

THE NEWS.

Domestic

The American Federation of Labor, in session at Toronto, voted to appeal the injunction case in the matter of the Buck Stove and Range Company to the United States Supreme Court.

Over two hundred employees of the New York Custom-house have been dismissed or reduced in rank by Collector Leeb as an outcome of the Sugar Trust or other frauds.

After an all-night stand against a posse, the unknown outlaw who was wanted for the shooting of Officer George Fleming, at Nampa, Idaho, was shot and killed.

President Mackay, of the Postal Telegraph Company, says his company is not in the telegraph and telephone merger.

Wm. M. Lafan, proprietor of the New York Sun, died as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Supreme Court Justice David J. Brewer declares female suffrage will come.

Five corpses were recovered from the coal mine at Cherry, Ill.

The name of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, formerly first reader of the Christian Science Church at New York, was dropped from the rolls of the Christian Science Church by order of the board of directors.

Government attorneys appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, at Chicago, to have the bail of John R. Walsh increased from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

Two arrests were made in connection with the dynamiting of buildings at Indianapolis, while a threatening letter was sent to Mayor Bookwalter.

Albert T. Patrick, serving a life sentence in Sing Sing for the murder of William M. Rice, obtained another writ of habeas corpus.

Joseph Ellsworth was arrested in Chicago and confessed to robbing the safe of Schuyler Rainier, a wealthy farmer of Florence, N. J.

Ellis Ray, a wealthy landowner, of Lafayette, Ind., killed himself rather than face trial for the murder of a farmhand.

Wildcat meat is at a premium in San Francisco as a result of a demand for it by warring Chinese gangs.

The five men who held up the Overland Limited train were sentenced to life imprisonment at Omaha, Neb.

Richard Watson Glider, author and editor of the Century Magazine, died in New York of heart disease.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission issued an order requiring all public service corporations doing business in the state, both foreign and domestic, including railroads, to maintain general offices within Oklahoma.

Mrs. Anna McGuire obtained a divorce from Bird S. McGuire, Congressman from the First Oklahoma District, on charges of cruelty and gross neglect. McGuire did not oppose the decree.

Perry Ralph Minnick, a student of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, was arrested on a charge of using Black Hand methods to raise money to pay for his education.

Troops are guarding the private cars of coal mine at Cherry, Ill., owing to ill-feeling shown among survivors of the mine disaster.

Mrs. Helen D. Burns, of San Francisco, divorced by her husband and turned away by her family, committed suicide.

President Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University has been elected a trustee of the Carnegie Foundation.

Gen. and Mrs. Frederick D. Grant had a narrow escape from fire that wrecked their home in Chicago.

Foreign

Martin Kaufman, of New York, arrested in Berlin, charged with fraud in connection with the Cotton Goods Convention Company, of New York, involving \$1,070,000, agreed to return with the United States Postoffice Inspector who made the arrest.

The Pilgrims Society of London gave a farewell dinner to John Ridgely Carter, former secretary of the American Embassy there, who has been appointed United States minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria.

Two United States revenue cutters and a British cruiser are searching West Indian waters for the Astor yacht Normahall and two other vessels missing since the hurricane.

American in Chile protest that the action of the United States government in the matter of the Astor claim is detrimental to American interests in that country.

A Chinese naval commission arrived in England to study the question of naval construction, with a view to modernizing the navy of China.

King Alfonso's award an arbitrator of the boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador has been accepted by both nations.

France, like England and Germany, is having her budgetary crisis, than that of any other country. The taxation is carried in the pending budget, the new taxes being principally levied on automobiles, tobacco, wines and inheritances.

Portugal, with the support of Great Britain, has opened negotiations for maintenance of the status quo in reference to the island of Macao.

The Yagu River, in Santo Domingo, overflowed. The residents had to seek refuge on the roofs of their houses and hundreds of them are in distress.

The Finnish Diet was dissolved for refusing to sanction the Russian government's demand for an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for defense of the empire.

Thousands are homeless and millions of dollars' worth of property have been destroyed by torrential rains in the Province of Adana, Turkey.

Gustave Terry, who stirred up the recent naval scandal in France, was wounded in a duel with Laurent Tailhade, the poet, at Paris.

Benjamin Lamont, of New York, sentenced to four years in the Montreal penitentiary for robbery and assault, committed suicide in his cell.

Dominick Falaco, a track-walker confessed having put an obstruction on the track in Union Station tunnel to wreck a train.

As a result of the Steinhilf trial the French minister of justice says he will propose certain changes in procedure in the courts of France.

TWO HUNDRED MINERS ARE STILL MISSING

Fire and Blackdamp Halt Rescue of Entombed Men.

37 MORE BODIES ARE REMOVED.

Total Number of Bodies Taken From The St. Paul Mine Is 92, And The Survivors Number 20—Hope Is Faint That Any Other Remain Alive, But The Rescue Work Is Being Conducted With Pressing Haste—Bodies Of 18 Victims Buried.

Cherry, Ill. (Special).—Hope aroused by the rescue alive of 20 entombed men from the St. Paul mine just one week after the starting of the fatal fire was crushed Sunday, or at least deferred in fulfillment, for not one more of the 310 men caught by the fire was found.

The day was spent in removing bodies from the mine and in burying the corpses heretofore recovered. Sunday night the records showed that of 310 men left in the mine last Saturday night, 198 are still missing, while 92 bodies have been found and 20 men rescued alive.

The fire that broke out afresh was smothered to such an extent that explorers were able to work in the mine, but black damp in one of the galleries defied the men, as did caverns and other debris.

It was not even discovered whether there are more men alive in the mine galleries, although the explorers urged by the extreme condition in which the 20 men saved were found, worked with almost superhuman strength and rapidity.

The finding of 37 bodies and their removal after the morbid crowd about the shaft had thinned, were the only visible results of the day's endeavors.

Squads relieving each other at frequent intervals worked frantically all night to remove obstacles obstructing the east workings, for here, if anywhere, it is believed survivors may await deliverance.

The fire began falling and for the first time since the fire began there was no one save newspaper reporters lingering about the mine.

All day long the tolling of church-bells resounded in Cherry and Spring Valleys. Eighteen bodies were buried in a field south of Cherry. At the mine a dozen victims in coffins awaited removal, while a score of coffins were piled nearby for others that might be brought to the surface.

Services for the dead were held outside the churches, into which Coroners Malm deemed it inadvisable that the bodies be taken.

From the yet unfilled graves in which the Roman Catholic dead were placed, the priests hurried to the mine entrance to administer the last rites to any dying man that might be brought up.

Caught In Chimney.
Washington, N. C. (Special).—sliding down the chimney in an effort to rob the home of J. H. Davis at an early hour, Davis, a Buford structure, the burglar's efforts to liberate himself awoke Davis, who telephoned for the police. Though the chimney was razed to the roof and officers and neighbors worked for an hour, efforts to release the man were in vain, and finally the services of a brick mason were requisitioned, and after the mantle and fireplace were removed, Fulford was taken out more dead than alive. He was locked up pending trial.

Death From White Mice.
Barnwell, S. C. (Special).—Blood poisoning, caused by the bites of pet white mice, resulted in the death of the six-week old child of E. W. Holman. The child was left alone on a bed. The mice, which were pets of the infant's older sister, crawled on the bed and gnawed the infant's hands. Her cries brought assistance, but the lacerations caused blood poisoning, which resulted fatally.

Police Auto Explodes.
Omaha, Neb. (Special).—The gasoline tank of the police automobile patrol wagon exploded in the police station stable, fatally injuring Fred Baunick, chauffeur, and killing six horses. The stable and garage were destroyed by the fire, which followed the explosion. Baunick was under the automobile making repairs when the explosion occurred.

Jumps 125 Feet To Death.
New York (Special).—Ralph A. Goodenough, a graduate of Princeton University and for several years a society reporter on one of the New York papers, committed suicide by jumping from the parapet of the Washington bridge over the Harlem River. The body fell 125 feet, struck the top of a tree and crashed through the limbs to the ground.

Rebels Seize American Boat.
Washington, D. C. (Special).—Nicaraguan revolutionists have seized and impressed into their service the steamer Dictator, which belongs to the Bluefield Company and has been in the fruit-carrying trade between New Orleans and Bluefield. The Dictator flies the Norwegian flag, but is owned by an American company.

Thornton Hains To Build Books.
St. Augustine, Fla. (Special).—J. Thornton Hains, writer of sea stories, who was defendant with his brother, Capt. Peter Hains, in connection with the killing of William E. Arns, was here in company with William J. Dunn, formerly a champion oarsman. They left for a fishing trip down the east coast.

Shot By A Boarder.
Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).—Mrs. Samuel Taylor, aged 60 years, who lived on a farm in Ottawa County, is dead as the result of a gunshot wound, inflicted by George Seelman, aged 25, who boarded at her house. Seelman was found in the house where Mrs. Taylor was killed and arrested. He admits the shooting, and was discovered weak from the loss of blood, having shot himself. His injuries are not thought fatal. The prisoner says the tragedy was the result of a quarrel.

Her Vengeance Complete.
Perry, Okla. (Special).—Now I can return home satisfied, since the murderer of my husband is hanged. Thus spoke Mrs. Isaac Fell, of Caldwell, Okla., after witnessing the execution of Henry Armstrong, who killed Fell in Perry several months ago. Mrs. Fell would not leave even after the drop had been sprung, but insisted on waiting till the physicians in attendance had pronounced the murderer dead.

A Famous Fighter Dead.
Capitlan, N. M. (Special).—Col. D. J. N. A. Jewett, a veteran of the Crimean and Civil Wars, a famous duelist in Europe and an Indian fighter of New Mexico, is dead. He was a native of Boston and was Capitlan's oldest citizen.

Bank Robbers Secure \$1,000.
Des Moines, Iowa (Special).—Two masked men dynamited the safe in the Bank of Alleman, at Alleman, 10 miles north of Des Moines, and escaped with \$1,000.

Bubonic Plague In Caracas.
Caracas (Special).—The bubonic plague has reappeared in this city. Five new cases have been reported, three of which terminated fatally.

A HOLOCAUST AT SEA.

Steamer St. Croix Burns Off the California Coast.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—One hundred persons were burned to death, drowned or killed by the explosion of boilers on the steamship St. Croix, off Point Duma, 18 miles off here, according to the belief of water-front men, based on the report brought by the officers of the steamer City of Topeka.

The identity of the wrecked vessel has not been absolutely established, but officials of the Shumack Hamilton Line, which owns the St. Croix, are satisfied that it is their steamer. Frantic calls by wireless have failed to get any response from the St. Croix.

Bodies were seen dropping from the burning hull of the vessel by passengers on the City of Topeka. The vessel was burned to the water's edge at 5 o'clock, when the Topeka passed it. The Topeka remained cruising about the vessel until it was evident that no one alive was on the wreck. William Broderick, Charles Reinheimer and Fred Barrie, passengers of the City of Topeka, rushed to this city with news of the disaster as soon as the City of Topeka docked.

The St. Croix left San Pedro at 5 o'clock A. M., for San Francisco.

The St. Croix was built at Bath, Maine, in 1895. She was 240 feet long, 30 feet beam and 53.5 feet depth of hold. Her gross registered tonnage was 1,933 and net tonnage 1,064 tons. She carried a crew of 59.

\$1000 FOR KILLING BOY.
Chauffeur Who Pleads Guilty Will Pay Fine Imposed.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—William Krulwich, the chauffeur who ran down and killed little Albert D. Pries last July, appeared in criminal term of Supreme Court and changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty to the indictment charging him with manslaughter in the second degree.

Justice Marcus placed him on probation for ten days under the understanding that he will, within that time, pay the boy's father \$1,000. Krulwich, who lives in Baltimore, promised to produce the money.

TRADING GIRLS FOR OPIUM.
An Ounce Of The Drug Buys A Young Woman Near Manila.

Manila (Special).—Natives of Sarangani, a group of islands to the south of Mindanao Island, are offering in barter young girls each for one ounce of opium, according to W. S. Lyon, a horticulturist, who returned from a trip through the South coast of Mindanao.

Mr. Lyon reports that there is a considerable traffic in opium in the South Mindanao carried in by the Palu Island. The Government cutters are lacking in number and facility to suppress the traffic.

Herb Doctor Sentenced.
Taunton, Mass. (Special).—"Prof." Frank L. Hill, the herb doctor, of Fall River, who had previously pleaded guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Amelia St. Jean, of Woonsocket, R. I., was sentenced to not less than seven nor more than ten years in State prison.

After the girl's death in his office Hill dismembered her body and distributed it in the woods near Tiverton, R. I.

Pleads For Boy Bandit.
Lawrence, Kan. (Special).—Willie McKay, the 15-year-old Jacksonville, Fla., bandit, was arraigned before Judge Means of the Juvenile Court here charged with robbing the Eudora State Bank last week in company with Earl Bullock, Fred Starr, the bank cashier, who Bullock shot in the jaw, appealed to the Court for leniency for McKay. Judge Means continued the investigation and McKay was returned to jail.

Aeroplane For German Army.
Berlin (Special).—A new aeroplane, adapted to military purposes and built by Engineer Hoffmann under the direction of the army administration, has been completed. In making this announcement the Tageblatt says that the aeroplane will be used provisionally because of its type is lighter than any constructed in Germany. No mention is made of the official trials of the airship.

Farmers As Enumerators.
Washington, D. C. (Special).—Every farmer his own census enumerator. This is what Census Director Durand hopes to bring about before the count of noses for the forthcoming census. In a statement issued by the director, he emphasizes the desirability of the agriculturist getting ready for the census enumerator by having at hand by April 15, next, the information that he will be asked to furnish.

Lion Attacks Actress.
Springfield, Ohio (Special).—Attacked by a lion which had just finished putting through a performance at theatre, Miss Bertha Allgood was saved from death by one of the actors, who seized a prodding iron and beat back the lion into its cage.

Woman Hermit Worth \$62,000.
San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—When the estate of Mrs. Susanne Moore was probated by the administrator it was discovered that the woman, who was supposed to have died in poverty, possessed a fortune approximated at \$62,000, of which \$32,000 was in cash. Mrs. Moore lived in a hovel, and for years was a charge of the Catholic benevolent associations. Since the fire of 1906 she received aid from the Red Cross Society. Two cousins in the East are heirs to the estate.

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FIFTY STUDENTS ARE CAUGHT IN A FIRE

Library of Georgetown University Destroyed.

MANY VERY THRILLING INCIDENTS.

Occupants of Building Manage To Escape Without Injury—\$10,000 Worth of Valuable Books Burned. Horse Dashes Down An Embankment And Horse-Cart Demolished. Fire Marshall In Bad Spill—Loss Covered By Insurance.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A fire, which at one time threatened to cause serious damage to Georgetown University, started in the boiler room of the Old North building, which is used as the library and dormitory at the university. The fire started in the southwest corner of the building directly over the pipes leading from the boiler, the pipes being almost under the ceiling. The flames soon spread to the library on the first floor, and the smoke soon filled the building. As it was shortly after 6 o'clock, some 50 students who slept in the upper stories of the building were aroused and with some difficulty all managed to escape without injury.

The fire was confined to the library, although a number of rooms in the upper part of the building suffered water damage. The firemen, arriving quickly, soon got the flames under control, but a number of very valuable old books in the library were destroyed. Old North building, the university was erected in 1785 and contained what is known as the Graduate library, and was filled with valuable books, paintings and antiquities.

Rev. Henry J. Shandelle, S. J., the librarian, is a collector of many rare volumes, and the library has been collected by its various librarians since 1830.

It is estimated that the loss of the library will amount to about \$10,000, although the building was only slightly damaged. It was fully insured.

During the fire several exciting incidents occurred on the university campus. First, a spirited team of fire horses, led by a high engine driver up at the brink of a high embankment near the university. While the driver, Ernest W. Lowe, hastened to get the blanket to cover the steaming horses the team became restless and bolted over the edge of the embankment and fell down nearly 100 feet. Lowe seized the horses by the bits and was whirled down the hill with the horses and cart.

The embankment is graded into two terraces. When the cart struck the second terrace the wagon pole bit the ground and snapped off. Lowe and the horses were hurled in another direction to the bottom of the hill. Neither the horses nor the driver were injured, but the horse cart was reduced to kindling wood.

Added to these two accidents was another to Fire Marshal Nicholson. On his way to the fire the horse pulling his buggy fell and upset the driver, dragging the Marshal and the wagon some distance from the accident at the fire occurred when the horse driven by T. M. Robinson, superintendent of machinery, while dashing to the fire stumbled and had a bad fall, the driver escaping injury.

RESCUE HELPLESS PATIENTS.
Discharged Janitor of Hospital Charged With Causing Fire.

San Francisco (Special).—T. T. Saunders, a discharged janitor of St. Luke's Hospital, which was partly destroyed by fire, was arrested on suspicion of being responsible for the blaze. He resisted arrest but was overpowered. He refused to make any statement. Twenty patients, many of them suffering from broken limbs and utterly helpless, were carted to the burning structure by the police. Nurses and car men from the nearby barns assisted in this work, and it is reported that all patients have been accounted for.

It was reported soon after the fire started that one man had been left in the building, but this was denied by the hospital authorities.

Baby Kills Two Others.
Charlotte, Mich. (Special).—For the second time little Ruth Butler, four years old, is responsible for the death of a little sister. Sometime ago she pushed a baby sister off the bed and the infant strangled to death Tuesday morning a 15-day-old baby died from the effects of chloroform playfully administered by Ruth, who had seen the mother use the drug to stop aching teeth.

Young Girl Captured Burglar.
Princeton, Ind. (Special).—Miss Grace Witherspoon, 20 years old, overpowered a burglar who had entered her home and wrenched from his grasp a pillowcase containing \$200 worth of jewelry and furs which the intruder had stolen from an upstairs room.

Thome, The Composer, Dead.
Paris (Special).—Francis Thome, the composer, died here. He was born October 18, 1850.

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MONOPOLY OF WIRE COMMUNICATION.

The Bell Telephone Absorbs the Western Union.

TWO VAST SYSTEMS.

Stock and bonds of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. \$592,475,400
Stock and bonds of the Western Union Telegraph Co. \$165,000,000
Property of American Bell \$545,045,600
Property of Western Union \$124,086,920
Miles of telephone wires 12,999,369
Miles of telegraph wires 2,072,851
Telephone employees 118,871
Telegraph employees 23,862
Annual salaries to telephone wage-earners \$48,980,704
Annual salaries to telegraph wage-earners \$15,013,312
Phone messages annually 9,566,800,000
Telegraph messages by Western Union annually 68,053,000

New York (Special).—Announced in Boston, confirmed in New York and commented on with interest everywhere, another billion-dollar merger became a reality in the financial world with the practical absorption of the Western Union Telegraph Company of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Western Union, one of the pet properties of the late Jay Gould, has been in the Gould family for a generation, and it was the sale of Gould stock which the merger was accomplished.

George J. Gould, chairman of the executive committee of the Western Union, said:

"It is a fact that we have sold a large part of our holdings in the Western Union Telegraph Company to the Telephone Company. I believe this will inure to the benefit of both the public and the Western Union stockholders, as the business of both companies can be handled so that they form a complement to each other, thus giving to the fullest extent prompt and satisfactory service to their patrons. They should be worked in harmony, which will be to the great advantage of the public, as well as the mutual interest of both companies."

George J. Gould is also quoted as saying that the reason which actuated him in the sale was the desire to have more time to devote to his Western properties. In Wall Street the amount of the Gould holdings was set at about 250,000 shares, or about 25 per cent. of the total stock of the Western Union outstanding. The price was conjectured to have been in the neighborhood of \$5.

In some quarters the total purchase by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was set at 28 per cent. of the Western Union's outstanding stock. The telephone company was said to have acquired voting rights on about 25 per cent. more, giving it the voice of a majority stockholder to the directors of the affairs of the Western Union. Elsewhere it was pointed out that with stock as well distributed as that of the Western Union 28 per cent. of the shares would have amounted merely to a controlling interest.

While the report has been current that the Mackay companies, controlling the Postal Telegraph Company, will ultimately be included in the plan of reorganization, no confirmation of this could be obtained in New York. Officers of the Postal were emphatic in their statements that the company would remain on an independent basis.

Disbar Bryan's Nominator.
Lincoln, Neb. (Special).—I. J. Dunn, Assistant City Attorney of Omaha, who nominated W. J. Bryan for President at the Democratic National Convention of 1908, was adjudged guilty of contempt by the Nebraska Supreme Court and was indefinitely disbarred from practicing in this court because of language used by him in a brief in a city case recently in which he criticized a decision by Justice Rose.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE.
London was a good buyer of Pennsylvania Railroad stock.

Bank of England did not change its 5 per cent. discount rate.

The amount of mined copper has increased 3,600 tons so far this month.

Cambria Steel and Lukens Iron & Steel Company have advanced the price of steel plates.

Kuhn, Loeb and Company have underwritten the Missouri Pacific's \$29,500,000 of 5 per cent. convertible bonds, which are offered to share and bond owners at 95.

America's cotton seed crop is worth this year nearly \$100,000,000. It has not been very long since cotton seed was thrown away as valueless. Now it demands about 50 cents a bushel.

More gold was engaged for export. Popular report is that the proposed Copper trust will have \$700,000,000 stock, all common. The market value of the companies mentioned is \$450,000,000.

The Big Four authorized an issue of \$20,000,000 bonds.

Neuburger, Henderson & Loeb say that "a new and important interest has been created during the past week" and also that "the important interests" show no disposition to sell their stocks.

Atlantic Coast Line shareholders authorized \$23,500,000 debenture 4 per cent. bonds, convertible into stock, at \$135 a share. They also authorized a general mortgage for \$20,000,000 for refunding and other purposes.

American exports in October were \$198,724,000, which was an increase of \$26,749,000 over October, 1908. Imports last month were \$126,945,000, a gain of \$23,908,000 over a year ago. This excess of exports over imports of almost \$72,000,000 is largely due to our heavy shipments of cotton. In the earlier months this year, this country's exports hardly kept up with the big imports.

Within five years Uruguay will have 140,000 live trees, capable of producing 2,000,000 pounds of oilives and 50,000 gallons of oil.

WARSHIPS HURRY ON TO NICARAGUA

Zelaya Must Answer For Execution of Americans.

PRESIDENT TAFT MUCH AROUSED

Upon Learning That Zelaya Had Allowed The Two Americans To Be Summarily Shot, Despite Our Consul's Appeal, The State Department Orders The Vicksburg And Des Moines To Put On Full Speed—Reception Of Nicaraguan Minister Postponed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—An announcement that this government is tired of the high-handed actions of the small Central American republics practically was contained in a dispatch sent to the Bluefields Steamship Company, which sought the protection of the State Department from interference by the insurgents now operating against President Zelaya. An hour later a peremptory note, couched in diplomatic language, but none the less direct, was delivered to Senor Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, demanding a full and complete explanation of the execution of the two Americans, Leonard Grace and Leroy Cannon, who were executed by order of Zelaya when they were found in the insurgent army.

Pending a satisfactory explanation of the occurrence, President Taft has refused to recognize Isidro Haza, the new Nicaraguan minister. Mr. Taft is thoroughly aroused by the actions of the Zelayan government, and apparently is determined to make the lives of United States citizens much safer and considerably more respected in Central America than they have been hitherto.

The attitude of the government was clearly shown when the State Department sent a dispatch to the Bluefields Steamship Company, the headquarters of which is in New Orleans. The company's regular steamer was about to set sail for Bluefields, Nicaragua, with a miscellaneous cargo, couched in which were a number of rifles and other munitions of war. The corporation was warned by agents of the Nicaraguan insurrectionary forces that the vessel would be liable to seizure and the steamship people promptly called on the State Department to declare the protection of this government would give in such a case.

The State Department promptly replied. The answer was the result of a conference between the President and Secretary of State and carried full weight. It gave the steamship concern no encouragement and practically reorganized the revolutionary forces operating against the Zelayan administration, a proceeding for which there probably is no parallel in the records of this government. The dispatch directed to the steamship company of New Orleans and signed "Knox, Secretary of State."

If the announced blockade of investment of the Nicaraguan port of San Juan del Norte (Greytown) is effectively maintained, and the requirements of international law, including warning to approaching vessels, are observed, this government would not be disposed to interfere to prevent its enforcement. A naval vessel will be ordered to Greytown to observe and report whether the blockade is effective."

Nicaragua has been one of the Central American republics that has given this government more trouble in the last few years than any other, save perhaps Venezuela under the sway of President Castro.

DEATH RATHER THAN TRIAL.
Wealthy Man Charged With Murder Cuts His Throat.

Lafayette, Ind. (Special).—Ellis Ray, one of the wealthiest landowners of Indiana, killed himself with a penknife rather than go to court to face trial for the murder of one of his employees last spring.

Ray was a wealthy landowner. His estate was worth about \$1,000,000. His attorneys asked a change in venue from this county on the plea that the public was prejudiced against him. The change was refused by Judge Dehart.

Ray was downcast, as he believed he would not have a fair trial. The housekeeper of Ray's home, who lives south of this city went to his room to call him and found him dead. He had cut his throat.

Dividends \$40 A Share.
New York (Special).—The Standard Oil Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 a share, which is unchanged from the same quarter a year ago. Today's dividend brings the total of dividends for the year to \$40 per share, the same amount which has been paid for several years past.

Hunter Mistook Man For Deer.
Island Falls, Me. (Special).—Again the huntsman with defective eyesight and a gun, believing that an object he saw in a thicket was a moose or a deer, Harvey Bewster sent a bullet through the breast and into the back of Milan Jarvis, killing him instantly.

To Try Alleged Night Riders.
Union City, Tenn. (Special).—A special term of court was convened here to try the alleged Night Riders convicted of the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin on October 18, 1908. Six of the eight men were sentenced to hang, but the cases were reversed by the Supreme Court. The Attorney General of Ohio County will make an effort to have the men re-indicted. A special grand jury has been empaneled.