WILD RUMORS AFLOAT DEBATE IT IN THE DIET ISSUE FOR FORTY MILLIONS TO RECLAIM ARID LANDS C

Reports Go Round London That Chamberlain is Reconsidering.

Daily Mail is Made the Mouthpiece of the Colonial Eccretary.

ROBERTS' REPORTS ARE PUBLISHED

Disarmament of Every Boer in South Africa He Declares to Be the Only Remedy, Though Necessarily a Slow One.

LONDON, Feb. 9 .- Public attention has patch of reinforcements and the publication of Lord Roberts' mail dispatches. Mr. Chamberlain had reconsidered his it had resulted in practically nothing. South African policy and was contemplating a round-table conference with Mr. John Morley and Sir William Harcourt and the Mail says it is able to assert, on Mr. Cham berlain's authority, that the story is a fab rication and that the government retains the most absolute confidence in Sir Alfred Milner, "Mr. Chamberlain flatly denies," says the Mall, "that he has had any contmunication with any member of the oppo-

sition on the subject of the war." Lord Roberts' dispatches are not regarded as giving any further elucidation of the of "Spit upon him." conduct of the war, but they are interesting, as providing that throughout the campaign he never had sufficient men, horses or supplies to cover such a vast field of operation. Lord Roberts asserts deliberately that

the permanent tranquillity of the republic "depends on the complete disarmament of their inhabitants, a task difficult, I admit, but attainable with time and patience." Looking at all the circumstances, Lor1 Roberts says the campaign is "unique in the annals of war" and he pays the highest tribute to the gallantry and worth of the troops, declaring that "no fluer force ever took the field under the British flag."

There is a general idea that the dispatches have suffered considerable excision at the hands of the War office. They do not throw any further light on the summary retirement of General Colville or any other matters regarding which the publie is anxious to hear.

The appearance of bubonic plague at Capetown seems likely to add to the difficulties of the situation. The authorities there have decided upon a wholesale extermination of rats. Should the disease spread it will necessitate changes in the

military arrangements. Today Sir Alfred Milner makes another earnest appeal to employers to allow as many men as possible to eproll in the colonial mounted defense force. From Delagon Bay it is reported that the

British have occupied Ermelo and Carolina, which until recently were Boer depots. The Boers held up a Natal mail train near Vlakfontein. The few soldlers on board exhausted their cartridges and the Boers then robbed the passengers, after ward allowing the train to proceed.

British Capture Supplies. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- Lord Kitchener reports to the War office under date of Pretoria,

February 7, as follows: The British column destroyed supplies at Petrusburg and brought 500 horses and

Dewet is reported still north of Smith-field, moving east. A detached force which crossed the line at Pompi Siding is moving on Philopolis.

Methuen reports from Lilifontein, east of Vryburg, that he scattered the enemy there and captured twelve wagons and cattle. French is near Ermelo.

Kitchener's Accuser Arraigned. CAPETOWN, Feb. 8 .- Albert Cartwright, editor of the South African News, who was arrested yesterday charged with criminal and seditious libel contained in a letter accusing General Kitchener of secretly instructing his troops to take no prisoners was formally arraigned in police court here this morning and remanded in £2,000 bail.

Rumor Suggests Kitchener's Recati. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- General Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant general, says the reports that he is to supersede General Kitchener in command of the British forces in South Africa, which are much discussed in the service clubs, are inaccurate.

IMPROVE MARCONI SYSTEM

Weather Bureau Has a Scheme of Its Own for Wireless Telegraphy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 .- A special to the World from Washington says: A new system of wireless telegraphy has been de veloped by the Weather bureau.

"It is a success," said Willis Moore, chief of the bureau. "We have been experimenting for a year at Cobbs island, in the Potomac river, seventy miles below Wash-

ington. "We have completed an apparatus that we expect will enable us to signal ships 500 miles or more out at sea. We shall soon send out ships equipped with receiving in-

struments. We have just completed a station at Roanoke, N. C., and will soon have stations at Hatteras and Cape Henry. "We have succeeded in telegraphing per feetly with our wireless system for sixty miles over a rough country around Wash-That, I believe, is fully equal to

the best transmission that has ever been accomplished by the Marcont method. Our system is quite distinct from his, and is being developed along our own lines. "We succeeded in sending messages for some distance from a staff only three feet

high. We established regular communication between the laboratory and Washington, sixty miles. One of our men has a farm near Fort Michigan, Va., across from shows increases of £1,431,600 in imports Washington. A staff 100 feet high was on and £1,169,800 in exports. the place, and on the top we placed our instruments. We were able to communicate with the island as regularly and as free as though we were working over a The speed of the waves was prac-

tically that of light. We used a system of dots and dasher and our receiver was of the 'sounder' type. We received messages by sound. We pect, however, to develop a receiver that will record messages. Notwithstanding our success, it does not seem that wireless telegraphy is developed yet to the point where can be used for ordinary commercial purposes on land. The earth disturbances and the conditions that surround cities would prove obstacles."

Members of Lower House Discuss Appointment of Jews as Assessors and Notaries.

TALK OF THE RECALL OF M. Land Content of M. Land Conference with Liberal Sorra Land Conference with Liberal In reply. Section and imperial legislation in appointment of Jews as assessing the Leaders in Contemplation.

Herr Kruge.

In reply. Schonstedt) With the second in the second content of the land to fill all appointments in the alministration who were guilty of a breach of the land content of the l the Prussian Diet today, during the debate

In regard to the criticism that his term of office had been marked by a superabund- day that the directors of the Union Pacific ance of charges of lese majeste, the min- had adopted a plan to issue debenture ister said that while Emperor William was bonds, convertible into stock at par, as alabove such attacks, it was the duty of the ready state in The Bee, for acquisition of authorities to enforce the law against systematic endeavors to undermine all order and cific. the respect due to the sovereign. The num- | The lasue is to be for \$40,000,000, in tentry, governed in a Christian spirit.

In reply to a question as to the progress holders for subscription at par. of the Konita (ritual) murder, the minister again turned to South Africa by the dis- said he regretted the crime had not been ex- ized issue of \$150,000,000, but there is no plated. The investigation was being car- intention of disposing at present of any Rumors have been in circulation that the murderer was a Jew or a Christian, but issued to take up the Southern Pacific

member What Caserta Did During Carlos' Uprising.

MADRID, Feb. 8 .- The count of Caserta, who is to marry the princess of the As- mortgaged. turins February 14, met with a hostile reception on his arrival here today. He was hooted by the crowd and there were cries

The count was met by the Infanta Isabella and Eulalia and the foreign minister, Senor Campos, and was driving from the railroad station to the residence of the duke of Calabry when a crowd assembled out side of the station and hooted and hissed him. The hostility was due to the speeches made recently by many politicians and to articles in the newspapers against the marriage on account of the part the Count de Caserta took in Don Carlos' uprising. The police had to interfere today and disperse the crowd. Two arrests were made.

GUILTY OF LIBEL British Court Awards Forty Shillings Damages to Victor Emanuel Ruthven, Lecturer.

LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The king's bench division of the bigh court of justice today found in favor of Victor Emmanuel Ruthven. tescribed as a priest, in a libel suit brought against Emil de Bom, a Roman Catholic priest, for circulating a leaflet averring that Ruthven's lectures were indecent. Forty shillings damages were awarded. The court found in favor of De Bom respecting the publication of Ruthven's rec-ord, copied from the Cleveland Universe of March 15, 1895.

Rev. J. G. Patton, a Presbyterian miswell-known man in America.

OUTLINING KING'S SPEECH

British Cabinet Conneil Holds Session to Frame the Document.

position and announcing his determination Omaha tonight. to work for the welfare of all classes. War funds and legislation to promote a fund for the poor will be among the topics. The king's reference to foreign relations and the Transvaal are especially eagerly awaited.

International Chess Tournament. MONTE CARLO, Feb. 8.-In the games of he International Chess tournament today Geinsberg and Janowski won from Didier and Reggio, respectively, before the noon adjournment. In the games unfinished at that time Alapin had the better position over Marshall, while the other players were about evenly placed.

Will Return Emperor's Visit. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- A dispatch from Portsnouth says the royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been ordered to be ready to

visit to England. Invites Tenders for Bonds. LONDON, Feb. 8.—The treasury invites enders for an issue of £11,000,000 of exhequer bonds, with interest at 3 per cent. repayable at par on December 7, 1905. The list opens February 11.

Confers with Party Leaders. ROME, Feb. 8.-King Victor Emmanuel conferred today with Senors Ivilla, Ricotti, Rudini and Biancheri, with the view of forming a new cabinet to succeed the Sarrace ministry, which resigned yesterday.

Ex-King Milan III. LONDON, Feb. 8.-Former King Milan of Servia, according to a special dispatch from Vienna, is suffering from pneumonia His condition is pronounced to

dangerous. Kaiser's Son to Wed a Cousin. LONDON. Feb. 9 .- It is rumored that Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia will marry Princess Ena of Battenberg. daughter of Princess Beatrice.

English Trade Reports. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The statement of the Board of Trade for the month of January

Emperor Honors Ambassador. BERLIN, Feb. 8.-Emperor William has bestowed on Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador at Washington, the crown order of the first class.

Sixty Thousand Refugees. PRETORIA, Feb. 8.-The Boer refugee amps are now administered by civilians. The refugees now total, approximately, 60,000 men.

Roussenu Doesn't Feel Just Right.

Union Pacific Adopts Plan of Debenture Bonds Convertible Into Stock. BERLIN, Feb. 8.-In the lower bouse of

OFFERED TO STOCKHOLDERS AT PAR

They Will Bear Interest from the First of May and Are Secured by Collateral in Treasury and First Mortgage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-Formal announcement was made tothe controlling interest in the South Pa-

ber of charges of lese majeste in Prussia year i per cent first moregage and colhad been only 134 in 1909, as against 301 in lateral trust gold bonds, convertible at 1898. Herr Porsisch, centrist, said that all the option of the holders at any time bewho disagreed with the Jews were not anti- fore May 1, this year, into Union Pacific Semites, but that it was still a fact that an common stock at par. The bonds will be overwhelming majority of the people redeemable after that date by the railread strongly desired to live in a Christian coun- company at 1021/2. The new bonds will be offered to the Union Pacific stock-

The present issue is part of the authorried on irrespective of the question whether other amount than the \$40,000,000 now stock. The issue is underwritten by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Chairman Harriman of the COUNT IS HOOTED AT MADRID Union Pacific, in a circular to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., says the new bonds are to bear inrecall of Sir Alfred Milner. The Daily Spaniards at the Capital Still Re- terest from May 1, payable semi-annually, and secured by valuable collateral now in the company's treasury, as well as by first mortgage upon about 1,300 miles of railroad, forming a part of the Union Pathe father of Prince Charles of Bourbon, cific's present system, which is not now

Rights of Shareholders.

Under the offer of subscription to the new tonds Union Pacific shareholders have a Thirty-ninth. right to subscribe for one bond for each fifty shares of either common or preferred shares owned. The issue of the new debentures for \$40,000,000 to pay for the Southern Pacific stock acquired would indicate that the purchase price was about at current market prices, and certainly not far from 50. The stock acquired was a controlling interest, surely not more than a bare majority of the authorized \$200,000,000 of Southern Pacific shares. If the price of 50 is taken for the Southern Pacific

than 50. The new bonds will place a charge of \$1,600,000 a year of Union Pacific stocks, S. D., is discontinued; mail to Elmore. but as the Southern Pacific in its last fiscal shares, exclusive of betterments, it is felt cent dividends and carry this interest with \$25,000 capital. charge.

After the Rio Grande.

It was stated today on high authority that sionary of the New Hebrides, testified that Union Pacific had not been negotiating for Vandiver, at Little Medicine, Albany county Ruthven's real name was Riordan, and that the road was less positively answered. It | Wyo. he had given evidence against Riordan in is stated, in fact, that such negotiations America, where in 1895 he was sentenced may have been undertaken, though this to a year's imprisonment for swindling a authority would not admit that they had been. President Jeffrey of the Denver & Rio Grande has been in the city all the week. His visit generally is connected with the negotiations for the control of the road. It is thought the Rio Grande Western will be bought with any new disposition of the property,

A leading director of the Denver & Rio cial committee on the St. Louis exposition, LONDON, Feb. 8.-The cabinet meeting Grande said he knew nothing of current today filed his report on the bill approtoday will presumably settle the terms of reports for consolidation of the Denver & printing \$5,000,000 in aid of the exposition. King Edward's speech at the opening of his Rio Grande with the Rio Grande Western. first Parliament, February 19, which may or with any other company, and he did the holding of an international exposition be expected to partially repeat his majesty's not believe there were any negotiations to beginning not later than May 1, 1905, at St. speech to the privy council on accession that end. President Burt of the Union Pa- Louis, for the purpose of celebrating the day, expressing thanks for the condolences cific has been in town for a couple of days. one-hundredth anniversary of the purchase and expressions of loyalty, referring to his He was attending an executive committee of the territory of Louisiana. However deep sense of the responsibility of his new | meeting of the Union Pacific. He left for | much men heretofore may have opposed the

HAYS TO REMAIN PRESIDENT

Summoned from San Francisco to Confer with Harriman and Burt on Overland Affairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.-The Commercial He was summoned from San FAnneisco for event in the history of our nation should the purpose of conferring with Mr. Harri- be appropriately celebrated, this bill is reman and President Burt of the Union Pa- ported for favorable action. It is generally believed that Mr. of the Southern Pacific.

E. Huntington did not sell his stock to the

equal terms. The Commercial Advertiser also has the as it is.

ANOTHER HARRIMAN SYSTEM Southwestern Group Including Mis-

souri Pacific, "Katy." Rio Grande and Two Other Roads. CHICAGO, Feb. 8 .- The Tribune tomor-

row will say:

A scheme is under consideration whereby the Missouri Pacific, the two Rio Grande roads, the Colorado Southern, the Missourt, Kansas & Texas and the St. Louis & San Francisco are to be grouped in one system. The proposed plan would mean the formation of a Harriman southwestern

Movements of Ocean Vessels Feb. S. At New York—Arrived—Fuerst Bismarck, from Naples (with one shaft broken); Kensington, from Antwerp; Bulgaria, from Hamburg. Salied—Dresden, for Bremen.
At Liverpool—Arrived—New England, from Boston; Roanoke, from New York.
Salied. Dec. 7—Tunislan, for Portland.
At Boston—Salied—Fomeranian, for Glassow.

At Yokohama—Arrived. Peb. 6—Braemer, from Tacoma, for Hong Kong.
At Queenstown—Sailed—Pennland, from Liverpool for Philadeiphia.

Liverpool for Philadelphia.

At Moville-Sailed-Furnessia from Glas-gow, for New York.

At London-Sailed-Marquette, for New PARIS. Feb. 8.—The premier, M. Waldeck Rousseau, is confined to his bed, but he expects to recover his usual health in a few days.

gow, for New 1072.

At London—Sailed—Marquette, for New York York Port au Spain. Trinidad—Arcived—King Edward's horses in training will be leased to the duke of Devonshire.

Congressman Burkett Sees It is Useless to Hold Out for Mondell's Mensure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-The reclamation of arid lands was fiscussed extensively in the house committee on irrigation or arid lands today. Two bills were before the committee for consideration Representative Newland's neasure, which provides for the construction of reservoirs for the storage of water and for other hydraulic works, and Congressman Mondeil's bill, which contemplated the conservation of water and the construction of irrigation ditches. The committee was evenly divided on many of the questions presented, but finally Congressman Burkett, seeing it would be useless to hold out for Mondell's measure. which has made many friends, decided to change his vote to Newland's measure, thereby securing a favorable report. While Newland's bill does not go as far as Mondell's, it is a step toward a system of national irrigation, which has been the buttieground between the east and the west for years.

Nebraska Men in Army. Senator Thurston will call on the president tomorrow on matters connected with the new army bill, having decided to urge the following appointments: E. H. Tracy of Norfolk, who was major in the Second Nebraska, to be captain of commissary or quartermaster; W. G. Deane of Cmaha, who now in the Philippines, to be first lieuenant in the regular army; Major James A. Dawes, captain and paymaster; Major Slaughter, captain and paymester: Wallace C. Taylor, to be captain on staff; W. B. Cowin, first licutenast of line; Henry Morrow, son of the late General Morrow for first licutement: Thomas Swobe, captain and quartermaster, and a first lieutenency for R. B. McConnell, now with Company L. Thirty-ninth United States volunteers, who was a member of the Pirst Nebraska, serving with that regiment WILL OFFER COUNTER through its Philippine campaign; he returned with the regiment and after it was mustered out re-enlisted at Omaha in the

Union Pacific Anticipates. W. S. Pierce, general counsel of the Union Pacific, with headquarters in New York, was in Washington today on matters connected with his road, which has sixnified its desire to anticipate its March

Interest on its debt to the government. Rural Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery will be established in Iowa March I as follows: Marion, Linn Neither will it be in the nature of a flat county, additional service, two carriers; shares, this would call for just \$40,000,000 area covered is sixty-four square miles, of new bonds for the half share of cap- with population of 925; O. B. Martin and amount outstanding is reported as \$197,- at Truro, Madison county, with one car-832,000, if is probably fair to conclude that rier; area covered, thirty-seven square the control cost the Union Pacific less miles; population, 530; T. N. Lyons appointed carrier.

The postoffice at Icebox, Lawrence county, The comptroller of the currency today year carned \$7,253,400 over all fixed charges, approved the application of James T. Bigeor nearly 3% per cent, on outstanding low, A. J. Knight, O. W. Erickson, John P. Tenold and E. G. Akam to organize the that the Southern Pacific can pay 4 per First National bank of Flandreau, S. D., Samuel E. Gilliland was appointed utillty clerk in the Sloux City of office.

Postmasters Appointed.

set Mausi was today appointed post Denver & Rio Grande, but the question master at Straussville, Richardson county, whether some important interests in the Neb., vice J. Schmidt, resigned; also J. F.

FOR ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

Bill Appropriating Five Millions is Reported for Favorable Action-Two Dissenting Opinions. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.-Representative

"The bill," says the report, "authorizes holding of national or international expositions under the authority and by the aid of the national government, there is in this instance, in view of the action of this congress in the last session, no ground upon which a refusal to authorize the holding of the proposed celebration and the giving of financial aid from the national treasury for the purpose of carrying Advertiser says: President Charles M. the same forward to success can now be Hays of the Southern Pacific silroad is withheld. In view of this fact, and beexpected to reach New York tomorrow. lieving that this first great international

"No event in the life of our nation expendence has contributed so much to the commanding influence of the American peotake King Edward to flushing soon after Harriman syndicate it may be stated that ple as the purchase of the territory of the opening of Parliament, when his all of the Huntington holdings, as well as Louisiana. In the evolution of the North majesty will return Emperor William's those held by Speyer & Co., were sold on American republic, the acquisition of this

territory outranks every other event. "The movement for a celebration of this following: President Calloway was asked great first international event had its intoday if there was any truth in the current ception among the people inhabiting the reports that the New York Central will be various states and territories carved out combined with the Union Pacific and South- of the vast area acquired in 1803. The city They will be dated March 7, 1901, and are ern Pacific in forming a through line from of St. Louis was selicited to inaugurate the ocean to ocean. "Not a word of truth in enterprise of an international exposition. it," he said. "The New York Central lines Notwithstanding the magnitude of the new extend as far west as Chicago and St. undertaking the trust was accepted by the Louis and the system is sufficiently large patriotic people of that great city, until today, through their persevering endeavor, they have raised the sum of \$10,000,000 to aid in carrying forward this enterprise. The movement to celebrate this great event, as proposed, has been universally indorsed by the public press, the leading commercial organizations, labor unions and by state legislatures throughout the country.

The people of St. Louis having complied with the conditions imposed by congress upon the performance of which conditions congress has promised to aid in carrying forward said exposition to the extent of \$5,000,000, there is now no opportunity for anyone who believes in the goverument fulfilling its promises to question the appropriation of the money promised by the sundry civil act."

The remainder of the report is made up of a summary of the changes made in the

general in the northwest. and Otey of Virginia filed a minority re-Southampton - Arrived - Vaderland, port against the bill. "We believe," says from New York.
At Naples-Arrived-Hohenzollern, from the report, "that it was not fundamentally right, nor was it expedient for the United States government to go into the exposition business. We believe that, being

From \$125,000 to \$150,000 is the estimate placed by officers of the Omaha Street Railway company as the loss sustained by the burning of the car barn at Twentieth and Harney streets last night. The building is practically totally destroyed, with its contents, which included some sixty cars. Of these latter about thirty were undergoing repairs, while the others were those used during the day on the Farnam, Harney and Dodge street lines. Service on these lines will be hampered to some extent today, but officers of the company believe they will be able to withdraw from the other lines of the system a number of cars and thus take care of the traffie with the least possible inconvenience to the public,

During the progress of the fire there was something very like a panic at the Methodist hospital, which is situated directly south of the building destroyed and which was in imminent danger of destruction for some time. Patients were hastily removed to other buildings, the homes In the vicinity being opened to receive them. Energetic action on the part of the firemen preserved the hospital

Officers of the company were unable to say last night if the building will be rebuilt. The loss is only partly covered by insur-

REPLY IS EXPECTED SOON CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Great Britain's Mind is Made Up on the Canal Question.

PROPOSAL

Hay-Pauacefote Treaty Will Lapse in the Meantime on Basis of Senate's

Amendments - Lord Pauncefote

Medium for Negotiations. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that a reply will shortly be sent to the United States' Nicaragua canal project. It will not comply with the senate's demands

refusal, though for purposes of immediate construction it will be tantamount to such a refusal. It will consist mainly in a ital in the Southern Pacific, and as the Eugene Simpson appointed carriers. Also counter proposals, itsely to sick until within the last day or two. necessitate extended negotiations. The nature of the proposal is not yet ascertainable. Lord Pauncefote will probably be the medium through whom the answer will be sent and by whom the subsequent negotiations will chiefly be conducted. In British

official opinion it is likely that several months will clapse before the matter reaches a conclusion, by which time the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will have lapsed on the basis of the senate's amendments. The British counter proposals are now formulating and it is hoped an entirely new agreement, satisfactory to both countries, fine neless for some time, was made public hospital would so and its thirty-four pa-will eventually be teached.

Chinese Given to Understand the Conditions Offered Are Finnt.

PEKIN, Feb. 8.-The Chinese plenipotentiaries have telegraphed to the court the demands of the ministers and are awaiting a reply. From remarks made by both Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, it is evident they think the court will carefully onsider the conditions proposed. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the spe-

It has been strongly intimated to the Chinese by more than one of the ministers that China must agree to the conditions and accept the unpleasant consequences. It is pointed out that the powers are not antmated by vindictive motives as, had they been, they would have insisted upon the decapitation of both Prince Tuan and Duke

HEAVIEST SNOW OF WINTER

Trains Delayed and Street Cars Stopped at St. Joseph-Helps Kansas Wheat.

ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 8.-Another violent snow storm has been raging all over northwest Missouri since early this morning. Railroad trains are irregular and street car a rival that is likely to cause both surprise traffic in this city is almost at a standstill. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8 .- The heaviest snowfall of the winter, amounting to over seven inches and still falling at noon, prevails over central Kansas. Wheat fields now have a foot of snow, little drifted, and Hays will be asked to retain the presidency cept the achievement of national inde- are in excellent condition. A moderate north wind and a high temperature accom-With regard to recent rumors that H. peace, happiness, prosperity, power and pany the storm. In Kansas City heavy snow has been falling since early this morning.

> ATCHISON, Kan., Feb. 8 .- The snowstorm today in northern Kansas tied up the the railroad may possibly decide to buy a perienced eye of a fireman to discern that west end of the Missouri Pacific's central new depot and terminals, as originally there was no hope of saving the street branch west of Concordia. Two passenger planned, trains are snowbound, one being at Scottsville and the other at Logan. The snow give entrance to Kansas City to the Chi- from cating into the hospital and next to ranged from three to six inches in depth cago & Northwestern, the Baltimore & saving as much as possible of the contents and coming on top of the heavy snowfall Ohio, Southwestern and other roads that of Sunday last quickly filled the cuts have long been looking in this direction. Snow plows are at work and the line will it will also be available for electric roads by snow within a week.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 8 .- A heavy indicate a still heavier fall.

seriously delayed. heaviest snow storms known here for sey- when the sale ordered by the court is held, eral years is to progress now. Eight inches of snow has already fallen. All night TO OCCUPY NEBRASKA FORTS trains are several hours late.

following in the wake of last week's blizzard, delayed trains on all roads entering Chleago tonight. Street car traffic was not materially affected MILWAUKEE, Feb. 8.-Freight trains are lats on account of the blizzard, which is

Jury in Weaver Case Disagrees. GEORGETOWN, Ky., Feb. 8.—The jury in the case of George F. Weaver, on trial for perjury in connection with the trial of Caleb Powers, one of the men indicted for the assassination of William Goebel, was unable to agree upon a verdict and discharged.

Bertha is All Right.

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair Today and

Temperature at Omaha Vesterday Honr. Deg. 5 a. m..... 25 Hour. Deg. 1 p. m..... 18 6 a. m.... 24 7 m. m..... 23 3 p. m 19 S a. m 21 4 p. m 18 9 a. m 21 5 p. m a. m 20 6 p. m 17 7 p. m...... 8 p. m..... 11 n. m 19 9 p. m 14

J. J. BROWN PASSES TO REST

Another Omaha Pioneer Dies After an Illness of but Short Burntion.

J. J. Brown, one of Omaha's oldest and most prominent citizens, died at 2 o'clock ultaneously created wild panic at the Meththis morning, aged 69. He had been ailing odist hospital, which stands adjoining the for some little time, but was not seriously

No arrangements have yet been made for

BURLINGTON IN A COMBINE The alarm was sounded at 11:15 o'clock. Project for a Tieup with the Northern Pacific is Said to Be Already Under Way.

ET. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.-The Pioneer Press tomorrow will say: A railway project less than 200 feet south of the railway which is now reported under way and which , building. is likely to occupy the attention of railway today. The scheme now planned or outlined tients were burried out into the crisp mid-NOW WAITING ON THE COURT Burlington, which now have trackage ar- walk and these were carried to places of rangement covering several hundred miles safety in the neighborhood, of territory, may be consolidated, and it is That touch of pity which makes the whole said that the Great Northern will be in this transcontinental combine.

ington stock, which can only be accounted ter. The residence of John Austin, 507 for upon the theory of the strengthened South Twentieth street, being the most position which this union would bring about. | convenient, was used more generally than ,The Burlington now hauls Northern Pa- any of the others. eitle cars from Kansas City to Billings. Mont., and the Northern Pacific hauls Burlington cars from Billings to the Pacific coast. The interchange of business amounts to a double road in one respect, for the Burlington operates its own solid passenger trains to Portland. As outlined the plan contemplates the amalgamation of the two of the building and upon which the elecroads as a matter of economy in operation and as obviating the necessity of building several hundred miles of road to parallel the Northern Pacific, a proposition that has been under consideration for three years and which has been settled by the directors. The recent tendency to consolidate and especially the amalgamation of transcontinental lines has hastened the promotion

of the Burlington-Northern Pacific deal. President Mellen of the Northern Pacific is in New York, where he will be delayed manner in which the blaze ate its way into for a week or more, and it is said that when he completes a scheme upon which he is now working he will have scored a point on and consternation.

Entrance Into Kansas City for Kansas

& Atlantic and Other Roads.

is Talked Of. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8 .- Thomas P. Morrow, attorney for the Kansas City & At- The surrounding territory was illumined WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 8.—The biggest fall lantic railroad, said today that the Winner bright as day for many blocks and teleof snow this seaton rests upon the wheat bridge across the Missouri river at this phone messages from Council Bluffs and fields of southern Kansas and at noon it is point, projected and half completed during | South Omaha indicated that the flames were the boom of twelve years ago, will be com- visible even at that distance. pleted by that road. In addition, he said,

probably be in operation tomorrow. It is from St. Joseph, Excelsior Springs, Libthe second time the line has been tied up crty and other towns across the river from

Kennas City. A mortgage held on the property by the snow storm, which has been in progress Massachusetts Loan and Trust company since 4 o'clock this morning, is still heavy was ordered closed on Wednesday last, but tonight. Reports from many Iowa points Stephen Crosby, president of the company, said today in a dispatch from Boston that MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 8.-A heavy snow the proceedings were of a friendly nature storm has prevailed during the entire day, and that the affairs of the Kansas City Street railway and railroad traffic are & Atlantic were to be reorganized with a view to the completion of the bridge. The GRINNELL. la., Feb. 8.-One of the road will, it is said, bid in the property

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 .- A heavy snowfall. Tenth Infantry, Now in Cuba, Ordered West and Second Battalion Stationed in This State.

partment has issued a general order desigtied up tonight and passenger trains are nating the second battalion of the Tenth General Manager Gives His Idea of infantry, which regiment is now in Cuba, as the depot battalion of that regiment with stations as follows: The colonel's staff band and Company E at Fort Crook. Company H at Fort Niobrara; Company F perintendent Tucker of the company were at Fort Robinson and Company G at Fort on the ground during the progress of the Macketzie. The companies of the Third fire. They were unable to do more than battalion, now at these posts, and the lieu- look on, beyond giving Chief Redell some tenant colonel and the first battalion are needed information concerning the interior ordered to the Presidio of San Francisco, of the building. General Manager Smith where they will be prepared for immediate said to a Bee reporter. SEATTLE. Wash. Feb. 8.—A special to the Times from Port Townsend says: The overdue steamer Bertha arrived here early this morning and left at 8 o'clock for Seattle. It comes from western Alaska.

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Down Town House of Street Railway Company Totally Destroyed.

MUCH ROLLING STOCK IS CONSUMED

Sixty Cars Go Up Along with Other Contents of Building.

METHODIST HOSPITAL IN GRAVE JANGER

Proximity to the Roaring Furnace a Serious Menace to Safety.

PANIC STARTS AMONG THE PATIENTS Bedridden People Carried Through the Night

Air to Private Homes. LOSS ESTIMATED BY COMPANY OFFICERS

One Hundred and Twinty-Five Thousand

Dollars the Inside Figures.

THREE DOWN TOWN LINES INVOLVED

Dodge Street Will Be Crippled as Result of the Fire of Last Night.

Service on Farnam, Harney and

Loss on Building, \$65,000. Loss on Contents, \$60,000 to \$90,060, Insurance, \$75,000 to \$100,000. Lines Involved-Harney, Dodge and Farnam. Cars Destroyed—Sixty.

Building Erected-1887. Dismantled as Cable Powerhouse-Machinery Removed-1897. Probability of Rebuilding-Remote.

Fire wrought havoc with the Omaha Street Railway company last night and sim-

scene of the conflagration. The building at Twentieth and Harney streets occupied as general office headquarters and storage barn for the Harney, Farnam and Dodge street lines, is in ruina. Only the walls are left and they are crumbled to the verge of collapse.

It was a fierce blaze. Almost from the beginning it was apparent that the building with its contents was doomed. Prompt work of the firemen prevented the flames from taking hold upon the Meth-

odist hospital-a shell-like frame structure

At one time it appeared certain that the dicates that the Northern Pacific and night air. Many of them were unable to

world kin caused the doors of neighboring houses to swing open and there was There is unwarranted activity in Burling- no difficulty in obtaining temporary shel-

Where the Blaze Began. According to the most authentic information obtainable last night, the fire originated from electrical defects in a Dodge street car, which was temporarily stored for repairs in the southeast corner tricians had been working. Daniel Mulcahey, night assistant fireman, was in charge when the fire broke out. A nurse watching by the bedside of a fever patient in the second story of the hospital adjoining saw the flames about the same time that Mulcahey made the discovery and the two alarms were sent in almost

simultaneously. Then started the work of removing the patients from the hospital, for the flerce the interior of the railway structure warned the watching nurse that there was

to be more than an ordinary fire. General Alarm Sounded.

As soon as the gravity of the situation was manifest a general alarm was sounded. WINNER BRIDGE TO BE BUILT The entire neighborhood for blocks around was aroused and several thousand men, women and children gazed upon the thrilling scene. Some crowded as close to the fire line as the police would permit, while others stood upon adjacent hilltops and looked down from their point of vantage.

It required but a few moments for the exrailway building, so the principal efforts The bridge will be used, it is said, to were directed first to preventing the fire of the carhouse.

Over in Two Hours.

At 1:30 o'clock the flames were practically subdued, though fitful blazes spluttered here and there among the ruins and all the steamers and a dozen lines of hose were still being used. The west and north walls were left intact, with the exception of windows and doors, all of which were destroyed, while the south and east walls were in bad condition. The greater part of the second-story walls on these two sides fell in, as did the roof and most of the upper floor. When the wall on the east collapsed the firemen of Engine company No. 1 were compelled to abandon one of their lines, with a nozzle and about 100 feet of hose, which were buried beneath the debris. Lieutenant Cuff of the company was hit by some of the flying bricks, but not seriously injured. No other accidents occurred.

WASHINGTON, Peb. 8.—The War de- SMITH ESTIMATES THE LOSS

What the Fire Cost the Company.

General Manager Smith and General Su-