

ANOTHER VESSEL BLOWN UP

Launch and 21 Men Meet Same Fate as Petropavlovsk.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS DISMAYED.

Succession of Reports of Terrible Disasters Without Warfare Have Appalling Effect.

Another story of disaster to the Russian navy comes from Port Arthur. Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs that a steam sloop engaged in laying mines in the roadstead has blown up, with Lieut. Peil, who was in command, and 21 seamen killed. This probably includes the entire ship's company. A mine which was being launched from the bows exploded and the vessel was destroyed.

This constant sinking of Russian vessels by their own mines has caused something like consternation at the admiralty and a rigid investigation has been undertaken with a view to finding out whether they are due to carelessness, incompetency, defects in mines or to some mysterious agency which is fighting against Russia. The announcement has also added to the popular gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

"We are paying the price of carelessness," said a member of the admiralty "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing." This war commission suppressed part of the viceroy's dispatch, which showed where the mines were being laid. It is believed that as launches were employed they were mining the entrance to the harbor in order to prevent the Japanese from forcing an entrance and attempting to destroy the remaining ships.

It is evident from the closing of the entrance that Viceroy Alexieff had no intention of allowing his ships to go to sea again even against an inferior force, though this may not be the policy of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who will determine on a plan of operations when he assumes command.

U. S. NOW OWNS CANAL.

Contract Signed, Sealed and Delivered to This Country.

The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, delivered, and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States. The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the signatures of President Bo and Director Richman, of the Panama Canal company, who signed for the company as its responsible officials. The transfer is complete and without reservation, and the United States acquires a perfect title. Only a few of the highest officers of the company are now aware of the secret, which will not be known, except by this announcement in the United States up to the time of the opening.

MONUMENTS AT BULL RUN.

Memorials My Be Erected There by North and South.

Representative Rixey, of Virginia, introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of a commission by the President to have charge of the erection of monuments on Bull Run battle-field. The scope of the bill is such that any military society, Union or Confederate, may, at its own expense, erect a monument upon the battle-field upon application to the commission, which shall be composed of a Union soldier, a Confederate soldier and a third party.

Two monuments commemorative of Northern valor were erected on the battle-field by the Government in June, 1865. The ground was never bought. The bill provides that the Government buy sufficient ground around these two monuments to give the Secretary of War jurisdiction in preserving them and building approaches to them. The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000.

BANKERS SENTENCED.

Prominent Indiana Men Get Long Prisons Terms.

James Broderick, president, and W. L. Collins, cashier, of the Indiana National bank at Elkhart, were sentenced by Judge Anderson of the United States district court on their pleas of guilty to violations of the banking laws which resulted in the failure of the bank for \$842,000. Broderick was sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years and Collins for six years.

Walter Brown, director of the bank, member of the republican state committee from the Tenth district and member of the staff of Gov. Durbin, was sentenced to eight years in the Leavenworth penitentiary by Judge Anderson for participating in the wrecking of the bank. He has been sick in bed from nervous collapse since being found guilty.

Child and Father Murdered.

In the Runnet bag section of Franklin county, Va., James Nowlin, while returning home from Endicot on horseback, was shot from ambush by unknown persons, as was his little daughter, who was sitting in front of him. Both were killed. The bodies were found in the road, with the child's arms around the father's neck. Nowlin was known among illicit distillers as an informer, and this is supposed to account for the murder.

BAY STATE FOR OLNEY.

Democratic Convention Instruct Delegates for St. Louis Convention.

By an overwhelming vote the Massachusetts Democratic convention instructed four delegates-at-large and 20 delegates from the various Congressional districts of the State to support Richard Olney for the Presidential nomination at the St. Louis convention. The supporters of William H. Hearst were defeated by a vote of about 600 to 200. A resolution offered by Representative John A. Coulhurst, of Boston, indorsing the candidacy of Mr. Hearst was voted down by a large majority. The following were elected delegates-at-large: William A. Gaston, Patrick A. Collins, William L. Douglas, George F. Williams, the leader of that faction of the Massachusetts Democracy supporting the candidacy of Mr. Hearst, made a vigorous protest against the adoption of the unit rule, but the convention, by nearly three to one, voted that the unit rule govern not only the support of Mr. Olney, but matters pertaining to the convention. The platform adopted consisted of a single plank, the indorsement of Olney's candidacy and instructions to the delegates to vote as a unit for him.

WILL NOT HUMBLE RUSSIA.

Japan Wishes Only to Drive the Enemy From Far East.

A dispatch to the London Express from Nagasaki claims that an eminent Japanese statesman confided to the correspondent at Tokio an important statement, of which the following is the gist: "Japan does not intend to push the war to the bitter end. She does not wish to humble Russia, but she is resolved to accomplish the removal of the menace of Russia's power in the Far East and it is confident that she will accomplish this. She will destroy as many Russian warships as possible and capture the remainder. She will then take Port Arthur and Vladivostok and make her position in Korea so impregnable that Russia cannot possibly gain a foothold there.

When all this is accomplished she will offer terms of peace, having attained the objects for which she went to war, but until this is accomplished she will not listen to any proposal except an unconditional acceptance of her terms.

THE LATE FREEZE.

Weather Record Broken by Snow and Low Temperature.

Dispatches received from Louisville report a heavy snowfall and damage to fruit in Western Kentucky. At Morgantown, Owensboro and Hopkinsville the snowfall amounted to 6 inches. Snow at this time of the year in these localities is unprecedented. At Cleveland the Weather Bureau thermometer registered 23 degrees above zero. This is the lowest temperature recorded in Cleveland on or after this date in April in 55 years.

Evansville, Ind.—The heaviest snowfall in 30 years delayed traffic. At Rockport, the fall of snow was 4 inches. The snow storm prevailed generally over Southern Indiana.

Tobacco growers in the Connecticut Valley say that the drop in temperature will cause them loss on account of the damage to bedded slips and retarded growth just starting under cists.

The opening of navigation this year will be later than ever before in the record of the great lakes, according to Professor Cox, of the United States Weather Bureau, who said that with continued warm weather it would take at least until May 1 to clear the ice from the Straits of Mackinac.

Northern New York and New England report hard freezing and heavy snows.

CARRIES SUIT TO NEW JERSEY.

Harriman Will Again Try to Prevent Stock Distribution.

Suit has been begun in the United States circuit court for the district of New Jersey against the Northern Securities Company by Edward H. Harriman, Winslow S. Pierce, the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company and the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, to restrain the Northern Securities Company from carrying out the plan adopted by the directors for the distribution of the stocks of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways companies held in the treasury of the defendant company. Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick issued a temporary order restraining the carrying out of the plan of distribution.

BLOODSHED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Shooting Affray on a Train After Political Meeting.

In a free-for-all fight which occurred on a train on the Short Line road up Paint Creek, Kanawha county, W. Va., a man named Jacob Woody was shot and killed and four others were wounded in the shooting affray. One of the four, a colored man, also named Woody, will probably die. The train was bringing a crowd away from a political meeting at Paint Creek.

Near Montgomery a negro named Barclay Ross was showing some companions a trick with a knife, when he accidentally stuck the blade to the hilt in his leg. About an hour later he was found, bound by the road side, having bled to death.

New Coaling Station in Pacific.

A coaling station will be established in the Aleutian Islands by the United States government. The navy collier Saturn, which has been lying in port awaiting orders since December 26 last, has received orders to proceed with her cargo of 4,390 tons of coal to Kyska, an island of the Rat Group, in latitude 52 north, longitude 177 east, where the coal will form the nucleus of a new station for United States vessels.

MORMON VIOLATES LAWS

Admits He Has Three Wives and Lives with All.

ALSO DISOBEYS HIS CHURCH.

Refuses to Reveal the Secret Oaths Administered in the Endowment House.

Brigham H. Roberts, who was once refused a seat in the house of representatives because he was a Mormon polygamist, was an all-day witness when the hearings in the case of Senator Reed Smoot were resumed by the committee on privileges and elections to-day.

There were two important features to his testimony, an admission that he is living with three wives in violation of the laws of God and man, and a point blank refusal, after repeated questions by Senator Burrows, to reveal the character of certain church ceremonies.

Mr. Roberts was at all times a modest witness and in refusing to tell the secret of ceremonies performed by advanced Mormons he said that his sole reason was because he would be betraying a trust of the church in matters which he considered purely spiritual. "I consider these matters entirely spiritual," said Mr. Roberts, "and do not feel like betraying a trust imposed in me by the Mormon church. My feeling in this matter is the same as that of a Mason who would, of course, refuse to reveal the secrets of his order."

In giving testimony as to his polygamous life, Mr. Roberts had no hesitation in admitting that he had three wives, but said that he had kept secret his third marriage for nearly five years. This marriage occurred after the Woodruff manifesto. Finally the secret came out, he said, but no punishment or reprimand was given him by the church authorities or anyone else.

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

All Delegates Except Two Instructed for Senator Gorman.

The Democratic Convention was held in Charleston on the 20th. The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock in the morning by State Chairman James M. Miller, who called as temporary chairman, C. Wood Dalley, of Elkins, and who addressed the convention. J. E. R. Birne, of Charles town, was chosen temporary secretary, John H. Holt, of Huntington, who was the Democratic nominee for Governor in the last campaign, was made permanent chairman.

The four delegates-at-large and all the district delegates except two from the Fourth district were instructed for Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, first and Alton H. Parker, of New York, second. Judge Dent, of Grafton, was named to succeed himself on the Supreme court bench.

The delegates-at-large were Owen S. McKinney, Fairmont; former Senator Henry G. Davis, of Elkins; former Gov. William A. McCormick, of Charleston, and former Senator Johnson N. Camden, of Parkersburg. The alternates are: Joseph Murphy, of Parkersburg; Berry G. Alford, of Lewis county; Alexander P. Matthews, of Greenbrier; and Senator Robert F. Kidd, of Glenview.

At the first district Democratic convention, Charles H. Taney, of Wheeling, and John W. Davis, of Charleston, were selected as delegates to the National convention and Homer Zilckin, of Wellsburg, and Bruce Hall, of Wetzel, were chosen as alternates.

In the second district, Charles W. Boyer, of Martinsburg, and Andrew J. Williams, of Grafton, were chosen as delegates.

The third district delegates are John D. Alderson, of Nicholas, and Charles W. Osenton, of Fayette.

The fourth district delegates are G. Warren Hays, of Calhoun, and Henry S. Wilson, of Parkersburg.

NICARAGUA MUST PAY.

British Government Will Enforce Demand With a Cruiser.

The Imperial Government will demand through the captain of the British cruiser, Retribution, indemnity from the Nicaraguan Government for the illegal seizure of the Cayman turtle fishermen 10 miles beyond the limit and also for the destruction of the fisherman's nets and other fishing gear, and the brutal treatment of the crews, whom the Nicaraguan soldiers assaulted and then tied, leaving them for hours exposed to a broiling sun.

Six Cayman turtle schooners were seized. The Cayman commissioner forwarded a dispatch to the Government at Kingston, and the latter communicated with the British foreign office. The Retribution has started for Blue Fields.

Located in Italy.

Orlando Battista, an Italian, who is said to have killed Peter H. Shoemaker at Wellburg, Somerset county, Pa., on December 24, 1903, has been located in the regular army of Italy. There is \$400 reward offered for his arrest. Stronous efforts will be made to get the prisoner.

Ohio Facts Deficit.

Governor of Ohio Herrick sent a message to the Legislature calling attention that the appropriation made by it already exceed the estimated receipts of the State for 1904-05 by over \$1,000,000 for each year, so that the next Legislature, as things stand now, will have to face a big deficit in the treasury. The government makes this the basis of two recommendations—stricter economy and the passage of a direct inheritance tax bill.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

Delegates Will Go to St. Louis Convention Uninstructed.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention met in Harrisburg on the 19th, nominated Samuel G. Thompson of Philadelphia for Justice of the Supreme Court and chose 68 delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

The delegates-at-large to National Convention—J. M. Guflay, Pittsburg; J. K. P. Hall, Ridgway; R. E. Pattison, Philadelphia; R. E. Wright, Allentown. The Democratic state committee, at its annual meeting unanimously re-elected Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Ridgway, chairman. The following division chairmen, who constitute the state executive committee, were elected: John Walters, Lebanon; E. S. Doty, Bedford; John B. Keenan, Greensburg; William H. Kneube, Erie; J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte; H. E. Spier, Lewisburg; William T. Cressy, Catawissa; John E. Ancona, Reading; Charles P. Donnelly, Philadelphia. Chairman Hall announced the reapportionment of P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, as secretary.

The Platform.

Republican party accused of corrupt administration. Score Republicans for not bettering ballot law and demand personal registration.

New State apportionment is asked. Roosevelt attacked for his policies and national tenets of Democratic party are advanced.

Tariff revision and tariff for revenue only are called for. Reciprocity commended.

Anti-trust campaign called for. Reduction of Federal taxation and better regulation of money question demanded.

Canal favored, but Administration accused of corruption. Labor unions endorsed and trade troubles deplored.

Delegation to national convention to vote as unit without instructions. Neither Kansas City nor Chicago platforms are mentioned; neither is silver question directly touched on. Guflay endorsed for National Committee-man.

NEW YORK FOR PARKER.

The Delegates Chosen to National Democratic Convention.

The New York State Democratic convention for the election of delegates to the National convention selected the following delegates-at-large: David B. Hill, of Albany; Edward B. Murphy, of Troy; George Ebert, of New York city, and James W. Ridgway, of Brooklyn. As alternates it selected C. N. Bulger, of Oswego; W. Caryl Ely, of Buffalo; C. K. Akerman, of Brooklyn, and Francis Burton Harrison, of New York.

The delegates were instructed by a vote of 301 to 149 for Alton H. Parker as the State's candidate for President. Tammany was not treated as badly as had been predicted, being allowed to name a delegate-at-large, Mr. Ebert; and an alternative and one of the two electors-at-large, Harry Payne Whitney, the other being John T. Woodford.

The platform adopted is brief, and in addition to instructing for Parker, compels the delegation to vote as a unit.

BOUGHT FOR THE WABASH.

Norfolk and Southern Railroad Bought for Gould Lines.

Control just received by Flint, Bacon & Co., and the Colonial Trust company of Pittsburg, in the Norfolk and Southern railroad, operating 149 miles of tracks through Eastern Virginia and North Carolina gives the great Wabash system of railroads the most advantageous ocean and deep water terminals on the Atlantic seaboard with valuable depot properties in Norfolk city.

The Wabash system coming down from West Virginia on the tracks of the New Tidewater railway, will come into Norfolk around Portsmouth, Va., and have its deep water terminal pier at Lynn Haven Inlet in Princess Anne county, Va., protected from the ocean, but five miles distant, by natural breakers at Cape Henry. This deal is regarded as one of the most far-reaching railroad transactions consummated in some time.

CZAR MAY GO EAST.

Report That He Is Preparing to Go to Manchuria.

Russia's discomfiture in the far east has revived the report that the czar is likely to join the headquarters of the army in Manchuria. It is asserted in remarkably well-informed Russian circles in Moscow that the emperor believes the presence desirable, if not indispensable, to put Kuropatkin's forces into a proper spirit after the black chapter of Russian experiences at Port Arthur. One Polish opinion states that arrangements have been perfected for the czar's reception at Irkutsk, and that all things are in readiness for his continuing his journey from the point to Manchuria at the most opportune moment. It adds that the emperor during the month the emperor will be away will reside at the castle of Spala, near Warsaw, in the midst of the imperial hunting domain.

In a desperate fight with car robbers in the mountains near Cumberland Gap, Ky., two of the robbers, named Jones and Rogers, were mortally wounded.

Turks and Hungarians Fight.

Serious fighting has taken place between Turks and Hungarians at Lipa, near Demir Kapli, a valley of the Vardar, 62 miles from Salonica. Many were killed on both sides.

It is stated that among papers found on several prisoners arrested at Marcellies for connection with the anarchist plot against President Loubet, there were letters and photographs of Emma Goldman, the anarchist leader.

CREMATED IN THEIR HOME.

Double Crime of Murder and Arson in Mining Town.

MARTIAL LAW RULES GARRETT.

Many Shots Were Fired and Several Injured but No One Was Killed.

Terror reigns in the Meyersdale coal region. The greatest trouble is centered at Garrett. Dynamite, the torch, guns in the hands of striking coal miners, foreigners, who have taken their places, deputies employed by the coal company and citizens who side with either warring faction, have been factors in the clashes and riots which have taken place and grown in violence since Friday.

The situation culminated Monday night in a pitched battle between stockaded workmen and the operators' deputies on one side of Buffalo creek and striking miners and their sympathizers on the other. This resulted in over 1,500 shots being exchanged. No deaths, but many injuries resulted. At 4 o'clock this morning the house of Jerry Myers was burned to the ground, and six members of his family were cremated. Two men are under arrest for the alleged arson and murder.

Garrett is a town of 1,000 population. It is an old town, but it is only within the last three years that industrial activity has broadened its municipal importance. There are now operated here five coal mines. One is owned by the Garrett Coal company of Meyersdale, of which F. B. Black is superintendent. The Somerset Coal Company has two mines and the Enterprise Coal Company two. About 600 men are employed when the mines are running full. In the same region are 15 mines at Meyersdale and others at Bertha and Roswell.

Until December 15 the men were being paid 65 cents a ton. On that date a previous increase of 10 cents was lopped off and the scale reduced to 55 cents. Then the district officers of the miners' union, of which Representative Harris Drumm, of Probstburg, Md., is president, took a hand.

A strike was ordered and the men were paid off and told to take their tools from the mines. Shortly after this non-union men began to come into the region.

LOUISIANA ELECTION.

Democrats Carry the Governorship and Legislature.

The Democrats swept the state, electing their ticket headed by Newton C. Blanchard, for governor, and practically a solid representation in both houses of the Legislature. W. J. Bohan, an ex-Confederate soldier and sugar planter, headed the opposition ticket of "Lily White" Republicans. Practically no negro votes were cast.

The ticket elected: Governor, Newton C. Blanchard; lieutenant governor, Jared J. Sanders; secretary of state, John T. Michael; attorney general, Walter Gulon; auditor, Martin Behrman; treasurer, J. M. Smith; superintendent of public education, J. B. Aswell.

At Gonzales, in Ascension parish, Captain Samuel Mooré, leader of the Republicans, was killed by Deputy Sheriff Edward Smith.

The Legislature will choose a United States senator. Senator Murphy J. Foster, having been nominated in the primaries, will receive practically the solid vote of both houses.

IMMENSE GOLD COINAGE.

Yellow Money Turned Out at Rate of \$2,000,000 Daily.

The enormous output of gold coinage at the Philadelphia mint continues at a rate which surpasses all previous records. From February 6 to April 16 there was coined \$60,180,330 in 20 gold pieces. The volume during the week beginning Monday, April 11, and ending on Saturday, April 16, inclusive, aggregated \$11,302,000 in gold, an average of nearly \$2,000,000 per day. On the last day of this record-breaking week the coinage was \$2,500,000, a record breaker.

ATTEMPT TO CHEAT GALLOWS.

Neidermeyer Swallows Heads of Matching and Savas Arteries.

Peter Neidermeyer, the leader of the Chicago car barn bandits, condemned to die on the gallows Friday, made two desperate attempts at suicide Monday. Neidermeyer first masticated and swallowed the heads of 75 or 100 sulphur matches. While the phosphorus was burning his stomach he opened the radial artery of his left wrist with a sharp pointed lead pencil, leaving a large jagged wound exposed, through which the blood gushed in streams.

When Neidermeyer's act was discovered he said to one of the physicians: "Let me die, Doc. Go away and let me die. You were almost too late the first time. Now why do you try to save my life?"

Daniel Meridith, aged 45, employed at Century, near Phillip, W. Va., was burned to death in a shanty in which he was living alone.

Alexieff Alike to Be Relieved.

Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the Emperor to be relieved of his position of viceroy in the Far East. It is expected that the request will be immediately granted. The immediate cause of the viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to the late Vice Admiral Makarov in command of the Russian navy in the Far East.

WEATHER AFFECTS BUSINESS.

Structural Work Assuming Normal Proportions—No Large Advance in Iron and Steel.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Unreasonable weather is still the chief drawback to improvement in business, complaints being received from every section of the country, and slower collections are also attributed to this factor. There has been much talk of damage to cotton, but replanting may prevent any reduction in the total yield, and a few weeks of desirable weather would reduce anxiety regarding wheat. With the exception of wearing apparel, manufacturing plants are increasingly active and structural work is gradually assuming normal proportions for the season. May 1 is usually the date fixed for many labor controversies, but this year there is little prospect of serious disturbance. In the West railway freight tonnage has not increased, but passenger traffic is very heavy and earnings of all roads thus far reporting in April are only 4.5 per cent smaller than last year.

While no further improvement can be discerned in the iron and steel industry, it is gratifying to find no distinct evidence of a setback. Nor is it certain that a temporary check to progress is to be deplored. Experience very recently demonstrated that the disposition in the iron and steel trade was to force progress, engendering inflation of prices and all the other undesirable features of a boom. For about three months blast furnaces output increased steadily and confidence appeared to be returning. Present hesitation is directly due to the failure of the leading interest to take up an option on pig iron at its maturity in conjunction with the apparent cancellation of several smaller orders. Railway equipment is all the more backward feature, while merchant steel for implement makers leads in activity. Retail distribution of footwear is slow and wholesalers have not disposed of summer styles sufficiently to place supplementary orders, so that factories are overtaking contracts and more machinery is idle. Demands at first hands are few and further curtailment of production by cotton mills has not attended the market. On the contrary, prices are in favor of buyers. No improvement has occurred in wooleis and worsteds and the proportion of idle silk machinery has increased. Slightly lower prices prevail for the leading agricultural staples.

Failures this week numbered 241 in the United States, against 166 last year, and 12 in Canada, compared with 15 a year ago.

GREAT FIRE IN TORONTO.

Canadian City Suffers a Loss Estimated at \$10,000,000.

Toronto, Ont., was threatened with complete destruction by a conflagration, which, for 19 hours, battled all efforts of the fire department.

The fire started at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, and it was not until shortly before 3 o'clock next morning that the fire fighters had it under control. The flames swept through the business district, and laid waste more than 150 buildings. The property loss is variously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

High winds fanned the flames with fearful intensity, and the local fire department was unable to cope with the fire. Help from nearby cities was asked for. Montreal and Buffalo sent fire engines and men.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a shift of wind spread the flames in the direction of the residential part of the city, and it was the hardest kind of work to stop the flames. Many people are without homes.

HELPS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Ohio Court Declares It Should Be Recognized in Law.

In common pleas court at Sandusky, Judge Reed ruled that the Ohio State medical registration and examination law is unconstitutional because it limits the right to practice the healing art without the use of drugs or medicines to osteopaths, and by the rule of exclusion Christian Scientists are prohibited from practicing such pursuits. He said it should be amended so as to allow for a reasonable examination for Christian Scientists and for their registration.

The ruling was made in the case of Oliver W. Marble, of Sandusky, who was convicted of practicing medicine without a license. Marble had treated a case of rheumatism according to Christian science.

Life Sentence for Howard.

The Court of Appeals at Frankfort, Ky., affirmed the judgment of the Circuit court sentencing James H. Howard to life imprisonment for the murder of Gov. William Goebel. This was the third trial and appeal. On the first trial Howard was sentenced to be hanged and on the last two trials to life imprisonment.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

U. S. Minister Powell threatens to seize customs in Santo Domingo, thus placing all claimants on equal basis.

The American National bank at Kansas City, Mo., has been awarded the entire issue of \$3,000,000 Philippine certificates by the War department.

The final distribution of the Charles L. Fair estate at San Francisco has been ordered by the court. Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt get the bulk of the estate, which is valued at \$3,040,000.

Wabash trains will begin running into Pittsburg regularly on June 19, unless some unforeseen delay occurs.

The attempt to prevent the pro rata distribution of Northern Security stock was squelched by the New Jersey courts.

Chief Justice Fuller announced in the United States Supreme Court that the call of the docket would be suspended April 29, and that May 2 the court would take a recess for a fortnight. The understanding is that the court will adjourn for the term May 31.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A monster oil well has been struck just south of Upper Sandusky, O.

Thus far all levees on the Mississippi near Memphis, Tenn., have withstood the floods.

It is claimed that the total cost of the British army this year will be \$140,000,000.

Census bureau reports show that 254,945 acres of land were under irrigation in New Mexico in 1902.

An extensive deposit of coal, accessible to the Pacific Ocean, has been found near Controller Bay, Alaska.

One unloading barge on the Lakes will be lower this season because of the cut in wages of the shovelers.

Deaths of babies from convulsions have decreased nearly sixty per cent. in the last three decades in Chicago, Ill.

The season's catch of fish among Alaskan Indians have been so small that they will have to be supplied with food.

It was decided that there is no punishment in Colorado for fraud at special elections such as the recent charter election in Denver.

Fifty of the largest postoffices in the United States showed a net increase of thirteen per cent. in receipts for March over the same month last year.

A committee of three was appointed by the City Council of Buffalo, N. Y., to investigate President Smith's assertion that \$200,000 had been spent illegally.

Count Knapitski, the Russian Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, in an interview on the Macedonian question says he is convinced the Slav races and States will not move while Russia is busy in the Far East.

A gold trophy, designed by Burr G. Miller, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is to be given each year to the United States vessel which makes the best gunnery record in her class.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.	
Wheat—No. 2 red	\$ 98 90
Hyge—No. 2	83 84
Corn—No. 2 white	86 87
No. 2 yellow, sh	