

The News that Women Want.

More New Dress Stuffs There are very many good dress goods stores, but none

Basement Dress Goods—But it's a rare find for a lady who picks a dress pattern from these lots.

Notions—Do not fail to see our line of ladies' belts, in both plain and jeweled.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits—Our new suits are just beginning to arrive.

Infant's Dresses—Infant's long slips, trimmed with narrow embroidery on neck and sleeves, at 50 cents each.

Underwear—Just received ladies' fine Jersey ribbed cotton vests.

Will They Wash—We are confident our wash goods are the best the market affords.

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Ladies' House Wrappers—A new lot of extra fine dark percale wrappers.

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PRESIDENTIAL IS THANKFUL

McKinley Appreciates Action of the People in Present Crisis.

NO DISAGREEMENT EXISTS IN CABINET Secretary Wilson Says the Administration Can Be Relied Upon to Act Wisely in Any Emergency.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.) Secretary of Agriculture Wilson said today that the president was profoundly thankful at the temper of American people, as shown during the last two weeks, even though greatly wrought up by the utterance of the sensational press. He denied flatly that there was any disagreement in the cabinet as to whether an indemnity should be asked from Spain in the event it was shown that the Maine was exploded from the outside. The cabinet did not discuss at its Friday session any phase of indemnity, said the secretary. "It was not up for consideration. Should it be discussed that the Maine was wrecked by external force then it will be time enough to discuss what should be done to preserve our national honor. I have no more news about the Maine than has the American people, it is the least of all the cabinet's business that everything should be made public as soon as received. The president was a soldier in the civil war and I believe that the honor of the United States is safe in his keeping."

Prof. Hansen of the Brookings Agricultural Experiment Station, returned yesterday from an extended visit to Sibutu, Alaska and Turkey. He was in the interest of the Department of Agriculture. Hansen returns with three carloads of rare all the choicest Park novelties. He proposes sending out to the people of the United States. Hansen rode 2,000 miles inland and has had quite an experience as his Norwegian colleague, Fridtjof Nansen.

Colonel George R. Colton of David City arrived in Washington last night. His appointment as national bank examiner, vice John S. Bishop, Terrell, Monday by the city for a few days, familiarizing himself with his duties. Speaking of the national bank examiners, he said it was in splendid condition and should its services be needed it could take the field inside of twenty-four hours.

Superintendent Pearce of the Omaha schools, arrived in the city today from Chattanooga, where he attended the session of national superintendents. He comes to select teachers for the Nebraska teachers' convention, to be held at Omaha late in June, and in this he will have the help of the whole staff.

RELIEF FOR SETTLERS. Senator Thurston has been interested in securing relief for certain citizens in Banner county, who, having fenced public lands, were obliged to remove the fences by a special agent of the Nebraska land office. These lands, while taken for farming purposes originally, have been gradually given up to pasturage, and as gradually homesteaded. The Nebraska land office, in the needs of the stockmen increased. Repeated failures of crops taught these people that the lands were ill adapted for anything else but grazing. The Nebraska land office, in a special agent of the government, however, served notice on owners to remove fences, and these facts being shown, Senator Thurston secured a general order from the land office which Commissioner Hermann ordered today. The commissioner says in the absence of individual complaints no further action will be taken. He will, however, if an attempt has been made by the parties making enclosures to prevent settlement by homesteaders or use of pastures by the general public.

Vice President Hobart laid before the senate today a memorial from the Omaha Retailers' association praying for the passage of the Torrey Kennedy law. A hearing will be given by the ways and means committee next week to the friends of Port Arthur as a port of entry.

Secretary of War McKeljohn left tonight for Port Arthur, Texas, on Sunday, with a view to securing a much needed rest. Assistant Secretary McKeljohn has been on duty at the War department since the outbreak of the Spanish war. He last fall from an inspection tour of western posts, and has been acting secretary of war for the last few weeks, during the continued absence of the late Secretary of War, Mr. Alger. The secretary's duties are now rapidly improving in health and spends a few hours each day at his desk. Secretary Alger appreciates the capable and satisfactory work done by McKeljohn, and he has increased the responsibilities of his position. Mr. McKeljohn is accompanied by Hon. E. M. Wetherald, who has been his guest in the past. Mr. Wetherald was a member of the state senate when the assistant secretary was lieutenant governor of Nebraska, and for many years in the Nebraska legislature. He has been on these two gentlemen. Owing to pressure of departmental work, Mr. McKeljohn will return to his desk Monday morning.

The secretary of the interior today approved for patent to the state of Wyoming 25,600 acres of land in the Sundance land district for the use of public buildings at the city.

Miss Lucy C. Mealy, kindergarten at Fort Peck Indian school, was today transferred to the Sac and Fox school, Iowa.

FEELINGS OF LEWIS ARE INJURED. Woodford's Banquets to Spanish Officials Offend Him. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The house did not complete the consideration of the civil sundry bill today, but Chairman Cannon held the floor with it until adjournment, refusing to yield Mr. Bagnell, the chairman of the national committee, who was anxious to secure consideration for the bill of his committee for the relief of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster.

About twenty pages of the sundry civil bill were read today. Many efforts were made by different members to inject river and harbor items into the bill, three of them being successful, amendments appropriate to the bill were adopted. As contracts for \$250,000 were authorized they were in order under the rules.

The house resumed consideration of the sundry civil bill today. Mr. Tongue (rep. Ore.) to appropriate \$100,000 for "Kadama," by Mr. Decker (dem. Mo.) vigorously opposed the amendment, which he said, would make the government liable for an expenditure of over a million dollars, an amount that was an enormous impossibility. The amendment was lost—35 to 7.

LA CHAMPAGNE BREAKS A SHIP. Being Unable to Proceed It Sends a Life Crew for Assistance. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Holland-American line steamer Rotterdam from Rotterdam, arrived at quarantine tonight with Third Officer George French and nine seamen of the overdue French liner La Champagne, who were picked up from a life boat on Thursday, February 24, in latitude 43:1 north, longitude 57 west.

The masts, when taken aboard the Rotterdam, were in a helpless condition, having been in the ship's lifeboat for six days and nights. The crew were all more or less frostbitten. Unsworth said the La Champagne broke its tail end shaft on Thursday, February 17, at 5 p. m., in latitude 45:27 north, longitude 51:32. The steamer being in a helpless condition, Captain Polrot decided to send a lifeboat in search of assistance.

On the morning of February 18 the lifeboat, being fully provisioned, Unsworth and his crew of nine men left the ship in the hope of intercepting some passing steamer. The weather proved tempestuous, with incoming gales. A sharp lookout was kept for passing steamers, but none was seen. The boat's crew kept to their oars, and for six days worked with might and main, but were exhausted by the cold and exposure became well nigh exhausted.

On February 24, at 1 p. m., the Rotterdam bore down and stood by, and with no little difficulty rescued all hands. The change experienced strong headwinds up to February 17, when the tail-end shaft gave way. When the accident occurred, the boat of order prevailed. The passengers, on being informed of the accident to the machinery, were perfectly calm and the boat of order prevailed.

LA CHAMPAGNE CARRIED 204 PASSENGERS, forty-eight being cabin, fifty-three second cabin, 203 steerage, and a crew of 175.

SPAIN MUST PAY IF IT IS GUILTY. Archbishop Ireland Says the Administration Takes the Right Stand. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Archbishop Ireland, who is in this city, said in an interview today on the Spanish question:

I have fully considered everything that I have seen in the papers, and while at Washington I talked to the officials of the government, and in my opinion nothing has yet been done that in my judgment calls for a rupture between the United States and Spain.

Certainly if guilt is brought to the door of Spain full retributive justice should be the order of the day. Liberal indemnity, apologies and restoration ought to be preferable to the legislators than that course which would entail the country in the consequences of war.

The attitude of the administration is worthy of this country. It is not a matter of pride or honor that we should have to do with the same love for peace, the same trust in the God of our nation that characterized Abraham Lincoln nearly forty years ago.

The Catholic church assumed no attitude of any kind in the case, and called upon the scene. The fact that Spain is a Catholic nation matters nothing. The question is one of national and international right, and nothing else.

EXPLOSION BLOTS OUT SIX LIVES. Fatal Results Attend a Severe Fire in Michigan. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 26.—A special to the Free Press from Kalamazoo, Mich., says:

Fire broke out in the Hall chemical works at 10 o'clock tonight and after burning half an hour two terrible explosions blew the roof of the building to pieces, burying five men and spectators beneath the falling walls and debris.

The killed are: P. H. HIGGINS, 35 years old, fireman; JAMES BREMAN, GEORGE HOLLIDAY, fireman; CHARLES WHITING, fireman; JOHN WESTING, 25 years old, ship chandler; WILLIAM WAGER, fireman; L. L. Hallway, druggist, is badly injured and will probably die. At least a score of persons are injured. Loss to the chemical company, \$20,000; box factory, \$2,500.

SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED BY A TRAIN. About Twenty Others Are Injured in the Collision. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A bus filled with pleasure-seekers was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train at the Western avenue crossing, south of Blue Island, in the southwestern part of the city, at 9 o'clock tonight. Seven of the number were killed and most of the occupants of the vehicle escaped without injury, about twenty being badly hurt.

The dead are: MARY RIETZ, 17 years old; SOPHIE WILGUTER, 18 years old; SOPHIA VAN BUREN, 15 years old; LOUIS SAUBERER, 14 years old, son of the driver; FRED PELEY, 20 years old; THOMAS HAYES, UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, taken to West Harvey.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 26. At New York—Sailed—Massachusetts, for Cape Cod; Campania, for Hamburg; Ems, for Naples; Amsterdam, for Rotterdam; Prussia, for Hamburg; Germania, for Glasgow; Arrived—Rotterdam, from Rotterdam; Umbria, from Liverpool; Paris, from Southampton; At Southampton—Sailed—Paul, for New York.

At Liverpool—Sailed—Ceville, for New York; Arrived—Bovic, from New York; At Glasgow—Arrived—Siberian, from Philadelphia; Arrived—Paris, from New York; At Havana—Sailed—Loquax, for New York; At Bremen—Sailed—Weimer, for New York; At Hamburg—Sailed—Phoenix, for New York; At Naples—Arrived—California, from New York; At St. Michaels—Sailed—Peninsular, for New York.

Eastbound Shipments. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Eastbound freight shipments for the week ending February 24 amounted to 122,577 tons, against 123,396 for the week previous and 81,559 last year, divided among the different roads as follows: Fort Wayne, 14,489 tons; Michigan Central, 12,598; Wabash, 7,734; Lake Shore, 17,539; Panhandle, 11,595; Baltimore & Ohio, 6,237; Grand Trunk, 15,827; Nickel Plate, 15,829; Erie, 13,858; "Big Four," 2,749.

Veterans Getting Ready. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Warren post, Grand Army of the Republic, has requested Governor Budd to loan to members fifty rifles, carbines or shotguns. The officers express their desire to become accustomed to the military tactics now in vogue so that in case of war with Spain they will be ready to go to the front.

WESTERN ROADS CUT RATES

Decide to Go After Their Share of the Klondike Traffic.

MAKE WAR UPON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC. New Rate Will Go Into Effect from Missouri River Points on March 6, According to Present Announcement.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—At the meeting of general passenger agents of the western roads here today to devise ways of conducting the transcontinental rate war the trans-Missouri route gave notice that beginning March 6 they would put into effect the Pacific coast points from the Missouri river gateways, the same rates as are now in effect via St. Paul. For parties of three or over they will make a flat rate. On single tickets they will charge full fares, giving the passenger a rebate for \$20 payable on reaching destination.

This view disposes of the question of meeting the cuts through the Missouri gateways. A committee was at once appointed to prepare a plan of response for the Missouri river gateways. The report of this committee will be considered Monday.

The meeting today declined to take any action on a proposition coming from the Canadian Pacific road, through a truck line committee, for a settlement of the matter in dispute. It was decided that the rate on all rates are to be restored March 6, and be maintained pending the result of a conference to be held March 17. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific would not consent to entertain the proposition because it involved a fresh recognition of Canadian Pacific differentials and restored to the western roads all the advantages it possessed on that point prior to the war. The other roads would take no action on the subject until they heard from their western ally, the Grand Trunk. They recommended the trunk line committee to submit the proposition to that road for an expression of opinion on the subject, and when it is heard from the western roads will then be in a position to take action in the matter.

KANSAS CITY HAS A ROAR COMING. Feeding in Transit Order Intimates the People on the Kaw.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—The Star says: The railroads in the Transmissour and Southwestern freight bureaus have saved notice that on April 1 the privilege of feeding cattle in transit to this market will be cut off in the state of Kansas. Shippers are up in arms over the notice and are combining every influence to prevent the railroads from putting the obnoxious order into effect. The commission on the part of the railroads is a more serious menace to shippers than the wiping out of the carload rates on live stock shipments.

It has of the worst features of the cutting off of the live stock feeding privileges by the railroads is that it does not apply to the state of Nebraska. Omaha has enjoyed the same privilege for many years in common with Kansas City, and according to the action of the railroads is to enjoy the privilege exclusively for the future. The movement is calculated to benefit a small number of stock market at the expense of Kansas City. Shippers will send fattened cattle to that market instead of to Kansas City if the railroads do not rescind the order. It is practically a rate discrimination against this market, and the railroad commissioners of Kansas and the courts will undoubtedly be applied to to prevent it from going into effect.

The railroads defend their action on the ground that the feeding privilege has been greatly abused and has resulted in vicious practices in the way of selling expense bills. It is alleged that shippers who were not entitled to the rate bought the expense bills at Kansas City thus enabling them to ship to Kansas City at the rate of \$10 a car.

Promotions on Southern Pacific. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Vice President Stubbs of the Southern Pacific company has issued a circular of notification to the effect that President C. P. Huntington has approved his recommendations for promotion and that the new officers would enter upon their duties on March 1 as follows: William Sproule, to be freight and traffic manager, vice Smurr; deceased; A. D. Shepherd, to be general freight agent, vice Sproule, promoted; S. W. Luce, to be assistant general freight and passenger agent at Los Angeles, vice Shepard, promoted; and S. N. Bestwick, to be assistant general freight agent at this city.

Memphis & Charleston Road Sold. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26.—The Memphis & Charleston railway, extending southeast from this city to Stevenson, Ala., a distance of 290 miles, was sold at public auction at noon today. The Southern Railway company bought the property at a bid of \$2,500,000, there being no other bidders. The sale was made necessary because of default in payment of interest on the road's bonded debt. The Memphis & Charleston has been in the hands of receivers for many years.

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the possession of a grievance as to their financial relations on which all Irishmen can unite. As for the army government, it has evaded a fight by conceding the bulk of what the reformers have demanded and by going even further than they had at home, by making that new method shall be instituted inside of the war office.

LONDON COUNCIL ELECTION. At the last moment some forty leaders of the first rank have been dragged into taking part in the London council election and will make speeches identifying the government with the campaign of the moderate. But it remains a slipshod and half-hearted campaign on the Tory side, and I fail to see how it can possibly succeed. On almost every division there are eminent liberal unionists supporting progressive candidates, whereas there is no hint of a single liberal helping the moderate cause.

should be in a position to complain of un-fair financial relations against their railway. Very long and detailed statements of this grievance have been called and printed here. I have met nobody who understood it. But very many who are afraid to operate in the market, and with which the English have been disposed to applaud our Cuban policy.

officials here among the survivors at Tortuga, Letus, Hifton and Walters. An officer of the Bache said: "The Spaniards in Havana seem almost more concerned than we are over the possibility of the Maine's destruction proving to have been due to an external explosion. Havana, however, is quiet, and there are no signs of anti-American feeling."

SHERRIFF WARNED HIS DEPUTIES. Instructed Them Not to Shoot Unless Lives Were in Danger. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 26.—All of the jurors in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, on trial for shooting strikers at Lattimer, were in good health again today. The prosecuting committee today issued an appeal for funds for the further prosecution of the case.

Quincy Naval Reserves Ready. QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 26.—Lieutenant Morehead, the commander of the Quincy company of naval reserves, has received orders to notify the members of the company to hold themselves in readiness to report on six hours notice. There are eighty men in the company and they say they are ready to respond to any call for their services that may come. The orders came from Lieutenant Commander Porter of Moine, the chief of the battalion.

Home for Aged Priests. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 26.—The somewhat mysterious movement of a gentleman named M. Henri Eumme, who had been a member of the Vatican, has excited a number of residents in this city the past day or two. M. Eumme is said to be jointly with another priest, the site for a home for aged and invalid priests of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, and his statement that there is a fund of \$100,000 set apart for that purpose by the church makes the establishment of such an institution of some moment.

Cold, Cough, Hoarse, Eat, All Run Down. Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is America's Greatest Medicine because it accomplishes wonderful cures when all other medicines fail. It is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.