is exmolished were piled on the wrecked engine. Congressman Henry R. Gibson, pected that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky from the Second congressional district of Tennessee, was a passenger in the day coach of the eastbound train. He and one other man, whose the new minister of the interior, will The Institute of International Law, name is not known, were the only persons to escape alive from their demolished car. Barclay's proposal for a permanent

ommittee to deal with questions arisng out of practice before The Hague urt.

The jury in Dover, England, that inquired into the death of Charles B. Spohr, of New York, brought in a a sign of life except that near his death and was struggling to get out. verdict of "found drowned.

Rev. Samuel Ives Curtiss, of Chicago Theological Seminary, died at Bartholomew's Hospital, in Lon

Venezuela to the United States.

A supposed anarchist attempted to

the United States by a news agency The Congress of Freethinkers, ession in Rome, decided to hold their of an assault upon H. L. Washingnext meeting in Paris in 1905. Vesuvius has been more active, ashes and sparks rising from the crater to a height of 700 feet. Count Tisza, the Hungarian minis-ter of the interior, has prohibited Morton, the American Consul at Geneva, greatly exaggerated the incident. The Consul himself says the affair was unimportant. Mr. Washington drove his automobile into a herd of cattle

mon propaganda within Hungary. Two Mormon missionaries from Salt Lake near Coppet, and an enraged herds-man attacked him, injuring him City have been expelled. slightly.

Walter Severn, president of New \$40,000 Airship. Dudley Gallery Art Society of Lon-don, is dead. He was born in Rome

Berlin (By Cable) .-- Count von Zeppelin's new airship, which is building tt Manzell, Wurtemberg, although mentioned as the new minister from smaller than that of 1900, which was more than 400 feet long, will be driven by an Bo-horsepower motor, compared with a 24-horsepower motor for the

Consul at Geneva Assaulted.

airships of 1900. The Count relies on the greater horsepower to drive suc-cessfully the lighter aluminum car. The new machine, which closely fol-lows the Count's previous models, cost \$40,000.

passed them to waiting friends. ble for any outsider to go down into the vault for the reason that he would have impeded the little ones who are aiding in the struggle, which, it were climbing out, and then men went is feared here, will be final. The bein and rescued those who remained."

Lucky Escape Of A Twin.

William J. Card, of Cincinnati, had three daughters in the place, of whom Charmian and Fausta lost their lives. of girls rushed into the place Rotlfa

was knocked out of the door into the yard just before the collapse occurred. Reports about the floor having given way last year are denied by the school At court hope has not yet been entrustees, but there .s an angry dispotirely abandoned." sition to blame those who are respon sible for its condition.

Montreal Has a Big Fire.

Montreal, Quebec (Special). - The buildings of the Canada Hardware Company, the central agency, which perial rescript just issued the army is the Canadian branch of the London is divided. General Kuropatkin is to smoker and baggage car com-Thread Trust, and of Chaput Fils & pletely so. The sleepers remained on the track undamaged. Both engines Co., one of the largest wholesale grocery and liquor houses in Canada, lay to the north of the track, jammed were burned early today. The loss is estimated at \$750,000.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

The Executive Council of the Amer can Federation of Labor has officially indorsed the strike of the textile operators of Fall River, Mass.

Rear Admiral Ludlow, U. S. N retired, was assigned to duty as governor of the new naval home, at Philadelphia.

One glance at the car showed it to Members of the interparliamentary be a mass of human beings, backs of tar seats, grips, baskets and wearing Union visited Mount Vernon and apparel of all sorts. There was not placed wreaths on Washington's tomb. Union visited Mount Vernon and United States consuls abroad are showing up crooked schemes proa young man who had escaped moted to entrap American investors.

> Gen. Harrison Allen, deputy audi-or for the Postoffice Department, died suddenly at his residence.

Paris (By Cable) .- A dispatch from The annual report of the bureau chiefs of the Navy Department will Geneva says that the report cabled to be censored because foreign governments have been obtaining too much information from them.

Rear Admiral Evans will probably be appointed to the command of the North Atlantic Station.

Major General Wade has sent the War Department the names of enlisted men who have distinguished letter of congratulation, together with a handsome bouquet of flowers. him

The first payment on account of the purchase of friar lands in the Philppines was authorized by the War Department.

As a remedy for desertion from the Army, General Grant recommends that deserters be sent to military prisons and put at hard labor.

The War Department has asked the assistance of the Department of Jus-tice in securing the arrest of Capt. Ira Keithley.

A petition was filed to have the American German Bank of Sidney, O., and all its stockholders declared bank-

which the Japanese It was not possi- reached after indescribable massacre "The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons sieged forces are fighting as in a fur-

nace. A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead. General Stoessel is going from fort to fort encouraging the defenders in

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event, which per-haps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown.

Kuropatkin No Longer Chief.

General Kuropatkin's star is set

The Czar appears to have lost faith in him as the commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army. Under an imcommand the first army and Major General Grippenberg the second army Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch will, it is believed, become the com-mander-in-chief of the Manchurian armies, which will be increased to 700,000 men. Viceroy Alexieff will likely be recalled.

Accompany the several hundred thousand more men to be sent to the front will be 600 field and rapid-fire guns Meanwhile the Japanese are pre-

paring to send 100,000 more men into Manchuria.

The Czar pays tribute to "the high warlike qualities displayed by the Jap-anese" in a letter to General Grippenberg, appointing him commander of the Second Manchurian Army, to

succeed Lieutenant General Linevitch. The Russian forces in Manchuria are cent, semi-annual dividend on the secthus divided into two armies.

50 Years in the Navy.

Lehigh Valley's annual statemen Washington, D. C. (Special) .- Admiral George Dewey received the congratulations of his fellow-officers and on the \$40,000,000 of stock.

1854, the Admiral is the only one

period in 1003. Canada's wheat yield is put at 58,-000,000 bushels. England's wheat the active list, and but seven of that number are on the retired list. The Admiral is in his sixty-seventh year. The President sent Admiral Dewey a

Pennsy Breaks Record

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special) .- A special chartered train on the Pennsylvania Railroad has broken all previous rec-

ords on that line between Philadelphis and Chicago, making the 822 miles in

wisdom and necessity of a continu-ance of the present foreign policy. We have maintained exact neutrality between Russia and Japan. At the beginning of the war between them they assented to the suggestion made by the administration, limiting the zone of hostilities. This tends to pre-serve the open door in the Orient, so

important and so much desired in the expansion of our commerce. It is the policy of the administration, predicated upon the soundest national pru-dence, to settle and remove by treaty, as far as possible, those international differences which lead to future fric-

We favor the adjustment of interna tional disagreements by an appeal to reason rather than to arms. A great majority of the questions which arise

between nations may, without compro-mising the national bonor, be sub-mitted to arbitration. The adminis-tration of President McKinley did well to aid in the creation of The Hague Tribunal, and President Roosevelt is settlement of the Pious Fund cases. Our relations with the world were never better. We have avoided all en-tangling alliances, and, in the lan-guage of the eminent Secretary of State, "We are without an ally and

without an enemy. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

FINANCIAL

"If there is no strike United States Steel preferred will go to 75," wired W. L. Bull. China grows about as much cotton says one self-styled "expert," as the

United States. Reading has declared the usual 2 per

ond preferred stock.

will likely come out this week. It will show about 12 per cent. carned

friends upon the fiftieth anniversary Since July 1 this country has ex-ported wheat and wheat flour to the of his entry into the naval service. Of the 73 midshipmen who entered the Naval Academy on September 23. amount of 15,000,000 bushels, com pared with 33,000,000 for the same

acreage is only a third as large as it was a few years ago, which shows that she can import wheat more cheaply than it can be grown at home.

A new Japanese loan is talked of. Net earnings in United States Steel for 1904 will reach \$70,000,000. In takes \$35,000,000 to pay the bond interest.

Last year the Steel Corporation made 8,658,391 tons of coke as against 9,521,657 tons in 1902. Estimates of this year's coke production exceed

and Chicago, making the 022 miles in 16 hours and 57 minutes. The train left Philadelphin at 4:08 P. M., arriv-ing in Pittsburg at 12:02 next morning and Chicago at 9:05 A. M. The train was chartered by a Chicago business man desirous of arriving in Chicago in the quickest possible time to close a business transaction said to involve \$250,000. There are persistent rumors that the New York, Philadelphia & Nor-folk Railroad is to be absorbed by the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washing-ton, or rather that the two are to be merged into sus company.

Populist Presidential Electors.

Ioliet, Ill. (Special) .- The National Populist Committee announces that it will have presidential electors for Watson and Tibbles in every state in the Union, with the possible exception of two. The electors are already named in all except 10 of these states, and the work will be completed as rapidly as possible. The committee hopes to build up sufficient strength at this election to make petitions unnecessary four years hence.

Spreading Rails Cause Wreck.

Columbus, Ohio (Special) .- A passenger train on the Norfolk and Westentifled to great credit for being the senger train on the Norfolk and West-first to invoke its jurisdiction in the ern road was wrecked at Lockburn by spreading rails. The engine, tender and baggage car were derailed, but the passenger cars remained on the track. None of the passengers were injured. Engineer William D. Simonton, of this city, was burned to death under his engine. Fireman Fred W. Kyle, of Columbus, was fatally scalded.

Mexican Consul Stricken

New York (Special) .- John N. Navarro, Consul General for Mexico in this city, was stricken with what is believed to be apoplexy on a New York Central and Hudson River Railroad train on his return here after a trip to his native country. He is in a serious condition. Mr. Navarro is 81 years old.

Vesuvius Pyrotechnics.

Naples (By Cable) .-- Vesuvius is gradually becoming more active. The crust around the crater has broken away and produced magnificent flurries of red hot ashes and sparks of fire, which rise occasionally in immense columns to a height of 700 feet, accompanied by loud detonations and slight carthquakes, the sound rescubling a bombardment by artillery.

Burglars Get \$4,000

Charleston, S. C., (Special) .-- It was

discovered that expert safecrackers

entered the postoffice at Kingstree, S

C., near this city, and opening the safe

C., near this city, and opening the safe with blacksmith tools stolen from a nearby shop extracted a package of Sacon addressed to the Bank of Kings-tree, \$350 in postoffice funds, about Sage worth of samps and about \$500 worth of jewelry belonging to post-matter Jacobs. There is no clue to the burglars. The money for the bank had been sent from Charleston on wired orders.