SMOOT HEARING ON PAY

Senate Committee Begins Investigation of Charges Against Him.

PROMINENT MORMONS FOR WITNESSES

Former Representative Taylor, Who Unseated Roberts, Astorney for Gentiles.

HEAD OF MORMON CHURCH ON THE STAND

President Smith, When Questioned, Admits He Still Believes in Polygamy.

SAYS HE IS A PROPHET AND REVELATOR

Expected the Hearing Will Continue Several Weeks and that Exam-Instion of President Smith Will Take Two Days.

tion which is to decide whether Reed Smoot of Utah is to retain his seat in the United States cenate and incidentally define the political status of the Mormon church, was formally begun today before the senate committee on privileges and elections. It is conceded the hearings will extend over several weeks. Interest increased with the announcement that Joseph Smith, president of the Mormon church, will be the principal witness, and in all probability will occupy the attention of the committee for two or three days. The attorneys for the defense, A. S. Worthington of this city and Waldemar Van Cott of Sair Lake, arrived early and engaged in conference with their client. J. G. Carlisle. former secretary of the treasury, and R gress and the attorney who prosecuted the contest against Brigham Roberts' retaining are the counsel for the protestants. Half a dozen witnesses, nearly all of them of the Mormon church, occupied seats in the a number of women were in attendance and watched the proceedings with interest

List of Witnesses. Chairman Barrows, after ascertaining by roll call that a quorum was present, directed Mr. Taylor to proceed with the case. Mr. Taylor inquired the number of witnesses present and Mr. Burrows read the following list of those on whom summons had been served: Mabei Parker Kennedy, Amos Charles Matthews, Ogden Hiles, Andrew Jensen, John Smith, Hiram M. Smith. Thomas H. Morrill, Charles E. Merrill, Alma Merrill, Lorin Harmon, Moses Thatcher, M. W. Merrill, Joseph E. Smith

and Francis M. Lyman. Mr. Taylor announced his readiness to proceed and asked that President Joseph F. Smith be sworn. After that had been done Franklin S. Richards, a Salt Lake City attorney, stated that he was present as an adviser of the witnesses in the event any improper questions were asked.

Chairman Burrows, after ascertaining Mr. Smith is president of the church and was born in Missourt in 1838 and went to "tub in 1848 and always has been in the

prophet, seer and revelator.

The witness said he was "so sustained." Further questions along the same line brought out the statement that he received his powers by reason of the position he holds in the church. He said the apostles of the church were "sustained" in the same powers as prophets, seers and reve-Intern.

He was asked to name his predecessors as president of the church, and gave them order back to the first president, Joseph Smith, jr. The witness said he sustains the same powers as his predecessors

Smith's Business Affairs.

Questions directed to ascertain the business occupations of Mr. Smith in addition to the presidency of the church brought out the following list of concerns of which he is president: Zion Co-operative Mercantile natitute, with a capital stock of more than \$1,000,000; State Bank of Utah, Utah Sugar mpany, Consolidated Wagon and Mabine company, Utah Light and Railway company, Sait Lake & Los Angeles Railway company, Saltair Beach company and fait Lake Knitting company. He said be was president of a number of other small concerns, the names of which he could not recall, and that he is a director of the nion Pacific Ratiway company, editor of the Improvementer and Juvenile Instructor and director or official of a number of mining companies.

A list of the first presidency or twelve apostles governing the church was read by This list included the name of Reed Smoot. Mr. Smith explained that the first presidency is the president of the church and that the twelve apostles are next in authority. The presidents are elected by the council and the aposties, he said, but he believed, and it is taught, that the presidents are really chosen by divine revelaon, and they are endowed with the authority of the hely priesthood by authority direct from God. He said the apostles might elect to their number in the event of a vacancy, but that they would not go contrary to the wish of the first presi-

Object to Smith's Language.

Throughout the testimony Mr. Smith used such expressions as "I think," "I presume" " I be leve." These expressions proved unsatisfactory to members of the committee and Senator Hoar said he wanted to un derstand whether Mr. Smith's form of speech implied doubt or whether it was a mply an unfortunate mode of speech.

er Smith said he used expressions which ere not positive when he referred to matters from memory, but that in all matters of church and of the revelations and the powers of the church he was certain and the company has made three general surdid not want to be misunderstood.

Revelations and Senators.

In relation to revelations, the witness said the church holds that any elder may receive a revelation for his own guidance. Then Mr. Smoot may receive such plete its connection between Eureka and revelations direct from God?" said Mr. Taylor. "For his own guidance, yes" was the CANADIAN

In response to direct questioning Mr.

Smith said only those revelations to the president which had been presented to the irch and accepted by the members were binding upon them. Mr. Overman wanted to know what hap-

pened to those who did not believe in the spired revelations. Are they unchurched?" he asked

"They unchurch themselves," was the re-

After more direct questioning concerning the rights of the church members to reject

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Accounts 3 Columbian World's y the Officers Fair 100 BEG.

CHICAGO, M on 2-The accounts of the forld's Columbian exposition of 1893 were closed today with the payment of a fina lividend of 4.65 per cent to all of the 2.00 tockholders. This payment, with a diviend of 10 per cent, which was paid 1 1894, makes a total of 14.65 per cent in divilends paid on the capital stock.

Many of the stockholders have expressed heir satisfaction at the closing of the islness in this way, as it was at first thought that less than 10 per cent divi- troops in the Cross and Nsossanang river lend would be paid.

Several suits against the company are till pending. For this reason a small sum small, however, that no further dividends will be declared should this amount not be paid out in claims against the com-

VERDICT FOR INSURANCE MEN

WASHINGTON, March 2.- The investiga- Illinois Court Finds that Alleged Combine of Companies is Not in Restraint of Trade.

> SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 2 .- Judge Bur coughs in the St. Clair county elreuit court has rendered a decision in favor of certain insurance companies in a case brought against the companies by Attorney General Hamlin, charging them with forming a combine in St. Clair and Madison countles to keep up rates. One hundred and twelve impanies had employed what they called "compact manager."

Attorney General Hamilin asked that an injunction be issued to restrain the companies from combining to fix rates. demurrer of the defendants, which held W. Taylor, former representative in con- that the agreement was legal and that persons insured were benefitted by it, also denied that they were acting in restraint of his seat in congress on the ground of his trade, and alleging that the compact man having violated the anti-polygamy law, ager simply reduced expenses and enabled them to write insurance at lower rates than otherwise, was sustained by the court.

rear of the large committee rooms. Quite OFFER OFFICE TO JASTROW

President of Semitle Languages at Pennsylvania University May Have Chair at St. Louis Fair.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.-Albino W. Small, L.L. D., vice president of the Congress of Arts and Science of the Universal exposition at St. Louis in 1904, has notified Morris Jastrow, jr., Ph. D., president of Semitic languages at the University of Pennsylvania, that an official invitation is extended to him to act as chairman of Department %, history of religion. This department includes Buddhism and Braham-New Testament and history of the Christian church. Among the eminent European scholars who have accepted invitations to deliver addresses in this department are Profs. Oldenburg of Kiel, Goldhizer of to the War department by General Wood, will be discussed in three mass meetings. Buda Pest, Smith of Glasgow, Budde of in which he says a rebel styling himself Marburg and Harmack of Berlin. Dr. Jas- Prym has issued a commission to Ricarte trow has been prominent in authorship as Houtenant general of northern Luzon. Yale; first vice president, Nicholas Murdepartment.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Smith if he was a PAY FOR TITLE TO CANAL United States Ready to Take Final Steps to Acquire Prop-

WASHINGTON, March 2-A conclusion of the negotiations for the title to the Panama canal property is in sight. Attorney General Knox, who had a conference today with the president, authorized

the following statement: "I have advised the president that he is uthorized to pay at once to the Republic of Panama the \$10,000,000 stipulated for by the treaty, the ratifications of which have just been exchanged. Also that he is authorized to pay to the new Panama canal company the \$40,000,000 which under the agreement between the United States and that company we are to pay for its property and have notified the canal company we are ready to close the transaction. details in connection with the transfer of the canal company's property should not

MRS. M'CANN ON THE STAND Wife of Murdered Horseman Giver Testimony Against Bar-

rington.

require more than thirty days."

ST. LOUIS, March 2-Mrs. Jessie Mc. Cann, widow of the murdered horseman, James P. McCann, was the central figure today at the trial of Frederick Barrington, Mr. Taylor and identified by Mr. Smith. charged with the crime. She last saw Mc-Cann alive on the night of May 18, when decided in its favor and the Union Pacific he and Barrington went out ostensibly to meet some wealthy English friends of the latter who were to loan him (Barrington)

some money. McCann not appearing the next day, his wife asked Berrington about him. Barrington then told of his going away in a carriage with a woman after the alleged fight at Suburban Garden, Barrington, witness said, brought her an alleged mesage from her husband to the effect that he had got into trouble and was ashamed to return home.

LINE COST TWELVE MILLIONS Santa Fe's Link from San Francisco North Will Be Expensive

Enterprise.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2-The Santa Fe rallroad has finished all of its preitin inary surveys for a new line to Eureka Humboldt county, and its engineers are now figuring on the cost so us to deeide upon a final location. It is known veys at a considerable outlay of time and money in an effort to get a good CANAL COMMISSION IS GOOD country of Mendocino and Humboldt counties. It will cost the Santa Fe in the neighborhood of \$12,000,000 to com

INDIANS DYING Scourge of Smallpox and Lack of

San Francisco bay.

Pood Occasion Great Suffering.

ST. PAUL. Minn., March I -A special to gram.)-The Hand county saloon license he Dispatch from Winnipeg. Manitoba, case was before the supreme court today

errible suffering among the Indians from ing, and an order was granted, returnable secured other employment in Philadelphia. ack of fool and a scourge of small pox. At Isle De Cross sixty deaths are reported Commissioner Laird of the Indian depart- missioners of the county refused to grant four years. Pulido represented the interment has sent an expedition for the relief a license after the town board had granted ests of the republic as secretary, with headof the Indians." a permit.

Uprising in German West Africa Due to Acts of Commissioner.

INSANE MAN UNDERTAKES REPRISALS

Letters Received in Berlin Give Rensons for the Uprising that is Making All the Trouble in the Kamerun Country.

BERLIN, March 2.-The rising of nativ region of German Kamerun, West Africa resulting in several factories of the North west Kamerun company being burned f money has been retained by the officers down and four Germans killed, as an f the company to meet any possible claim nounced Monday, was caused by the against it on these suits. This amount is eccentric conduct of Count von Pueckler. and was directly due to the theft of a lantern from the Northwest Kamerun company. Von Pucckier, who was the government district commissioner, was eputed to be a quiet and sensible adminitratior, having sound knowledge of native ways and character. He formerly was an employe of the Northwest Kamerun company, but recently had been employed by the government. Herr Schoeller, president of the company, received in December last a long letter from Count von Pueckier regarding the stolen lantern, concluding with the assertion that he intended to make the property of white men respected by burning the violence of the language of Von-Pueckler that the latter was deranged, and wrote both to the count and to the agents of the company commanding that nothing be done over so trivial a matter, saying that the company for the first time was about to pay a dividend, and adding that the good will of the natives must be

> Herr Schoeller's letters arrived too late Count von Pueckler with twenty five men, tried to arrest the head men of one of the escort with difficulty escaped. During the next few days the company's factories of the Cross river were burned down and four agents were killed. A punitive expedition

as now arrived in the hostile district. Count von Pueckler, as apepars from in ormation subsequently received by Herr Schoeller, had recently given way to fits of fury against the negroes, attributable to the state of his health as a result of his long residence in the hot climate of equatorial West Africa.

EMBERS OF REBELLION SMOULDER.

Pilar, One of Treconcilables, Joins the Outlaws. MANILA, March 2.-Del Pilar, the lead-

ing spirit of the Caribao insurrection against Spain and the United States, who was extled to Guam, but who returned and accepted the oath of allegiance, has joined anism. Mohammedanism. Old Testament, the outlaws who are defying the authority of the government.

WASHINGTON, March 2-That the empers of revolution still smoulder in the Experience," The Bible in Education, Philippines is suggested in a recent report and "The Bible in Social and Civic Life" along the lines indicated as the work of this Little is known of Prym and it is hoped that it is no more than a brigand demon stration. Ricarte is an irrenconcilable. He was transported to Guam and when the other Philippine captives returned to Manila under parole he refused to take the oath and went to Hong Kong. Recently he returned to the Philippines, still failing to take the oath, and managing to smuggle himself through the lines. His whereabouts are unknown and the Philippine constabulary is looking for him

Noted Men Abroad.

COLON. March 2.-Lieutenant Colonel William P. Biddle, U. S. M. C., and his alde-de-camp, Captain Alexander S. Williams, are passengers on the steamer City of Washington, which salled from here esterday for New York. Edward Ames, the secretary of the United States legation at Buenos Ayres, is also on board the City of Washington.

OPINION FORMALLY UPHELD Decision Throwing Open Union Paelfic Bridge to All Roads Finally Affirmed.

ST. LOUIS, March 2 -The United States curt of appeals today sustained the district court in its decision that any railroad has the right to use the Union Facific bridge between Council Bluffs and Omaha and the stations and switch yard facilities of that road in the two cities.

The decision was reached in the contest of the Mason City & Fort Dodge road, owned and controlled by the Chicago Great Western. It applied for the use of the bridge and was refused. The district court further company appealed the case.

This is a formal affirmation and announced from St. Paul Monday.

LOOKS LIKE LONG LITIGATION Judge Thayer Sustains Bennett Demurrer in Contest of William J.

Bryan to Secure 850,000

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 2-Judge Phayer, in the superior court, today susalped a demurrer by the counsel for Mrs. Mr. Bennett. In the action brought in behalf of Mr. Bryan an effort was made to a lociaration of trust. In sustaining the justment all along the line. demurrer the court decides that the ques tion of the status of the scaled letter cannot be determined in the present action

aults. Senate Committee on Interoceante

Canals Agrees to Report Favorably.

agreed to report the nominations of the recommendation.

Advancing License Case PIERRE, S. D., March 2 - (Special Teleon an order to show cause why it should the 16th for argument on the order to slow

LAST DIVIDENDS NEGROES RESENT OUTRAGES HARRISON STILL IN CONTROL CANNOT HOLD PORT ARTHUR NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Mayor of Chicago by Clever Ruse Regains Saddle in Cook County Democracy.

SPRINGFIELD, III., March 2.-By usational bit of strategy today, the control of the political auxiliary toganization known as the Cook County Democracy, was obtained by the adherents of Mayor Carter

The victory was achieved by a legal ruse Eagerly watching for a chance, the fellowers of the mayor caught the opponents napping. With a demand for incorporation as 'he Cook County Democracy. John Powers and other friends of the mayo suddenly appeared today before Secretary of State Rose. It was shown to the satisfaction of Secretary Rose that the charter held by opponents of the mayor had become invalid for noncompliance with the law requiring an annual report to the secretary of state. A license was thereupon issued to Powers who thus regained control from which he had recently been ousted by a court decision upholding the anti-Harrison faction led by Mayor Harrison's former chief Beutenant, Robert E. Burke. The decision had enjoined officers of the Harrison faction from appearing at the meeting or otherwise interfering with the Cook County Democracy,

Subsequently it appears from the proceedngs today, the Harrison faction discovered the organization from which it had been shut out had failed to make annual reports to the secretary of state under the law or live villages. Herr Schoeller inferred from 1901, and at midnight last night was the latest time that such a report could be made. Accordingly a number of Harrison's adherents, formed a new organization, which was granted it license today,

An amendment to the law passed by the legislature of 1902 exempted corporations not for profit from making annual reports to the secretary of state. The amendment newever, applied only to corporations organized after the amendment became law and thus did not apply to the anti-Harrison Cook County Democracy, the illages, but the count was killed and his charter of which was cancelled by the secretary of state.

NOTED EDUCATORS IN SESSION

Four Thousand Writers, Teachers, Preachers and Speakers Discuss Religious Education.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2 - Distinguished prelates and educators, prominent writers and speakers on religious and educational subjects, and a delegation of religious workers numbering nearly 4,000 are in attendance at the annual convention of the Religious Education association. Nearly two score teachers will be present during the two days of the convention. The association has seventeen departments and in all of them endeavors to fulfill its purpose in which "to promote religious and moral education."

The general theme of the convention "The Bible in Practicable Life," "Its Particular Phases," "The Bible in Religious

The general officers of the association President, Frank knight Sanders, ray Butler, Columbia, general secretary, ident of the University of Chicago,

"What Would Constitute a Scientific Basis for Religious and Moral Education and to What Extent Does Such a Basis Already Exist." was the first subject propounded for discussion at today's session. It was considered, first, from the standpoint of psychology, by President G. Stanley Hall, D. D., Clark university, Worcester. Mass; second, from the standpoint of ethics, by Frederick Tracy, Ph. D., University of Toronto, Canada; third, from the standpoint of theology, by Shailer Matthews, D. D., University of Chicago; fourth, from the standpoint of educational practices, by Luther Halsey

Gulick, M. D., New York. STICKNEY MAKES NEW CUT Slices Grain Rate Down to the Quick and Result is Anxiously

Watched.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 1.-The Chicago Great Western has announced a further cut of three cents a hundred pounds in the rate on grain from Missouri river points to Chicago. The new rates, which will be four cents on wheat and three cents on

corn, will go in effect next Friday, The last announcement of a cut in the grain rates by the Great Western was eceived with surprise to Omaha by rail-

road men. The general impression seemed to be abroad that Mr. Stickney would not continue the fight by cutting grain rates At Northwestern headquarters nothing could be learned regarding the future policy of that line in the grain rate war, as

A. Kuhn, assitint general passenger nouncement of Judge Sanborn's opinion un- and ticket agent, is in Chicago where he is conferring with officials of his company regarding the situation. If the Northwestern continues the rate war by making another cut in the Chicago rates it will necessitate the cutting of the local grain rates into this city, and that is said to be just what is desired by President Stickney. Another reduction in the

through rates of the Northwestern from Nebroska points to Chicago will put at least half of the through rates from Nebraska stations below the local rates into allo S. Bennett, to the suit of William this city, and that will necessitate a lin-I Bryan for the construction of the will of ing up of the locals from all parts of the state. The Burlington, in case it should save a scaled letter left by Mr. Bennett would have to readjust its Nebraska laand giving \$50,000 to Mr. Bryan enforced as cals and this would cause another read-

CLOSE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY but must be reserved for decision in other President Castro's Actions in Shutting

Off Salaries Throws Legutioners Out of Work.

NEW YORK, March 2-It is stated here that the Venezuelan legation in Washington will be closed because President Castro fore my departure a council was held, and has stopped the salary of Minister Hernan- I have been requested to thank the Amerdez, who, however, has not been recalled, jeans for their kindly offers to render us WASHINGTON, March 2-The senate This is said to have been brought about committee on interoceanic canals today through a letter to the fiscal agents here gret that many offers have to be of the Venezueian government instructing on account of the stuffs being full and in Panama canst commission with a favorable them not to pay the general's salary, as abillity to care for and feed those who heretofore, on the lst of each month Augusto F. Pulldo, who has been seere-

tary of the legation for several years, suf- the offer of the ever needed money we fers only half as much as his chief, for his is to continue in his present office at \$30. a month, instead of \$40. Nichols Hernandez, a son of the general

"Traders coming from the north report not go on the calendar for immediate hear- who is an under secretary, already has Up to last summer Venesuela had been cause. This is the case where the com- witness a minister at Washington during quarters in a Washington boarding house

Jepanese Representative Says it is in No Condition to Stand Siege.

PLACES COUNTRY'S CASE BEFORE WORLD

Rumor is Current in Business Circles in St. Petersburg that Russians Will Abandon Port Arthur

(Copyright, by New York Herald, Co., 1984.) ST. PETERSBURG, March 2 .- New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee !- Ominous rumors ran through the city today in the business circles that Port Arthur is to be abandoned to the enemy, after stoking the ships, as was done in the Crimean war. This is probably exaggerated, but the story is fortified by a telegram from Port Arthur published in enemy takes the town, the same dispatch telling of several Chinese being caught on the heights at the back of the town signalling to the Japanese.

Today the list of the twenty-nine killed aboard the Variag and also a few of the casualties aboard the Askold, the Novik and the Pallada, is published. The latter does not include yesterday's damages, if

States Japan's Case.

opyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, March 2 (New York Her ald Service-Special Telegram to The Bee-"Port Arthur will fall into our hands by its own weight. It has inadequate provision to stand a siege," said Baron Suite matsu, former minisetr of communication and minister of the interior of Japan, son- and caps. in-law of Marquis Ito and for many years high in the council of the Japanese emtoday immediately on his arrival from Yokohama, after an eastward journey.

"Understand," continued the baron, "I am on no official mission, but for me to leave my country at this time has some meaning. You can draw your own conclusions. I am now on my way to Engexpect to be idle. I want the great civilized nations to understand the position and want to tell it to you. We do not want to allenate moral sympathy, and that we may not I want it to be understood that we realize the importance of carrying on this war according to the rules of international law and the spirit of the highest modern civilization, as judged by other nations. It Chicago; treasurer, James may be necessary to explain some matters Herron Eckles, Chicago; chairman execu- to the civilized nations, and I am ready to tive board, William Rainey Harper, pres- do it. 1 left Yokohama on February 18 for this purpose, landed at Victoria, then went to Seattle and have come across the continent, and have heard much sympathy for our cause, for all of which I am truly thankful.

"Let me impress upon you and upon all the people of the great United States that we are not carrying on this war for any selfish purpose unless a battle for existence is selfishness. We have been compelled to take the step that we have taken, yes compelled, for we have tried to avoid trouble with Russia and have found it im

possible acquisition of new territory that Japan wants, but we demand the integrity of the Chinese empire and also the integrity of Corea, excepting that we must have some sort of preponderance of influence in Corea

Russians Not Concillatory.

"Russia has not shown the least con ciliatory attitude toward us. The bear had his paw on the Pacific and he has been not only determined to hold it there but to advance it. We had to say 'no.' Small as we are as a nation we found a limit to patience and forbearance. You know the story of diplomatic correspondence. The Russian government insisted from the beginning to end to say not a single word about Manchuria to us, the life of the entire question, while all of the time it was

trying to tie our hands in regard to Corea. "We were exasperated. We endured the conditions as long as possible and end came. We warned the Russian government that if it protracted the nego tiations solely for its own advantage a heavy responsibility was incurred by it That, of course, meant that if Russia falled to show any spirit of conciliation was would be inevitable and could but be con-

sidered provoked by Russia. "Still we kept on with our negotiations until about January 20, when we sent a notice to the Russian government that practically amounted to an ultimatum leaving Russia to say yes or no. It was then the understanding that a definite answer was to be given to us about February 28. We said emphatically and positively to the Russian minister that if the answer was postponed later than that date we would be free to take independent

The reason for France taking an active meet another Nortwestern reduction, also part is that it is said the secret treaty between France and Russia provides that if two powers combine against either the other will go to the rescue. It is said that as Corea has become our ally Russia can demand that France belo her, in our eyes Corea is not worth considering. We respect the sovereignty of Corea, but what is Corea after all? her troops to fight for us. Her resources are not great. Corea is important for us for other reasons, not as an ally.

"One thing more, I am of the counci of the Red Cross in Japan. The day be assistance in many ways. If is with rewould willingly help us in the Red Cross work. If this same kindness is shown by will be delighted to receive it.

Defends Attack on Ships.

"Time went on and no answer, until some days after that date. You know what happened. We notified the Russian governtions between the two countries at an end.

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MARCH MAKES FIERCE RUSH

Mercury Falls Fifty-Six Degrees in Six Hours and Wind Travels Fifty Miles.

Wind traveling fifty-six miles an hour and mercury falling 56 degrees in six hours was the taste of real March weather which Omaha feit yesterday.

As meek and mild as any lamb that ever was. March slipped into existence Tues day and everybody had begun to call the groundhog by about two weeks, when suddenly and flercely something happened. It was a little after I o'clock in the afternoon when the thermometer was 74 above and people were basking in the sunlight's glow, with overcoats in many cases thrown aside or light topcoats on and wearing other apparel suggestive of spring. The wind arose with remarkable vigor and blew dust in all directions. It continued into the night and made things about as disagreeable as one could imagino under the cfrcumstances.

The wind attained a velocity of fifty miles an hour, traveling forty-six miles for a perold of five minutes more than once during the afternoon. The maximum was reached at about 4:15. From 74 at 1 o'clock the mercury dropped to 64 at 2 o'clock and 41 at 3 and 18 at 7 o'clock, continuing on the toboggan as night progressed.

"It's the most radical decline and worst one of the weather bureau officials. Signboards, windows and other portable ten days. bjects suffered, or at least were transferred from their moorings by the flerce wind and some of the downtown streets resembled foot ball griditons, with people running hither and thither for their hats

MANSFIELD WINS NEW HONOR pire, when seen at the Waldorf-Astoria His "Ivan the Terrible" Halled in New York as the Triumph

of His Career. NEW YORK, March 2-(Special Telegram.)-Richard Mansfield in Alexis Tolstoi's mediaeval Russian tragedy, "Ivan The Terrible," created a sensation at the New Amsterdam theater last night. It was the first time the play has been given land, intending to sail from here next in English and it was apparent from the Saturday on the Cunard line, and I do not first view of the singular, sinister old czar that Mr. Mansfield has found one of the most remarkable characters ever given an purpose of Japan. 1 want to tell it and 1 old tyrant is fascinating and his defiance actor. The grim humor of the dissipated to the Polish ambassador (Act II) aroused a storm of applause, which was repeated frequently thereafter. His alternating cringing penitence and frenzies of rage in Act IV and the superb choleric death it Act V left an impression created by no commented on as Mansfield's masterpiece, to him what Louis XI is to Irving or Oth-

ello to Salvini. The gargeous production vividly trayed the splendor of the mediaeval Rus

isan court. Overworked with long study and rehearsals and exhausted by the demands of the new role. Mr. Mansfield was overwhelmed by the demonstrations of the audience and was on the point of collapse after Act IV. He finished the play after a

long wait with great effort. ANOTHER WARRANT FOR HAM Second Charge is for Embezsling 834.

Luke's Home. BOSTON, March 2-A warrant charging Wallace H. Ham with the embezzlement of \$34,000 from the funds of St. Luke's Home was issued today on complaint of the Right Rev. William Lawrence, president of the corporation; Francis C. Foster, secretary,

000 from the Funds of St.

and George H. Richards, counsel for the institution. Ham was arrested last week, charged with the embezzlement of \$104,000 from the American Surety company, of which he was Boston manager. He was also treasarer of St. Luke's Home. The new war rant was served on Ham at the Charles Street Jall, where he is in custody on the previous charge. He will be given a heuring on today's warrant tomorrow morning

DEWEY STILL ON THE STAND Millionaire Ranchman Continues His Testimony in Burchard Berry Murder Trial.

NORTON, Kau., March 2-Chaunces Dewey, the millionaire ranchman, on trial with his two cowboys, William McFride and Clyde Wilson, for the murder of Burchard Berry, resumed the stand when ourt opened today and his cross-examina tion was taken up by the state. Before adjournment yesterday Dewey had corroborated the testimony of McBride to the effect that the Berrys had persecuted them that the Herrys had opened fire on the day of the fatal fight and that Dewey and McBride had shot in self-defense.

WARD RESIGNS COMMISSION Missourian Succeeded on the Forestry Division of World's Fair by T. P.

Russell, a Lumberman ST. LOUIS, March 2—At the meeting of the Missouri World's Fair commission to day the resignation of E. C. Ward of Cape Girardeau, Mo. as superintendent of the division of forestry of the World's fair, was tendored and accepted Mr. Ward stated that he was so occupied in other business that he deemed it has to resign the the resignation of the business that he deemed it has to resign the first they found to be surrounded by both stated that he was so occupied in other more than 1.00 men in Plag Yang. business that he deemed it best to resign TONE OF RUSSIA MORE PRIENDLY. the superintendency. T. P. Russell, a lum serman of Cape Girardeau, was appointed

NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED

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BLOCKADE OF HULKS

Entrance to Channel at Port Arthur Partly Closed.

NAVAL ENGINEERS ARRIVE AT SASEBO

Say Sunken Ships Were Successfully Exploded from Torpedo Boats.

LAND ENGAGEMENT IMMINENT IN COREA

Japs Land Troops and Occupy Positions to Command Vladivestok.

CONCENTRATING ARMY NEAR PING YANG

General Movement of Mikado's Land Forces Reported from Bussian Sources, Indicating Pros-

pective Engagement.

NAGASAKI, March 2.-The Japanese hospital steamer, Kobe Maru, which arrived at Sasebo on Monday with seventyme invalids, including six naval engineers who were employed on board the vessels which were sunk at Port Arthur, brings confirmation of the report that the attempt to obstruct the entrance to that harbor was partially successful. It is reported that the hulks of the Hokoku Maru and Bushiu Maru now block part of the channel. The explosions on board the steamers were caused by electric wires operated from the torpedo boat destroyers, which afterward saved the crews.

Smperor Summons Diet. TOKIO, March 2.-The emperor late today ssued a rescript, countersigned by the minister of state, cummoning the Diet to wind we have seen for many a day," said meet in special session on March 13. It is not believed that the session will last over

Vladivostok Invested.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2-A dispatch from Vladivostok, dated today, says that according to private reports from Vladivostok three Japanese detachments of 800 men each recently landed at Chiung Chan, Coea, about 130 miles north of Won San, with the supposed object of reaching the valley of the Tumen river and threatening Hun Thun, Manchuria, nine miles north of the Corean shoundary and about eight miles

west of Vladivostok. A fleet of ten Japanese warships was recently sighted on the horizon near Vladvostok. They were believed to be reserve essels, not powerful enough to blockade Viadivostok or endanger the Russian firstclass cruisers whose base is that port.

Japanese Concentrate Troops. PARIS, March 2.-Information reaching

tere from official sources shows the Japnese concentration of troops is going on extensively in the neighborhood of Ping Yang, Corea. Large forces are debarking from transports at nearby ports, from which it is assumed that an extensive land engagement is imminent in northern Cores.

Sappers and Miners Sail. KOLPINO, Russia, March 2.-The companies of pontoon miners and sappers were

embarked here on trains today, bound for

the front SUEZ, March 2.-The Russian armored cruiser Dimitri Donskoi, which applied for permission to remain here for repairs, has been allowed five days in which to complete the necessary work. LONDON, March 2.-A rumor was cir-

culated in the lobby of the House of Com-

mons today that Port Arthur had fallen. The origin of the rumor could not be traced and no confirmation whatever was ob-

tainable. Troops Well Clothed. ST. JETERSBURG, March 2.-General oukotine, who is on his way to the rar ast, telegraphs to War Minister Sakharoff

from Tomsk, Siberia, as follows: During my long journey I saw several divisions of troops. Their transport was proceeding in perfect order. The men were provided with warm clothing. At Chelin-binsk everything is under the close confrol of the military chief of the district, who seeks personally that the troops are supplied with warm garments.

Claims Friendship of World. ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.- The Novoe Vremya today prints an editorial on the Angle-Saxon rejoicing in England and America at the reports of Japanese vio tories, in which it says "The whole world with those exceptions realizes that the

Russian occupation of Manchurin would

Russian Cruiser Released. PORT SAID, Egypt, March 2.-The Rus sian cruiser Aurora, recently in the Red sen, left today for Candiak, island of Crete,

benefit civilization."

One of the five Russian torpedo boat destroyers, which left here yesterday for Algiers, has returned. Later three more Russian torpedo boat destroyers returned here. JAPANESE EXPECTING AN ATTACK.

Open Pire on Pursuing Cossacks from Towers of Ping Yang. ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.-In a dispatch to the czar. Vicerov Alexieff says: Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port arthur today, March 2, says the enemy lid not appear off Port Arthur on either Schruary 28, 28 or March 1. Reconnoisances bruary 3, B or March 1. Reconnols ande by cruisers and torpedo hoats radius of slat) miles from Port A lso falled to discover the enemy's ve Major General Pflug, Viceroy Alexioff's

chief of staff, sends the following telegram, dated March 2 According to According to additional information, which has reached me aur patrois having massed the night twelve versts (eight miles) from Fing Yang mercached that town on the morning of February 25. They were closely pressing a Japanese patrol of seven efficers. Lieutement Lestenhoff attacked his patrol with three Cossacks, forcing it to retreat at a gallop towards the gates of the town.

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field to the Wareten affine article !