SPANISH LEADERS PACIFIC

Senor Labra Not Alarmed Over Prospects of War.

THINKS A CONFLICT CAN BE AVERTED

Senor Silvela Inclined to the Opinion that Spain's Course of Isolation in European Affairs Makes Her Situation Worse.

(Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) MADRID (Via Bayonne), May 18 .- (New York World Cablegram.-Special Telegram.) -Senor Labra, chosen cenator from Havana university at the last general election, has Spanish parliaments, where he has sat as deputy for Puerto Rico or Cuba for twenty years. He was the leader of the abolitionists and is an advanced republican. He is a Spaniard by birth, however, though he has represented the colonial interest in Madrid both as a politician and as a successful barrister.

See the colonial interest in the coloni been chief of the autonomist party in several

Senor Labra said to the World correspondent today: "I cannot well discuss the merits of the Competitor case or of the royal speech at the opening of the Cortes, as I have only just returned today from a fortnight's tour of the southern provinces of Spain, where I of the southern provinces of Spain, where I found the people listened to my speeches in favor of colonial autonomy. That I deem the best way to put an end to our differences with the United States and to the civil war which all military men and civilians coming back from Cuba tell us cannot be concluded by force of arms alone. "I consider the Competitor case merely an incident in the general drift and complex

incident in the general drift and complex state of our relations with the United States. They could easily be improved and probably arranged, if the Spaniards would only understand four things: "First, that in all classes in the United States there exists a strong sympathy with Cuban autonomy, and even independence. "Second, that the same feeling is equally

strong in all the Spanish American repub-Third, that European sympathy for Spain is conditional, as both press and governments recommend our making timely concessions

to the colonies.

"Fourth, that in Cuba and Puerto Rico the separatists owe their strength to the fact that a majority of the inhabitants hold aloof and keep away from the strife in dread of being some day sacrificed to the so-called conservative party and military influence that will be dominant when Spain triumphs.

EASY TO AVERT TROUBLE. "I firmly believe that it would be easy for Spain to avert all complications like the Competitor case and more serious difficulties yet ahead in our relations with the United yet ahead in our relations with the United States if our government only had the cour-age to go absolutely to the colonies in a manner compatible with imperial sovereignty. I believe that President Cleveland is sincere I believe that Prement Cleveland is successed and to meet us half way on such grounds. Anyhow, denunciation at present of our treaties with America or denial of assent to fair reclamations would be inadvisable.

"In my seat in the Senate I propose shortly to make some revelations on Cuban affairs denice the last filese, months that will show

during the last fifteen months that will show that the advent of the conservatives to of-fice has aggravated the situation, but I will never do anything that could play into the

hands of America.

"I believe that Premier Canovas and the Spanish government will do their best to the very last to avert a conflict with the United States. Therefore, I do not apprehend any trouble over the Competitor case if press and opinion on both sides keep cool."

Senor Francisco Silvala is the chief dishands of America.

the chief sentient of the conservatives. He was min-ister of justice in several cabinets presided Canovas and is a learned member

He said to the World correspondent: certainly believe that the Competitor incident could have been avoided by tact on the part of the authorities in Havana, simply by respecting the texts of the treity of 1795 and the protocol of 1877. No alteration of our native and penal legislation by the military or civil authorities establishing summary proceedings and trials by courts-martial after proceedings and trains by proclaims and trains of a state of siege could set aside our international obligations contracted before said domestic legislation came into force. I believe that the present government has understood this to be the case, and will take care to avoid fresh incidents after the Competitor case is sent back to our court of naval appeals, to the proper jurisdiction under the treaties. Of course, Spain like any other power, might ask for a re-vision of her treaties with America, or she might denounce them, but this would hardly be conducive to improvement of our re-lations with the United States, and I doubt if the government harbors any such idea.

NO RUPTURE APPREHENDED. 'I do not apprehend any rupture between Spain and America and I am convinced that Premier Canovas will continue to control the popular and patriotic feelings that the press and the opposition are now attempting to ex-cite. I believe that it will be impossible to refues to extend to the subjects of European powers exemptions from the rigor of martia law granted to American citizens.

"I certainly think that Spain would be in a better position in her dealing with the United States if our government had not neglected European alliances and followed a policy of isolation. But this mistake is perhaps too late to remedy. Our relations with the United States and with Cuba might have been placed on a better footing had we carried out early last year the colon-ial reforms that it is now impossible to at-tempt in the midst of a civil war."

The real importance of the opinion stated y Senor Silvela lies in the fact that, al-lough a dissentient, he is considered by most conservatives and the rest of the Spa lards to be the certain successor of Premier Carrovas in the leadership of the conserva-tive party, from which he is separated only because he dimented from Romero Robledo's the colonial scandals at Madrid. ARTHUR E. HOUGHTON.

PROTEST IN THE SPANISH SENATE

Uttered in Washington. MADRID, May 18 .- In the senate today. Senor Giron, a liberal, protested against the planders of Spain which were uttered in the United States senate. He intended, he said, to denounce the intolerable conduct of

pirates and brigands against Spain. The day had come, he said, when we should have to consider the wretched acts of interference of the dollar princes with the affairs of Spain. He protested also against the Wash ington slanders against the queen-regent duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, replied to Senor Giron that the ernment might join in the latter protest they could not approve the remainder of Senor Giron's remarks. President Cleveland and the United States government had given

proof of their respect for the principles of international law, he maintained. The duke of Teutan then added that the Senate was not yet formally organized and could not proceed with the question. The president of the senate upheld the position taken by the duke of Teutan, and the matter

was dropped. German Socialists Sentenced BERLIN, May 18 .- The trial, which commenced last Friday, was concluded today, of the forty-seven socialists, including the pres ident and members of the executive com-mittee of the party, who were charged with the violation of the law of the association during 1893, 1894 and 1895. As a result of the trial, Herr Bebel has been fined 75 marks, Herr Aund Pfankauch 50 marks, and Herren Singer and Gerish 40 marks each rest, including two women, were acquitted

Petard Exploded in Madrid. MADRID, May 18 .- A petard was exploded today in the street near the royal palace. No damage was done.

FORBIDS TOBACCO EXPORTATION.

General Weyler Issues an Order Which May Make Cigars Costly. HAVANA, May 18 .- Captain General Wey of leaf tobacco from Cuba. The order has created consternation among the foreign commercial bouses in this city. It is understood that General Weyler has taken this step because of the financial assistance rendered to the Cuban insurgents by Cuban and Spanish clgarsmakers in the United

States and elsewhere.

Some of the foreign commercial houses have complained to the consuls of their rehave complained to the consuls of their respective countries of the injury which they
will suffer through the prohibition of the
export of leaf tobacco. The consuls have
cabled to their respective governments asking for instructions and calling attention to
the injury which it is claimed the proclamation will do to commerce. The insurgents
in the province of Havana are said to be
discouraged. The insurgent governor, Audiscouraged. The insurgent governor, Au-relio Betancourt, and Macco, the insurgent leader, bave been making great efforts to

be trying to avoid them.

Colonel Hernandez, while reconnoitering in the swamp land of Pinar del Rio, met a force of insurgents. In the engagements which followed six of the Cubans were killed and flags and streamers fluttered fitfully in the

nouncing that General Weyler had forbidden the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. A member of a wholesale grocery house that imports more tobacco and cigars from Cuba than any other firm said today: "If the telegraphic dispatches concerning this matter are correct the whole manufacturing tobacco trade in this country will be demoralized. The price of Havana cigars constantly fluctuates as far as the dealers are concerned, although the consumers, perhaps, do not know it. There has been a gradual increase in the price of tobacco-the last two or three-months, but it is impossible to say how much the but it is impossible to say how much the price of domestic cigars is to be increased by our fallure to get tobacco from Cuba. Some Sumatra leaf is used for making cigars, but it is not so satisfactory of course, as the but it is not so satisfactory of course, as the Havana. The enforcement of General Weyler's decree would greatly interfere with the factories in Florida. But it is early yet to prophesy. I think the manufacturers in this country have Cuban tobacco on hand sufcountry have Cuban tobacco on hand suf-ficient to last them for a few months." The importations of leaf tobacco from Cuba

ran from 10,000,000 pounds in 1886 to 21,000,-000 pounds in 1895. The value of tobacco ranged from \$4,000,000 in 1886 to \$9,000,000 in 1893, and \$7,000,000 in 1895. The value of manufactures of tobacco (cigars) imported from Cuba in 1886 was \$3,100,000, and the importations gradually increased until 1890. when their value was \$3,900,000. Then the importations, "or sales," decreased until 1895, when the total value of the manufactures of obacco (cigars), imported were only \$2,040,-

Consul General Williams has telegraphed from Havana that the authorities there re-fuse to deliver for extradition to this country Marcel Martin, alias Gonzales Mendoza, who is wanted here on the charge of swin-

dling August Belmont & Co. out of \$24,000 by means of a forged draft. WASHINGTON, May 18.—It is learned at the State department that the report of the refusal of the Spanish authorities to extradite Mendoza, al'as Martin, is an error arising out of the fact that Consul General William wired that the man was under arrest, not on the charges made against him by the United States, but for other causes, the nature of which he did not know. The State department papers asking for his extradition have not yet reached Havana.

BRITISH BARK BLOWS OUT TO SEA.

Has Gone to the Bottom. VANCOUVER, B. C., May 18.-At last ome definite news has been received of the fate of the British bark, Cadzo Forest, which has been so long missing and which has been given up as lost. From news received yes-terday it appears that the fears that the wessel was wrecked were only too well founded. It will be remembered that the vessel was last seen off the mouth of the Columbia river having come up from San Francisco to load grain for Portland. Owing to the storm, she

The little missionary steamer Glad Tidings, pelonging to the Methodist church, arrived n port from a cruise among the Indian mis-sionary stations last night. While at China Hat on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Captain Alcock reports that some Indians showed him a life buoy bearing the name "Cadzo Forest" which they had picked up the day before on the beach. The Indians also said that a large quantity of wreckage and lumber was strewn along the beach.

CONSUELO VANDERBILT PRESENTED

Drawing Room of the Season. LONDON, May 18 .- The princess of Wales resisted by her daughters and Prince Charles of Denmark, had the largest drawing room of he season at Buckingham palace today, in behalf of the queen. The weather was warm and great crowds lined the Mall. The mar-quis of Salisbury and the commander-in-chief. Lord Wolseley, as well as all the members of the diplomatic corps, were among those resent.

The Americans presented were the duches f Mariborough (formerly Miss Consuelo Van derbilt), Mrs. Calvin Brice and her two daughters, and Mrs. Douglas Grant of New York, Mrs. Henry Asquith was also pre-sented. Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, Mrs. Bayard and Mr. Carter, Mr. Bayard's secretary, were the only representatives of the United States embassy present.

COLOMBIA'S CRUISER COMES BACK

Cordova's Search for the Bermuda Results in Nothing. COLON, Columbia, May 18 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The gunboat Cordova, the converted merchantman bought in New York by the Columbian overnment, has returned without encounter

ng the Bermuda.

Opinion here is divided as to what would e the issue if these ships should meet. republican policy of arrogating police juris-tiction on open sea is much discussed among

luban sympathizers. The Cordova's American crew, including the engineers, being dissatisfied with their wages and food, have left the vessel.

May Import Silver Coin. Oppyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) COLON, Columbia, May 18.—(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.) -The government has revoked the law prohibiting the importation of Columbian half dollars, .85 fine. This revocation benefits large cor-porations, which find difficulty in getting sit find difficulty in getting allver to pay off laborers.

Troubles in the flusiness World. LANSING. Mich., May 18. Coment & Sons, extensive makers of stoves and agricultural implements, this afternoon filed two trust deeds to secure claims amounting to

\$300,000, about equally distributed between local and outside ereditors. COLUMBUS, O., May 18.—Edward Kellon & Co., lumber dealers, assigned today to George L. Converse, fr. Assets, \$200,000. The liabilities will not exceed \$160,000. The assignment was precipitated by the failure of the Ketchum Lumber company of Chicago. Movements of Ocean Vessels, May 18.

MOSCOW GREETS THE CZAR

ler has freued an order forbidding the export | Coronation Festivities Inaugurated in the Ancient City.

ROYAL TRAIN ARRIVES IN A RAINSTORM

Representatives Are Gathered from All Corners of the Earth and Form an Interesting Study _Li Hung Chang Arrives.

MOSCOW, May 18.-The arrival of the czar and ezarina this afternoon may be said to inaugurate the festival season in celebration of the coronation. Their majestles arrived in their special train at the Smolensk to station at 5:30 p, m. The station is about

station to the number of several thousand followed six of the Cubans were killed and one man was made prisoner.

During several skirmishes which have recently taken place in the provinces of Havana, Santa Clara and Santiago de Cuba the insurgents lost ten killed and the troops had two men killed and Lieutenant Colonel Jule and several privates have been wounded.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Importers of to-bacco from Cuba were inclined to doubt to-day the authenticity of the dispatch announcing that General Weyler had forbidden the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. peted stairs from the pavilion, entered a carriage and were driven to the Petrovski palace, escorted by a cavalry officer of the highest rank. Following their carriages came three troykas, which were occupied by the Grand Duke Sergius and his grand duchest the Grand Duke Michael-Michaelgreat enthusiasm, the route being lined with great crowds of cheering spectators.

UNIFORM OF HIS FATHER'S GUARD. The czar, as he stepped from the train at he Smolensk station, were the uniform of Alexander III's regiment of the guards, and he received the reports from the Grand Duke Vladimir (the oldest surviving brother of the late czar), who is commander of all of the

troops in Moscow.

The czarina, as chief of the Uhlan regiment, received the report of the commander of that regiment.

The drive to the Petrovski palace was made by their majesties in a closed carriage, owing to the rain.

Upon their arrival at the palace the imperial standard was hoisted there, and forty-four of the Nijnl Novgorod dragoons mounted guard. The czar received a delegation from the Zeemstvo, from the province of Moscow. He then proceeded to the state apartments on the first floor, where a te deum was cele-brated, and the priests blessed the czar on the occasion of his 28th birthday. Earlier in the day Li Hung Chang and

The Chinese envoy was received in a most brilliant manner and afterwards presided at a reception given in the Chinese embassy, which was profusely decorated with flags. Field Marshal Yamagata, the Japanese en voy, the duke of Najara, the representative

of Spain and the crown prince of Roumania have also arrived here. The latter was re-ceived at the railroad station by the grand duker, grand duchesses and high officials with military honors, the band playing the entional anthem. Representatives of the rural population to

the number of about 600 have reached here and are lodged in the Korch theater, whose stage has been transformed into a dining hall. The costumes of the country dining half.

visitors present a most picturesque sight
comprising all kinds from middle Poland to the extreme Asiatic districts of the Russian empire. Over the maisonperlow, in which the Chi

nese embirsy is located (the building belonging to an important firm of tea importers floats Li Hung Chang's crest, the double dragon. The house is furnished throughout dragon. n Chinese style. The movements of Li Hung Chang and Field Marshal Count Yamagata are followed

with the keenest popular interest, while the nificent robes of gold cloth, and other eastern potentates in gala attire excite general admiration.

GREAT CONGRESS OF NATIONS. Nearly every nation on earth has sent here special ambassador or representative, and every province in the vast Russian empire has sent a deputation, making an assemblage has sent a deputation, making an assemblage which in itself forms an interesting ethnological congress. The tribes of Siberia and the steppes, the Eskimos, Poles, Finlanders, Laplanders, Coscacks, Tartars, Armenians, Georgians, Circassians, Calmucks, Kurds, Chinese, Mongols and a dozen others in strange outlandish costumes and unknown tongues, have come to Moscow from all the pods of the empire to renew their homage ends of the empire to renew their homage to the great white czar, the autocrat of all the Russias. They are wandering through the streets of this ancient capital in motley throngs today, under the wondering inspection of other strange people, even from the westernmost part of America, who have come this long journey for the spectacle. Prince Henry of Prussia, representing Emperor Wil-liam, General von Werder, formerly German ambassador to Russia, and the grand duke of Oldenburg have arrived here and were re-ceived with military honors.

One of the special features of the present even in Moscow in the doing away with the custom of employing special constables in citizens' dress to guard the route of the caar's coming and going from the city. On general occasions the route of the czar's progress is guarded by a double line of mili-tary, a double rank of sworn civilians, the ordinary police in uniform, the police of the defense department and the detective police. The doing away with the sworn civilian ranks will give better opportunity for the czar's subjects at large to witness his prog the coronation.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—The duke of Connaught, who will represent Queen Vi toria at the czar's coronation, accompanied by the duchess of Connaught, has arrived in Russia on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which was gaily decorated from stem to stern. The war ships and forts in stem to stern. The war ships and forts in the harbor of Cronstadt saluted the royal yacht as she entered. The United States steamer Minneapolis.

Admiral Selfridge's flagship, is lying in the roads at Cronstadt and joined in the salutes today in honor of the czar's birthday. Ad-Selfridge and party started for Moscow n the afternoon.

Mail Arrives Two Months Late MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 18 .- (Via Galveston. Tex.)-Sixty sacks of mail matter from the United States and Europe, including letters, etc., from March 12 on, which been detained on account of the revolution, arrived here today.

Zelaya, a member of the cabinet, has re-

Foster Innugurated Governor BATON ROUGE, La., May 18.—Murpby J.
Foster of St. Mary's was inagurated governor of Louisiana for the second time, and Robert H. Snyder of Tensas Lieutenant governor this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering.

Fighther, the ex-Hungarian army sincer who is suspected of cutting the throat of Mrs. Langfeldt, an aged woman, is still among the messing. His movements up to Saturday have been traced, but after that time his disappearance has been complete. It is known that Planther went to his room late Friday night. He met a young man ramed Dodge Enturday moraing. At Naples-Sailed-Italia, from New York. | large gathering.

BUFFALO CARPENTERS LOCKED OUT.

All Who Declare Themselves for Eight Hours Discharged. BUFFALO, May 18 .- The proposed strike of carpenters today for the eight-hour workday was met by a lockout. As the men presented themselves at the shops they were required to answer a question as to whether they were for eight hours; if the reply was in the affirmative they were discharged on the spot. By noon 200 dismissed carpenters had reported at union headquarters. A protracted struggle is anticipated.

BUFFALO, May 18.—The twenty-second annual convention of the Journeymen Horse Shoers' International union of the United States and Canada opened its sessions here today. The convention will last probably until Friday. The secretary's report shows mbership of about 25,000,

MILWAUKEE, May 18.—The street cars are running as usual. The boycott, nowever, is permeating every branch of business. A secret conference of Milwaukee republicans was held this merning for the purpess of de-vising some means of alleviating the situa-tion. Nothing was accompilated further than arrangements for a conference between the officials and employes.

SEQUEL TO LEXOW INVESTIGATION. Charges Against Police Officials to Be Dismissed.

NEW YORK, May 18 .- Final disposition is to be made Thursday of a number of indict- the prisoners. ments against police officials, the outgrowth of the senate investigation of 1894-5. District Attorney Fellows said today that it is probable that all of the untried cases will dismissed execept the one against former Building Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, who is charged with accepting a piano in dismissed is that against Captain Max Schmittberger, who was in command of the Tenderloin precinct at the time the investi-gation was begun. Schmittberger's confesof police corruption furnished a climax sion of police corruption farnished a climax of that highly sensational inquiry, which was surpassed in sensational interest only by the disclosures by Captain Creedon. It is under-stood that Schmittberger was promised immunity in consideration of his evidence be-fore the senate committee, The others, whose indictments will be dismissed, are ex-Captain William D. Severy and Captain John Seibert and five or six wardmen.

"MRS. EVERETT" AGAIN IDENTIFIED.

Judge Hill of Indianapolis Says the Woman is His Son's Wife. NEW YORK, May 18.—There has been another identification of "Mrs. Everett of Boston," the Colonnade hotel suicide. This time Judge Seth Hill of Indianapolis asseits that the woman was the wife of his sents that the woman was the whe of his son. E. E. Hill. The son is at present in Lendon; his wife is said to have come to this country about a month ago.

Judge Hill's statements are reinforced by

Judge Hill's statements are reinforced by those of Joshua Cantrowitz, a lawyer, who says that he recognized the body as that of Mrs. E. E. Hill. He says she came to his office on May 1 to make the transfer of some real estate in Columbia, Ind., which ehe owned, to her husband. Mr. Cantrowitz said that he had known Mts. Hill from childhood. She was May Keith, daughter of J. A. Keith of Columbias, Ind. Mr. Cantrowitz said that Mrs. Hill's husband, Edgar E. Hill, conducted a theatrical academy in E. Hill, conducted a theatrical academy in London, where he is known as E. Zeerega. He also added that the woman was an expert with a revolver.

GATHERING EVIDENCE OF MURDER. Proof Accumulates that J. E. Blanther

Committed a Crime.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Evidence is accumulating against J. E. Blanther, sugpected of the murder of Mrs. Philopena Langling aid of his bosom companion, George Dodge, and the voluntary statement of J. H. Lynch, a fellow roomer, Blanther's move ments have been in part traced. It is be-lieved that the murder of Mrs. Langfeldt took place before 11 o'clock on Friday night. Between 11 o'clock and midnight Blanther entered the bathroom of the residence where he roomed, to wash his hands. When J. H. Lynch started to enter the room Blanther hastily departed without saying a word, and as Lynch stepped to the wash basin he was surprised to see that it was reddened as though with blood. It is said that the police have recovered from a pawnshop the diamond rings which were stolen from Mrs. Langfeldt by the murderer. A description of Blanther has been telegraphed all over the country.

FUNERAL OF JOHN A. COCKERILL.

Impressive Services Over the Remain of the Dend Journalist. NEW YORK, May 18 .- The obsequies of the late Colonel John A. Cockerill were held today. From the Press club, where the body had lain in state since Saturday, remains were conveyed to Scottish Rite hall. Over the casket was thrown the mortuary banner of the Loyal Legion, and on this was a wreath of white roses and immortelles which compose the inscription, "From John and wife." The services at the hall included brief addresses by T. F. Brohan, exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Joseph Howard, jr., president of the Benevolent by the body of dent of the Press club. Then the body of the distinguished journalist was conveyed to Calvary Baptist church, where religious were conducted by the pastor, Rev.

Dr. McCarthur. SHOT AND KILLED FROM AMBUSH.

Assassin Makes Full Confession and is Likely to Be Lynched. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 18.-There is prospect of a lynching taking place in Duval county, south of here. Two weeks ago Benito Ortiz and Yidefonso Garzia, two well known and highly respectable citizens of that county, were shot and killed from ambush. Circumstances pointed to Valentine Colenzo as being the murderer and he has just been arrested and made a full confession of his guilt. The murdered men had nu-merous friends and they are making strong threats of lynching Colenzo. The latter is in

Decision Adverse to Southern Pacific LOS ANGELES, May 18 .- In the United States court today an opinion was delivered adverse to the defendant in the test cases which have been brought to establish the rights of settlers on thousands of acres of land in Southern California claimed by the Southern Pacfic railway. Special Attorney J. N. Call has bandled the cases for the government. The decision states that the railroad was guilty of gross negligence in not filing its map and five years of such delay has defeated its claims to the land.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 18.-Edwin Hoy. for nine years manager of Ryan's branch

drug store, a man of excellent reputation and ability, was arrested today charged with being implicated in the Buffalo bank rob being implicated in the initial case rob-bery. Hoy was manager of the store where Joseph Kloppenburg clerked. The latter stated that Hoy put up the job to rob the bank and secured the largest division of the stolen money. Hoy refuses to talk.

Murder in the Italian Colony CATSKILL, N. Y., May 18 .- Jcseph Caserta, a leading member of the Italian colony, was murdered last night by a fellow countryman named Pascal. The deed was committed at a christening, at which there had been considerable induigence in liquor. A quarrel arising among the men about a woman, Pas-

cal seized a gun and shot Caserta through the back. Pascal wis arrested. Planther Not Heard of for Three Days SAN FRANCISCO, May 18-J. Planther, the ex-Hungarian army officer

LOST ALL TRACK OF OSWALD

No One Appears to Have Taken Much Interest in His Whereabouts.

NOT SEEN AFTER THE FIGHT STARTED

Parks Wore the Hat of the Murdered Man Home After the Fight-Coroner's Inquest Develops Little New.

Coroner Burket held an inquest yesterday

afternoon over the remains of Harry Oswald, who was murdered Saturday night The council chamber, where the inquest was held, was crowded to the doors long before 5 o'clock, the hour set for holding the

A jury, composed of John F. Ritchhart, J. W. Sipe, Peter Cockrell, T. B. Hatcher, George H. Russell and J. M. Noc. was impaneled to hear the evidence. County Attorney Baldrige and A. W. Jeffries represented the state. Attorney T. W. Blackburn appeared for E. M. Pritchard, one of

The crowd outside of the railing became so large before the case was called that Chief Brennan cleared the room of all speciators and closed the doors.

Dr. W. H. Slabaugh was the first witness. He testified to having assisted in making an examination of the body of Harry return for favors extended by him. Among Oswald. Witness described the wounds on the indictments which it is thought will be the head and also a bruke on the left about the head and also a bruise on the left shoulder. There was no fracture of the skull. In his opinion the wound was made by some heavy, blunt instrument, such as a club. The wound at the inner corner of the left eye was the most serious, the bone having been fractured. In the opinion of the doc tor this wound was made by some pointed instrument. PRODUCED CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN.

No gunshot wounds were found. The wound at the corner of the eye caused concussion of the brain, which, with hemorrhage, was the cause of death. Oswald must have been down when the fatal blow was delivered. The doctor thought possibly this wound had been caused by a kick from a sharp-pointed shoe. Deceased had no physical allment which might have accelerated death.

William A. Ramzer, an Omaha hatter, identified the hat worn by Oswald, who formerly worked for the witness. Mr. Ramzer 4 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The village of Waretown, N. J., took fire today. It is a place of about 300 population. Assistance was sent from Manchester, N. J. Fire was started in the woods near Waretown by stated that Oswald was not of a quarrelsome disposition, but on the contrary, was very quiet and peaceable. Witness further stated that Oswald had been married, but did not live with his wife, who was now in the

Clara Schmidt, over whom the fight started. was next called. She said she was 19 years old, had been in the city about five weeks; previous to that she spent two years and a half at the Home of the Good Shepherd. Witness stated that she had known Oswald five weeks, they both having worked at the same laundry. Joe Olsen took her to the dance Saturday night. She danced twice with Oswald and Parks, and three times with Campbell. Witness denied having had any talk with Oswald about Parks or Campbell, neither did she talk with Parks about Oswald. She said that she tried to get Campbell and Parks to make up and he friends, but they refused. Miss Schmidt said that Oswald and Campbell and Parks did not have any trouble about her that che knew of.

ONLY RECOGNIZED PARKS. Oswald and Campbell went down the side stairs with her when the dance was over. quite a gang sang out, and attacked Campbell and Oswald. She did not recognize any one except Parks, who jumped onto Campbell. Witness got out of and walked onto Twenty-fourth street. In a few moments she walked to the corner and the fight was over. A few of Campbell's friends were around him. Shasked Campbell where Oswald was and he said he did not know. In company with Campbell and Olson she walked down Twenty-fourth street and on home. She asked Campbell who hit him and he said he did not know; did not see Oswald after the crowd made a rush for him.

W. P. McDevitt, clerk at the office of the joint car inspector, testified that in company with three friends he was on his way down L street, going home, when they found the body lying in the alley. He heard heavy breathing and struck a match. Oswald was lying face down on the sidewalk. A pool of blood was under his head. The matter was then reported to the police. Neither with nor his friends made any examination of th

John Campbell, one of the defendants testified that he was at the dance Saturday night and met Parks, Pritchard, Oswald and others there. Witness stated that he and Parks had some trouble last fall and had not spoken since. In leaving the hall Oswald and he went down the side stairway with Clara Schmidt. At the foot of the stairs the crowd closed in. Parks tackled the witness and a man with a freckled face struck Oswald.

WAS A FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT. It was a free-for all fight then. Witness was knocked down and kicked. He had sev eral bruises on his face which was covered with blood. Campbell did not see Oswal after the fight started and did not ask abou him after the fight.

Isaac Close, another one of the defendaute, was called and testified to seeing Camp-bell, Pritchard and the Ford boys in the dance hall. He was in the hall when Os-wald started down stairs; eaw Campbell after the fight, but did not see any of the trouble. E. M. Pritchard was the next witness, and stated he was at the dance Saturday night went up with Parks; saw Parks and Campbell scuffling at the sidewalk; did not see Oswald after the dancing stopped and did not take any part in the fight; heard Parko

and Campbell talking about fighting before the dance was over.

Parks wore Oswald's hat home after the fight and it was found in Prichard's room yesterday. Parks had lost his hat in the scuffie. Witness testified that when startalley and remarked to Parks that he sup-posed it was the "fat man," meaning Ge wald. The whole party, numbering a dozen walked on and did not stop to notice him. Did not hear any groaning as he stepped over the body.

At the conculsion of this testimony the in

quest was adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The remains of Oswald will be forwarded to Youngstown, O., today for interment. . . Deaths of a Day

BERLIN, May 18 .- Herr Otto Camphausen, formerly Prussian minister of finance, is dead. He was born in 1812, and as minister of finance in 1880 had to meet the necessities of the situation caused by the war between Pruesia and France. His services upon that occarion were highly appreciated and upon the retirement of General von Roon in 1873. Herr Camphausen was appointed vice presi dent of the ministry of state.

DENVER, May 18.—Ex-Chief of Police

John Stone died after a brief illness. He came to Denver from Philadelphia, where his relatives reside. Stone was in charge of the force that defended the city against the militia when Governor V attempted to oust the police board forcibly in April, 1894.

TORREON, Mex., May 18.—The large flouring mills and grain elevator of the Alleinza Manufacturing company, situated here, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$150,000; insurance

Stabbed in the Head with a Pitchfork LEXINGTON, Ky., May 18 .- George Bradley, one of Bradley Brothers, a well known turfman, had a row with Griff A. White, a stable hand, which resulted in Bardley's jabbing a pitchfork into White's head, from which he died. Bradley was arrested.

and will probably be lost. Fears are excounty. It and the house were ground up pressed in regard to the safety of 40,000,000 as an eggshell. Here, as in other incidents, the family was in the collar or the loss of which he died. Bradley was arrested.

Brule river, which is unprecedently high.

WASHIN MILION Dollar Blaze at ashington. WASHIN May 18.—A conflagration, the loss of almost \$250,000, in which two seriously injury failing walls, occurred in this city a o'clock tonight. Twenty-one building, with their contents, were the stronged in about two hours. The burned form

district consists almost entirely of commi-

sion and wholesale jobbing houses in the square bounded by B street, Louisiana ave-nue, Ninth and Tenth streets. The fire started in a branch office of the Postal Tele-graph, located on B street, and is supposed

to have been caused by lightning, a cever-thunder storm having just passed over the

city. The buildings were filled with a mass of inflammable material, which made it diff-

THOMAS GRIFFIN, member of truck com-

ASSISTANT FOREMAN GUILES, com-

pany No. 9. Injured: Joseph Mulhall, J. W. McIlwee,

George Kettler and Arthur Donaldson.
The three dead men went into the ruins

voluntarily to assist in rescuing their im-prisoned comrades, all of whom were rescued though badly injured, while those who at-

NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 18.-A close search of the ruins of the burned Markham block,

livery stable, which was one of the first build.

The approximate loss is \$225,000, with no over half that amount of insurance. It is

supposed the fire originated in a small shop

in the rear of the Markham hotel by the ex

plession of a kerosene lamp. The shop was soon in flames and the Palace livery stables adjoining it were quickly enveloped. Horses,

mules, carriages and hearses in the stable were burned, with a loss of \$40,000.

the entire block was a foregone conclusion. The largest part of Atlanta's tenderloin dis-

trict was laid in ashes. The fire began at 10:30 p. m. and was not under control until 4 o'clock this morning.

FOREST FIRES IN THE EAST.

flercely, and many houses and barns are in

The Barrett hotel at Barrett, four miles

which were lying in the run, were eaten up

In Gosehen township more barns and houses were burned last night, and many

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 18,-Fores

fires are raging in Tucker county, and yes-erday hundreds of men effectually fought the

fire. Lumbermen estimated the loss at \$500.

000. The middle southern portion of the county is completely wiped out. The adjoin-ing forest is now burning, with indications

that the entire county will be devastated un less rain prevents. The weather is dry an

their homes to seek refuge in larger towns

STARVED HIS NEPHEW TO DEATH

Murderous Deed of a Fanatical In-dian Chief in Alaska,

SEATTLE, Weeh., May 18.-In jail at

Juneau, awaiting trial on the charge of mur-

ier, is Chief Ye Teetich, the yee of the

Hoonan Indians, a small tribe of some hun-

ired members, occupying Chickikoff island

The offense with which the old chief i

nephew, whom he accused of witchcraft.

this he proceeded to inflict punishment due

and in this position he was bound tightly

victim's knees were bent close back

tree. An iron band, a quarter of an inch

thick, was then placed around his face, sink-

ing into the nose and covering the eyes, and

Interstate Commerce Case Continued

CHICAGO, May 18.-The trial of John W.

Rinchart and John A. Hanley, ex-officials of

the Santa Fe railroad, for violating the in-

for the continuance on the part of the govern-ment on account of the absence of James H.

cattle upon which the indictments are based.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—It is stated or

good authority that many of the coal com-

panies that took orders at April prices and

are now filling them will cancel all that are not filled by the end of the month. All

further advance of 25 cents a ton on July 1.

High Waters Break the Log Booms.

to be followed by another on October

about 100 miles south of Juneau.

the crime

So far no deaths are reported here.

varm, with high winds. Farmers have left

church have been destroyed.

still raging in many places throughout

The flames spread rapidly, and the fate of

ings destroyed. So far as known no other

pany No. 3. DANIEL CONOWAY.

lives were lost.

Chicago.

by the flames.

re are in danger.

destroyed in about two hours. The burned FOUR KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Dwellings Torn to Pieces and Scattered Over Much Territory.

DAMAGE WILL AGGREGATE A LARGE SUM

cuit for the firemen to cope with the progress of the flames, which spread with great rapid-ity. After two hours' hard work the flames Other Sections in Which the Cyclone were under control. The list of dead and injured, all of whom are firemen, follows: Raged.

BAD RUMOR FROM THE RESERVATION

Forty People Said to Have Met Death in that Part of the State in an Hour.

tempted to rescue them perished.

A rough estimate places the loss on the building on Louisiana avenue at \$75,000, and on B street, \$70,000. FALLS CITY, Neb., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-The most terrific wind storm known to this section occurred last night. It began to rain at 5 o'clock, with the wind from the northwest, and at 6 o'clock it hailed which was swept clean by fire last night, re-vealed this morning the charred remains of a human body, which proved to be that of seemed to come with terrific force from all W. T. Zachary, a negro driver who was askeep in a carriage in Milan & Patterson's directions, a tremendous downpour of rain and hail.

> At 9:30 o'cleck the storm was over, having caused a great deal of damage to the city and its surroundings, nearly all the windows on the north side of the buildings being broken and blown in and in many cases houses flooded.

> South of town several houses were completely demolished and several persons severely injured.

> It seems the main part of the storm struck the south part of town, commencing at C. Sedimayer & Co.'s bottling works. The big brick chimney was blown down, crushing in the roof of the cold storage house. Next it struck the canning factory. The ice

house on the north side was torn down, leav-

ing the ice standing and the factory com-

pletely demolished, hardly two bricks being

sparks from a locomotive, and a high wind drove the flames upon the village.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 18.—(Special RAILROA RAILROADS SUFFER SEVERELY. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—At 3 this morning fire broke out in the Merchants-hotel, owned by ex-Mayor Willey and his sen-in-law, ex-Mayor Williams. It was a large brick veneered building, and the blaze, which started in the kitchen, crawled between the walls to the roof, making it difficult to handle. The firemen fought hard but could not get it under A string of box cars standing on the house track at the Missouri Pacific depot were blown over. One car contained five tramps,

ne of which had his leg broken. The B. & M. depot was unroofed and the freight depot wrecked. The yards were full of freight cars, and great strings of them were turned bottom side up.

At the park the sheds, fences and amphitheater, boats and boat houses were all blown into the river. Manager Nickerbocker's house was unroofed, and nearly all the

roof, making it difficult to handle. The firemen fought hard, but could not get it under control until about half of the building was consumed, and the rest rendered practically worthless. So suddenly did the blaze start that the servants in the third story escaped in their night clothes, while the guests lost practically everything. The loss is about \$20,000; insurance, \$16,000.

WATERLOO, Ia. May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The creamery at Dunkerton burned at noon today. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$2,200 in the Fire Assurance association of Chicago. trees in the park blown down. The bridge over the Nemsha was blown down and about fifty yards upstream. Brackhahn's brewery, bottlehouse, icehouse and dwelling are completely wrecked. The brewery was carried away, leaving the

CLEARFIELD, Pa., May 18.-Forest fires stone foundation. John Brecht's h house, south of town, were completely de-Gee's Mills this morning that five houses and stroyed. William Henton and family, who Montgomery the fires are burning lived south of town near the exchange mill, were preparing to retire when the wind blew the front door open and lifted the house up, letting it drop, smashing it into The Barrett note: at Barrett, four miles from this place, was burned last night, and the town is entirely surrounded by a big woods, which are all ablaze.

At Lick Run, Levy Mitchell & Co.'s logs.

He found his wire and child about ten yards from where the house stood, his wife's head buried in the plowed ground. They will re-

> The smokestack at the elevator, also the ne at the electric light plant in the city, were blown down and the houses flooded, causing all lights to go out. The tin roof plew off the Central school building. Many other small buildings were blown down. It is feared the fruit crop is completely lost. Six and one-half inches of rain fell during

the storm. KILLED AT FALLS CITY. As far as can be learned at present the killed and injured by the cyclone last night

are: Killed: EIGHT-YEAR OLD SON of J. M HOUCKS.

MRS, SAM SAILOR, MRS, SCHOCK, JOHN SMITH.

William Brannen and wife. J. M. Houcks, severely bruised about body and hip.
Mrs. J. M. Houcks, bruised arm and shoul-

Isaac R. Rhoades, head badly cut and charged is the murder by torture of his injured internally. Son and daughter of Mr. Rhoades, both The chief had a disease affecting his right everely bruised. William Hinton, extensive scalp wound, Mrs. William Hinton, bodily injuries. leg, which had gradually eaten the greater part away. He dreamed that his nephew had bewitched him and on the strength of A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hinton, face

Tramp at Missouri Pacific depot, broken leg and lacerated knee,
William Smick, wound on left a

ankle. The farm houses of H. E. Lemmon, I. Rhoades, W. R. Kent, Dan Sallor, Jacob this was also made fast to the tree, so that he was unable to move his head in any direction. He was left in this position to the accidents and deaths occurred at these objects.

starve to death. He lived five days. He was places It is estimated that the damage will be \$75,000 to the city and park.

DAMAGE IN JOHNSON COUNTY.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)—The tornado swept over a strip of country 100 yards wide ten miles souththe Santa Fe railroad, for violating the interstate commerce laws, was continued in Judge Grosscup's court today until June 1. General Black, the district attorney, asked for the continuance on the part of the govern-the continuance on the part of the govern-the continuance on the part of the govern-the continuance of the structure of the struc Shields, the Iowa attorney in charge of the prosecution. It is not probable that the case will then be tried, as the most important witnesses. Nelson Morris and President Jenkins of the Hammond Packing company, are out of the country and no subother part of the building being carried sev-eral rods southeast, striking the barn of rany, are out of the country and no sub-poena has been served upon them. They, with Isaac Thompson of Kansas City, are and to have received the reduced rate on They, Mike Burg, which was moved from its foundation and demolished. Burg's house escaped damage, while trees within twenty feet, were twisted and torn out by the roots. Its jour-ney then was northeast, to the fine farm place of Will Burg. His large house and barn were entirely demolished, as though they had been chopped into kindling with an ax. The family was in the cellar, to which place Mr. Burg was descending when the storm burst. He was caught and carried through the air a distance of fifty feet, suf-fering severe injuries. The storm still awept on its journey of destruction, tearing trees out by the roots and picking up horses and dealers have been notified of this action and it has created a better demand for anthracite waite are to prevail and there is talk of making a cattle and carrying them for a distance of

several rods. East of Mr. Burg's Mt. Zion church was struck and all that remains to mark the site is the foundation. Corn cribs belonging to MILWAUKEE, May 18.—A dispatch from Chris Parli were blown to the ground. Kimball & Barber sawmill broke yesterday. letting out about 4,000,000 feet of logs. About 2,000,000 feet of logs which broke away from the Nemadji have drifted out into the feet of logs with the feet of logs which broke away from the Nemadji have drifted out into the feet of logs with the logs which broke away from the Nemadji have drifted out into the feet of logs with the log