LOUP CITY. - - NEBRASKA

Brief Telegrams

At Boston Tom Sharkey won in the wrestling bout with John Piening.

Details of an alleged dynamite plot along the Lehigh Valley railroad have come to light

Dr. Simon Bell of Rosedale, Kas., has given the university of Kansas \$25,000 in Missouri lands.

The shops of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad at Canton, O., were gutted by fire. Loss \$50,000 to \$75,-

The supreme court of Missouri has upheld the constitutionality of the eight-hour law passed by the legislature three years ago.

John Hayes Hammond, the American mining engineer of New York, has increased his gift of \$50,000 to \$100,-000 for the metallurgical laboratory at Yale college.

John Mitchell denies the report sent out from Trinidad. Colo., that the United Mine Workers has withdrawn financial support of the striking miners in Colorado.

Governor Pennypacker issued a proclamation to the citizens of Pennsylvania, requesting aid for the families of the victims of the explosion in the Harwick mine near Cheswick.

Near Hobart, Okla., Frank Warner shot and killed his father-in-law, P. Towne, because the latter had taken Mrs. Warner to the postoffice against his wishes.

An effort will be made to secure an additional appropriation of \$100,000 in the New York legislature for an exhibit at the St. Louis fair. An appropriation of \$200,000 has already been made.

Charged with robbing the body of a woman victim of the Iroquois theater fire, Louis Witz, a Chicago saloon keeper, was found guilty. T. McCarthy and Charles Conway were convicted of aiding Witz.

President Stuart R. Knott of the Kansas City Southern railway announces the resignation of B. F. Dickson, general superintendent of the road, and the appointment of T. E. Jarrett to fill the vacancy.

The supreme court at Havana, Cuba, has modified the sentence of six years' imprisonment imposed on Congressman Corona, editor of the El Cubano Libre, of Santiago, who was convicted of killing Senor Insua.

Through President A. C. Wharton of the International Machinists' union, the demand of the 2.500 machinists of the Missouri Pacific and the Iron Mountain railroads, has been presented, for an increase in the wage scale.

The Dapont Powder company has secured practical control of the manufacture of powder on the Pacific coast through the absorption of the California Vigorite company. The consideration paid is said to be \$200,-

Official advices have reached Washington from Santo Domingo and Port Au Prince showing a distressing condition of affairs in San Domingo and Hayti. Business is declared to be almost at a standstill in both coun-

The graduation exercises & the midshipmen of the class of 1904 were held at the United States naval academy. Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody delivered an address and handed out the diplomas to the grad-

The report of the commissioner of patents for the calendar year 1903 shows that the patent business transacted exceeded all previous records. The total cash receipts of the office were \$1,616,698, leaving a surplus of

A branch of the Russo Chinese Bank association is to be established in San Francisco, a license for it having been issued by the board of bank commissioners. This concern is organized under the laws of Russia, with

a capital stock of \$7,500,000. At the Korean legation, the statement is made by one of the secretaries that Minhui Cho, the minister who has recently been recalled by his government, will be appointed as minister to Japan, a post of considerable importance at this time.

Several accredited agents of the Japanese imperial remount department are in the Okanogan and Nicola districts of British Columbia purchasing horses for the Japanese cavalry and for the land transport service. Other buyers are in Assinabola and Alberta. A large number of horses have been secured.

Daniel M. Lord, for twenty-three years bead of the advertising firm of Lord & Thomas, locked his desk last week and retired from active business life. His act in severing his connection with the business world was in accordance with a promise that he made nearly a quarter of a century ago-to enjoy a life of leisure when he reached the age of 60.

A trainload of thoroughbred Missouri mules passed through Joplin en route to Port Arthur, where they will be shipped to Russia to be used in the Russian army in the threatened war with Japan.

W. I. Buchanan, United States minister to Panama, has sailed for home. Passenger agents of the Trans-Missouri association have completed arrangements to put a 2,000-mile in terchangeable ticket into force March 1. This ticket will be good on all roads in the territory west of the Missouri river and east of the Rocky

mountains.

Loup City Northwestern WAR IS IN SIGHT

JAPAN AND RUSSIA BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS.

LECATIONS ARE CALLED HOME

Japan Would Not Wait for Russia's Long Delayed Note.-Imperial Government Sends Messages .- Telegraphs Ministers an Official Notice.

ST. PETERSBURG-Count Lamsdorff, the Russian foreign minister, has officially informed the Russian representatives abroad that Japan has decided to break off all negotiations with Russia and to withdraw the minister and whole Japanese legation staff from St. Petersburg. The Russian foreign minister has thereupon ordered the Russian minister, Baron de Rosen and his staff to leave Tokio.

The Official Messenger publishes the following circular telegram dated February 6. It has been sent out by the Russian foreign minister to the representatives of the Russian government

abroad: "Acting under instructions from his government the Japanese minister at the imperial court has presented a note which informs the imperial government of the decision of Japan to break off further negotiations and recall her minister and the entire staff at the Japanese legation.

"In consequence of this his imperial majesty has been pleased to order that the Russian minister at Tokio, with the entire staff of the imperial mission, shall leave the capital of Japan without delay. Such an attitude on the part of the Tokio government. which has not even awaited the answer of the imperial government, which was sent off during the last few day, throws the whole responsibility for the consequences which may arise from a rupture of diplomatic negotia-

tions between two empires on Japan." TOKIO-The severance of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan appears to be only a step toward war, although when the ministers of Russia and Japan withdrew from their respective posts quick and decisive action is expected. the minister for foreign affairs, Komura, on Saturday notified Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, of Japan's determination to sever diplomatic relations he is reported to have declared to him that Japan is tired of Russia's delays, evasions and insincerity and has decided to take independent action for the conservation of Japan's oriental interests.

During the final negotiations Japan's repeated requests for answers were treated in a most unsatisfactory manner. Japan waited until convinced that it was useless to wait longer and has now ended the dicussion. The indications are that there will be no formal declaration of war.

FLAMES SWEEP BALTIMORE.

Fire Department Absolutely Powerless to Check Progress of the Fire.

BALTIMORE-One of the greatest, if not the greatest fire in the history of American cities is now raging in the city of Baltimore. It started at about 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon in one of the large dry goods stores in the heart of the city and at the present writing it is as far from being under control as at any time since its inception. Aid has been sent by the fire departments of Washington Philadelphia and Wilmington, but the combined efforts of the firemen are making no impression on the fimes.

spread, buildings in its path being blown up in the hope of destroying the food for the flames. These are being driven, however, by a fierce gale and burning brands are being scattered all over the city and constantly starting fires in new places. There appears little hope of stopping the progress of the fire until it has swept everything in its path.

Over 400 streams from fire engines have been playing on the flames, but for all the apparent good they have done the heroic work of the firemen

might just as well not have been done. Owing to the nature of the buildings involved the fire has not spread with the rapidity of some conflagrations and consequently so far as known no lives have been lost. The immense warehouses, stores and office buildings, however, have been reduced to ruins.

The estimates of the losses vary widely, and, in fact, it is an impossi- | said: bility at this time to make an intellihowever, range all the way from \$40. 000,000 to \$200,000,000. This latter figure is \$10,000,000 in excess of the loss from the great Chicago fire of October 9, 1871.

For Lewis and Clark Exposition.

WASHINGTON.-Senator Mitchell introduced a bill as an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill, to appropriate \$2,150,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition to be held at Portland, Ore., in 1905.

Japan's Demands Were Moderate.

LONDON-The London Times asserts Sunday morning that the Japanthat will astonish the world when they soldier from Manchuria or to renounce

a single right in Manchuria. consultation with Baron de Rosen. falling a point.

TO AMEND ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Would Empower United States Attor neys to Enforce Act.

WASHINGTON - Representative Hearst (N. Y.) introduced a bill to 'empower United States attorneys without the direction of the attorney general to enforce the act to protect trade and commerce against unlawfui restraints and monopolies.'

The bill amends the Sherman antitrust law to read as follows in section 4:

"The several circuit courts of the United States are hereby vested with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of this act, and it shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States in their respective districts to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain such violations. Such proceedings may be by way of petition, setting forth the case and praying that such violations shall be enjoined or otherwise prohibited.

"When the parties complained of shall have been duly notified of such petition, the court shall proceed to the hearing and determination of the case, and pending such petition and before final decree the court may at any time make such temporary restraining order or prohibition as shall be deemed just in the premises, but nothing in this act or in the acts of which it is amendatory shall be so or other organizations of labor, orlabor is to be performed."

RUSSIA IS TO STAND FIRM.

No Concession is to Be Made to the Japanese.

LONDON-English correspondents in St. Petersburg refer to an exceptional honor which has been accorded the American press. The correspondent of the Times in St. Peters burg, who considers war inevitable, declares that the czar's nesitation has beene overcome and that Russia will make no concession. He says:

"Up to the present time not a line of information or apparently a word of inspiration has been given the Russian press on these serious negotiations, although the American press resentative of a trans-Atlantic news of food. agency.'

DIPLOMATIC BILL PASSES.

Carries Nearly \$2,000,000-Several Political Speeches Follow.

the proceedings of the house Thursday. The principal feature of the day funeral. was the rivalry between republican leaders for the honor of moving an adjournment.

The diplomatic bill, carrying \$1 995,600, was passed without amendment. Everything but the bill was ment for some system of building up the American merchant marine. A democratic political speech by Mr. Hamlin of Missouri followed and received a brief reply from Mr. Fuller of Illinois. Mr. Lind of Minnesota spoke for Canadian reciprocity.

DIES RATHER THAN SURRENDER.

Minnesota Doctor Wanted for Embezlement Ends Life.

SAN FRANCISCO-Malcolm de la Fer, doctor, ex-soldier and inventor, who was wanted by the Minneapolis police authorities for embezzlement. has committed suicide here by taking poison. De la Fer came to this Dynamite is being used to stop its city last April from Minneapolis in order to escape trial for the misuse of and no hopes are entertained for her funds entrusted to him.

> While in Minneapolis he attained some distinction as an inventor of electric railway devices, a number of which are at present in use. When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted in the Thirteenth Minne- Notwithstanding the sensational adsota volunteers and was made an as-1 sistant surgeon, serving with distinction in the Philippines.

Hands.

guest of members of the Union League club at dinner Wednesday night. Mr. Root spoke at some length of the re. 16.86c. gard President McKinley had inspired in him and reviewed the progress made in Cuba and the Philippines since the war with Spain. Speaking of President Roosevelt, Mr. Root

hold up the hands of his true and loy-

Health of New York.

ALBANY, N. Y .- The state department of health, in its bulletin of vital statistics published Tuesday, states that there were 127,100 deaths during makes a mortality per 1,000 population of 16.50.

Czar is Considering It.

ST. PETERSBURG.-The czar now has before him the report of the special council on the Russian response. ese demands were of a moderation All the papers relating thereto were are disclosed. Japan did not even ask Grand Duke Alexis and the czar is Russia to promise to move a single giving them earnest consideration. He involving millions of dollars. Judge The Daily Graphis, dealing with this authoritatively said it may possibly of the company and secure all evisame subject, asserts that the original be several days before the response is dence that may be presented. The draft of the treaty submitted to Rus. forwarded to Tokio.. Prices on the suit was brought to recover royalties

KILLED BY A SHOT

REBELS FIRE ON AMERICANS, KILLING THE ENGINEER.

ACTION OF MINISTER POWELL

Drastic Measures to Avenge the American's Death-All the Houses Outside of the City Walls of San Domingo Pillaged.

SAN DOMINGO.—The insurgents on Friday deliberately fired on the launch of the auxiliary cruiser Yankee, killing J. C. Johnston, the engineer. The bullet entered his head above the eye.

United States Minister Powell has directed the captain of the Yankee to take drastic measures to avenge Johnston's death and this insult to of good fellowship. the American flag. Johnston will be buried on shore this afternoon.

The German consul here has requested United States Minister Powell to afford protection to Herr Worman. the German vice consul, that he might bring his family into the city, as the insurgents have given Mr. Worman forty-eight hours to leave where he is or suffer the consequences. Mr. Powell secured a guard of

sixty men from the cruiser Columbia construed as to apply to trade unions and informed the government that it was the intention of the German conganized to deal with hours of labor, sul and himself to bring Herr Worwages or other conditions under which man's family into the city and asked the government that its troops not fire upon this party while it was on its mission. He said that if fired upon this party would protect themselves. The guard started out. As soon as they passed outside the city they were covered by the guns of the Columbia. No attack was made and the Worman family and their belongings were brought back here in safety.

All the houses outside the city walls have been pillaged. The insurgents are desperate and are destroying foreign property wherever they find it. Mr. Powell has received urgent appeals to protect foreign property against this pillaging and the Columbia may be compelled to land marines to do so. The firing around the city continues. The situation is serious. When has been honored with the granting the prices of provisions are very high of an audience to the czar of the rep. and the poor are suffering from want

The funeral of Johnston took place yesterday. The body was escorted to the grave by a detachment of marines, bluejackets and officers from the Yankee, headed by the ship's band. United States Minister Powell, the WASHINGTON-The animation of American consul and vice consul, and Wednesday was completely lacking in nearly all the diplomatic and consular representatives here went to the

FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH.

Mother Unconscious and Fatally Burned in the Hospital.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia .- Five childiscussed during its consideration. dren were burned to death and the consumed the home of Peter Christen sen, 1602 South Tenth street, Council Bluffs, shortly after midnight Monday. The dead are:

Etna Christensen, aged 11. Frank Christensen, aged 8. Lila Christensen, aged 5. James Christensen, aged 2. Peter Christensen, baby, aged months.

Fatally burned: Mrs. Dora Christensen, mother

he children. The bodies of four of the children have been recovered from the ruins. but they are so badly burned that they are unrecognizable.

The mother has been taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition.

Seventeen Cents for Cotton.

NEW YORK .- July cotton sold above 17 cents a pound Monday. The market opened excited and higher. vances of Saturday, Liverpool again cabled higher prices than expected and the opening here was strong at ROOT TALKS FOR ROOSEVELT, an advance of 6 to 20 points, carrying July through to 17-cent mark and Glad to Hold Up the President's making new high records. Following the call the market advanced still NEW YORK-Elihu Root was the further, though in a somewhat irregular fashion, with March before the end of the first half hour reaching

Increase of Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The morthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of January 30 the total debt, less cash in the treasury, "I count it one of the greatest priv. amounted to \$915,062,543, which is gent estimate. The estimates given, iteges of my life to have been able an increase of \$911,663 as compared when that sad day came that brought with the preceding month. This inthe death of President McKinley to crease is accounted for by a correspending decrease in the each on hand.

More Cardinals are Wanted. ROME.-It seems more and more

likely that the pope will meet the wishes of the Brazilian government by creating the archbishop of Rio Ja the past year in this state, which neiro a cardinal, the pontiff remarking in this connection that Brazil contains over 15,000,000 catholics.

Bell Company Loses Suit.

BOSTON-The American Bell Tel enhane company is ordered by Judge Colt of the United States circuit court to give an accounting to the West submitted to him Tuesday by the ern Union Telegraph company, the successful plaintiff in a damage suit had not rendered his decision up to Colt has also appointed Everett W. 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and it is Burdett special master to take charge tain inventions.

SENATOR DIETRICH APPEARS.

His Presence in the Chamber Brings Many Friends to His Desk.

WASHINGTON. - Senator Dietrich Connecticut and Senator Spooner congratulated the senator on his return. Senators Dubois and Cockrell from the picture was placed. other side came over with expressions

Senator Dietrich showed in his manner a thorough appreciation of the warm and kindly greetings of his colleagues. The senior senator from Nebraska, however, had determined to demand an investigation at the hands of the body to which he was accredited by the legislature of his state and in consequence he could not oththan feel, as later developed,

that he was sitting in the senate under charges that had not been cleared up to his liking at home and he told his friends that he had determined to ask an investigation at the hands of tue senate.

IOWA HAS TWO GUNS BLOWN UP

Board of Inspection Testing Battery of Big Battleship.

WASHINGTON. - Captain Train, president of the Board of Inspection and Survey, telegraphs to the Navy department from Fort Monroe that while the Board of Inspection was testing the battery on the battleship lowa both guns in the starboard forward eight-inch turret blew off their muzzles. No damage was done except to the guns and one whale boat.

Immediately on receipt of the telegram announcing the accident Secretary Moody sent a dispatch calling for full details and ordering the Iowa to proceed at once to New York for examination and repairs. This second explosion on the lowa in less than a year has cast a gloom over the officials of the navy department. The cause of the explosion off Panama last year, in which there was a loss of life and considerable damage to the ship, remains a mystery.

TELLS OF ALASKAN DISPUTE.

British Government Issues Circular Giving History of Case. LONDON .- A white paper giving the facts regarding the Alaskan

boundary, beginning with the late Lord Salisbury's proposal, July 1, 1899, to submit the question, together with the award of the tribunal and the reasons for judgment of the commissioners, was published Tuesday. paper closes with a letter from Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, who was agent of Great Britain in the Alaskan boundary question, to Lord Lansdowne, dated October 22, 1903, expressing appreciation of the work of all those who were associated with him in presenting the British case, to which Lord Lansdowne replied October 30, expressing the king's approval of the ability and zeal with which the British interests had been advocated.

FIND BODIES OF THE BARKERS.

Had Been Shot and Killed and Then Buried in a Cattle Shed.

INAVALE, Neb .- Great excitement prevails in this community over the discovery of the bodies of Dan Barker and wife, who were murdered last Sunday night. The bodies were found in a shallow grave in a cattle shed, clothed only in their sleeping garments. Bullets from a revolver which had pierced the man and his wife told the story of the gruesome affair. There were two bullet holes in Barker's neck and breast and one in Mrs. Barker's breast.

Frank Barker, the murdered man's brother, is held in jail suspected of the crime. Although he strenuously denies his guilt, circumstantial evi dence points very strongly to him and it is feared that he will be lynched by the infuriated citizens. The sher iff of Webster county is exercising ev ery precaution to protect his prisoner

MRS. MAYBRICK'S NEW JAIL.

Is at Convalescent Home Ready fo Release in the Summer.

LONDON-Replying to a question in the house of commons Thursday Home Secretary Akers-Douglas con firmed the reports that Mrs. Florence Maybrick had been removed from Ailesbury prison to a convalescen home, where she will remain unti summer, when she will be allowed he, freedom, and said that she had beer granted a license under the penal ser

vitude act. in accordance with Mrs. Maybrick's earnest desire, Akers-Douglas wil not make public details as to the time or place of her release.

Bays It Looks Threatening.

LONDON-Baron Hayassi, Japan ese minister to Great Britain, describ ed the situation in the far east or Wednesday as "Certainly very threat ening," but said that everything de pended upon Russia's reply. "It is highly improbable," the minister con tinued, "that Russia will make an ag gressive move before the Japanese government has received and consider ed the Russian reply. What Russia wishes to do is to throw the respon sia was drawn up by Baron Komura in bourse are again weak, 4 per cents in the American Bell company on cer- sibility of taking the initiative upon Japan.

FOR RENT OR SAIR On Grop Payments, SEVERAL CHOICE FARMS, Bend for list. J. MULHALL, Sigux City, lows,

A New Portrait of Washington. Notable among the February Cenmade his first appearance on the floor tury's illustrations will be a full-page of the senate Monday morning since portrait of General Washington, the his return to Washington. His prest copy of an original painting now for ence in the chamber brought many the first time introduced to the notice friends to his desk and until the sen- of the general public. The portrait ate was called to order he held quite was made from life by Dr. Elisha Cula levee. Among the first to greet len Dick, of Alexandria, Virginia, in Senator Dietrich were Senators Alli- 1797, and The Century's representason and Aldrich, then closely follow | tion is taken from an excellent photoing came Senator Burrows, chairman graph of the original made by Getz of of the committee on privileges and Baltimore. In size the portrait is elections, and Senator Hoar, who but about fourteen by sixteen inches; it is a day or two ago returned to the sen- an excellent state of preservation, the ate after a month's absence on ac- colors being still fresh and bright, count of the sickness and death of and is surrounded by a beveled giit his beloved wife. Senator Platt of frame about two inches wide, which shows the marks of age and is believed to be the original one in which the

Insist on Getting it.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. package. Defiance Starch for same money.

Children are of two kinds, ours and others.

The February Everybody's. The February Everybody's has an-

other first-class 'scoop"-nothing less than a statement of what the democratic party now stands for, by the new leader of the democracy in the house-Congressman John Sharp Williams. Another competent feature is Emory R. Johnson's explanation of "What the Panama Canal will do for the Country." The author is a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission who devoted his attention to collecting the statistics which should demonstrate the economical value of the great waterway, and he is the chief expert in American on his subject. If excellence in magazine-making consists in combining authority with ertertainment, this February Everybody's should find even greater favor than its predecessors.

Feet Comfortable Ever Since.

"I suffered for years with my feet. A friend recommended ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. I used two boxes of the powder, and my feet have been entirely comfortable ever since. ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE is certainly a god-send to me. Wm. L. Swormstedt, Washing-ton, D. C." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Do not take your freedom for license.

Innovation by Theaters.

The Chicago theater managers, or at least some of them, have hit on a sensible plan which will be put into effect as soon as the theaters ones: A plan of the house will be painted on the asbestos curtain, which will be used often, and in this way patrons may become familiar with the locations of the exits.

"Abrictonine."

In a recent novel George Ohnet cailed one of the products which his principal character placed on the market "Abrictonine." He was not aware at Mr. Morrell (Pa.) led with an argu- mother fatally burned in a fire which The contents are already history. The the time that a liquor of that name actually existed, but its manufacturer promptly brought an action for damages. The civil tribunal of the Seine gave its decision against the novelist. While it exonerated M. Ohnet from malicious intent, it held that ignorance was no excuse, and that it was the duty of writers to satisfy themselves that products to which they intended to refer did not exist. In this case, added the court, M. Ohnet could easily have consulted the register of trade marks. Consequently the court ordered the passages objected to be erased from the book, under a penalty of 10 francs a copy, while the plaintiff was awarded 500 francs dam; ages, and the right to have the judgment inserted in two newspapers.

Gratitude Well Expressed.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 8th .-Mr. C. L. Smith, painter and decorator, whose home is at 309 Anne street, this city, makes the following statement:

"I was laid up with some kind of pains. Some said it was Lumbago, others Sciatica, and others again Rheumatism. A few of my friends suggested that it was lead poison, but whatever it was it gave me a great deal of pain, in fact, almost completely crippled me. I had to use two canes to walk about and even then it was a very painful task.

"A friend advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and I began the treatment. After I had used the first box I was able to throw away one of the canes and was considerably improved. The second box straightened me up so that I could go about free from pain without any assistance and very soon after I was completely cured, well and happy, without a pain or an ache. Dodd's Kidney Pills seemed to go right to the spot in my case and they will always have my greatest praise."

When a man begins to edit the Bible to suit himself, it is time to audit his accounts to protect yourself.

MEXICAN Mustang Liniment is a positive cure for Piles.

WINTER TOURS.

This is the season when you want to go South. Texas, Arizona, Old Mexico and California are inviting. The rates are reasonable. Let us suggest that you include one of the tourist re sorts in these States in your trip. Tell us where you want to go, and we'll supply you with guide books and full information. See Katy's Agent, or write

> GEORGE MORTON. St. Louis, Mo.