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A MONSTROUS FRAUD UNMASKED	OCCUPIED AT HOME	Haulkrenger of the Transvaal, or South African republic. United States minister to Russia, Hon. A. D. White, after passing a couple of days in this city, and visiting his family at Dresden.	THOUSANDS KILLED	THE BEE BULLETIN. Weather for Omaha and Vicinity- Fair; Colder; Westerly Winds.	SAVED THEIR NECKS
Comprehensive Review of the Methods of	Frenchmen Looking Over the Local Situation in the Light of Russia's Visit.	has returned to St. Petersburg. Puzzles the Scientists, Scientific circles in this city and elsewhere throughout Germany. are interested in the	Awful Scenes of Destruction and Death in a Spanish Seaport.	1. Great Corporation Fraud Uumasked. French Employed at Home Politics. Terrible Affair in a Spinish Port. Plattsmouth Has a Lynching Party.	Prompt Action of the County Attorney Pre- vents a Lynching at Plattsmouth.
the Burlington Volunteer Relief Department.	PRESIDENT CARNOT IS THE GAINER	exhibition of the so-called "blue man" who has attracted thousands of visitors for some time past. Curiosity to see the "blue man" has now reached such a pitch	CAHO MUCHICACO'S DANGEROUS CARGO	<ol> <li>Yesterday on the Foot Ball Field.</li> <li>Trying to Raise the Revenue, Silver Men Make a Last Appeal.</li> <li>Last Week in the Social Realms. Viewed by Omaha Women.</li> </ol>	AFTER MATT AKESON'S MURDERERS
	Beyond All Reasonable Doubt.	that Prof. Virchow and Privy Coun- cillor Lewin, made a scientific ex- amination of this interesting freak today with the result that they have failed to ex-	Quay at Santander. TONS OF DYNAMITE SET OFF BY FIRE	5. Mosher's Cases Out of Court. Sioux City Capitalists Reviving. Chicago Councilmen Quarrel. 5. Council Bluffs Local News.	Eager to Avenge Him.
PLUCKING EMPLOYES FOR THE COMPANY'S BENEFIT	Fate of the Cabinet, Which Hung in the	plain the man's blueness and have decided to make a further and clearer examination. A citizen of Berlin named Schmidt re- cently bequeathed 1,500,000 marks to the city	Buildings Wrecked and Vessels Sunk by	Arkausas Train Robbers Captured. 7. Candidates Charge and Countercharge. One Entertaining Letter. Kelly Shows Up Slaughter's Scheme.	Deputy Sheriff Tighe Brought the Men to
A Cunning Device to Relieve the Railroad from Liability Incurred by Injuries	Balance, is Decided.	in order to found a foundling hospital. Two heirs of Schmidt have made a futile contest and it is now announced the emperor has sanctioned the cuty's acceptance of the	FLAMES COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITY	<ol> <li>Griswold's Weekly Grist.</li> <li>Editorial and Comment.</li> <li>Co-Operative Rome Building. Fate of an litinois Woman.</li> </ol>	the Douglas County Jail.
to Person.	England's Probable Course the Only Dis- turbing Feature-Austria's New Policy	money, requesting the building to be erected and be known and conducted as a children's hospital, and not merely as a hospital for foundlings.	Almost the Entire Piace Consumed-An Ap- palling Death List-The Governor of	<ol> <li>Omaha's Local Trade Review.</li> <li>Financial and Commercial.</li> <li>Live Stock Trade.</li> <li>Vice President Stevenson at flome.</li> </ol>	Hundreds of Cass County Farmers Bent on Vengeance Waited for a Train that
CORPORATION FRAUD MASQUERADING AS PHILANTHROPY	Slowly Evolving — May Change the Dreibund's Composition.	Prize for a New Opera. At the instance of the prince regent of Bavaria the royal opera house of Munich has offered a prize of 8,000 marks for a new German opera, the conditions of competition	the Provincé Among the Num- ber-How it Happened.	<ol> <li>How "the Kids" Did the Fair. Among Books and Periodicals.</li> <li>Woman: Her Ways and Her World.</li> <li>What Electricity Has Achieved.</li> </ol>	Brought no Victims-An Ex. citing Tale.
Men Compelled to Contribute Their Own	[Copyrighted 1893 by James Gordon Bennett.] PARIS, Nov. 4.—[New York Herald Cable— Special to THE BEE.]—The Russians having taken their departure, home politics again	for the prize being that the competition be Germans or Austrians and that they must choose subjects of their own and it is pre- sumed the subjects must be either German	MADRID, Nov. 4.—The city of Santander, on the Bay of Biscay, was the scene last night of a terrific explosion of dynamite, which killed the governor of the province and a large number of people, including	Uncle Sam's Great Library.	Had it not been for the cautiousness dis played by the officials of Cass county, THE BEE would this morning contain a full and detailed account of the lynching of two men, Harry Hill, alias George Rogers, and John
Funds for the Protection of the Company.	begin to occupy the public mind. Russian influence continues, however, to be felt. For example, the re-election of President Carnot, whose seven-years term of office ex- pires in December, 1894, was doubtful before	or Austrian. The leading German and Austrian theater managers are to form a committee which will pass upon the merits of the operas submitted in competition for	several of the leading citizens, and set fire to the houses, causing immense damage on	ings untouched by the fames, and their phy- sicians are doing everything possible in this dire extremity. The troops sent to the spot are also rendering great service in blowing up buildings across the pathway of the	Benwell, the accused murderers of Farmer Matthew Akeson. Had it not been for the cautiousness which
SOME STRIKING SAMPLES OF BOGUS LIBERALITY	the visit of the Russian fleet, is now doubted by no one. The president represented France worthily. He has pleased the czar by his great uprightness and hones'y. To replace	the Munich prize. Lembach, the famous portrait painter, who is residing at Munich, has been robbed of a hundred sketches made for portraits.	hour last night and created an intense sen- sation. But there was no means of verify- ing the report or obtaining additional infor- mation of any kind owing to the fact that	fames and the districts still threatened with fire. All the inhabitants of the neigh- borhood have thrown open their houses for the reception of the wounded and homeless.	
SOME STRIKING SAMPLES OF BOGUS LIBERALITY	him would produce a bad effect, and there- fore he will be re-elected next year. The Russian visit has also benefited the present ministry, whose fate might have	and including sketches of the leading per- sonnges of Germany. Among the sketches stolen are thirty made of Prince Bismarck. The thief is a Bohemian and was formerly	a high pitch of excitement until this morn-	No definite estimate of the loss of high has been received up to the hour this dispatch is sent, but there has yet been no denial of the statements made in private and other	avenged by a mob of men who have hitherto known no harsher sounds than the bleating of the herds of the prairies. As is well known, Hid and Benwell were
Men Forced to Sign Away Their Rights or Lose Their Situations- .Test Cases in the Courts-A Pliant Judiciary Needed to Affirm the Robbing Scheme.	been doubtful. But for the fact that it has profited by the present outburst of popular enthusiasm, the radical members of the cabinet would be got rid of even before the	employed by Herr Lembach. He has been arrested. • The Cologne Gazette announces that Don Antonio, the husband of the Princess Eu-	province of the same name, is over 200 miles from here. This morning the news was confirmed and		arrested in Lincoln Friday night and locked in jail, where they were kept until the ar- rival of the deputy sheriff, a brother of Sheriff Tighe, and Tom Akeson, a son of the
	opening of the Chambers, and M. Dupuy and all the moderate ministers will form a cabinet, which is quite capable of retaining power for a long time.	lalic, who recently received permission to take part in the campaign in Mellila against the Moors, took leave for Madrid today in order to pay his respects to the queen re-	further dispatches were received from the village of Bova, giving an account of a terri- ble disaster and one, too, which was most peculiar in its origin and its nature.	MADRID, Nov. 4.—The queen regent, as soon as she learned of the extent of the dis- aster at Sant Andre, expressed a desire to go there, but was dissuaded	murdered man. Then they were identified by young Akeson, who unhesitatingly de- clared that they were the men who shot down his father last Wednesday night and
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 4.—[Special to THE BEE.]—There is no branch of railroad work less understood by the employes and the public generally than the operation of the Burlington Volunteer Relief department. of the voles of the whole advisory commit-	The political situation in Europe is calm. The events in Morocco are not disquieting, unless England should intervene, which is not at all probable. The only interesting feature is the slow evolution of Austria's	gent before leaving for Morocco. In the Bavarian Diet. The Bavarian Diet at Munich this after- noon discussed a motion to abelish the Bava- rian legations at St. Petersburg and Paris.	Muchicaco, of 870 tons register, which reached Santander from Cardiff, caught fire yester-	and the minister of finance was sent to represent the government and do all in his power to relieve the sufferers. The minister started for that place tonight. He was ac-	cruelly beat his mother until she was in- sensible. After that, and at an early hour yesterday morning, they were hundcuffed and taken to the train, the in- tention being to remove them them to Platts-
At first blush the department commends itself to the employe and to the human- itarian generally as a most commendable effort upon the part of the Chicago, Burling- readily understood that any amendment to	feature is the slow evolution of Austria's policy, which I pointed out a long time ago in these dispatches to the Herald. We are still in the preparatory period, and the work is still confined to the chancellor, but it is	Premier Crailsham declared it was impossi- ble for him to advise the regent to sanction the abolition of such an important preroga- tive of the crown.	day afternoon to the intense alarm of the officials, who feared the flames would cause further damage to the shipping and to the quay to which she was moored and to the	companied by the senators and members of the Chamber of Deputies from the Sant Andre district. It is now officially estimated the dead will	mouth to there answer to the charge of murder. While the train was enroute the deputy sheriff chauged his plans, for at Ash- iand he received a telegram from Platts
ton & Quincy Railroad company to protect its employes from the effects of sickness and injury, and to relieve the distress of those dependent upon them when death results	not possible to doubt that before spring certain changes will have taken place in the	A debate on Germany's position in Europe followed, during which Deputy Raitzinger declared that but for the war in 1860; the policy of blood pursued in 1870 might have	they sent all the fire department to the	number over 300. The number of missing and injured is enormous. Many of the in- jured are dying owing to the want of prompt medical assistance. Twenty-seven civic guards and all the members of the police	mouth informing him that a mob congregat- ing and that his men would be lynched if they were taken to that place. Then it was that the officer decided to bring the men to
from a catastrophe. The relief department is pointed to as a beneficent society for the amelioration of the condition of railway em- ployes. The company gets the credit for ber of the relief fund." Membership Entirely "Voluntary" Rule 20 of the regulations provides: "No employe shall be required to become a mem- ber of the relief fund."	PLEASED GERMANY. Its Press and People Giory in the Part that Country Took in the World's Fair. Coppright 1:53 by the Associated Press	been avoided and in place of the present limited (Germany an empire compassing all the German race might have been created with the Danube remaining a German river.	scene. The governor, the chief municipal officers and many of the leading citizens were superintending the efforts to subdue the fire on board the steamer. Suddenly terrible cries of alarm were heard from the vessel,	force but two were killed. Among the other victims are the civil governor, colonel of the regiment, three naval officers, the port officials and the	Omaha and keep them in the Douglas county jail until the excitement had subsided and it was considered safe to remove them to Plattsmouth.
the Burlington Volunteer Relief department	BERLIN, Nov. 4.—The close of the World's fair at Chicago has been made the occasion for a number of articles in the German press	In reply the premier said Germany's posi- tion as now allied to Austria was better than at any time since the union of the Ger- man race.	and the alarming news spread with rapidity that the ship was loaded with dynamite and the flames were rapidly approaching the cargo.	judge fiscal. A majority of the passen- gers of a train which arrived at the moment of the explosion were also killed. It appears the steamer which exploded car-	Yesterday morning the deputy and his men arrived at the Mason street depot and entering a close carriage, were driven to the county jail, where Hill and Benwell were

fails to carry out the popular apprehension of its usefulness. It is the purpose of THE BEE in this article to show up in their true for the sole purpose of soliciting employes to

the Burlington Volunteer Relief department | everything in its power to laduce its em- for a number of articles in the German press ployes to become members of the relief referring to the satisfaction of the German fund. It is known that they employ men exhibitors at the manner in which the fair was managed. That the German section and fully justifie the expectations of the managers is everywhere admitted and it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that it will have immense influence over American-German relations in the future. Reichsanzeiger tonight prints prominently a cordial dispatch from the director general of the fair to the German commissioner. This dispatch was sent on the closing day of the fair, and says that although a tragic oc currence has thrown a shadow over the close of the proceedings German participation in the exhibition has caused the liveliest satisfaction, and the director general will always be grateful to the German empire and its august ruler for the exhibits made by Germany.

The hereditary prince of Saxe-Meiningen has been appointed to the command of the Twenty-second division of the army.

the flames were rapidly approaching the cargo. It appears the steamer which exploded car-

Before the crowd had time to rush back ried 500 packages of dynamite, although the officers declared there were but twenty there was a dull roar followed by a fearful

county jail, where Hill and Benwell were locked in separate sells, Sheriff Bennett and his brother trying to suppress all information concerning their presence in the city.

light the facts concerning the operation of this much vaunted department. Disclaiming In advance any purpose of creating a breach In the relations between the railroad and its employes or of injuring the small amount of good work actually performed by the department, it is the purpose of this article to show to railway employes and to the general public that the organization which upon its face purports to be an association for the relief of sick and injured employes is in reality device of the railroad companies to protect itself against the liability which the laws lay upon them and to prevent employes from collecting what would really be due them for injuries received while serving the company.

It is also the purpose to prove to employes that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company uses the relief department as a protection to itself; that it practically compels the employes to contribute their own funds for the protection of the company; that it is in truth a mutual insurance company operated by the railroad company for its own benefit and supported by the employes; that it has no legal existence as a corporation and that it therefore has no standing in the courts; that it can defraud the employe and leave the employe without redress; that it is an insurance company doing business outside the laws of the state ; and finally that its contracts which it requires the employes to sign before they are entitled to draw the money contributed by themselves are void and illegal upon the grounds of public policy.

## History of the Department.

The Burlington Voluateer Relief department was organized but a few years ago, its inception dating from June 1, 1889. It was organized, not by the employes, but by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company and the several railroad companies associated with it, as follows:

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, including the B. & M. lines in Nebraska, the Chicago & Iowa, Hannibal & St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern, Chicago, Burlington & Kønsas City.

The employes of the above roads contribute, "voluntarily" of course, to a comion fund known and designated as the "relief fund." This fund is supplemented by the contributions of the company for the payment of expenses and for making up any deficiency. The relief department, according to the terms of the agreement drawn up by the railroads interested and to which every applicant for membership must subscribe before he can be entitled to benefits is under the general charge of the Chicago. Burlington & Quincy Rathroad company The officers and agents of this company deduct the dues from the monthly wages of the contributors to the fund, take charge of the funds and pay out the money upon the written orders of the proper authorities.

#### Railroads Maintain Control.

The officers of the relief department consist of a superintendent, assistant superintendent, medical director (who may be the superintendent or assistant) and a corps of medical examiners. All officers, etc., are appointed by the railroad company. There is also an advisory, board of twelve members, to whom all disputed questions, etc. are referred. The contributing employes etect six of the members of the advisory board and to even up matters the railroad company appoints the other six. But the company has provided an additional safeguard for its own interests by providing in the rules that the general superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad shall be an ex-officio member of the advisory board and its permanent chairman. Thus the company guards its own interests by assuming the authority to cast the deciding

nake application for more bership. They distribute books, leaflets and circulars. Every omploye is furnished with blank applications for membership and as a matter of fact every member is given to thoroughly understand that in order to maintain his prestige with the company it will be to his interest to become a contributing member to

The zeal of the railroads in recruiting the ranks of the members of the relief fund may perhaps be explained by an innocent little paragraph in the application for membership, which reads as follows:

the fund.

"I also agree that in consideration of the mounts paid by said company for the maintenance of the relief department, the acceptince of benefits from said relief fund for injury or death shall operate as a release and satisfaction of all claims for damages against said company arising from such injury or death which could be

## made by me or my legal representatives. Sole Purpose of the Department.

The above paragraph, innocent as it seems to the employe when he hurriedly makes his application for membership, contains in a nutshell the object and sole purpose of the railroad company in organizing the Burlington Volunteer Relief department. The average death benefits are from \$500 to \$1,000. although they may in certain instances run up as high as \$5,000. The switchman who is run over and maimed for life is entitled to draw 50 cents a day as accident benefits as long as he remains in the employ of the company, but there is nothing in the terms of his membership to prevent the railroad compuny from discharging him whenever it pleases after he has been injured, and there

is now on file with the clerk of the supreme court a case in which the railroad company did discharge a man after he had been in jured, even when the superintendent had given his word that the man should remain n the employ of the company as long as he desired, and then practically violated the agreement by tendering the man a place

## which he was not qualified to fill. Good Investment for the Company. It will require but a few figures from the

official records to prove that the relief department has been a paying investment for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company and its associate lines. According to the sworn testimony of J. C. Bartlett, general superintendent of the department, the employes contributed to the fund during the first three years of its existence the sum of \$359,639.96. Out of this fund there was paid in that period for sickness and death \$187,885.50. For accidents and death by accidents there was paid during that time the sum of \$193,070.35, making a total of \$380,-955.85, leaving a deficiency of \$20,275.55 to be made up by the company. The expenses of the department for the same period were \$03,736.53, which amount was paid by the company, together with the sum of \$1,040.34. as interest on monthly balances. Thus the

# total investment of the railroad company for

a period of three years was \$114,012.08. In other words, by the payment of \$38,000 per annum the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and all its associate lines insured themselves against possible outlays for damages to their employes. Considering the fact that these systems employ nearly 25,000 men, and that a frightful number of accidents are reported overy year, the insurance omes dirt cheap.

## How the Company Saves Money. The quotation of a few more facts and figures from official records will open the

eyes of the members of the relief department to the manner in which the railroad company has saved itself thousands of dolars every year under the guise of supporting a department "for the relief of its employes." In order to bring the matter more

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# Swore in the Recruits.

There was a large gathering this morning at the Potsdam barracks to witness the recruits of the Potsdam garrison take the oath of allegiance in the presence of the emperor and empress, who were accompanied by theirsthree eldest sons. The function was a purely formal one, Emperor William abstaining from making any significant remarks upon the duty of the soldiers, as he indulged n upon a previous memorable occasion. After leaving the parade ground Emperor William and his staff proceeded to the club of the officers of the First regiment of foot guards, where the emperor and his party were entertained at luncheon. The Hanover trial has been the sensation of the week; the heavy sentences met with universal approval. In

military circles something approaching to exultation is felt at the fact that justice has at length been meted out to the so-called "human vultures," who have victimized an immense number of young and aristocratic officers who preferred to suffer in silence rather than have the names of their families dragged before the public gaze.

Severe in Their Comments. The press comments upon the trials are

especially severe and demand a purification of the army from all those who are suspected of being implicated in the scandals. The ultra-conservative Kreuz Zeitung suggests that all the officers who have been

compromised in the gambling scandals should be cashiered. The National Zeitung proposes that gambling be considered disbonorable and entail

ing dismissal from the army One of the results of the trial, according to the Cologne Gazette, will be a probable heavy increase in the tax on tolizator. This system is tolerated by the government with a view to diminishing gambling by taxing gambling transactions, but instead of diminishing betting the receipts of the agencies show that the vice is thriving well under the shadow of the law. The authorities of Berlin are now considering the advisability of increasing this tax by 1 per cent.

## Sequel of an Army Scandal.

The sequel to another army scandal, em bracing charges of brutality to private soldiers is the cashiering of Lieutenant Schrag-Multer of the Thirty-ninth regiment of infantry, stationed at Dusseldorf. The lieutenant has just served two months in prison for the brutal manner in which he treated young Westphalian teachers, who did not complain until their six weeks training was finished, when they com plained to the commander of the army corps They added the warning that if he did not attend to the matter they will submit the case to the civil courts. The result was that a military inquiry was ordered, and Lieutenant Schrag-Multer was sentenced to

two months imprisonment, and this has been followed by cashiering him from the army. Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the Red Cross upon President Germany's New Financial Scheme

The Associated press correspondent re ceived from the finance minister tonight smashed windows for miles around. the copy of a bill embodying the new finan cial scheme of the empire and which will now be submitted to the Bundesrath. The bill provides that the federal contributions to the imperial treasury, apart from the special sums payable by the individual states, shall be limited each year to a sum at least 40,000,000 marks below the total payments to the states out of the imperial revenue from customs and from tobacco, stamps, excise and spirit duties. If the difference between the federal contributions and payments to

the empire will retain such surplus, and the payments on account of the customs and the topacco tax will be correspondingly reduced. If the balance the other way a corresponding amount of federal contributions will be re mitted. Any surplus in the imperial budget which may remain after a balance has been struck will be paid into a special fund, which will be used for meeting deficits in subsequent years. Should this equalization fund amount to 40,000,000 marks further amounts will be devoted to the redemption of the imperial debt. The fund will be managed by the imperial chancellor, and a report in regard to the fund will be submitted to the Reichstag and Bundesrath early. In the event of a deficit in the ordinary imperial budget the taxes on articles of consumption may be increased. A special law, however will be required to determine which taxes shall be increased and the amount and duration thereof.

### TROUBLE IN TURKEY.

Rector of an Aibaniau Seminary Murdered by Arnuts Who Demand Autonomy, BELGRADE, Nov. 4 .-- It is reported from Prisrend today that the rector of the seminary there has been murdered by the Arnuts, who are in possession of the terri tory after having driven out the Turkish garrison and given an ultimatum to the sultan demanding the complete evacuation of the troops by Wednesday next and the granting of autonomy to the pashalik of Prisrend.

The Arnuts also informed the Porte that should this ultimatum pot be complied with the Turkish troops would be expelled by force from the pashalik.

## Will Not Bo Tolerated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4-No official of the State department will admit the truth of the report that Germany or France or any other European power has given any intimation of an intention to intervene in Brazilian affairs. There appears to be no doubt that the interference of any European power in Brazil will elicit a remonstrance from the United States government.

Commander Picking, in charge of the United States naval forces at Rio de Janeiro, has sent the following dispatch to Secretary Herbert: "There is firing daily between the rebel forces and the government forces but without result. Am looking for a settlement. Thus far there has been no interference with our commerce."

# Taafe's Successor

Copyrighted 1893 by James Gordon Bennett. ] VIENNA, Nov. 4 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-Emperor Francis Joseph has selected Prince Windish Graetz as prime minister of the Austrian cabinet to succeed Count Taafe, whose resignation has been accepted.

## Ex-Minister Tirard.

[Cor prighted 1833 by James Gordon Bennett.] PARIS, Nov. 4.- [New York Herald Cable -Special to THE BEE.]-M. Pierre Emmanuel 'lirard, ex-president of the ministry and ex-minister of finance, died in this city this morning.

urst of flame and a deafening explosion which blew the quay into fragments, set fire to a number of adjacent houses and

## Natives Badly Scared.

The inhabitants, after the explosion, were reduced to a state of most abject terror and the most alarming reports were circulated as to the loss of life caused by the explosion. Some had it that hundreds and others that only a few were killed.

The explosion shook the city and did an enormous amount of damage. Many citizens were killed, including several officials of the municipal and provincial government, who were watching the efforts of the firemen the states exceeds that amount in any year and others to extinguish the fire.

Among the prominent people believed to have been blown to atoms by the explosion is the governor of the province, who was last seen in the front rank of those fighting the fire. Many others who were upon the wharf a moment before the dynamite blew the ship up and the wharf into splinters are missing.

The inhabitants were so dazed by the explosion and by the rapid spread of the flames from house to house that for a long time afterwards they appeared to be utterly un able to make any attempt to prevent any further spread of the fire, which, according to the dispatches from the village, was meanwhile eating house after house and threatening the destruction of the entire city. All towns and villages in the neighborhood of Santander have sent their fire engines to the scene, and a strong and combined effort is being made to save the property.

Santander is situated on a headland and has a large port in the Bay of Biscay. It is the terminus of a railway from Madrid. It is the port of arrival and departure for many vessels engaged in the South America trade. It supplies Cuba with corn for the Castiles, bringing back colonial produce. It has a population of between 30,000 and 40,000.

#### Panic Prevails.

Further details received here regarding the terrible dynamite explosion at Santande say that in addition to the officers killed the president of the provincial council, and the colonel and chief officers of the civic guard of Santander were seriously wounded by the explosion. It is only announced that the whole city is likely to be destroyed, and a large number of its population. Over 30,-600 people will be rendered homeless. A dreadful panic prevails upon all sides. Fire engines have already arrived from many points and the most determined efforts are being made to prevent any further destruc-

tion of property. All those on board or near the dynamite steamer and all those on board the tug boat alongside of her, as well as the officers and crew of the transatiantic liner Alphonse XII, were killed by the explosion.

The body of the civil governor, who was directing the operations on the quay, has been recovered, as well as the bodies of a number of other officials. Among those re ported killed is the Marquis Pambo.

# Identity of the Steamer.

It has been ascertained that the dynamite loaded steamer which caused this terrible destruction was the Cabo Muchicaco, be longing to Bilboa, and not the British steamer, as was at first reported. The authorities of the Santander are

highly censured on all sides for allowing the steamer to violate the port regulations, which forbid the discharge of explosives at the quay side; on the other hand, it is claimed the authorities were ignorant of the dangerous nature of the steamer's cargo or they certainly would not have been so foolhardy.

Every possible assistance has been sent to Santander, where hundreds of doctors are already at work. A number of tempor-

which were landed at the beginning of tire.

# MELLO'S AGENT SPEAKS.

#### He Declares that Brazil's Rebels Are True to the Republic.

BUENOS AVRES, Argentina, (via Galveston, Fex.), Nov. 4.-[By Mexican Cable to the NewYork Herald-Special to THE BEE.]-Senator Ruy Barbosa, the Brazilian exile who is the representative on land of the revolutionary party of Brazil, has addressed another statement to the New York Herald that the position of the insurgents may be made known to the world. He denies the frequently published reports that the success of the insurgents means the restoration of the monarchy, and speaking directly of Admiral Mello and the navy declares that

they are faithful to the republic and are not in sympathy with the alleged treason. The communication of Senator Barbosa follows: Not Favorable to a Monarchy.

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HER-ALD: From some telegrams lately published here I learn that it is the belief in foreign countries that we wish to restore the empire in Brazil. This is false and absurd. Brazilians are faithful to the republic, but will not consent to be governed by a military dictator. Admiral Mello is an honest man and has never committed himself to the alleged treason. He is devoted to the republic and the re-establishment of the constitution. He declares that any attempt to found a republic will meet with decided repulse. The navy emphatically favors the republic.

#### Where Pelxoto is Strong.

"A telegram from Washington published in La Nacion today confirms my suspicions that the revolutionists in Brazil lack the sympathy of the American government because of the belief existing there that Admiral Mello intends to restore the empire. This explains why Peixoto is able to procure ships only in the United States. It is also stated that the United States against its known tra-

ditions will lend the protection of its flag to aid Peixoto's ships in reaching Brazil." "It is a pity such faise romance should be credited by experienced and sagacious men

in that country and particularly in Washington and New York. It is well known to us where such stories originated. The calumny was planned solely with the object of securing the good will of the American government.

### Peixoto's Alleged Object.

"Nobody is trying harder than Peixoto to restore the monarchy by a system of military oppressions, abolishing liberty and destroying the popularity of republican insti-

tutions. "Americans will later on be convinced of the treachery of the Brazilian dictatorship which leads them to help the most obnoxious regime known to the people and inimical to the constitution of the country. The revolution is purely a republican movement, de signed to suppress a military dictatorship. Friends of Brazil are grieved at the attitude of the American government in aiding an oppressive and unpopular personal government. Our national sentiment of friendship for the United States has been wounded.

RUY BARBERA.31 When Senator Barbosa handed his signed

statement to the Herald correspondent he inquired anxiously about the fleet of ships which Peixoto is buying in New York. There is absolutely no news from Rio de Janeiro. The legation here denies having received any messages.

Nothing confirming the report that the alleged conflict between the Republica and and Rio Janeirio, in which it was said ; 1,300 of Pcixoto's soldiers had been drowned has been received. The report finds no credence here. It is salu that the squadron at Rio is inactive.

Farmers Eager for Vengeance.

At Plattsmouth there was intense excitement during the entire day, and early yes. terday morning there was a movement on foot to string the two men to a telephone pole as soon as they left the train. People in town were in communication with the farmers in the vicinity of Weeping Water and the country adjacent to the home of the Akesons, keeping them posted as to the developments.

As early as 10 o'clock the streets of the little city had taken on a lively appearance and were crowded with the men who comprise the best and most respectable element of Cass county. Hourly the crowd was increased by the arrival of farmers from other sections of the county, and when the train due at 11 o'clock rolled in it is safe to estimate that there were fully 1,000 cfarmers gathered about the door.

## Sheriff Tighe Takes Precautions.

It was with feelings of alarm and dire forebodings that Sheriff Tighe looked out over this crowd. He knew most of the men. and he knew that while they were the best of citizens, they were determined and ready to take the law in their own hands and deal with the two murderers, Hill and Benwell, without giving them the benefit of clergy or jury. Having anticipated acts of violence, the sheriff had taken the precaution to swear in twenty deputies, all of whom were gathered about two hacks which were intended to be used in conveying the prisoners from the station to the city jail.

The train was on time, and as it rolled up to the station the conductor looked out from the door of the baggage car and, calling to the crowd, remarked, "Boys, they are not here."

This statement, however, did not satisfy the crowd, and hastily appointing a committee of a dozen men, it was sent through the train to investigate and make sure that there was not being an attempt to secrete the men in some of the closets. Having made the investigations, the committee reported and the train went on its way. The crowd dispersed and spread out upon the streets.

Duly Charged with Murder.

In the meantime County Attorney Travis had gone before Justice Archer, where he had filed two informations, one charging both Hill and Benwell jointly with murder in the first degree, while the other charged Benwell with murder and charged Hill with aiding and abetting. It was his intention to have the warrants issued and served as soon as the men stepped from the train, but, as he looked from the window of his office, he concluded that if he waited for the men to arrive there would be a job for the coroner instead of one for the sheriff. Having reached this conclusion, he at once went to the telegraph office, and, without consulting the sheriff, telegraphed to the deputy to leave the murderers at Omaha until the excitement had subsided. This telegram reached the official while the train was at Ashland, and instead of the officer taking his men to Plattsmouth, he went over the cut-off and a few hours later turned them over to the authorities of Douglas county.

In Plattsmouth this information was not given to the public and the people were left to believe that the men would reach town on the noon train. Consequently during the the noon train. Consequently during the entire forenoon large crowds of men continued to arrive, congregating in stores and shops, where the line of action to be pursued was discussed. Now and then a party of from 100 to 200 would visit the city jail, look at it and march away with the remark: "I may be strong enough, but it could not stand against a battering ram."

#### All Went to the Depot.

Just before noon, as by one common im-pulse, the great throng, which numbered fully 2,000, marched to the depot to meet the train. The sheriff, who was also in igno-rance of the disposition which had been made of Hill and Benwell, was also on the ground with his deputies, prepared to pro-