

## WORLD'S DAILY NEWS

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### CHANGE IN CABINET

#### HIMI PASHA CHOSEN GRAND VIZIER BY SULTAN.

Mollah Sahib, a Distinguished Theologian and Liberal, Succeeds Edin Effendi—Sudden Turn a Great Surprise in Constantinople.

Himi Pasha and Mollah Sahib were Wednesday installed, respectively as grand vizier of the empire and chief of cabinet, head of the faith of Turkey. The former succeeds Tewfik Pasha and the latter Zia Eddin Effendi. The changes in office were made with the usual ceremony. In the imperial hall ordering the commissions the sultan expressed his firm desire for the restoration and maintenance of peace and tranquility, the welfare of the country and regularity of administration.

Mollah Sahib is a distinguished theologian, who in the past has suffered on account of his liberal views.

There have been some other slight changes in the cabinet, as called Tuesday. Nall Bey, the member of the chamber of deputies from Sinope, and an active worker of the committee of union and progress, replaces Azmi Bey as minister of public instruction, and Vice Admiral Arifkhan Pasha replaces Hiza Pasha as minister of marine. This change in the cabinet came as a surprise Wednesday. It having been announced definitely only Tuesday that Tewfik Pasha would retain the post of grand vizier until after the sword of Othman. The change is taken to indicate that a full understanding has been reached between the two groups of the unionist party to support Himi Pasha.

Alfred Rustem Bey, formerly attached to the Turkish embassy at Washington, has been appointed counselor of that embassy.

### ASSAULTS YOUNG WOMAN.

#### Brute Captured by Mob Narrowly Escapes Lynching.

In a lonely spot on the railroad tracks outside of Dayton, O., within a quarter of a mile of the home of Mrs. Frank Hennessy, a pretty woman, 22 years old, the wife of a young farmer, was assaulted late Tuesday by a man who gave his name as John Norris. The alleged crime took place in sight of a number of children, who raised an alarm which brought several farmers to the scene and the man was captured by them after a thrilling chase of over two miles in which the pursuers and the assailant swam a stream and exchanged pistol shots. Deputy Sheriff Lee rescued the man from the infuriated captors and he is now in jail. He has not been identified.

### COUNTERFEITER TO PRISON.

#### In View of Age and Service in Civil War He Receives Small Sentence.

Dr. J. C. Counterman, of New Albany, Kan., 75 years old, pleaded guilty in the district court at Fort Scott, Kan., Wednesday to the charge of counterfeiting. In view of his age and his service in the civil war he was given the minimum penalty, a year in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each of two counts.

Counterman's arrest a year ago marked the end of counterfeiting which was carried on in Winton county several months before the government officers broke up the gang.

### Hidden Lake Floods Road.

At a point three miles southeast of Silver Lake, Ind., on the line between Kosciusko and Wabash counties, a subterranean lake has burst its confines and has submerged the highway to a depth of twenty feet, and for a distance of more than one hundred yards. The newborn lake contains many eyeless fish.

### Mexicans Celebrate.

Wednesday, that anniversary of the re-establishment of the Mexican republic following the overthrow of Maximilian, was generally observed as a holiday throughout the republic. Business was practically suspended, and patriotic exercises were held in many cities and towns.

### Row Over Pie Results Fatally.

Herman Herzfeld, 17 years old, of Chicago, died at the Michael Reese hospital of a fractured skull, alleged to have been inflicted by Peter Douglas, an employe of a restaurant during a row over a slice of pie. Douglas is under arrest.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$4.30. Top hogs, \$7.20.

### Former Kentucky Official Accused.

Charged with forgery and embezzlement of public funds, former County Clerk Hiram Smedley, of Paducah, Ky., was arrested Wednesday night, and, being unable to secure bond, is in custody of an officer.

### Pictures by Telegraph.

A new apparatus for the telegraphic transmission of pictures, called the teleautograph, was displayed at the Academy of Science Tuesday.

### OCEAN GALES FIERCE.

#### Waters of Long Island Sound Swept by Storms.

Driving with terrific force over the upper waters of Long Island sound and along a large part of the Connecticut shores, one of the severest storms which has been experienced in several years claimed a toll of several lives during Tuesday night, sunk four barges to the bottom off Branford, drove one ashore in the vicinity and piled three others on the rocks off Faulkner's island. The persons drowned are Capt. Marshall, A. Percy, of the barge Susquehanna; his wife, 11-year-old son and a deck hand whose name has not been learned.

The tug Resolute and Hokenauqua left New Haven Tuesday with their towed coal laden for Providence. They had barely gotten outside the harbor when they encountered the gales. When off Branford the barges parted and their tows went adrift, four of the barges later sinking and one going ashore. The remainder of the tows were later discovered and brought back to New Haven.

The tug Charles B. Sanford, bound east with a string of barges laden with coal, felt the full force of the storm when off Faulkner's island. Four of her barges broke away, three of them being driven on the rocks. The fourth drifted about the sound for several hours until found and towed in here Tuesday by the tug Bulley, which also found the body of Capt. Percy's son.

### JULY WHEAT ADVANCES.

#### Advances in Prices Indicates Bull Campaign is Not Dead.

July wheat on the board of trade Tuesday made a sensational bullish showing, advancing from \$1.12, the low point of the day, to \$1.16, at which the market closed. This marked a net advance of 3/4¢ to 1¢. The market has been advancing steadily for the last week. Tuesday's high prices were but 1/4¢ under the best price of the bull campaign for May and only 2 1/2¢ under the July record.

Burdett, Patton & Co., of which the bull leader, James A. Patton, is a member, were credited Tuesday with selling May on a moderate scale, but with making heavy purchases of July. Tuesday's advance on top of the indicated gains of last week, are said to indicate clearly that the bull campaign, which was alleged in many quarters to be dead, was only sleeping.

The closing figures were 10 cents higher than the bottom reached on April 27 last.

The Ohio state report making the crop condition 86 per cent, against 92 per cent a year ago, and the Oklahoma state report, giving the condition as 74 per cent, a much smaller improvement over the previous month's report than had been expected, were the leading bullish factors, although reports of appearance of green bugs helped in stimulating buyers.

Mr. Patton is still absent on his partner's New Mexico ranch.

### HURT BY A MINE EXPLOSION.

#### Believed to Be Due to Powder Smuggled into the Mine.

An explosion of powder 2,000 feet under ground in the Arona mine of the Keystone Coal company, at Arona, Westmoreland county, Pa., seriously injured seven miners Tuesday and caused a panic among 200 others. The men were riding into the mine on a train of electric cars for the day's work when there was a blinding flash, accompanied by a deafening roar. Following the explosion the men fled toward the entrance of the mine, but finding there was no evidence of gas, some of the men returned and attended to the injured men, who were taken to a hospital at Greensburg. Pulverite was used in the mine and the use of powder was forbidden by the company. It is believed a can of about five pounds was being smuggled into the mine and was ignited by a spark from the trolley. The mine was not damaged.

### Bodies Found in Ruins.

The bodies of Samuel Hoover, a prosperous farmer, and his wife were found in the ruins of their burned barn near Middlebury Ind., Tuesday by neighbors who had put out the fire with buckets of water, and from all the available evidence it is gathered that Hoover and his wife were murdered, their bodies carried into the barn and the barn set on fire.

### Doesn't Wait for Warrant.

J. Herbert Anderson, of Chicago and Winnipeg, president of the Idaho Smelting and Refining company, went to Sand Point, Idaho, without waiting for a warrant to be served, and he returned to the sheriff to face a charge of embezzling \$175,000 from the company.

### Bugs Wright Patents.

The German Motor Airship company, of Berlin, confirmed the report that it had purchased the patents of the Wright aeroplane for Germany, but says the sum of \$150,000 mentioned in the dispatches from Paris is excessive.

### Steel Rails Being Laid.

A gang of 200 men started laying steel Tuesday on the Grand Trunk-Pacific railroad from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, Man., a distance of 140 miles. The work will be completed by July.

### Score Near Death in Fire.

A dispatch says the Merchants' hotel at Stanberry, Mo., was destroyed by fire early Tuesday. Twenty guests escaped from the building in their night clothing. No casualties.

### Smelter Workers Strike.

The plant of the American Smelting and Refining company at Murray, Utah, was silent Monday on account of the strike of 400 of its employes for higher wages.

### Race Bill Goes Through.

The Arkansas senate by a vote of 17 to 12 passed the Wadley bill permitting racing at Hot Springs. The bill was reported to the house Wednesday.

### DECISION CAUSES A FLURRY.

#### Rate Rolling Brings Breaks in Coal Road Shares.

With railroad attorneys expressing satisfaction rather than disappointment over the decision of the United States supreme court handed down Monday in the so-called commodities clause case, the stock market and railroad interests generally, after a forenoon of uneasiness followed by a slump in the market in the early afternoon, quickly adjusted themselves to the situation with the conviction that the coal carriers will be practically unaffected by the interpretation of the law barring "legal ownership only."

When the real meaning of the decision was understood in New York City the stock market quickly rallied and Philadelphia and Reading, which had declined 3 points on first reports from Washington, almost immediately recovered this loss, as did Delaware and Hudson and Pennsylvania, which also had dropped 1 1/2 and 1 point respectively. Thereafter, with the receipt of more reassuring news, steady advances were recorded, reading reaching 15 1/2, its highest point since 1905, and making a range from 14 3/8, its low point for the day.

During the hours of chaos prominent attorneys were pressed for interpretations, as they saw it, of the decision. William S. Oddyke, general counsel for the Delaware and Hudson, was one of the first to give out an interview. He said:

"This decision allows the railroad companies to continue as now constituted; that is, those which do not own the coal mines directly, but exercise control through coal companies whose stock they own. Reading, Pennsylvania, and in part the Erie, Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central, as well as the Ontario and Western, come within the interpretation of the court's decision."

William S. Jenney, president and general counsel of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, said:

"The decision of the supreme court directly affects our company. The Lackawanna owns its coal properties directly, and although I have not seen the complete decision it is apparent that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western will have to divest itself of the legal ownership of these properties and form a separate company to take them over."

"It seems to me that there must be some joker in that decision somewhere that will put a different light on this question of direct and indirect ownership."

### INSANE MAN CUNNING FORGER.

#### Edward H. Rentsch Is Sent to an Illinois Asylum.

Edward T. Rentsch, a former wealthy liquor dealer and sporting man of Indianapolis, Ind., was sentenced Monday to the asylum for the criminal insane at Chester, Ill., on a charge of forgery.

Rentsch's reason deserted him some time ago, without, however, depriving him of sufficient cunning to perpetrate several successful forgeries. It is said, in St. Louis, Louisville and Kansas City. He was placed in an asylum at Indianapolis, but escaped last January. Assuming the name of John Klein, he is alleged to have forged the name of Edward H. Bertrand, of Rockford, Ill., to a mortgage note on which he secured \$1,000 from Benjamin F. Odell, a real estate dealer. It was on this charge that he was sentenced to the asylum.

### EX-SULTAN' HAREM LARGE.

#### Women Leaving Palace Daily in Great Numbers.

Since the deposition of Abdul Hamid there has been a daily exodus of the women of the imperial harem from the Yildiz kiosk. Sunday forty-five carriages, each containing two or three women, and Monday fifteen more were seen proceeding to Stamboul. It is evident that the total number of fair prisoners in the palace have been set apart for their accommodation, but in the present condition of the country their fate is pathetic. In the chamber of deputies Monday a telegram was read announcing a revolt of Druses, a fanatical religious sect of Syria, east of the upper Jordan. Troops have been ordered to proceed there at once.

### Uses Bomb to End Life.

A dynamite bomb was the means employed by Carson Martin, a farmer, 45 years old, living in Belle River, Ill., to commit suicide. Martin took the explosive to an outbuilding and touched it off. The structure was blown to bits and his body was scattered over the premises.

### Steamer Goes Aground.

The steel freighter Sylvan Eddy, bound from Bay City, Mich., to Tonawanda, went aground at noon Monday on Horseshoe reef, near Dummy light, in Niagara river. It is estimated the steamer is in a dangerous position.

### Children Go Hambling.

While their parents searched the country round and dragged a pond in search of them, three little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Magner and A. B. McCoy, of Hastings, slept peacefully on the roadside between Hastings and Ayr Monday. The search was kept up all night and until Tuesday morning, when word was received that the children had passed through Ayr.

### New Buildings at Ansley.

The Roman Catholic church has begun the erection of a \$4,000 church building in Ansley. The First National bank has commenced a \$20,000 bank building, to be built of granite. A new school building for the high school is being planned, to cost \$20,000, to be built this year. The Outlook is for twenty-five new residences to be built in Ansley this spring and summer.

### Auto Runs Over Boy.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Turin, of Milford, fell out of the family automobile and the back wheel of the machine ran over his chest, breaking several ribs and injuring his lungs.

### Milford Paper Changes Hands.

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## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### WILSON WILL AID.

#### Farmers of Sheridan County Enlist Aid of Government.

Congressman Kinkaid, acting on a letter from Mr. J. H. Jones, a leading citizen of Rushville, asking scientific assistance of the department of agriculture in behalf of the extinction of a potato malady which has gained some foothold in Sheridan county, has succeeded in enlisting the department earnestly in behalf of eradication of the disease. Mr. Kinkaid informed the secretary of agriculture that Sheridan county and other parts of north-west Nebraska promise to become the greatest potato raising country in the United States, not only because of the fair amount of yield per acre, but especially on account of the very superior quality of product. The department has instructed its representative at the Lincoln experiment station to take the matter in hand, and a sub-experiment station or two will be established in north-west Nebraska with a view to doing the most that may be practicable for the potato industry, especially to the end that the potato disease complained of may be exterminated.

### WILL BOOZY CORN SHOW.

#### Commercial Clubs in Oklahoma Will Back Their People.

The Federation of Commercial Clubs of Oklahoma will back the National Corn exposition and see that a big exhibit is made from that state at the exposition in December.

George H. Stevenson, of Omaha, assistant secretary of the National Corn association has returned from Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, where he talked corn show to commercial clubs and agricultural colleges.

"All the states which I have visited will be represented at the exposition," said Mr. Stevenson. "But Oklahoma is especially interested and the commercial clubs are going to work at once to push for the exhibit at Omaha. The movement is general throughout the state, and the letters inquiring about the show received from farmers of that state show they are aroused to the necessity of their state in agricultural lines."

### ARAPAHOE TO HAVE SALOONS.

#### Licenses Granted to Three and to One Pool Hall, Under Restrictions.

The Arapahoe muddle as to saloons was decided Monday night by an unanimous vote of the council in favor of three saloons, granting licenses to Henry Meyers, John C. Den and Henry Paul; also to J. E. Beltzer, for pool halls business, but subject to building permit, as the ordinance requires fire-proof buildings. This is not prohibition, but simply the town board wants to make an investigation. There will be saloons in Arapahoe, a foregone conclusion, as well as that the town board proposes to have control of them.

### LOSERS BIG ROLL.

#### Dashing Brigade Took \$935 from Agnet Nebraska.

Alleging loss of \$935, Theodore Langston, aged 74, of Tecumseh, appealed to the chief of detectives of Chicago and asked him in finding Miss Mary Bodey, a dashing brunette, with offices in the Schiller building, where she carried on a real estate and brokerage business. Langston said he had given her \$935 and that she had promised to marry him, but disappeared. He wanted his money back. He also alleges he gave a barber \$400 to keep for him and cannot find him now.

### DIY ROT IN POTATO FIELDS.

#### Experts Say Nebraska Farmers Must Import New Seed.

Potato growers in northern Nebraska must abandon their potato on new soil. Seed must be imported from Oregon, so the state farm experts will declare in a few days. Elaborate experiments have been made to eliminate the dry rot. It has been discovered that the Nebraska growers have planted diseased seed. The ground is alive with the dry rot fungi. New seed and fresh lands must be sought. An official bulletin will be issued in a few days.

### FOR DAY OF REJOICING.

#### Lyons Man Urges that "Dry's" Celebrate on July 4.

A call has been issued by M. M. Warner, of Lyons place, asking that Saturday, July 4, 1909, be made a day of great rejoicing and commendation to Gov. A. S. Hallenberger for his courage in signing the daylight saloon bill. A request is made to try to have ministers preach a sermon on that day, taking for their text "And the Governor Dared to Do Right."

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### GOODS BELONGED TO SCHUTZ.

#### Stella Jeweler Claims the Clem Swenson Find.

Theodore Schultz, a jeweler from Stella, was at Nebraska City Friday evening in company with Sheriff Fred Zehrs, of Auburn, and inspected the jewelry which was dug up on the farm of Clem Swenson, west of the city and catalogued Sheriff Fischer that it was his property by reason of the marks thereon. The goods were stolen from him last October when his jewelry establishment was robbed and, in fact, almost cleaned up. He was given possession of the goods and went out to the field to see if he could not find more which had been scattered over the field by the barrow. The gentlemen are satisfied that the same men that robbed the Stella jewelry store are the same men who shot the marshal at Weeping Water, when according to him, it is reasonably supposed they planned the robbery in the corn field of Mr. Swenson, after leaving the city, expecting to return for it, but took part of it with them, and this was found near Weeping Water after the killing of the marshal, where they tried to hide the goods. The goods were turned over to their owner, who left for his home Saturday morning.

### MAN AND MONEY MISSING.

#### Hastings Authorities Looking for Administrator of the Horn Estate.

In the hope of finding J. H. McCarthy, of Lincoln, the missing administrator in the Helen A. Horn estate, the authorities are seeking Miss Eric Moline, a Hastings girl, who recently has been known to have been in the company of McCarthy in Chicago. Miss Moline was expected at Hastings from Lincoln Wednesday to join her brother and sister, but for some unknown reason she changed her plans and went through the city without getting off the train.

Entrusted in McCarthy's care as administrator of the Horn estate was a large sum of money, slightly more than \$10,000, and all of this is missing. Miss Moline was employed in the Bostwick hotel as a waitress about a year ago, she went to Lincoln from this city and there met Mr. McCarthy, from whom she is said to have received numerous presents.

### MOVEMENT FOR BIG DITCH.

#### Merriek County Will Make Effort for Better Land.

Merriek county citizens are agitating a ditch project which if carried out will result in great benefit to that section. The plan proposed, if put into practice, will result in the drainage of a territory thirty-six miles long and seven miles wide, making an aggregate of 252 square miles of land. The question will be submitted to a vote of the people owning the land supposed to be benefited. The Commercial club is pushing the matter and the members believe there is reasonable hope for success. W. J. McArthur, supervising drainage engineer, has been detailed to complete a survey and an active campaign of education will begin at once.

### SECTION MAN WAS KILLED.

#### Ventured Too Near Union Pacific Limited.

W. P. Henderson, a section man in the employ of the Union Pacific between Wood River and Shelton was killed by being struck by the east-bound Los Angeles limited train, within one mile of the Shelton yards, the great work with the rest of the crew and had stepped aside to let the train pass when he noticed a gauge lying on the track and in attempting to get it was struck by the train and died twenty minutes later from the injuries received. He was a married man and had been moved to Shelton from Grand Island.

### Newspaper Changes Hands.

The Bradshaw Republican founded in 1896 by John B. Dey has been sold to L. D. Beltzer, of Osceola, who took editorial charge Saturday morning. Mr. Beltzer will do a good job. Bradshaw a first class newspaper. The name of the paper will be changed to Monitor, and will be non-partisan in politics.

### Cold Wave at Seward.

The government thermometers at Geneva registered ten below freezing Saturday morning at sunrise, and ice formed to the depth of an inch, the coldest May day of record at this station. The wind blew a gale all night and it is believed that vegetation and fruit blooms are not seriously injured.

### Geom. 73; Bride, 53.

Gottlieb Wittwer, one of the pioneer and wealthy farmers living near Humboldt, was married at the office of the county judge in Falls City to Mrs. Susan Elder, who for many years has been his housekeeper. Mr. Wittwer has attained the age of 73 years and the bride is twenty years his junior.

### Held on Three Counts.

Joseph Clark of Brock was tried before County Judge Parriott Friday on the charge of having sold intoxicating liquors in violation of law. There were thirty-four counts against him, thirty-one of which were dismissed and he was held to answer at this station on the other three.

### Ship Massacred.

Thoroughly overhauled, the old battleship Massachusetts left the Brooklyn navy yard Thursday after being out of commission for two years.

### Imperial Company's Large Fertilizer Plant at Money Point on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, near Norfolk, Va., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000, fully insured.

Delight and Marjorie Loos, sisters, 10 and 8 years old respectively, who disappeared from the home of their uncle in Toledo, Ohio, were found last evening at Haskins, Ohio, in custody of their mother.

## Work of Congress

### As the last half of his two-day speech Senator Bailey devoted nearly three hours in the Senate Tuesday to a discussion of the legal aspects of his income tax amendment to the tariff bill.

By citing numerous cases and authorities to maintain the view that such a law would be constitutional. He was interrupted frequently by Senators, who at times offered objections to his position or suggested authorities to sustain him. Mr. Scott spoke upon the tariff with especial reference to its effect upon the South and especially upon his own State of West Virginia. Mr. Gore of Oklahoma spoke in denunciation of the protective tariff. The house was not in session.

An exhaustive treatment of the lumber schedule of the tariff bill by Mr. Simmons of North Carolina was the feature of the session of the Senate Wednesday. Mr. Simmons spoke for three and a half hours in support of the retention of the present tariff, which he maintained was but a revenue rate. Several times the national Democratic platform of 1908, which declared for free lumber, was injected into the discussion by Republican Senators, and Mr. Bacon of Georgia remarked that he was not bound by declarations written into a platform at midnight by a few interested men. Barrett of Nebraska, whose home city is Lincoln, sought to state when and where the Democratic platform actually was drawn, but Mr. Simmons refused to yield time to prolong that discussion. Mr. Brown of Nebraska advocated a constitutional amendment for the collection of an income tax, thereby placing it beyond the power of the courts to further hold that such a tax was not constitutional. The House was not in session.

The entire time of the Senate was again Thursday given to the general discussion of the tariff bill. Senator Rayner of Maryland led off with a general denunciation of the protective system of the Republican party, and was followed by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who made an earnest plea for the admission of lumber free of duty. His assertions aroused a general discussion, which was participated in by Senators Hale, Warren, Carter, Clapp, McLaughlin, McCumber, Elkins, Aldrich and Gallinger. In an eleven-minute session the House did not take up any of the important business which will have to be considered this session. Mr. Wagner (Pa.) endeavored to obtain the adoption of a resolution of good will and friendliness for the people of Turkey and the new sovereign, but as Mr. Macon (Ark.) objected the matter went over. At 12:11 p. m. the House adjourned to meet again at noon on Monday.

An extended speech by Senator McCumber favoring free lumber occupied several hours in the Senate Friday. His remarks provoked an extended controversy among advocates of a tariff on lumber. Mr. McCumber said while he was a thorough protectionist, he would not agree to a tariff on products such as coal, iron ore, lumber and oil, that are being exhausted and cannot be replaced. Senator Aldrich reported from the committee on finance additional amendments to the tariff bill and the Senate adopted a motion made by him that until further notice the Senate shall meet at 11 o'clock daily. At 6:05 the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday. The House was not in session.

An extended defense of the lumber duty provided in the Dingley bill was made in the Senate Monday by Mr. Piles of Washington. He was followed by Senator Borah, who discussed the income tax, declaring in favor not only of its justice as a means of raising revenue, but in view of the divided opinion in the Supreme Court of the United States, insisted also that it was the duty of Congress again to submit the question of the constitutionality of the tax to the court. It took the House just twenty minutes to meet and transact its business. In that time, however, the objectors got in their work with telling effect. Mr. Wagner of Pennsylvania again lost out on his resolution of congratulation to the Turkish people on the success of the recent revolution, unanimous consent being refused him; so did Mr. Hay, of Virginia, who wanted a lot of information from the Civil Service Commission regarding appointments, dismissals and resignations. A point of order by Mr. Payne of New York, the majority leader, against the adoption of a resolution to that end was sustained by the speaker, and before the subject could be pursued farther the House adjourned until Thursday.

### SHORT NEWS NOTES.

The Mecklenburg Hotel, a resort and sanitarium at Chase City, Va., valued at \$200,000, insurance \$75,000, was destroyed by fire.

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## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

### CHICAGO.

While the stormy weather interfered with transportation and outdoor work, the course of trade shows steady progress. Aside from the commercial barometer and other favorable signs of returning activity the financial statistics furnish a healthy exhibit. April bank clearings testify to the increasing use of money. Aggregate discounts are seen to be well above the previous showing, and the decrease in gross deposits is largely due to withdrawals for investment and new enterprise.

Conditions in agriculture from now on will enter largely into calculations for the future. Reports show that farm work has become widely extended, and while some fields were being plowed over, the actual acreage in much greater than at this time last year, especially for spring wheat and corn.

Manufacturing slowly reduces the idle capacity and another blast furnace resumed operations. Pig iron quotations came more frequently into third-quarter deliveries, while specifications for rails and structural steel add to the pressure at the mills.

Preparations are made for a larger movement of iron ore, coal and lumber. Receipts of the raw materials for those reported earlier this year. Heavy contracts depend for railway equipment, and the buying is good for structural forms, plates, wire and finished shapes. Metal values reflect no special change, but there is firmness in fur-nace product, hides, leather and hard woods.

Wholesale merchandise markets find the demand equaling expectations, and some increase is noted in mail orders for fall goods. Leading retail trade here and at the interior would be better with higher temperatures.

Failures reported in Chicago district number 23, against 32 last week, 30 in 1908 and 15 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 7, against 8 last week