# FOUR DAYS IN ACTION

Many British Warriors Fall Under Fire of Boers at Wepener.

**BASUTOS WILL BAR AN INVASION** 

Protest of Lord Roberts Regarding Treatment of English Prisoners - Mine Owner Captured by the Boers-Post tion of Colonel Dalgety's Forces Reported to Be Strong.

LONDON, April 16.-A dispatch from Aliwal North, dated April 13, says:

"It is officially reported that the British losses at Wepener in four days' fighting were eighteen men killed and 132 wounded."

Colonel Grenfell wires that the casualties include Quartermaster Williams, Lieutenant Halford and Lieutenant Duncan.

Sir Godfrey Lagden, resident com-missioner at Maseru, telegraphs that no shelling has been heard from the direction of Wepener today (Saturday).

A regiment of British infantry and a battery of artillery arrived Friday. General Brabant's headquarters and all the mounted troops have gone to Rouxville.

The Northern Post asserts that the Rouxville district furnished 1,000 recruits to the Boer force as a result of the invasion last week.

Five hundred Boers, under Commandant Swanepoel, forced the Royal Irish Rifles to evacuate Rouxville. The former landdorst, who had been acting for the British, offered to go to the front to prove himself a true Free Stater.

A cablegram from Maseru, Basutoland, dated April 14, says:

"Sir Godfrey Lagden, British resident commissioner, returned here yes-terday (Friday) from the scene of operations near Wepener. He and the paramount chief have stationed 3,000 armed natives to resist the possible Boer encroachments. The orders of resident commissioner are that the the Basutos are not to be allowed to cross the Free State frontier on any pretense whatever. Two natives who crossed and looted an abandoned Boer farm are now in custody.

Colonel Dalgety's position is strong and well chosen, but he is completely Basutoland, and if they stay much surrounded.

'the Boers have their backs against longer they will be hemmed in. The British operations are keenly watched from the neighboring heights. Shelling and sniping have been doing on steadily during the last six days.

Colonel Dalgety's guns are admirably served and there is no waste of ammunition. The Boers, when they see the electric flash of the cordite, bolt into their holes or behind walls. So near are the Boers and the Basuto guards that they converse. The ambulances are close to the border, but the killed and wounded are not removed until nightfall, in order to conceal the number of casualties. The Boers are fatigued and their horses are tired and footsore.

The Boers attacked flercely the British northern position on Monday, April 9, but they were beaten back at daybreak. Nothing is known here of the casualties on either side.

# PECK WELL PLEASED.

Commissioner General Complacently En dorses the Paris Exposition.

PARIS, April 16. - (New York World Cablegram.)-"In these days of war it gladdens the heart and mind to enter a peace festival like the one we have just inaugurated. It is magnificently adequate. France may well be proud. This country has endeared herself to all thinking humanity by many pages of her glorious history. She ever has been one of the foremost champions of progress in all directions of human endeavor." This is the way United States Commissioner Ferdinand W. Peck began a statement. He

goes on: "Today, as I realize what a vast civilizing factor the exposition will prove, I say that every man and woman on earth-whether or not able to visit Parls-ought to feel thankful to France for such a mingling of the races and interchange of what is best among them. It not only develops the large international interests, but promotes the well-being of the most distant laborer on our prairies and the most reluctant savage in Polynesia.

"I was and remain a great admirer of the Chicago's world's fair. When i first came here and for a long time afterward I felt very doubtful whether the present exposition could equal ours. My views have changed. Chicago excelled in some respects. We had there a magnificent situation-vast areas of lake front and a splendid park. Our men took advantage of these points with an intelligence, the result of which cannot be overpraised. Even the French officials heading the present enterprise have not forgotten the marvelous architecture, harmonious groupings, enchanting water effects and the general loftiness of the fair of 1893. They willingly concede that some of these things must remain unequaled here.

"On the other hand French 4:0 genuity and artistic taste, coupled with extensive previous experience, have achieved wonders. The area of the Paris exposition is less than that of Chicago, but nevertheless, it is enormous. Enough has been collected together to keep visitors busily going and always interested, even if they should stay throughout the exposition period in Paris."

# ECHO OF CARTER CASE

# Congress Likely to Take a Hand in the Matter of Men Implicated.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .-- Some time ago proceedings were instituted by the department of justice to secure the removal to Savannah, Ga., of Benjamin D. Green, John F., William T. and Edward H. Gaynor and Michael A. Connolly, who were indicted by the grand jury of the United States district court of Georgia for conspiring to defraud the United States upon two contracts relating to harbor improvements at Savannah and in Cumberland sound in connection with Captain O. M. Carter.

The United States commissioner in New York, where the defendants were apprehended, held in effect that the certified copy of the Georgia indictment, followed by the identification of the defendants, was sufficient to justify their removal.

District Judge Addison Brown, however, held to the contrary and further that the government was required by affirmative proof to make out

ANDREWS IN LINCELN Chicagoan Looks Over the Field to

Which He Has Been Called.

GIVES NO SIGN OF HIS DECISION.

It is Geberally Belleved, However, that He Will Accept-A Cordial Reception by the Students of the University-What He Said to Them in a Brief Address.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 17.-Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, the recently elected chancellor of the state university. arrived in the city rather unexpectedly and although he gave no positive decision, it is generally believed from the tone of his conversation with members of the faculty and other university authorities that he will accept the position tendered him by the board of regents. Dr. Andrews returned to Chicago and will probably announce his decision within the next few days. Acting Chancellor Bessey and Regent J. L. Teeters, who were with the distinguished visitor during his stay in the city, both expressed themselves as confident that he would accept the position.

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Li0; stock calves, \$3,2595.80; stockers and feeders, \$1,2597.00.
HOGS-The market opened 5c higher this morning and fairly active at the advance. Buyers were all out early and appeared to have liberal orders. The early sales of mixed loads were largely at \$5,375,675.40; as against \$5,325,955.50; yesterday, As eastern markets were reported considerably better a little later, and as it become apparent that the local demand was very good, the market formed up and became 55,100; for the local demand was very good, the market formed up and became 55,100; for the local demand was very good to choice market formed up and became 55,100; for the good of the choice wethers, \$5,0096.75; fair to good to choice wethers, \$5,0096.75; fair to good to choice market for mixes \$1,1507.35; good to choice market for another, \$1,1507.35; good to choice wettern in the \$1,1507.35; good to choice wettern \$4,0095.40; feeder yearlings, \$5,0096.60; feeder yearlings, \$5,0096.60; feeder yearlings, \$5,0096.60; feeder yearlings, \$5,0096.60; butcher feeder lambs, \$2,5095.60; Texans, \$5,0096.40; lightweights, \$4,4005.15; stockers and feeders, \$3,5095.60; Texans, \$2,0097.70; muttons, \$1,5095.50; mixed, \$5,305.50; light, \$5,1597.55; piss, \$4,5005.55; stockers, and \$6,0097.55; piss, \$4,5005.55; piss, \$4,5005.55; stockers, and feeders, \$3,5095.60; Texans, \$2,0097.70; muttons, \$5,5095.55; piss, \$4,5005.55; stockers, and \$6,0097.70; muttons, \$5,0095.55; piss, \$4,5005.55; stockers, and \$6,0097.55; piss, \$4,5007.55; stockers, and \$6,0092.80; heifers, \$1,0094.50; heifers, \$1,0097.55; piss, \$4,5007.55; stockers, 50,0097.50; muttons, \$5,0076.50; cows, hest, \$5,0097.50; muttons, \$5,0076.50; cows, hest, \$5,0097.50; mixed \$5,50; piss, \$4,5097.50; muttons, \$5,0076.50; cows, hest, \$5,0097.50; mixed \$5,5095.50; mixed \$5,5095.50; mixed \$5,5095.50; mixed \$5,5095.50; mixed \$5,5097.50; mixed \$5,0097.50; mixed \$5,0097.50; mixed \$5,0097.50; mixed \$5,009 Dr. Andrews was given a cordial reception, both by the students of the university and by the faculty. Among other things he said: "I am

very glad to meet you here this morn-This is an entire surprise to me. ing. I am accustomed to students and to exhibitions of lung power, but must say that I never heard anything like this before. I did not expect to meet any of the students of the great university of Nebraska this morning, but came rather to see things and to see men more advanced in years than most of you. The gathering here this morning must mean that you have an extreme interest in the university, of which you form a part. I hope that whatever may come to pass the interest of the students will continue and I may say that whether I become one of you or not, I do expect in the course of years to become a citizen of Nebraska. This is a purpose I have cherished for a number of years, since I feel toward this state as you do.

"I am glad you are patriotic, that you believe in the state where I suppose most of you were born and bred. It is a good state to grow up in and a good state to live in and you have every reason to be proud of this university. I hope that you will cherish it in your thoughts and when you go out as voters and direct the affairs of the state you will further the best interests of the university.

"The higher institutions in a community are a test of its progress in everything. I know that you cultivate not only the mind, but the body. I am glad that you have a base ball and an athletic field. But, ladies and gentlemen, more important than athletics, more important than the development of our bodies, more important than the development of lung power, more important even than the training of our minds, is the development of character. I have always had a warm feeling for the university of Nebraska, for I have heard that you try to develop character.'

THE CALL TO ANDREWS THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH Quotations From New York, Chicago

> State University Authorities Believe the Chicago Man Will Come.

EXPECT AN ANSWER IN FEW DAYS.

Acting Chancellor Bessey Says & Good Word for the New Chancellor In Chapel--Not Only an Educator but

Andrews had declined to accept the chancellorship of the Nebraska university. An official notice of the ac-tion of the board of regents was mailed to Dr. Andrews and a reply is not expected before the first part of this week. It is generally believed here that Dr. Andrews will visit the institution before announcing his decision.

and Rich conferred with Dr. Andrews in Chicago prior to the election strengthens the belief that he will accept the chancellorship of the institution. Regent Von Forell, after the meeting of the board, announced that he was confident that Dr. Andrews

The report of Dr. Andrews' refusal was still further denied by a private telegram received here from Andrews himself, which branded the alleged interview as a bare fabrication.

has appointed a committee, consisting of Profs. Fling and Davis, to carry the greeting of the faculty to Dr. Andrews.

of the university for the purpose of arousing interest in public speaking and debating Acting Chancellor Bessey made the following reference to Dr. Andrews:

"I wish at this time to speak just a moment about our new chancellor. I feel that those of you who are interested in oratory and public speaking should be very enthusiastic over the calling of this man, who is known as not only an author and educator, but as an orator. You will have, if he comes to us, and I trust that he may, a man who will lead you and who will encourage you in this work. Now, there is a rumor that he may not accept. Let us pray that this may not be so, because I am fairly con vinced, young men and women, that if we can prevail upon this great man to come to us, he will help you in such work as you are interested in at this mass meeting this morning."

Profs. Fling and Caldwell and Judge Reese also spoke in complimentary terms regarding Dr. Andrews and expressed the hope that he would accept the position tendered him by the board of regents.

# Rev. Julian Dead.

GORDON, Neb., April 16.-Rev. John W. Julian, the oldest citizen in the town and a man whom all loved and Storm Approaching Tornado Proportions KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16 .- A revered, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. V. Brewer, in this place. Father Julian was born in North Carolina and at the time of Journal special from Wichita, Kan., A storm approaching a tornado in proportions is reported from near his death was 85 years and 6 months Winfield, between here and Newton, old. He was a member of the Indiana and in the vicinity west of Clearwater. onference for fifty-five years and for

ORIGIN OF FAMILIAR CUSTOMS Many Things People Do Without Know-

ing the Reason Why. Is it not surprising what a number

of little things we do without knowing the reason? Why, for instance, do widows wear caps? Perhaps you may say because they make them look pretty and interesting. But the real reason is that when the Romans were in England they shaved their heads as a sign of mourning. Of course, a woman couldn't let herself be seen with a bald head, so she made herself a pretty cap. And now, though the necessity of wearing it has passed away, the cap remains. Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times, when men were much in' the open air, and hats couldn't be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They fell on the left side so they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on the ends got to be tied in a bow, and later still they became useless, yet the bow has remained and will probably remain till the next deluge or something of that sort. What is the meaning of the crosses or X's on a barrel of beer? They signify degrees of quality nowadays. But originally they were put on by those ancient monks as a sort of trade mark. They were crossed those days and meant a sort of oath on the cross, sworn by the manufacturer that his barrel contained good liquor. Why are bells tolled for the dead? This has become so familiar a practice that a funeral without it would appear un-Christian. Yet the reason is guite barbarous. Bells were tolled long ago when people were being buried in order to frighten away evil spirits who live in the air. Why do fair ladies break a bottle of wine on the ship they are christening? Merely another survival of barbaric custom. In the days of sacrifice to the gods it was customary to get some poor victim when a boat was being launched and to cut his throat over the prow, so that his blood baptized it. Why are dignitaries deafened by a salute when they visit a forcign port? It seems a curious sort of welcome, this firing off of guns, but it seems the custom arose in a very reasonable way. Originally a town or a warship fired off their guns on the approach of important and friendly strangers to show that they had such faith in the visitors' peaceful intentions they didn't think it necessary to keep their guns loaded. Why do we sometimes throw a shoe after a bride? The reason is not very complimentary. From of old it has been the habit of mothers to chastize their children with a shoe. Hence the custom arose of the father of a bride making a present to the bridegroom of a shoe as sign that it was to be his right to keep her in

order.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

# WORK OF POSTAL SERVICE.

Immense Labor Involved in Sorting and Transmitting the Malls.

There is no department of public service with which the individual citizen, regardless of sex, politics and re-

ligion, is more intimately connected

than the postal service. There were

South Omaha and Elsewhere. SOUTH OMAHA, April 18.-CATTLE-Only about twenty-five loads of beef steers were on sale, which, considering the size of the demand, was small. The market was strong to a little higher, ome sales showing quite a little higher, ome sales showing quite a little higher, ome sales a very satisfactory to the sellers. Cows and heifers were in good de-mand and the moderate offerings were soon disposed of at satisfactory prices. The trade might be summed up as a stood, steady to strong market. Beef steers, £L0094.60: heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.40: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.40: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £L2564.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £L7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.00; stags, £.7504.50: stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.60; stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7564.50: calves, £6.0007.60; stock cows and heifers, £1.5009.50; bulls, £1.7567.50; stock cows and heifers, £1.5009

South Omaha and Elsewhere.

an Orator of Prominence.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 16.-The au-thorities of the University of Nebraska are not inclined to believe the report printed in several newspapers that Dr.

The fact that Regents Von Forell would come to Nebraska.

The university senate, comprising all of the faculty of the institution,

At a convocation held in the chapel

From Warrenton comes news that Frank Smith, a well known mine owner, fell into the hands of the Boers while driving from Barkley West toward the Frank Smith diamond mine.

#### Presents for Prisoners.

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PRETORIA, April 16.-United States Consul Adelbert S. Hay has received six and one-half tons of presents for British military prisoners, mostly from England and the Cape, comprising luxuries, groceries, cigars, cigarettes and boxes for the hospitals. It has all been admitted duty free to the Transvaal, and every facility afforded, which has greatly gratified Mr. Hay. He recently visited the prison-ers at Waterval, and says that he found everything as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Good Friday was observed as a holiday throughout the republic. All is reported quiet at the front.

#### Senstor Morgan Victorious.

BIRMINGHANM, Ala., April 16.-Later returns from the democratic primaries held throughout Alabama yesterday confirm the reports already sent out of the overwhelming victory of Senator John T. Morgan over Geoernor Johnston for the United States senatorship. St. Clair, with one re-publican, which was the only county credited to Governor Johnston in last night's report, has fallen into the Morgan column, leaving the governor a goose egg as the result of the elections held in fifty-four countles. Morgan will have 116 of the 120 democratic voters in the general assembly.

#### Bryan at El Paso.

EL PASO, Tex., April 16.-W. J. Bryan reached here from Albuquerque, N. M., and left at 8 o'clock for Austin. An informal reception was held and at 3 o'clock Mr. Bryan attended the services of the Knights Templar at the Episcopal church. A strong delegation form Mexico was here to meet Colonel Bryan and asin his entertainment. Mr. sisted Bryan denied that he intended to make Texas his home and declined to commit himself on the Balley-Chilton race.

# ANDREWS AWAITS HIS WIFE

#### What She Says Will Affect His Decision on Chancellorship

CHICAGO, April 16 .- Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews said tonght that the question whether he would accept or refuse the offer made him by the regents of the University of Nebraska depended largely upon what his wife thought of the matter. Mr. Andrews, he said, would return Thursday from Pinehurst, N. C., where she has been for several days, and would then have the case laid before her. Dr. And ews returned today from Lincoln.

case of probable guilt and that the defendants were entitled to go fully into their defense and to produce evidence on their part to rebut the presumption of guilt-raised by the proofs of the government.

The attorney general takes issue with Judge Brown as to the correctness of his ruling, but with a view to a final settlement of the question has sent to the chairman of the judiciary committees of both houses of congress draft of a bill which if it becomes a law will have the effect of compelling the removal of persons indicted for offenses against the United States from the place of arrest to the district where the offense is committed.

#### Pensions for Capron Widows.

WASHINGTON, April 16.-The house favorably acted upon fiftythree bills, among which were two senate bills to increase the pensions of the widows of Captain Allyn Capron and Captain Allyn K. Capron, fa-ther and son, who fell during the Spanish war in Cuba. The senate fixed the rate for each of these widows at \$40. The house reduced the amount to \$25 in the case of the former and \$30 in the case of the latter.

#### Barrison Declines.

CHICAGO, April 16.-Mayor Carter Harrison today come out unequivocally in opposition to his nomination by the democratic state convention for the governorship of Illinois and gave his reasons at length. Mayor Harri-son said: "If I entered the race for governor I should do everything in my power to be elected and should expect to succeed. In that case I would have to take my seat as governor in Janu-ary of next year and the city of Chicago would be without a mayor.

#### Bank Teller Absconds

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 16.-A special from Waterbury, Vt., says that John Farrar, teller of the Waterbury National bank, is missing and that there is a defalcation of \$25,000 of the bank's funds. The community is greatly shocked by the news as Ferrer, was considered a model young man. His parents are very estimable people and two years ago he married a young lady of high standing.

# **KANSAS GOLD CRAZE**

#### Rich Quartz Ore Found In Vicinity of Galena.

JOPLIN, Mo., April 16.-J. C. Mur-dock and others of Galena, Kas., near here, claim to have found gold in quartz formation within two miles of that place that assays \$40 to \$80 a ton. The assays are said to have been made in St. Louis.

An effort to lease or buy the land the exact location of which is not disclosed, but which is said to be included within the great Galena zinc and lead belt, is being made. Excite-ment over the alleged find is intense.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 17.-Secre-tary Hall of the state banking board has chartered the First State bank of Laflon. Otoe county. The concern has a capital stock of \$5,000.

A motion for a rehearing has been filed in the supreme court by the defendant in the case of the World publishing company against The Bee Publishing company, a suit for damages because of the publication of an alleged libelous article concerning the financial condition of the World-Herald

The Nebraska Telephone company has also asked the supreme court for another hearing of its case against the state board of transportation.

#### Large Shipments of Eggs.

SUPERIOR, Neb., April 17.-One million and eight thousand eggs is the shipping record for the last two weeks of a Superior wholesale poultry house The eggs are gathered from all over western Kansas and Nebraska. They made altogether six carloads, five of which were sent to Butte, Mont., and the other to Sioux City.

#### Barry Inspects the Company.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., April 17. -Adjutant General Barry came down from Lincoln and inspected the company which is seeking admission as members of the National Guard. He seemed to be very favorably impres sed with the drill, as well as the ap pearance and strength of the company, but withheld his decision for a time. as there are other companies to inspect.

# New Hotel for Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 17.-Has tings is to have a new three-story ho tel within the next sixty days. Mr R. A. Batty will have a three-story brick veneer building erected on the corner of Third street and Denver avenue to take the place of the old Denver house. The building is have a fifty-two feet frontage and will be in shape of an L and will be erected expressly for hotel purposes.

#### Elevator Loss in Fire.

YORK, Neb., April 17 .- The elevator fire on the Burlington right of way caused a property loss of \$16,500. G

#### Women Choose Officers.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., April 17.-The twenty-first annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Nebraska City presbytery held its session in this city. At a business session the following district officers were chosen: Fresident, Mrs. M. E. Price, Fairbury; corresponding secretary, Miss E. Irwin, Lincoln; record-ing secretary, Mrs. J. W. Dinsmore, Beatrice; secretary of literature, Mrs. John Elliott, Beatrice; vice presidents, Miss Granger of Palmyra, Mrs. Johnston of Beathrice, Mrs. Town of Hebron, Mrs. Warner of York, Mrs. Campbell of Pawnee City.

Two deaths are reported and four people are said to have been injured by overturned houses. The wires are down and names and particulars are unobtainable at 10 o'clock tonight. At Putnam it is reported that sev-

stendy; good to choice wethers, \$ 6.50; fair to choice mixed, \$5.0006.00; tern sheep, \$6.0006.40; yearlings, \$ 6.60; native lambs, \$5.5007.50; weiliambs, \$6.0007.50.

6.60; native lambs, \$5.2027.50; western lambs, \$6.0027.50; CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. CHICAGO, April 16.—The grain markets were weak and only moderately active to-day, hit by lower cablees and the favor-able crop outlook. When closed \$65% corn 3%Tic and oats \$65% under yester-day. Provisions were irregular. May pork and ribs closing unchanged: May lard, 12%offic up. May wheat opened \$6 under yesterday at 66% 66% c, depressed by the increased Australian shipments. CORN-Receipts here were 42% cars. Country offerings were reported light. May ranged from 30% to 38% c and closed weak \$60 to depressed at 33% 633%.c. OATS-Were weak in sympathy with wheat and corn and were generally in a sad state of neglect. Receipts were 133 cars. The cash demand was poor. May ranged from 21% 21% 60 24% c, and close d \$60% to 24% c.

MAD WINDS SWEEP KANSAS

Deals Death in Several Towns.

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eral houses were blown down and four people seriously injured. Word was brought by passengers on the southbound Santa Fe passenger train that two persons were killed, but it is impossible to confirm this report at 10 o'clock tonight. The telephone and telegraph lines were rendered useless by the wind and all attempts to reach Putnam, Newton or affected points have proved of no avail. West of Clearwater, in the country northeast of Adams, on the Englewood branch of the Santa Fe railroad, it is reported that a strip of country five miles long was swept by a storm.

# **GERMANY NEEDS FOODSTUFFS**

#### Consul Reviews Results of Present Re strictive Legislation

WASHINGTON, April 16.-Debate which has been in progress in the German reichstag over the proposed meat inspection act which, if passed, would practically stop all importation of live cattle and meats into Germany, has again revived the question of what would the industrial and commercial classes of Germany do for food if the imported supply of breadstuffs and meats should be cut off.

**Consul General Mason at Berlin has** made an interesting report on this subject to the state department under date of March 9. During the last century, he says, the population of the German empire has increased from 20,000,000 to 56,000,000, and a proportionate increase would indicate nearly 100,000,000 persons in Germany at the close of the twentleth century. Farm, dairy and garden production' does not keep pace by any means with the steady in crease of population and only by diverting the capital and labor which now furthers commerce and trade in Germany to the farms and fields, can Germany's future food supply be assured.

France has more persons over 60 years of age than any other country. reland comes next.

### Nicarauga is Not Warlike.

NEW YORK, April 16 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: Nicaragua has disavowed to the United States that is organized and dispatched to David the expedition which. has aroused so much concern in Colombia and Costa Rica.

Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan minister here, understands that if any such expedition landed at Boca Chica or Boca Brava, Colombia, it was of a filibustering character and must have escaped the "due diligence" observed by his government.

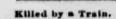
forty years was an active minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was chaplain of the Fifty-third regiment Indiana voluntcers, Walter Q. Gresham being his colonel and a most intimate friend.

#### Aged Couple Injured.

DONIPHAN, Neb., April 16 .- While feeding his team, "Uncle" Jake Cole, 89 years old, was kicked and two of his ribs were broken, and while walting on him, his wife, who is 87 years old, went up stairs to get a quilt and in the hurry fell part way down and broke her hip. It is thought she will not be able to live through it. Mr. Cole is doing well.

#### Activity in Co. M.

ALBION, Neb., April 16.—Company M. Second Nebraska, held an election for the purpose of supplying the company with a captain, Captain McGan having resigned. Also to elect a first lieutenant, in the place of Lieutenant Fred Mack, who received the captaincy. Wilbur Price was made first licutenant.



KEARNEY, Neb., April 16 .- The special train carrying the New York Central railroad engineers struck a man named John Fester as it was passing through Gibbon, breaking his back and other bones, causing instant death. He had just got across the track when the side of the engine struck him. He was about 75 years of age and was an old settler in this county.

#### Three Years for Murder.

HYANNIS, Neb., April 16 .- The case of the state against James Robinson, which has been in progress in the district court for nearly a week, was given to the jury, and after nine hours of deliberation a verdict of manslaughter was reached, and Judge Thompson sentenced the prisoner to three years in the penitentiary. Robinson shot and killed his wife last February in the Carpenter hotel at Whitman, this county, and at the same time attempted to take his own life. County Attorney Unkefer was assisted in the prosecution by Attorneys Noteman of Alliance and Kirkpatrick of Broken Bow.

#### Farmer Goes Insane

ROSELAND, Neb., April 16.-Henry Keller, a bachelor German farmer, who owns a farm adjoining Roseland, was taken suddenly insane and was taken to Hastings and turned over to the sheriff.

Prominent Nebraska Woman Dead. WAYNE, Neb., April 16.-Mrs. W. H. McNeal, wife of Editor and Postmaster McNeal, died at her home in this city after an illness of but a few hours. She had been a resident of Wayne for sixteen years, was a member of the Presbyterian church and a prominent club woman for a number of years.

handled by railway postal clerks during the year 7,118,422,840 pieces of first-class matter, and 6,223,569,885 pieces of all other class matter, making a total of 13,351,992,725 pieces, which includes 519,870,465 pieces of city mail separated in railway postoffices. This amount of mail is an increase of between 4 and 5 per cent over the railway postal clerks' 15,866,-847 packages and cases of registered matter, 1,063,049 through registered pouches and 607,162 inner registered sacks, making in all 17,537,058. There were 1.312,388 errors made by the clerks in distributing this matter, which is over 10,000 correct to every one made. Under the head of "nixies" (matter so illegibly or improperly addressed that it could not be delivered in the way it stood) there were embraced 14,606,085 pieces, as compared with 13,503,486 of last year, an increase of 1,102,599 pieces. Seven million seven hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred and forty-six pleces were returned to writers or corrected and forwarded to destination, the rest being sent to the dead letter office for disposition. Examinations are held every year to test the knowledge of the clerks as to their duties. During 1899 there were 20,194 examinations of regular and probationary clerks, comprising 22,032, 415 cards, with an average per cent correct of 98.71, as against 98.30 the year previous. In addition to the same there were 2,082 examinations of substitutes; number of cards handled, 1,918,-111; per cent correct, 98.43 .- Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

# Breaking Even.

Arkansaw Justice (to spectator, who has just entered)-"Huck Buckleby, I fine you \$10 for contempt of court!" Buckleby-"Huh, 'squire! I hain't said a word yet!" Arkansaw Justice-"I know it, but that thar hoss you traded to me last week has got a spavin, and this is prob'ly the only chance I'll have to git even with you. Fork over, or ge to jail!"-Puck.

#### From Here to the North Star.

The Lick observatory astronomers tell us the north star is 255,000,004 miles away. The Lick telescope and photospectroscope have discovered tourteen multiple stars. The star Mizar, the middle star of the handle of the great dipper, has a brilliancy 100 times that of our sun.-Philadelphia Record.