

# EXPLOSION ON THE SYLPH

The Boiler Tubes on President's Yacht Blow Out.

WAS TOWED IN BY MORGAN LINER

Fruit Laden Steamer Was Asked for Assistance but Proceeded on Its Way.

The president's yacht Sylph was towed into Hampton Roads by the Morgan liner El Cid, with her starboard boiler tubes blown out during a storm in the gulf stream off Cape Hatteras Wednesday afternoon. Two men were scalded, but they will recover. They are P. T. Murphy, machinist's mate of the first-class, who was severely scalded about the face, arms and hands, and J. J. Dalton, a sea man, badly scalded about the face and body.

The Sylph at the time of the accident was on her way to her regular station at Washington from Florida waters, where she recently had aboard Mrs. Roosevelt and her children, Mrs. Roosevelt and party, however, left the Sylph at Jacksonville and proceeded to Washington some days ago.

The Sylph, upon sighting the El Cid at sea, gave signals of distress, and the Morgan liner immediately came to her assistance and towed her into harbor. Lieut. F. C. Evans, commanding the Sylph, reports that upon the occurrence of the accident the vessel was anchored, and the New York fleet stood by all night to assist.

He says the United Fruit Company's steamer Oteri was asked for assistance, and signaling "we are not at anchor" proceeded to Baltimore and apparently did not report the distressed yacht, at Capt. Henry. The Sylph is not badly damaged.

### TRUE BILLS FOUND.

Four Men Indicted in Beef Trust Cases at Chicago.

Four men, three of whom are employees of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, meat packers, and one an attorney for that corporation, were named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Chicago, which is investigating the alleged beef trust. It is charged that the four men obstructed and impeded Deputy Marshal A. A. Bach in his efforts to serve a subpoena on Edwin B. Fish, a clerk employed by Schwarzschild & Sulzberger. Fish recently returned from Canada.

The men indicted are Joseph Wolfenbach, attorney for Schwarzschild & Sulzberger; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager for the company; George D. Hopkins, auditor for the company; Leo S. Joseph, employed in the provision department of the concern. The indictment alleges that a subpoena was issued for Fish on March 3; that this subpoena was given to Bach for service; that the four men had arranged for the departure of Fish from the United States to Canada, and assisted him in leaving the jurisdiction of the court.

### WOMEN CONSIDER DIVORCE

Miss Anthony Does not Think it an Unmixed Evil.

Over the bitter protest of Miss Susan B. Anthony, the National Council of Women adopted a resolution pledging the organization to co-operate with church and state to ascertain what are the chief causes which induce or lead up to divorces. Divorces, the resolution recites, is known to cause most disastrous results in the family and state.

"I do not consider divorce an evil by any means" asserted Miss Anthony, who was on her feet before the reading of the resolution had been concluded. "It is just as much a refuge for women married to brutal men as Canada was once a refuge from brutal masters. I will never vote for a resolution that will cut women off from refuge from any brutal man."

### SULTAN SETTLES A DEBT

Pays French Claim and Agrees to Buy \$4,000,000 in Warships.

A dispatch from Constantinople says the French ambassador, M. Constans, has received an imperial irade making a complete and definite settlement of the French claims. It gives an indemnity of \$7,000,000 for the controversy over the Damascus-Nazir railroad, and ensures continuous French control, giving \$320,000 damages to the French company operating the quays of Constantinople. The principal feature is an agreement to use a third of a loan of \$12,000,000 for ordering warships and artillery from French firms.

### The Situation in the Far East.

The Russian squadron is going to Vladivostok, according to information given by a physician to Rojstevsky's fleet. Japan has declared the Pescadore Islands in a state of siege, thus indicating her intention to make them her naval base in the impending conflict. The Russian hospital ship Orel has sailed from Saigon to rejoin Rojstevsky's squadron. There has been no fight as rumored.

### Maryland Concerns Ousted.

Attorney General P. C. Simons revoked the license of six of the seven surety companies operating in the Oklahoma Territory because they have failed to comply with a recently enacted law requiring such companies to deposit \$50,000 with the Territory treasurer. Among the companies affected are: The Fidelity and Deposit Company, the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and the American Bonding Company, all of Maryland.

### 400 EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

Palace Temples and Residences Levelled by the Shock.

Later reports from Mandi, capital of Mandi state, say that at least 400 persons were killed in that city by the earthquake. The palace temples and residences were leveled. Estimates of the number of people killed at Sultan Pur vary from 200 to 700. Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy, has invited all the Europeans and Indians injured during the recent earthquakes who are able to be removed, to come to the Walker and Hipon hospitals at Simla as her guests. The invitation was sent through the lieutenant governor of the Punjab, with an intimation that the American viceconsul will gladly defray the expenses.

### \$8,540 TAKEN FROM BANK.

Room of Indian Institution Wrecked by Nitroglycerin.

The private bank of O. Gandy & Co., at Churubusco, Ind., was robbed. The amount taken was \$8,540. The robbers overtook \$2,000 on the floor under the safe door. The entire banking room was demolished and three explosions of nitroglycerin were necessary to accomplish the work.

Two men remained outside, armed with Winchester rifles, and kept up a fire to intimidate people who came on the street. Banker Gandy's wife was shot in the neck, but not seriously injured.

The robbers escaped by stealing a horse and buggy. They went south, pursued by officers from an automobile. A posse started in pursuit.

### BEEF PRICES ADVANCED.

Packers Declare That Range Cattle Producers are Responsible.

Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advance price, which to him represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to 10 days ago. Swift & Co., Armour and Nelson & Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago or any other market of the country during the last month except with a loss. This, it is declared, has been partially due to the fact that the breeders of stock and the handlers of range cattle have been holding back on supply until the grass of the range becomes nourishing.

Maine Town Almost Obliterated.

The greater portion of the business section of Springvale, Maine, together with many dwellings, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$300,000. In all 20 buildings were burned. No lives were lost. The fire started in a boot and shoe factory owned by the W. R. Usher & Son Co. Besides the Usher factory the structures destroyed were the Odd Fellows block, Western Union telegraph office, New England Telephone exchange, Tibbets hotel, Masonic block, containing dry goods store and restaurant, Folsom Brothers' furniture store and the drug store of William H. Wood and C. H. Pierce.

Coke Production.

Both coke production and shipments decreased slightly last week. The principal cause was that the furnaces are now well supplied with coke and are not being charged so heavily as during the last few months. Very little stock coke is being shipped out, there being an abundance of fresh coke. There is a scarcity in the supply of open top cars. Repair work has been commenced at several plants, but production will not be held back on this account. Some ovens now idle may be put in blast, while needed repairs are being made on active ones.

Coxey is a Bankrupt.

"General" Jacob Coxey, of Commonwealth fame, was declared a bankrupt by the United States court at Columbus, O. The liabilities are \$285,000. The assets of the former leader of the Commonwealth army are tied up in the Coxey Sand company at Massillon.

Volcanic Eruption.

Gas in Humble Oil Field Raises the Earth. The Humble oil field in Texas was the scene of a most unusual phenomenon. An upheaval took place at the section surrounding the Swayne-Underwood wells of volcanic violence. A solid column of earth, 20 feet in diameter was thrown 200 feet in the air, the derrick was torn to atoms, and drilling machinery was buried from sight. A sort of a mud lava followed the eruption, boiling up and filling the chasms. Accompanying the eruption was an immense volume of gas, which was ignited. The flames burned 100 feet in the air with the roar of a volcano.

Cigarettes are Prohibited.

Superintendent Turk of the Mahanoy-Shenandoah division of the Reading railroad, has issued an order prohibiting smoking of cigarettes in stations along the system or in the coaches or smoking cars of passenger trains. The order is to be strictly enforced.

Greeks Slay Hundred Bulgarians.

Latest reports from Zagorichan, near Klisura, which was attacked by a Greek band on April 7, and burned, say that over 100 Bulgarians were killed. The Greeks afterward executed 30 prisoners on the spot where the Greek leader Melas was killed last October.

George C. Cole, of West Virginia, has received his commissions as consul general at Buenos Ayres, Argentine republic.

# BALTIC FLEET MOVEMENTS

Russian Warships Seen in Kamranh Bay.

FIRING HEARD BY SAILORS

Navy Department Proclaims Defense Zones Around the Pescadores and Other Islands.

The North German Lloyd steamship Prinz Heinrich reports she sighted 18 vessels of the Russian Baltic squadron in Kamranh bay, at noon on Friday. The steamer did not see any Japanese warships. Kamranh bay is on the Cochinchina coast, about 200 miles northeast of Saigon. The steamer Telemachus reports she heard firing 150 miles north of the Natuna islands, at 3:30 o'clock the afternoon of April 12.

There is no information from Vice Admiral Rojstevsky's squadron, but the admiralty would not be surprised to learn of skirmishing between scout ships any day, and the inauguration of torpedo warfare soon is not unexpected. The naval organ here expresses the opinion that Togo was taken completely by surprise when Rojstevsky suddenly appeared at the entrance of the China sea, and is now concentrating his widely scattered fleet near the Pescadores, where it is believed a sea fight will probably occur.

The navy department has proclaimed defense zones surrounding the Pescadores, the Island of Okiawa, in the Loochoo group, and the islands of Oshima and Eimi, off the province of Osumi. The usual navigation restrictions apply.

### PENN SHOVEL CO. ASSIGNS

Concern at Warren, O., Goes Into the Hands of a Receiver.

The Penn Shovel Company, of Warren, O., made an assignment to A. G. Judd in Probate court. The company was incorporated for \$100,000 and came from Corry, Pa., about a year ago, Warren people subscribing \$25,000 of its preferred stock in order to have it locate there.

Arthur Walton, is president of the company; G. L. Fordyce, of Youngstown, is vice president, and W. Hyde, of Warren, is secretary. The company employed about 100 men. It has been in operation most of the time since, but has been hampered by lack of sufficient capital to enable it to compete with the so-called shovel trust.

Its liabilities are estimated at about \$50,000, with assets of \$43,000 available now and enough other assets to enable it to meet its obligations.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

H. C. Frick has selected F. W. Haskell, formerly of Pittsburg, to assist him in investigating the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance society.

At Janesville, Wis., Wm. Conway, aged 65 years, choked to death on a piece of ham from a free lunch in a saloon. He was ejected from the saloon when dying, it is alleged.

The correspondent at Tangier reports that the Sultan of Morocco has definitely rejected the French reform demands, declaring that they must be referred to the signatories of the Madrid convention.

Two persons were injured by the derailment of a north bound passenger train on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad near Hardee station. It ran into an open switch at the rate of 48 miles an hour.

Dr. Wiley H. Forsythe, formerly of Versailles, Ky., who is in Korea, as a medical missionary, was recently attacked by a band of Korean rebels, and horribly wounded.

Ambassador Porter finally located the body of John Paul Jones, the famous naval officer and founder of the American navy, in a cemetery in Paris. A fleet of United States warships may convey the remains to America.

Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin has signed the anti-cigarette bill. The measure prohibits the sale or manufacture of cigarettes or cigarette tobacco or paper, or the giving away of cigarette papers. It will go into effect July 1.

The prefect of Algiers has been formally notified that King Edward will visit Algiers, and he has telegraphed to Paris asking for instructions.

The muzzle of an eight-inch gun on the battleship Iowa, off Pensacola, Fla., blew off during target practice, but none of the men was injured.

In a pitched battle near Poplar Bluff, Mo., over a piece of land H. S. Adams, William Hech and Riley Henson were shot to death.

The private bank of M. L. Stewart at Owosso, Mich., has closed its doors, the alleged inability of the Owosso Carriage company to meet \$28,000 worth of paper being given as the cause.

Charles Chamberlain, cashier of the Chamberlain banking house at Tecumseh, Neb., who disappeared with \$75,000 of the banks funds, has given himself up.

Ten New Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

Information has reached Washington through Europe that the Japanese navy has within the last few days commissioned 10 new torpedo boat destroyers, built in Japanese shipyards. It is believed that within six weeks, 25 additional destroyers building under "rush" orders will be put in commission. Three hundred and eighty-one mines planted by the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have been taken up and replanted elsewhere.

### PLANS FOR A VAST ARMY

By Autumn Japan Expects to Have a Million Fighting Men in the Field.

Japan is meeting the Russian plan of reorganization and reinforcements of its Manchurian armies, with an extensive expedition from its own military organization. The details and figures are carefully concealed, but it seems to be a plan to double the present army units, but it is reliably estimated that by autumn next the total military organizations will exceed a million men actually employed in the field. The fighting force is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, with increases largely in the infantry and artillery, although an enlargement in the cavalry branch is also contemplated. As a result of the manufacturing of the arsenals in Japan, together with captures and purchases of guns, it is predicted that this year will see a Japanese artillery superior to that of the Russians, in quality as well as numerically, and it is confidently believed the Russians will be incapable of overcoming these numerical disadvantages. Wherever railway improvements are possible they will be carried out, when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city.

It is becoming evident that first calculations as to Russian losses in the battle of Mukden were exaggerated. A portion of the Fifth rifle regiment, which was cut off at Mukden, has just arrived at Kirin, having succeeded in penetrating the Japanese lines.

Chinese state with great positiveness that Gen. Kawamura's army, supported by Gen. Nogri's army, is moving in a northeasterly direction, aiming to cut Russian communications with Vladivostok. According to the same sources, 30,000 Japanese landed at Dalny March 28, and it is reported that six additional divisions are forming in Japan to operate against Vladivostok and Sakhalin.

### BATTLE WITH STRIKERS

Shots Exchanged Between Rival Factories at Ore Mines.

It is reported that 500 shots were fired and a number of men were wounded in the riot which resulted in the death of two miners, Elias Hankinen and John Eckdahl, at Hibbing, Minn. The riot followed a strike of the miners at the Hull and Rust mines, who were refused a wage advance of 25 cents a day. The men left the mines and forced out the workers at the Sellers mine, the 700 men at the Oliver Iron company's mine and the day crew at the Burt mine. Preparations were made for the resistance by the contractors, and many rifles were sent to the Burt mine. When the night crew of miners went to work, a body of strikers, armed with rifles fired on the men. The miners returned the fire immediately. This surprised the strikers, who hesitated a moment, and then fled leaving Hankinen and Eckdahl dead on the ground.

### CHADWICK FINERY.

Collector of Customs Examines Costly Imported Laces, Etc.

Collector of Customs Leach and Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick examined \$10,000 worth of rare laces, fancy embroideries, handkerchiefs, doilies, etc., belonging to the latter in the collector's office, for the purpose of learning if any of the articles had been brought into this country without payment of duty. Mrs. Chadwick told to the best of her remembrance where each article was purchased.

After the examination, \$5,000 worth of the goods were placed in a box and will be held for further examination by the collector. Goods on which duty was not paid are taxable at the rate of 60 per cent of their value.

Included in the collection is Swiss embroidery, Irish and Russian point lace of the most expensive kind, Bernice and Brussels lace and French veil. The cost of six handkerchiefs, with four and five inch lace borders, was fixed at \$1,000. The lace dresses, purchased abroad, cost over \$2,000. An opera cloak, thrown over a chair, was marked as costing \$700.

### FIVE LIVES LOST IN HUDSON

Perish by the Capsizing of Boat in the River.

Five lives were lost in the Hudson river at Barrytown, N. Y., by the capsizing of a boat. Six men whose names are not known, went from Stuyvesant to Barrytown, and John Maloy, of Barrytown, started across with them in a rowboat. There were seven in the boat. A strong wind capsized the ferry. Maloy and four of the strangers were drowned. Two of the men were rescued as they clung to the overturned boat. Maloy was an experienced ferryman. The bodies were not recovered.

### Killed in Fight With Posse.

Death has ended the criminal career of the Gates brothers. Word has been received from Special Officer J. N. Thacker, who is in Lordsburg, N. M., that George and Edward Vernon Gates, the two Alameda, (Cal.) boys wanted for the murder of Express Messenger O'Neill, who was killed in the holdup of the Oregon express on April 5, a year ago, were recently killed in a fight with a sheriff's posse near Separ, N. M.

### To Separate Church and State.

The French chamber of deputies by 422 to 45 votes, adopted article 1 of the bill providing for the separation of church and state as follows: "The republic assures liberty and conscience and guarantees the free exercise of religion, the only restrictions being those in the interest of public order." All the amendments were rejected. The majority in favor of article 1 was considered as showing the strength of the supporters of the measure.

# ASKS FOR INSIDE FACTS

Mr. Frick Wants to Know All About Equitable Company.

A THOROUGH EXAMINATION.

Coke King Promises That All Affairs of Equitable Society Shall Be Made Known.

A complete record of all the financial transactions of the Equitable Life Assurance society, its relations to other corporations and a full list of the society's employees, including all its officers, together with a statement of the salaries and emoluments received by them, is asked of the society's president, James W. Alexander, in a letter sent to him by Henry C. Frick, chairman of the investigating committee, appointed by the directors. The letter to Mr. Alexander was approved at a meeting of the investigating committee at which Messrs. Harriman, Bliss, Ives, Ingalls and Frick were present. In asking for the information, Mr. Frick writes that the committee does not intend to limit its investigation to the questioning of the society's officers, but that separate and independent examinations will be made by the committee and its experts.

Among the points which Mr. Alexander is requested to furnish data are the society's holding or interest in various financial and trust companies; its loans to its employees, officers, directors or trustees, together with a statement showing who authorized the loan. A statement of all dealings by which any broker sold for or to the society, any stocks, bonds, securities or other property, including all the so-called underwritings by the society, is also asked. A statement as to whether any one connected with the society received compensation or benefit of such stock transaction or underwriting, together with a statement whether any officer, director, trustee or employee has received any money or other thing of value because of his relation with the society is also asked for.

A request is made for a statement showing in detail the losses, if any to the society, since January 1, 1900, on any property of any kind purchased by it, giving the names of the persons who sold the same to the society, a record of any transaction by which any officer, director, trustee or employee of the society has irregularly or improperly received money or other valuable thing from the society outside of, and not part of his regular salary; and also a monthly statement from January 1, 1900, showing the cash balances of the society and where the same were, and are deposited, and the terms of each deposit.

### MORE THAN 13,000 KILLED

Khan, His Uncle, Five Cousins and Twenty-Eight Others Buried in Ruins.

Commissioner Julandarm reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000 and in the Palampur district at 3,000.

The total number of persons killed at Dharmasala was 424, besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed to death by the falling of the barracks.

News reached Bombay that an earthquake had destroyed Fort Bilhoo, Ayinroola, the kahn, his uncle, five cousins and 28 others were buried in the ruins.

### GARFIELD AT WORK

Has Begun Investigation of Standard Oil in Kansas.

J. R. Garfield, Commissioner of Corporations, started his work of investigating the Standard Oil Company in Kansas, going through the records in the office of the Secretary of State, gathering data concerning the various oil companies doing business in the State.

Commissioner Garfield and United States Attorney Dean will confer. Mr. Dean has received certain orders from the Department of Justice in regard to the oil investigation.

### BRAKES FAILED TO WORK

Several Passengers Injured in Wreck in Ohio.

Train No. 43, between Cleveland and St. Louis, one of the fastest trains on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway, was wrecked at Bellefontaine, O., and seven persons were more or less seriously hurt.

The injured, S. Sacks, of Pittsburg, probably fatally. He was riding between the express and mail cars, Nathaniel Chandler, Westport, Mass. Miss Mary Rankin, St. Louis. W. A. Wheeler, Union City, Pa.; back hurt. G. H. Broughton, mail clerk, Cleveland. Charles Bowman, mail clerk, Fortville, Ind. Charles Quayle, engineer, Cleveland.

As the train was pulling into Bellefontaine the brakes failed to work, and the heavy cars ploughed into the net work of switches.

### Opposed Catholic University.

The House of Commons, by a vote of 263 to 194, defeated a motion to establish a Catholic university in Ireland. There was much cross-voting. The minority included Nationalists and English Catholics.

### Beholding Their Victims.

Confirmation has been received of the report of fighting on the Moorish frontier between troops of the Sultan of Morocco and rebel forces, and also of timely intervention in behalf of the Sultan by French artillery. The Sultan's soldiers are now engaged in decapitating their dead enemies, a premium of \$2 a head having been offered.

British barristers gave a banquet at the Inns of Courts in London, for Ambassador Choate.

### VOTED FOR UNION.

Cumberland and Northern Presbyterian Churches Vote to Join Forces.

Cumberland Presbyterian headquarters announced that the proposal for union with the Northern Presbyterian church has received the requisite 58 votes with other presbyteries to hear from. The deciding vote was cast by the Pennsylvania presbytery. It is said the Northern Presbyterian church is voting for union in the ratio of 10 to 1. It has already settled the question of separate presbyteries for negroes.

The general assemblies of both churches will meet on May 17. The votes will be declared in both assemblies. The union will not be perfected in less than two years.

### Boston Wool Market.

On account of the exceedingly small stocks left trading in the wool market is limited. Quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 33@34c; X, 30@31c; No. 1, 36@37c; No. 2, 37@38c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; 1/4-blood unwashed, 30@31c; 3/4-blood, 30@31c; 1/2-blood, 29@30c; unwashed delaine, 27@28c; unmerchandizable, 28@29c; fine washed delaine, 36 1/4@37c; Michigan fine unwashed, 23@25c; 1/4-blood unwashed, 29@30c; 3/4-blood, 30c; 1/2-blood, 28@29c; unwashed delaine, 25@26c; Kentucky, Indiana, etc.—3/4 and 1/2 blood, 30@31c.

### Sixty-Seven Passengers Injured.

The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley passenger train, while working on the track near Hardee station, north of Vicksburg, Miss. Reports state that 67 persons were injured. A special train carrying physicians has gone to the scene. It is reported the entire passenger train rolled down an embankment.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Lorenzo Barton, an aged veteran of the Civil war, was killed in a runaway accident while working on his farm near Titusville, Pa.

F. E. Hollen, 28 years old, of Terra Alta, W. Va., a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, was found dead on the track at Deer Park, Pa. Over \$40 was found on him.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad will spend \$10,000 for a Young Men's Christian association building at Cumberland, Md., provided railroad men contribute \$2,500.

The grain warehouse of the Horace Ingersoll company, on Thirty-fourth street, New York, was burned, causing a \$50,000 loss.

Arthur Litchford, secretary and treasurer of the Mechanics Savings bank at Rochester, N. Y., committed suicide by shooting.

Judge W. M. Allison, 85 years of age, once prominent in politics in Ohio, it is said, was run over and killed by a switching engine at Snyder, Okeja.

John Bohanna, 4 years old, fell into a cistern at Buffalo Village, Pa., and was drowned.

Brakeman Frederick Shafer, 24 years old, was killed by a train on the railroad at Salem, O.

Robbers looted three houses at Arden, Pa. A quantity of silver and jewelry was secured, together with about \$200 in money.

President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, has resumed his university work, interrupted by his recent illness.

The Tennessee State Senate passed a bill defining and prohibiting trusts, combines and conspiracies for the restriction of trade, and fixing penalties for violations.

The house of J. W. Moore, near Kent, O., was riddled with bullets by unknown parties. Several members of the family narrowly escaped being killed. Whether it was the work of assassins or drunken revelers is a mystery.

An explosion of about 700 sticks of dynamite in the powder house of the Lawrence Limestone company, near Wampum, Pa., shook the country for miles around. The powder house, trees and fences were blown almost to atoms. No one was near enough to be injured.

A message from Nossi de Madagascar dated March 22 says that during the stay of Admiral Rojstevsky's fleet at that point many of the Russian sailors deserted. Eight executions for insubordination took place and four officers were reduced in rank.

About 400 indictments charging the Standard Oil Company with failure to take out peddler's license as required by the Kentucky statutes, were returned by the Franklin county grand jury. Similar indictments have been returned recently in several counties of the State.

### READJUSTING WAGES

Men Employed in Large Independent Steel Concern Affected.

The Wheeling Steel and Iron company, the largest independent steel concern in this section of the Ohio valley, is working on a re-adjustment of wages to take effect May 1.

The advance will run from five to seven and a half per cent, affecting thousands of men employed at the Benwood Iron and Steel works, Belmont mill and Top mill blast furnace. The new scale does not apply to the salaried men and those working under the Amalgamated scale.

### Accepted Rockefeller's Gift.

Bishop Ignatius F. Horstmann, of the Roman Catholic church, has accepted from John D. Rockefeller a gift of \$5,000 to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, at Cleveland. This is the first gift Mr. Rockefeller has made to a Catholic institution.

Twenty or more passengers were injured, but none killed, by a collision of the Chicago express and California limited trains on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.