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# HIGH MARK IN GOLD THINK CUBA WILL ACCEPT ROADS NOT TO CONSOLIDATE

United States Present Holdings Exceed Half Billion Dellars.

NO OTHER TREASURY IS NOW SO FULL

Imperial Bank of Russia the Only One Ever Making Higher Record.

GREAT CONTRAST WITH PREVIOUS TIMES

Amount is Almost Twice as Great as in this Month, 1899.

Treasury Secretary Buys Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Short-Term Four Per Cents.

the balance being free assets.

Imperial Bank of Russia, which in Febru- amendment." ary, 1898, raised its total holdings to \$590,bank holds only \$271,500,000.

In France and England.

The Bank of France now holds \$472,271,-000, its high record being \$479,244,000 on the 4th of this month. Most of this gold is held against outstanding notes. The Bank of England holds \$169,100,000 gold and the high record of its history was \$245,500,000, in February, 1896. Present gold holdings of the Imperial Bank of Germany are \$130,-000,000 and its total of gold and silver combined never ran above \$222,500,000.

The United States treasury gross gold holdings have increased \$76,439,000 within the last twelve months. In this month of 1899 they barely exceeded \$278,000,000 as against the \$500,000,000 now held. On February 10, 1896, they reached the low level of \$94,239,542.

WASHINGTON, April 17.-The Treasury department late today purchased \$350,000 of short-term 4 per cent bonds at the rate of

# SAINTS FOLLOW REVELATION

President Joseph Smith's Inspired Plans Adopted Literally at the Independence Conference.

KANSAS CITY, April 17 .- The revelation of President Joseph Smith to his people was read to the conference of the Reor- and without bloodshed. Independence. Mo., today. The revelation one province. The population numbers back some time to Northern Pacific sources. dulged in a season of fasting and prayer last Sunday. It has been in the hands of the various quorums since Monday and was approved by them. Today it was accepted by the conference without a protest and it thus became a part of the religion of 45,000 people, all of whom believe it is of divine origin.

The revelation directs that Peter Auderson be chosen to fill the vacancy it the Quorum of Twelve: that the rules of representation remain as they are till the growth of the church renders a change necessary; that two new stakes be established, one at Independence, Mo., and one at Lamoni, Ia .: that the church provide tracts in Scandinavian, German, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and other languages the missions require; and that Gomer T. Griffiths be sent to England in the interest of foreign missionary work. Also that the missionary work of the church be presented in Australia and the islands fatally. of the sea.

Much attention is given to the duties of evangelical ministers, their relations to the church and the rules governing them; other the steamer was enroute from New West- our western lines; I think our traffic offigiven consideration.

conference transacted routine business.

### Pennsylvania Road's Representatives them. Believed to Have Secured Two Hundred Thousand Shares.

NEW YORK, April 17.-The Mail & Express says: There is excellent authority for the statements that prominent men representing the Pennsylvania railroad have recently bought large blocks of Atchison. Topeka & Santa Fe stock and that before long the former will be invited to name several directors of the laiter company. These purchases are believed to aggregate than 200,000 shares, largely of preferred.

"There are several reasons why the Pennsylvania should make a move. For a rebuttal. long time it has had close truffic relations new that that company is about to pass tinental traffic.

"It has been the policy of the Pennsylvania not to extend beyond Chicago and here. St. Louis. From what can be learned there will be no physical connection between that company and the Atchison by lease pr otherwise."

### APOSTLE CANNON'S FUNERAL

Simple and Impressive Ceremonies Performed in Mormon Tabernacie at Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 17 .- Simple but mains of Apostle George Q. Cannon of the Mormon church, who died in California last week. The ceremonies, which took place in the tabernacie, commenced at noon and continued until 2 p. m., all the high dignaries of the church participating. The immense seating capacity of the tabernacle was taxed to its utmost and hundreds of people were unable to gain entrance to the building. The decorations of the interior of the building and the music during the services were elaborate and appropriate and the floral offerings were profuse. President Lorenzo Snow, the supreme head of the church was the principal speaker. After the services at the tabernacle the body was took place.

Senators Proctor and Cockrell Say Platt Amendment Will Be Finally Agreed To.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- Senators Proc-W. SHINGTON, April 1. — Senators Proctor ermont and Cockrell of Missouri
had an ent conference with the president this ent regard to the situation in Cuba. senators have made
trips to the island the adjournment
of congress. Senator ently as a representative of the political of thion in the senate, is held in high esteem by the president, who was greatly interested today in

ors Proctor and Cockrell agreed subma to the conditions obtaining stab. on the . and they agree as to the outcome of . pending negotiations with the Cubans. Their views as to conditions on the w already have been given to the public. Senator Cockrell told the president that in his opinion the Cubans would accept the GAGE SPENDS SOME TO TAKE UP BONDS terms of the Platt amendment in the end. After the commission appointed to vis't Washington understands the situation he thinks there will be no other alternative open to them. In this view Senator Proc-

"The Cubans," said Senator Cockrell, "apparently do not fully grasp their status. have no power to treat diplomatically with syndicate to take all the shares at a uni-NEW YORK. April 17.—The Evening the United States. The present constitu- form price, and payment will be made in Post today says: The summary of the tional convention was called into being the new 31/2 per cent bonds. It is not likely tained and exercised his citizenship in the United States treasury report of yesterday through our agency. It only has power to that there will be any further stock purafternoon shows that the government's ag- submit to the United States for approval chases for cash. gregate gold holdings for the first time in a plan of constitution for a representative | The report from St. Paul that the Northits history have passed the half-billion- government. If we reject it outright, the ern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington dollar mark. The exact total was \$300, existing status continues. They can do roads are to be united in one general com-278,506, of which \$252,678,959 was held nothing But if the modifications and con- pany is not credited here. The laws of the against certificates in the hands of the out- ditions which we propose are accepted, then different states through which the Northern side public and \$150,000,000 as a reserve they can proceed to organize a representa- Pacific and the Great Northern run forbid against outstanding United States notes, tive government. Until such a government any consolidation of parallel and competis organized the troops of the United States, ing lines. There is no law, however, for-This is the largest amount of gold now in my opinion, cannot be withdrawn. I am bidding two or more railroad companies held by any single financial institution in firmly convinced that the convention, after from jointly owning another line.

the world and it is the largest ever held it hears the report of the commission which in discussing today, the Burling by any institution, with one exception, the it has sent here, will accept the Platt

# 800,000. At present, however, the Russian ISLAND HARD TO PACIFY

Two Hundred Insurgents Still Avoid Capture by Troops in Cebu.

thousand troops in the island of Cebu are trary is the case, though it is true that no unable to accomplish the surrender or cap- idea was entertained until of late that it ture of the 200 insurgent riflemen still out. Colonel McClernand says the terms the insurgents offer are impossible.

Of the fifty towns a dozen of the larger have been organized under military order. ern Pacific directors perhaps a year ago The others are believed to have insurgent and we then had figures in the rough from governments.

Judge Taft in a speech to the convention today deplored the fact that Cebu was the least pacified province and called on the delegates to decide whether 200 men would be permitted to restrain peace and prosperity or whether the majority would ornot ready to do this the commission would acting alone. In these recent negotiations not supersede the military by civil control, the Burlington people have insisted on The exhortation was not demonstratively received. The leading Visayans from the twenty-four towns represented urged the organization of a provincial government and the windup of the rebellion and commended

### WOMEN BLOWN INTO RIVER altogether benefited by the Burlington be-

Boiler Explosion on River Steamer Causes Four Deaths Near Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17 .- By the explosion of the boiler on the river steamer Ramona this afternoon four persons were killed outright and six others seriously in-

MRS. H. MORRISON, Port Langley, B. C. MRS. BAILEY Mount Lehman, B. C. . JOHN MACK, deckhand.

HENRY PHIPPS, deckhand. The injured: Richard Power, purser, probably fatally

burned. James Maynard, mate, probably burned George Knowll, fireman, badly burned

Three Indians, seriously burned. The botter exploded in midstream while questions of importance to the church are miaster to Fort Langley, the latter being a cers say that fully 18,000 carloads of lumfarming settlement about twenty-five miles ber was interchanged with Burlington last After the revelation was accepted the from this city. By the force of the expio- year over that line, which reaches ours at sion Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Baile), and Billings. That means close upon \$2,000,-BUYING SANTA FE STOCK in New Westminster, were blown into the lington on that one class of business. That river and were drowned before aid reached

### RIPLEY'S DEFENSE CLOSES Northern Pacific. The advantages to our

Prosecution in Goebel Murder Case Will Now Have Ita Inning.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17 .- The defense had only two more witnesses to examine in the case of Captain Garnet Ripley, charged with complicity in the Goebel assassination, when court convened today. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad held The prosecution will call ex-Assistant Secretary of State J. B. Matthews and wife in it was stated that there was no announce-

Ex-Adjutant General Castleman testified of the road to be made. with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, but that it was customary to furnish military | The directors were in session more than companies with cartridges as well as guns, an hour and a half. What business was into the control of the Great Northern The prosecution had laid stress on the taken up was not made public. The state-Pacific and Great Northern companies, the point that Ripley's company had been fur- ment made at the close of the meeting, and Pennsylvania cannot be so sure about the nished ammunition when it was equipped, not forth above, was made officially. Furconservation of its interests on transcon- John Reading, a member of the state guard, ther questioning about the matter brought all military companies. The defense closed before the directors concerning any change

### COREAN CONVICTED

Minister of Justice Sentenced Death for Conspiring Against the Empress.

been received here from Seoul. Corea, to the holder, in the company, effect that the Corean minister of justice Yi Kon Ho, was arrested April 1 for conmost solomn were the services over the re- spiracy against the empress of Corea. He named various high officials as accomplices in the plot. Yi Kon Ho was condemned to death April 5 and the assistant minister of the Corean court was sentenced to fifteen years' hard labor. The other implicated officials were acquitted.

## MEXICO SIGNS CONVENTION

China, Luxembourg and Turkey Now the Only Countries Not in Pence Agreement.

THE HAGUE, April 17.-Mexico today signed the convention of the peace conference. China, Luxembourg and Turkey are & Northwestern Railroad company, was the protected cruiser Milwaukce. The boat assistance they tendered Cuba during the taken to the city cometery, where burisl now the only countries which have not held here today. It was said that only rou- is to have twenty-two knots' speed, to be war. Senor Palma is the choice of General signed the peace convention.

Northern Pacific Official Denies Rumored Sequel to Burlington Deal.

TALK OF "CENTRAL AGENCY" IS ABSURD

All Three Properties to Be Operated on an Independent Basis-St. Paul's Air Castle of Hope Crumbles.

NEW YORK, April 17.-The Commercial Advertiser says: At a meeting of the Northern Pacific directors in this city today the details of the Burlington deal were discussed. A member of the board said immediately after the board adjourned that matters were not yet in shape for an official announcement

It is believed that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad will bereafter be controlled jointly by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads. James J. about 500,000 shares of the Burlington are as follows: stock, which they have bought within the They are not now a government. They last two months It is the purpose of this be taken outside the United States.

In discussing today the Burlington purchase, the circumstances under which the roud has been acquired, and the advantages which it was expected the purchasing companies would gain, one of the highest authorities in Northern Pacific affairs said to the Evening Post:

Scheme Long Talked Of.

"Instead of the acquisition of the Burlington being a matter which has CEBU, Island of Cebu, P. L. April 17 .- A originated within a few months the conwould be possible to secure control of the road. There were innumerable difficulties. The purchase of the Burlington was discussed tentatively by some of the Northour chief officers showing the value of the property to us.

"But our credit was then relatively low, the common stock was selling low in the fifties, and the purchase of the Burlington then, even if it could have been acquired, was impossible from our own standpoint.

ganize and notify the mountain sulkers to "In fact we could not have acquired it cease causing trouble. If the people were acting alone, nor could the Great Northern the two roads acting jointly to safeguard themselves as far as possible in the matter of security. It was Mr. Hill's interest in the two properties which has made it possible for the Burlington to pass to our control. He has been the intermediary of Celonei McClernand as commanding wisely the negotiations, and the active enthusias-The island probably will be organized as tic advocate of the purchase, but the suggestion for Burlington's acquisition goes will be most largely and in fact almost ing worked in harmony with the Northern Pacific lines.

Will Be No Consolidation. "All three roads will continue to be operated as independent properties. There of troops desired will be no consolidation. The talk of a central agency at St. Paul for the three roads is absurd: President Hill must have been misunderstood on that point. We are thoritatively tonight that the army will not agreeing to pay 8 per cent on the Burlington stock and the profit on such a guaranty will in part have to be worked out by economies. We hope to get the cost of the Burlington to us down to about 4 per cent, and at that figure the price we agree to pay, you see, looks less extravagant. A saving of perhaps \$1,500,000 can be made through refunding and suspending the sinking funds, and as I understand the figures, \$2,500,000 can be saved in time by the joint control of the Burlington through economies in operation and transportation

"Burlington lines supplement those of were returning home after a day's shopping 000 annually which we gave to the Buris just the beginning. Altogether, the possibilities of this deal are most attractive and offer many new outlets to the oad are more obvicus than to the Great Northern.'

### DIRECTORS REMAIN SILENT Burlington Officials at Boston Meeting Say No Announcement is Forthcoming.

BOSTON, April 17 .- The directors of the their meeting here today and at the close ment concerning any change in the control

also testified that cartridges are issued to out the declaration that no proposition was in control of the property.

Cheney to Succeed Walker. TOPEKA, Kan., April 17 .- H. U. Mudge general manager of the Santa Fe, said toceed Aldace F. Walker, as chairman of ST. PETERSBURG. April 17.-News has of the heaviest, if not the heaviest stock- program already determined upon.

Taylor Elected Vice President. PHILADELPHIA, April 17 .- At a meeting of the directors of the Reading company this afternoon, W. R. Taylor, the former secretary of the company, was elected vice president and Adam H. Moore was made secretary.

Central and West Shore Re-Elect. ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.-The old boards railroad companies were re-elected at the | S. D. annual meetings of the two corporations

Northwestern Directors Just Meet.

## MUST SEE WHAT AGENT GETS JARRETT MEETS STRIKERS

Government Requires that Spanish-American War Claimants Show Any Lawyer's Contracts.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Spanish-American claims commission today made public a number of additional rules for the guidance of persons presenting claims of United States citizens in connection with he insurrection in Cuba. These additional rules relate to pleadings, evidence and the various books which are to be kept, such as order books, general docket, notice book and motion calendar. The rule which will attract the most attention is that which is in these words: "The contract of each claimant with any agent and any attorney for carrying on or aiding in the prosecution

of the claim must be shown." These rules for the presentation of claims and taking of evidence having been adopted, the business of the members of the commission between now and September, it is expected, will be that of dealing only with interlocutory motions which are not of great importance. Various questions have been put in the form of tentative propositions upon which the observations of counsel Hill and his associates are said to have for claimants will be giadly received. They

> 1. That no depositions of witnesses can 2. That it must appear that the claimant became naturalized in good faith and main-

3. That Spain was not liable for damages done by the Cuban insurgents.

IN ITINERARY CHANGES President's Western Trip Attered in Its Schedule-Workmen to Present Testimonial.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- Slight modifiwestern trip have been made. Sunday June 2, was to have been spent at Salt Lake City, but it is now understood that that date will be spent in Colorade, possibly at Glenwood Springs.

The president and Mrs. McKinley have accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrz. Henry T. Scott of San Francisco to occupy sage he declared he had nothing to say, the latter's home during their stay in the nor would be deny that he had received Golden Gate city.

One of the features of the launching of the battleship Ohio will be the presentation of a testimonial to the president by the workmen of the Union iron works, dent's proposed resolution giving ago there was some slight conflict between into the spirit of the great celebration ent. which is to attend the launching that they have arranged to present the president a testimonial upon their own behalf.

## FORT RUSSELL'S SLIM CHANCE

Wyoming Army Station Not Likely to Be Used to Recruit Buttalion.

WASHINGTON, April 17,-(Special Telegram.) - Senator Warren called at the War of the agreement. The original agreement an adjustment of the matter there will department today for the purpose of se- will probably arrive tomorrow from New undoubtedly be serious trouble. There is curing if possible, an orage to recruit one York and all be further discussed by the ue smallpox in Brown's Valley and hone in of the battalions of the new regiment at board and Mr. Jarrett of the battalions of the new regiment at board and Mr. Jarrett, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. General Miles The nature of this agreem at consumed and farmers protest in bitter terms against of all kinds of lines for its sleepers. Little stated that it had been the intention of the in argument much of the time of the ses- being held up on the public highways. destined for the foreign service in the west. but as new conditions obtained he thought Fort Russell would not be selected as a recruiting station. He said, however, that whatever was necessary in the way of troops. Fort Russell would be considered with the view of filling the complement

Now that Aguinaldo has been captured the bottom seemingly has fallen out of the Philippine service and it is stated aube recruited up to the maximum provided in the army bill passed at the last session of congress and that the maximum will be in the neighborhood of 68,000 men, instead will be appointed to the limit.

Typographical Union Chairman Says Telegraph Line Pays Three Hundred Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Industrial commission took up the question of government control of telegraph lines today A. L. Randall, chairman of a committee the International Typographical union to promote such ownership, and F. C. Roberts, a compositor, being the witnesses, Randall declared that the Western Union stock is extensively watered and said the company had received returns amounting in the aggregate to \$100,000,000 in twentyfive years. Stockholders of 1858, he declared, had realized an average of 200 per cent per annum on their investment. charged that a close coalition existed between the Western Union and the Assoprevent the founding of new newspapers. same line.

# WORRIED ABOUT RED HAT

Papel Delegation Fearful that Holy Decoration for Archbishop Martinelli May Arrive Late.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The officials of the papal delegation here have been rather noon reported that Assistant Superintendapprehensive lest the cardinal's red hat to ent Harrison of the W. Dewees-Wood mill exchanged shots with Stephenson, each be conferred on Archbishop Martinelli would made them an offer of increased pay to being wounded. Superintendent H. O. Burnot arrive in time for the ceremony prior to the departure of Cardinal Gibbons for and he informed them that he would put chester rifle and sent two bullets through Rome. It seems that the papal delegate other men in their places tomorrow. It Stephenson's heart. who is bringing the hat to this country de- was reported that 150 skilled workmen Armijo, though seriously wounded, shot cided, probably through motives of economy, to take one of the slow steamers, different points. They did not arrive in weakened when he saw his partners down which would have been eighteen days on a body, but in gangs of fifteen or twenty and surrendered. Neither of the wounded the Atlantic. At this rate the ceremony could not have taken place at the appointed night that it was proboable that B. P. time. In order to expedite affairs a cable-Chency of Boston would be selected to suc- gram was sent urging him to take one of Dewees-Wood works. The entire gang was the fastest steamers, and this is likely to in charge of the officers of a local detective the board of directors. Mr. Cheney is one bring him here in time for carrying out the agency.

### TWO CHAMBERLAIN OFFICES

President Appoints Lemuel Laughlin and Charles L. Brockway to Serve in South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The president day made the following appointments: Interior-Lemuel B. Laughlin, to be receiver of public moneys at Chamberlain. of directors of the New York Central & S. D., and Charles L. Brockway, to be reg-Hudson River railroad and the West Shore | ister of the land office at Chamberlain,

Will Build the Milwaukee.

NEW YORK. April 17 .- A special meet - Scott, today signed a contract with the expressed a desire to meet the people of ing of the board of directors of the Chicago Navy department for the construction of the United States and to thank them for the tine butiness was transacted at the meeting. finished in three years and to cost \$2,825,000. Gomez for the presidency of Cuba.

# Forecast for Nebraska-Fair; Warmer Thursday, Friday Fair; Variable Winds-

Hour. Deg. 5 s. m. . . . 30 6 s. m. . . . 31

7 a. m..... 32

9 a. m..... 56 10 a. m..... 38

S a. m. .... 34

PAT CROWE IN INDIANA

ploring Hamilton County.

ELWOOD, Ind., April 17.-Pat Crowe.

Novels Arrested and One of

Them Confesses.

gardner and Harry Cain, 15-year-old boys.

were arrested at Wilcox, Mo., today, charged

with having wrecked an Omaha & St. Louis

passenger train at that point Wednesday.

when the engine and three coaches were

Bumgardner, who is the son of the station

agent at Wilcox, is said to have confessed

to his father He says he and Cain were

walking on the track just before the arrival

of the passenger and as they came to the

switch the Cain boy said: "Let's ditch that

the switch with a crowbar. Cheap novels

SMALLPOX STARTS A TEMPEST

Sisseton and Brown's Valley Are In-

dulging in War Tactics and

Blockade Running.

point. More than 100 cases of the disease

the place. This enraged Sisseton authori-

ties and under pretense of having quaran-

tined Roberts county they placed armed

guards on the state line one-half mile from

Brown's Valley, who forbid farmers from

Many farmers have passed this guard

line by running their horses, while some

tant. There is great excitement over the

Another in Coup in Greater

New York.

NEW YORK, April 17 .- The committee

this afternoon. The raids were made on

detectives working for the committee un-

this place received a tip from the police

that the place was about to be raided. A

least two of the police officials to prove

PRISON FLOOR IS CRIMSON

Attempt of Three Santa Fe Convicts to

Overpower Guards Ends

Patally.

DENVER, April 17 .- A special to the

News from Santa Fe, N. M., says: An at-

tempt of three convicts at the penitentiary

wounding of Convict Jose Monica Sene

George Stephenson, convicted of murder

had in some manner armed himself with a

revolver. William Simmons, sentenced for

cattle stealing, and Frank Carper, also

INDIANS FINALLY CONSENT

Council of Oklahoma Tribes Results in

Removing Their Objections

to Proposed Opening.

GUTHRIE, Okl., April 17 .- A three days'

of the Kiews, Comanche and Apache Indian

tribes closed at the Indian agency at Ana-

darke today. Oh Pe Ah Tone, who has been

the leader of the Klown seceders, who for

a year have refused to come into council or

It was decided that the Klowas would come

in and take their allotments at once. It

was decided to empower Agent Randlett

be a serious obstacle.

ouncil of the chiefs and leading members | years old.

A moment later

Guard Pedro Sandoval.

wounded.

any section to come across.

ditched and the engineer injured.

are responsible.

MARYVILLE, Mo., April 17 .- Paul Bum-

Steel Company's Labor Agent Tells Them They Violated Agreement.

PROPOSES TO PROVE HIS CHARGE TODAY

Original Document Will Arrive for Examination and Early Settlement Becomes a Possibility-New Men Reported Enroute.

PITTSBURG, April 17.-The threatened Acting on This Theory Omaha Destrike of all the men of the Amaigamated tectives Are Said to Be Exassociation employed in the organized milia of the American Sheet Steel company and subsequently of all the organized men of the association in the mills of the United alleged kidnaper of young Edward Cudahy States Steel corporation trembles in the of Omaha, is thought to be in Hamilton balance tonight. On the one hand, Prest- county, near Noblesville. Detectives from dent T. J. Shaffer is backed up in his de- Omaha are now searching the neighborhood termination to call a general strike by a which Crowe formerly frequented. Crowe majority of the members of his advisory came to Hamilton county fifteen years ago board and the district vice president and lived in the county four years, during trustees, who were in session all day today. which time he married the daughter of John On the other hand, there is a new move Rambo of Fishers station. She died later toward conciliation and arbitration, which in Omaha. may end the entire controversy in Pittaburg tomorrow, or may be carried to New FOR OMAHA TRAIN WRECK York to be adjusted by higher powers.

President T. J. Shaffer said tonight that Two Youthful Readers of Cheap the outlook for settlement is better than at any time since the McKeesport trouble started. He refused to explain this state ment. Colonel G. Watson French, vice president

of the Republic Iron and Steel company, visited Amalgamated headquarters today in relation to matters pertaining to some of his own mills. He became interested in the issue against the Sheet Steel company and volunteered to do all in his power to cations of the ltinerary of the president's avert a struggle. He talked to the advisory board for an hour, advising conciliation and arbitration.

Later, it is understood Mr. Shaffer heard from Colonel French at his home in relation to some action he had taken. When the Amalgamated president was asked to fiver." They broke the combination rod of tell the nature of Colonel French's messuch a message

### President Not Yet Empowered.

The session of the Amalgamated executives today took no action on the presiwhere the Ohio is building. A short time power to call out the men of the Sheet Steel company and subsequently, as he sees fit. the workmen and the company, and for a all the men of the new Morgan company. brief time it appeared to be possible that This is accounted for in the absence of a strike which would interfere with the Vice Presidents John F. Ward of Niles launching of the ship might occur, but the O., and John Chappell of Newcastle, Pa. trouble was adjusted satisfactorily and the The meeting adjourned until tomorrow workmen have entered so enthusiastically morning, when these officials will be pres-

> Much of the session today was taken up in a conference with John Jarrett, head of the labor bureau of the Sheet Steel company. Mr. Jarrett contended that the men had violated their agreement of a year age, in which they agreed to remain at work under the conditions then existing, the violation being in their joining issues taken into Sisseton, fourteen miles diswith the association. The Amalgamated men were firm in asserting that their join-ing of the association was not a violation the two states take a hand and bring about

sions and on it hinges largely a remote possibility of settlement without further concession by the Sheet company or a testing of strength of the new industrial combine of capital and President Shaffer's association of the combined skilled men. John Jarrett asserted in the meeting and out of it that the company had made absolutely no effort to displace the men on strike at McKeesport. While the company is anxious to run the mill, it is now seriously working on the line of conciliation,

## Shaffer Will Fix the Date.

It was explained in the meeting that as personally conducted by individual memsoon as the resolution was passed giving bers of the committee, assisted by their of 100,000, although staff and line officers Mr. Shaffer all power in the matter be own detectives and policemen of the regwould address the heads of all the constitu- ular force from the precinct in which the ent concerns of the United States Steel raid was made. WEGTERN UNION'S PROFITS corporation a letter advising them of the authority vested in him and fixing a date make any arrests, and C. C. Brewster of when all these men will be called to strike the committee openly says the inmates of in the event that the Sheet Steel company has not been forced to settle. Such a communication, in the event of the resolution feature of the raid was the effort by at passing, is also to go to ex-Judge E. H. Gary, chairman, and Charles M. Schwab, that the places raided were not poolrooms, president of the United States Steel corpor- but orderly and well-conducted clubs. ation.

A canvass of all parties to the dispute indicates that the declaration of a strike will not take place for several days. The effort at conciliation to be made tomorrow will be followed by others that will take

At McKeesport tonight, while the strikers are alert and ready to meet any new move He that may be made by the company, nothing resembling disorder has occurred. The crucial test of the men's determination to clated Press, declaring that it operates to continue allegiance to the amalgamation will come in the morning at ? o'clock, at Mr. Roberts' testimony was along the which time all employes of the company been notified to report or consider themselves discharged. The 125 knoblers who struck yesterday met today and agreed to remain away from the mill, but will not decide whether or not to join the sentenced for cattle thefs, were in the conamalgamated association until tomerrow, spiracy to break out. They were armed when another meeting will be held.

with iron bars. Stephenson attacked the Some of the men in attendance at the guard, who was in the dining room, unstrike meeting at McKeesport this after- armed. He shot Pedro Sandoval. Captain Armijo ran for a shotgun and, returning, return to work. They refused to go back sum came upon the scene with a Winwere brought to Pittsburg last night from Simmons, fatally wounding him. Carper and were immediately sent by different guards will die. During the fight Jose routes to McKeesport. They will, it is Monica Sena, a convict, was slightly said, take the places of the strikers at the

## GENERAL GOMEZ IS COMING

Hero of Cuban Wars Prepares to Call with His Son, on Uncle Sam.

HAVANA, April 17.—General Maximo Gomez is making arrangements to go to the United States to visit Senor Estrada Palma. He will be accompanied by his son | comply in any way with the law requiring Urbano and will probably remain in the them to take allotments, was present and United States until the return to Cuba of the special committee on relations.

He desires to await definite action in reference to the Platt amendment, in order WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Union Iron to avoid the accusation that the trip is works of San Francisco, through President made for political purposes. He has always

# CONDITION OF THE WEATHER UNION PACIFIC FIRE

Temperature at Omaha Vesterday: Buildings Destroyed at Union Transfer Depot, Council Bluffs.

PULLMAN COMPANY ALSO LOSES HEAVILY

Long Row of Store and Machine Rooms Burned to the Ground.

LOSSES RUN WELL UP INTO THOUSANDS

Firemen Lose Control Because of Break in Fire Hose Lines.

OIL TANKS EXPLODE AND SCATTER FIRE

Switch Engines Run the Gauntlet of Flames to Drag Strings of Coaches Away to safety - Cigare and Coatly Wines Feed Blaze.

Fire raged three hours last night in the passenger coach cleaning yard at the Union Transfer depot, Council Bluffs, destroying the long row of frame buildings used by the Union Pacific and Pullman companies as store and machine rooms, with their contents, entailing a loss to both companies that will run well up into the

thousands. The origin of the configuration is unknown, but the fire is supposed to have been started either from a spark from an engine or from spontaneous combustion of some of the supplies in the oil and waste

The buildings destroyed comprised the linen and commissary storeroom of the Pullman company, the machinery room, car repair room, oilroom of the Union Pacific and the office of James F. Spare, foreman of the yard.

The blaze started about 9:15 o'clock between Foreman Spare's office and the storeroom on the east, and was first discovered by A. Sketchley, in charge of the store department at the transfer, who at once gave the alarm. The Council Bluffs fire department was soon on the scene, and, although the blaze had gained considerable BROWN'S VALLEY, Minn., April 17 .- An headway, in about twenty minutes it was nterstate warfare growing out of smallpox | practically under control and the loss would conditions at Sisseton, S. D., is on at this have been comparatively small had not several breaks occurred in the hose, which are reported as existing at Sisseton and handicapped the department and permitted Brown's Valley has quarantined against the blaze to get a fresh start.

> Tar Roofs Make Hot Fire. The frame buildings, with their tar and gravel roofs and combustible contents, made fuel for the flames and it soon became apparent that the entire row of buildings was doomed. The firemen then devoted their efforts to save the sheds on the east, containing supplies of the Union Pacific

have been arrested and handcuffed and store department. By midnight the row of buildings, 120 feet in length, were smoldering ruins. Strings of coaches that were in the yard at the outbreak of the fire were safely

pulled out by switch engines. The west room of the row of buildings was occupied by the Puliman company as a linen room and contained a large supply of the linen was saved. The building next on the east was used as a commissary SEVEN POOLROOMS store by the Pullman company and contained a large stock, including costly wines

### Committee of Fifteen Accomplishes and cigars, all of which were consumed. Costly Machinery Outfit Gone.

Next to the Pullman buildings was the Union Pacific machine and carpenter shop, containing expensive machinery, lathes, of fifteen raided seven alleged poolrooms band saws and other apparatus pairing cars. The contents of this buildwarrants issued by Justice Jerome and ing is probably an entire loss. Between upon evidence obtained by the staff of the machine shop and Foreman Spare's office was a long room, in which was stored der the direction of Superintendent John oil and waste and other articles used in McCullagh. The raids in each case were cleaning the cars.

The oil tanks when they became redbot exploded with loud reports and scattered the burning timbers and embers high into the air and over the iron roofs of the platform sheds to the south. In only one place did the raiders fail to

While the firemen were able to save the storerooms to the east of Foreman Spare's office, much of the contents was damaged by smoke and water and the loss here is probably heavy.

Losses Hard to Estimate. A. J. Manderson, agent, said it was impossible to estimate the loss last night but that it would run far up into the thousands. J. C. Fleming, foreman for the Pullman company, thought his company's loss would amount to \$10,000, but that possibly it might be greater, as he did not

### The frame buildings burned were crected about ten years ago.

know what stock was in the commissary

storeroom.

to effect their escape today resulted in the HALFFKIN HEADS OFF PLAGUE killing of Convict George Stephenson, the mortal wounding of Convict Simmons, the Ann Arbor Doctors Who Take It Escape the Bubonic Captain of the Guard Felipe Amijo and Symptoms.

> ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 17 .- Dr. George Dock and Dr. James A. Neil, the two university professors, who attended student Charles Bunyan Hare of Pawnee City, Neb., the bubonic plague patient, in the first instance, and who were made violently sick by an injection of halffkin, a culture of the plague germ, are recovering and will be out in a few days. Halffkin is considered an anti-toxine or preventative of the plague. Student Hare is reported to be improving steadily.

### OLD MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Geble Asmus of Osceols Shoots Himself Through the Head at Midnight.

OSCEOLA, Neb., April 17 .- (Special.) --Gehle Asmus, who came here from Waterloo a couple of years ago and was making his home at his son-in-law Mr. Henning's north of here on the valley, committed suicide at midnight last night. The old man got up in the night and took a revolver from the drawer in his room and shot himself through the head, living but a few hours afterward. He was past 73

### HORSE MEDICINE EXPLODES

Herbert Lound, Drug Clerk at Winside. Burns His Hands and

WINSIDE, Neb., April 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-Herbert Lound, son of Tom Lound of the Winside Milling company, in Murto select the 48,000 acres of grazing lands head's drug store this morning, where he provided for in the bill opening the reserva- is employed, was compounding a prescription to settlement. This has been the tion for horse medicine in which chlorate stumbling block to the way of completing of potash was an ingredient. He underthe preliminary work necessary to get in took to pulverize it in a mortar and an readiness for the opening and this action explosion resulted. Both eves and one of the tribes removes what promised to hand were burned and his whole face was winged.