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ORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1910.

PINCHOT WENT BY WRONG NAME

DEPOSED FORESTER TRAVELS AS "GAYLORD SMITH."

HAS NOW GONE TO COPENHAGEN

Gifford Pinchot Reached Hamburg c the Steamer President Grant and, Remaining Over Night, Proceeded it to the Capital of Denmark.

Hamburg, March 31.—According to other passengers on the President Orent Cifford Pinchet landed here Grant, Gifford Pinchot landed here

He remained over night and proceeded this morning for Copenhagen. He appeared on the passenger list as Gaylord Smith.

SO HE KILLED THE AUTD MAN

Farmers Mules Frightened, Farmer

Hurled Monkey Wrench. Rosewell, N. M., March 31.-Sylvanus Johnson, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Rosewell, is dead from the effects of a blow on the head from a monkey wrench hurled at his chauffeur a week ago by an infurlated farm-

While speeding near Rosewell, Johnson's automobile frightened a team of The News: The officials of Group No. mules being driven by a young farmer, who threw his wrench at the chauffeur. His aim was bad and Johnson Friday, April, 22, have been planning sank back in his seat unconscious and with a crushed skull. The identity of the visiting "moneyed men" of this the farmer has not been learned.

PACKERS FIGHT EXTRADITION.

J. Ogden Armour and Others Will Try

to Keep Out of New Jersey. New York, March 31.-Requisition papers for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, who was recently indicted by the Hudson county, N. J. grand jury for conspiracy in controll ing the price of meat products, were filed with Governor Fort at Trenton, N. J., today by Prosecutor Garven of Jersey City.

Requisition papers were filed several days ago with Governor Fort for the extradition of Louis F. Swift and Edward Morris. It is understood that before Governor Fort will sign the papers he will hear argument by counsel for the indicted men showing that they were not in New Jersey at the time the indictments were found against them and that they are not liable to extradition.

JUSTICE BREWER'S FUNERAL.

President and Other High Officials Attend Services.

Washington, March 31.-Simple funeral services were held today for Justice David J. Brewer of the supreme court and an hour later the body was on its way for burial at Leavenworth, Kan.

The president of the United States and the members of the supreme court, with the exception of Justice Moody, who is ill, and representatives from the house and senate attended the short service and acted as honorary pallbearers.

The George Washington university where the late justice was a lecturer was closed during the day.

The body will arrive in Leaven worth on Saturday morning.

May Yet Confirm Devlin. Washington, March 31. - Reports which come from the executive sessions of the senate committee on judiciary which is hearing the protests against Robert T. Devlin, United States attorney for the northern district of California, indicate that the committee may reverse its former action and recommend that Devlin be confirmed.

To Report Railroad Bill.

Washington, March 31.-The administration railroad bill pending in the that was born and raised in this city, senate will be reported to the house by the interstate commerce commission probably tomorrow. A minority report will also be framed at a meet- Gilman is to be congratulated on his ing of the democratic members of the committee tonight.

Government Would Recover Coal. Cheyenne, Wyo., March 31 .- The government today filed suits in the United States court here to recover the title to thousands of acres of valuable coal lands in the Elk mountain district in Carbon county.

Twenty-five Burn to Death. Bombay, March 31. - Twenty-five

women and children were burned to they gave half a chance. death in a fire that today destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhil akra, in the district of Rajaputapan.

Bryan at Barbados.

Barbados, B. W. I., March 31 .-William J. Bryan arrived here from Rio Janeiro and left for Porto Rico He will proceed to Venezuela. Mr. Bryan expressed pleasure at the set-

IRRIGATION BONDS TO FAIL.

Prominent Members of Congress Op-

pose Administration Measure. irrigation projects, one of the admin- ported missing in the Sunnyside vi- Omaha compared "Soo" canal rates stow the degree of doctor of laws upon istration conservation measures, was 'cinity.

discussed by Director Fred H. Newell of the reclamation service. Mr. Newell told the committee that about \$7,-000,000 annually was coming into the reclamation service, which was suffitient to complete existing projects. He carefully avoided an attitude of refusing the \$30,000,000 for the service in case it was voted.

He was closely interrogated as to why the government was endeavoring to induce settlers to take up government land in preference to private lands and denied such was the case. Prominent members of the ways and

means committee, including Represendatives Payne, Daizell, Clark of Misged to the bill and it is predicted Zail to pass.

PLAN NELIGH MEETING.

SPLENDID PROGRAM IS READY

The Annual Convention of Northern vast system east and west of Pitts-Neligh on April 22, Arbor Day-Thirteenth Annual Meet.

Neligh, Neb., March 31.-Special to men. 3, of the Nebraska Bankers' association that will assemble in Neligh on for the past several months to give will be a reminder to the fact that the thirteenth annual committee in charge of this affair had eclipsed all previous gatherings of like nature.

urer. Plainview.

The official program as will be carried out in the auditorium in this city is as follows:

Morning Session, 10:30 a. m. Prayer, Rev. R. G. Hamilton, rector St. Peters church, Neligh.

Address of welcome, Charles H. Kelsey, Neligh. Response, J. G. French, cashier National bank, South Omaha,

President's address, George N. Sey-Report of secretary and Treasurer, C. L. Wattles, secretary, Neligh; W.

L. Mote, treasurer, Plainview. Afternoon Session, 2 p. m. Address, "Robert Morris, or the Financier of the Revolution," Clement Chase, editor Western Bank, Omaha, "Postal Savings Banks," Hon. Arthur Mullen, O'Neill.

Discussion of the same by the conention. "Bankers and Lawyers," Edward M.

Martin, Omaha. "The Country Bank Checks," W. E. Rhoades, cashier U. S. National bank,

Omaha. General business.

Banquet, 5:30 p. m., Auditorium. Toastmaster, M. B. Huffman, Neligh. "Nebraska," George J. Adams, casher Pender National bank.

"What Are We to Do With Our Ex-Presidents?" Harry A. Cheney, president Security bank, Creighton. "What the Banker Needs." C. O Leake Fremont

Entertainment at Auditorium, 8 p.

New Neligh Electrician.

Neligh, Neb., March 31.-Special to The News: In the removal of E. A. Pohlman from this city to Pierce, and who had exclusive charge of the electric light plant of Neligh controlled by S. F. Gilman, the position has been filled by Arthur Ritchie, a young man and his qualifications in holding this place are unquestioned. The appointment is certainly deserving and Mr. selection as head electrician.

YES, IT FROSTED.

Temperature in Norfolk Drops to 21 Degrees Above Zero.

Yes, it froze and froze hard during the night in Norfolk. The mercury dropped to 21 degrees above zero. The have been had there been more moisture in the ground.

Flower beds were nipped, where

South Nebraska Fruit Hurt. Lincoln, March 31.-A frost visited the southern section of the state today. Considerable damage is reported by fruit men.

Children Reported Burned.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 31.-Special to The News: Some children were ed will finish the canal as surveyed in tlement of the tariff difficulties be- reported missing in the vicinity of Nebraska. tween the United States and Canada. the prairie fires, but the report has not been confirmed. Over 100 men went out to fight the fires. Patrick Murphy lost forty tons of hay and his meadow was burned over the first river work to the Missouri river contime in twenty years. William E. gress. Among the late arrivals was Washington, March 31.—The propo Moore lost 375 tons of hay. Elmer Captain Isaac P. Baker of Bismarck, paring surprises for the three days in sition to issue \$30,000,000 in govern- Henderson lost all his live stock. Wil- who operates on the Missouri in North which he will give up to the ex-presiment certificates of indebtedness for liam Miller's house was saved after Dakota. He will talk on present day dent the most of his time. the purpose of completing old and new a hard fight. The children were re- river traffic. Will A. Campbell of

WON'T ACCEPT RAISE IN PAY

ERIE RAILROAD EMPLOYES RE-FUSE 6 PERCENT INCREASE.

ample of the Pennsylvania and Reading, Offers 6 Percent Raise to All Getting Under \$300 Monthly.

New York, March 31.-The Erie a month, an increase of 6 percent in wages, provided the original demands made by the men would be withdrawn. Representatives of the men refused to accept, and stated that the original NORTH NEBRASKA FINANCIERS demands would be insisted upon.

Reading Also Raises Pay. Philadelphia, March 31.-Following the lead of the Pennsylvania railroad company, which has just given a 6 percent wage increase to 195,000 employes on all roads connected with its Nebraska Bankers Will be Held at burg, came an announcement from the officers of the Philadelphia and Read-

ing railway company late last evening

of a similar increase of wages to its

Like that of the Pennsylvania, the Reading's increase affects all employes who receive less than \$300 a month.

Steel Trust to Raise Wages.

New York, March 31.-The United section of Nebraska a program that States Steel corporation is considering a voluntary increase in the wages of its employes. The proposed percentage of increase has not yet been decided upon but it is believed that The program as a whole is far su- it will equal the 6 percent increase an perior to any yet given at these con- nounced by the Pennsylvania railroad ventions, and great credit is due to company. The aggregate pay roll of the following officers who have the the United States Steel corporation in matter in charge: George N. Seymour, 1909 amounted to \$151,663,394 and an president, Elgin; H. M. Hopewell, vice increase of 6 percent would mean an president, Tekamah; C. L. Wattles, additional disbursement of \$9,099,804 secretary, Neligh; W. L. Mote, treas or nearly one-half of the 4 percent dividend paid last year on the common

TO RALLY UNDER TEDDY?

New York Member Would Expunge From Record Roosevelt Rebuke. Washington, March 31.-Representa-

tive Bennett of New York took steps to have erased the records of the house of one of the severest rebukes ever administered to a president by congressional action. He introduced a resolution to expunge the report of the special committee of which the late Representative Perkins was chairman, which caused to be laid on the table of the house certain sections of one of the President Roosevelt's messages relating to the secret service. The message was interpreted as containing direct reflections upon the integrity of the members of the house in that the former president defended as action in using secret agents to ferret out the acts of certain house members. The Bennett resolution was sent

to the committee on rules. By some members the effort to expunge from the record the action of the house in tabling the president's utterances on this subject is taken as an indication that the republicans of New York state are planning to rally under the leadership of Colonel Roosevelt as soon as he returns.

WOULD FINISH THE DITCH.

Senator Brown of Nebraska Asks \$300, 000 for Scotts Bluff.

Washington, March 31. - Senator Brown appeared before the committee on commerce, who have the rivers to urge upon the government the completion of the ditch in Scotts Bluff county by appropriating \$300,000 in the rivers and harbors bill.

Of course the senator recognized that this is not genuine to the rivers and harbors bill, but he thought he might send it over, and was accorded. in consequence of his audacity, a most

respectful hearing. He explained the government is expending thousands of dollars on the lower Mississippi each year to protect the dwellings on its banks from the flood each year. These floods come be cause of great quantities of ice melting at the headwaters of the Platte damage will not be so great as it would and other tributaries of the Mississippi. spring by retaining it in great dams be the failure of the Mississippi to

override its banks. Senator Brown believed that part of the money used annually in building up the levees of the Mississippi might justly be used in conserving waters at their place origin, thereby preventing floods, as well as proving of great economic value to the people of the country. This appropriation if adopt-

Dakota Freight Rates High.

Pierre, S. D., March 31,-Delaye 1 with Dakota freight rates and places Colonel Roosevelt.

the cost of carriage of freight by water one-twentieth of the Dakota rail cost. Governor Vessey spoke of the movement for Missouri river improvement as a part of the great movement for Inland waterways, which would in the near future develop from a theory

May Prosecute Steel "Trust." Indianapolis, March 31.-Governor Marshall promised Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation TO INSIST ON FORMER DEMANDS of Labor, that he would carefully consider evidence submitted to support the allegation that the United States The Erie Railroad, Following the Ex. Steel corporation was violating the According to Word from the Headquar laws of Indiana and if he found it sufficient, would direct a prosecution of the company. A brief will be filed with the governor by E. G. Ballard of Gary, Ind., attorney for the union of railroad company today offered all its iron, steel and tin workers, arguing employes now receiving less than \$300 that the steel company, which has declared an "open shop," is operating its plants in Indiana in violation of strike at 12 o'clock tonight and will NO MORE TRIPS TO AFRICA WILL the laws governing corporations and that it is an illegal "trust."

> Who Wouldn't Be a Farmer? The News: Here's some more high priced stock: John McLaughlin sold three hogs weighing 1,500 pounds at \$10.10 per hundredweight, netting him \$151.50. The same animals had raised late fall pigs. Clarence Fessler sold ten calves, 11 months old, raised by himself, at \$43 per head, or \$430 for

GREASING A LEGISLATURE

New York, March 31 .- A name came into the insurance investigation and tion went through the mills at Albany tonight. when the wheels were well greased.

Superintendent Hotchkiss gave out the parentage and birth of the Amerca Bond and Mortgage Guarantee company which later became the International Banking and Trust company, on 100 shares of which (par value \$15,000) William H. Buckley, forance companies at Albany, was able

surance company (fire) of Brooklyn. moted by Stewart Browne, a private day night. banker of New York city, and was incorporated in 1892 by five inconspicuous persons, of whom little is known save that one of them was a clerk in the office of Edward McCall, brother of the late president of the New York Life insurance company and now a justice of the supreme court. They were Ensign OBeale, Daniele Lynch. John Farrell, William S. Waddy and

John H. McCrahon. The bill of incorporation was introduced into the legislature by Senator Louis F. Goodell, who represented Orange county from 1899 to 1906. The books of the company show that Senator Goodell recovered 100 shares from Stewart Browne and they are recorded as paid for in full.

The charter was an extraordinary document. It conferred on the com pany the power to do almost anything from conducting a pawn shop to establishing a shortage warehouse. The bill was introduced by Senator Goodell and it went into the committee on rules, stayed there one day, was re ported out favorably and advanced at a dizzy pace. Its progress in the as sembly was equally rapid and smooth and in the closing days of the session the bill became a law. Senator Goodell was not the only one to whom

shares were given. William H. Buckley was allotted 100 shares as was Justice McCall, then practicing law. The company's books also show that on May 15, 1889, McCall of the new wage contract. The Hegreceived \$2,000 and on June 19, 1899, \$13,000 for legal fees, making a total of \$15,000, equal to the par value of coal. The Bunson Coal company, his 100 shares which according to the which is controlled by Illinois Steel records he paid for as did Buckley, for legal service.

The announcement came from the office of Superintendent Hotchkiss last night that he has sent out a request to the president of the fifty odd American fire insurance companies and the managers of the fifteen companies to produce records that show, if any, what they have paid to legislature agents, and to what agents these sums work.

EMPEROR TO ENTERTAIN T. R

Berlin, March 31.—Emperor William be his personal guest at the palace for Could this water be conserved each three of the five days that Colonel Roosevelt will spend in Berlin. The for the use of users the result would ex-president will arrive here on the evening of May 9 and will be entertained by David Jayne Hill, the American ambassador, until the 12th, when the emperor will return to the capital from the provinces. Then Colonel Roosevelt will go to the palace.

The emperor will throw court preedent to the winds during Colone Roosevelt's stay. The masters of ceremonies and the court chamberlains are dismayed by the emperor's determination to give a private and non-official person precedence at the dinners the royal princes. The expectation is trains brought many men interested in that the emperor, who has given much distinguished American guest, is pre-

The University of Berlin will be-

200,000 MINERS STRIKE TONIGHT

WILL BE TIED UP.

ters of the Mine Workers' Union of America Today, the Men All Quit at 12 O'clock Tonight.

Indianapolis, March 31.-The 200,000 organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of the United States will stay away from the mines until the operators consent to pay an advance n wages of 5 cents a ton, according Beemer, Neb., March 31.-Special to to the announcement today from the headquarters of the Mine Workers of America in this city.

"I have received no information that the miners and operators of any disrict will get together today," said Thomas L. Lewis, president of the organization.

"It is unfortunate, but district agree joint conference in the Indiana block oal district and the Hocking districts. We were so delayed in the tri-state conference at Cincinnati that there is state game commission. hardly time for district agreements to another striking example was devel- be made before the expiration of the oped of the speed with waich legisla- present working contract at midnight today to ask for an appropriation for

"It is unfortunat, but district agree ments will be made speedily. I am confident that the suspension of work

will continue only a few days." The executive board of the miners union is in session today transacting routine business. The members will leave the city tonight and will go at merly legislative agent for fire insur- once to the respective districts to rep resent the national administration in to borrow \$13,000 from the Phoenix In- the directing of the local strikes. President Lewis will visit the Illinois The parent company, the American field tomorrow and does not expect to Bond and Mortgage company, was pro- return to his office here until Satur-

> Pittsburg Expects Brief Trouble. Pittsburg, March 31.-At midnight onight approximately 4,000 union coal diggers in district No. 5 will strike. At that time the 1908-1909-1910 wage contract expires and as yet the operators of the district have not signed

> reached between district union offi-

of entire dispute. Dakota Tornado Story Unfounded. Aberdeen, S. D., March 31.-Direct ommunication with Eureka is not ob sainable, but word from that vicinity ndicates that the rumor of a tornad which gained circulation was unfound ed. Heavy wind did some damage and the severe sleet storm but telephone and telegraph wires out of commission

Private Illinois Mines Continue. Danville, Ill., March 31.-The Wes

ern Brick company of this city, which mines its own coal and employs several hundred men, received permission today from the mine workers of Illinois to continue mining coal with its present force, pending the signing ler plant at La Salle will also be permitted to continue to mine for its own company, is endeavoring to obtain perand hartors bill under consideration after the company was incorporated mission to continue operations. This company employs 1,500 miners. It has not a pound of coal in reserve and one of the officers stated that unless they obtain permission to continue mining the steel mills at South Chi cago would be compelled to shut down. The company promises to pay the new wage scale from April 1 Many of the miners favor continuing

Iowa Mines Close at 4 p. m. grant an increase of five cents as asked by the mine workers gained credence following a visit of President Liberian waters within thirty-six hours has invited ex-President Roosevelt to John P. Reese and a committee of operators to the office of the state mining department early today. After wards it was learned that the operators indicated to the state mine officials that they are willing to treat with the men upon terms favorable to the

President White of the Iowa mine workers reached the city today from and Alma L. Cain to organize the first Cincinnati. It is said that his arrival national bank of White Owl, S. D., will make it possible for the first joint with \$25,000 capital, has been approvconference this afternoon. Every mine ed by the comptroller of the curin Iowa will suspend at 4 o'clock this rency. afternoon, the time for expiration of the wage scale.

Fatally Thursday. Wilburton, Okla., March 31.-An ex-

plosion in mine No. 2 of the Great Western Coal and Coke company early today killed six men.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER FOUR DEAD IN Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska. Maximum 5s

Winimum 21 Average Chicago, March 31.—The bulletin is-

sued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives PENDING INCREASE IN WAGES the forecast for Nebraska as follows: COUNTY TREASURER INCLUDED Fair tonight and Friday; warmer to

BRING HIPPOS TO LOUISIANA?

BE NECESSARY NOW.

STATE MAY IMPORT WILD BEASTS

the Wart Hog Will be Brought Over Pherson county swept a part of this gressman Has His Way.

rips to Africa for the chase of the hippo and eland, dikdik, wart hog and other animals will be necessary ten Utah Man Would Establish Air Line years from now if the Louisiana state legislature heeds the request of the The commission after a conference

with Congressman Broussard decided Pekin is proposed by A. Brodbeck, the importation of big African game to Louisiana to breeding purposes.

Representative Broussard, who has mals into the United States for food purposes, declared today:

matter of education and when the gress should specify airships as one people see the value of the hippopotamus, coodoo, dikdik and a host of other varieties I might mention as practicability of the Zeppelin ship has meat producers at a time when a new supply of meat is an economic neces- miles an hour, he says, and the princisity, there will be no objection."

HAVE FOUND KELLNER CHILD?

Color is Given Rumor in St. Louis that Kidnapers Will be Paid.

Louisville, Ky., March 31.-The fact new agreements for the ensuing year, of the recent withdrawal of the reward It is believed, however, that the offered by the state for the arrest and strike in this district will be of short conviction of kidnapers of Alma Kell- Ten Thousand Dollars the Reward of duration. It is said on good authority over, who disappeared from Louisville that a temporary agreement will be several months ago, is coupled in police circles here with that of the cials and operators which will allow absence from this city since Saturday mine operations to go forward with of Frank Fehr, uncle of the child, to He delivered \$1,000 in a lump sum but little delay pending the settlement give color to the rumor that details and the rest in smaller amounts. The

> arranged. Mr. Fehr is a wealthy brewer. Memers of the Kellner family say they believe Alma is alive and in the hands

200 INJURED IN WRECK

And Twenty-two Dead in German Rail

Horror-Arrest Signal Men. Mulheim, Am Rhein, March 31.-It appears today that upward of 200 persons received more or less serious injury when an express train ran down and wrecked a military train bound for Strassburg yesterday. There was one death during the night, making others are said to be dying. The vic-

tims were soldiers. Two signal men have been arrested and are charged with having given both trains the right-of-way at the

TELL GERMAN BOAT TO "GET"

same moment.

Offer to Land Men and Quell Disturbance, Arouses Liberians.

Liverpool, March 31.-The German cruiser Sperber has left Cape Palmas on the orders of the Liberian authorities, according to the latest advices from Liberia. The German command-Des Moines, March 31.-Rumors that er's offer to land a detachment and the Iowa coal operators are ready to quell the outbreak of the natives is said to have so incensed the Liberians that they ordered the ship to leave

> The situation between the natives and Liberian troops is said to be im-

or "take the consequences."

Bank for White Owl, S. D. Washington, March 31.-The appliation of E. J. Spencer of Rapid City. W. E. Bauer, A. Gloege, C. S. Blodgett

Big Ship Goes Down. Perth, West Australia, March 31 .-

The big British liner Pericles was and elsewhere over everybody, even SIX MEN DEAD IN COAL MINE wrecked six miles south of Cape Leeuwin, the southwest point of Australia today. The passengers and crew took thought to the entertainment of his Explosion at Wilburton, Okla., Results to the small boats and all were landed safely. Soon after being abandoned the steamer disappeared beneath the waters. The Pericles was a new boat, having been built at Belfast in 1908 and was owned by G. Thompson & ed 6,898 tons net.

PRAIRIE FIRE?

PHERSON COUNTY, NEB.

C. T. Cline and Three Children are Reported to Have Perished in Flames Which Swept Over Western Nebraska During Gale on Monday.

North Platte, Neb., March 31:-It is reported here that four persons were burned to death in a prairie fire in McPherson county Monday. C. T. Cline, county treasurer, is one of those said to have lost his life. The other three fatalities are school chil-

dren. No details have been received. McPherson county is a sparsely settled county northwest of here, without railways or telegraph communication. The Hippo and Eland, the Dikdik and The same fire which devastated Mcfor Meat Purposes, if Southern Con- (Lincoln) county, destroying much property, but without loss of life.

New Orleans, March 31.—No more HERE'S AN AIRSHIP DREAM

Around the World.

Washington, March 31 .- A line of airships of the Zeppelin type to ply between New York and London via president of the Aero club of Utah, who says he is already negotiating

with Count Zeppelin. While the line would be proposed for introduced a bill in congress looking the rapid transit of passengers, Brodo the introduction of African mam- beck has written to Postmaster General Hitchcock asking if the postoffice department has authority to transport "I do not think this importation idea mail by airship. He has been advised can be laughed down. It is merely a that it could not be done unless con-

of the means of transportation. In his proposal Brodbeck says the been proved. It would average forty pal stations on the proposed routes would be New York, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Fort Williams, Behring, Sakholm, Tokio, Peking, Irkutsk, Omsk. Orenburg, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Riga, Berlin, Cologne, Paris and Lon-

CARUSO IS PAYING TRIBUTE.

the Black Hand. New York, March 30 .- It is now announced that Enrico Caruso has paid more than \$10,000 to the Black Hand. of Alma's restoration are now being police now keeping watch on the singer so carefully are doing so not only to protect him from harm, but also

to use him as the bait to attract the

brigands to their trap. Detectives have been unable to earn how Signor Caruso complied with the demands for money. The tenor has been put through "third degree" sessions, but will tell nothing. He has been ordered by the Black Hand to pay more money, and he appears willing to pay it rather than to arouse the extortionists who have

chosen him as their victim. The police no longer minimize the efforts of the criminals or try to convince themselves that Signor Caruso is the victim of practical jokers. As is well known, many of the wealthy the total dead twenty-two, and six Italians of this city are paying blackmail to these criminals rather than take the risk of assassination. It is believed now that the members of this band are determined to show that even the great artist and idol of music lovers of two continents cannot afford to refuse to pay when they ask for money.

FRIDAY BISMARK'S BIRTHDAY

And the Bismark Towers All Over

Germany Will Blaze Forth. Friday, April 1. will be the anniversary of the birth of Germany's great man, Bismark, and Friday night more than 400 great Bismark towers all over the German empire will blaze forth with mountainous fires, in honoring the man.

These towers are found everywhere n Germany, from the extreme northeast to the extreme southwest. They are mostly located on mountainous or elevated ground. They are all built of solid masonry, mostly about 100 feet high and having on their tops platforms an iron tank that holds from fifty to 100 gallons of tar. In the night of the first of April, Bismark's birthday, the tar in these tanks is set on fire and thus from one tower to another the fires can be seen all over Germany.

These towers all have been erected by voluntary gifts of the people and more are constantly being built besides monuments. There is hardly a middle sized town in Germany that has not done honor in one way or another to the national hero.

Aetna Violence Increases.

Catania, March 31.—The eruption of Mount Aetna increased slightly in violence and the lava streams are advancing a little faster. That from Fra Diavolo is now about two miles from Co., limited, of London. She register- Nicolosi and less than three miles from Belpasso.