EX-SENATOR MANDERSON OF NE BRASKA HEARD.

WHAT HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE

The Trust's Scheme to Kill the Beet Sugar Industry-The Proposed Cuban Reduction Has Already Closed Factories.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The senate committee on relation with Cuba About Sugar compiled by Oscar W. from newspaper articles.

Mr. Oehler said that in January last he was employed by Mr. Donner, advertising agent of the Sugar trust, to touch. Some idea of the terrible heat print this document, for which he re- that poured down from Mount Pelee ceived \$750. The edition numbered 250,000 copies.

Ex-Senator Charles F. Manderson of Nebraska said he had acted as legal adviser of the general manager of the American Beet Sugar company, E. C. Howe, and the president of the Standard Beet Sugar company, Heywood G. Leavitt. He produced two forms of contracts which these companies had entered into during the summer of 1901 with the jobbers on the Missouri river, one of which contained a provision that shipments would be billed at 10 cents per hundred pounds less than the American Sugar company's open price for stand ard fine granulated that might be in effect in Kansas City on date of arrival of their sugar, but that at no time would the price exceed \$5.37. In the other form the words "bona fide price" were inserted.

Mr. Manderson said the American Sugar Refining company notified the jobbers having contracts with the beet sugar companies at Missouri river points that they would furnish them sugar at \$3.50 per hundred, and said he was called on to decide what to do under the contracts referred to. He had discovered that this sugar only would be given in very small quantities. The American Beet Sugar company, he said, sought to buy at \$3.50 per hundred, but was refused. The established market price, he said, continued at \$5.121/2; and the special price was limited to a few people, which caused him to decide that it was not an "open" price nor a "bona fide" price, as contemplated by the beet sugar contracts, and that the beet sugar companies were not required to sell at \$3.40. Mr. Manderson said the American Sugar Refining company's cut would have broken down the beet sugar industry in the west if the beet sugar people had been unable to command the money to store their pro-

Mr. Manderson contended that every tariff bill and the government experiments have been invitations to embark in the beet sugar industry.

"To injure it,' said he, "by direct or indirect methods is to my mind as objectionable, if not to say as criminal a blow as this country could receive."

The proposition for a 20 per cent reduction, he said, had caused many prospective beet sugar factories on arid land in the west, to be abandoned temporarily.

Answering a question by Senator Platt, Mr. Manderson said that if we Americanize Cuba either by annexation or any other means there would be a rise in the price of labor there which would raise the cost of sugar production.

PEACE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.

London Newspaper Says Attitude of Boers Justifies Assertion.

LONDON, May 17.-The Daily Mail this morning says it understands that sufficient indications of the attitude of the Boer leaders at Veerening have transpired to justify the assertion that peace in South Africa is absolutely as-

A powerful factor in attaining this result, the paper says, has been the British generosity in the matter of farm rebuilding, for which, it believes, about £5,000,000 has been granted.

Shenandoah Divine Goes Abroad. SHENANDOAH, Ia., May 17.-Rev. G. O. Gustafson has started on an ex-

tended trip through Europe. His the general fund, exclusive of the church has granted him a vacation \$150,000 gold reserve in the division and he will spend the greater part of of redemption, shows: Available the summer visiting some of the cash balance, \$187,102,162; gold, \$97,health resorts in Sweden.

Murder of Iowa Girl.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 17 .- The body of Miss Emma Moore, a beautiful young woman of Clarinda, Ia., was found in a ravine near that place, with a pistol bullet in her brain. William Lucas, a well known young man of Clearmont, Ia., is under arrest. The couple were sweethearts and left found.

Fires Which Light Up Island. NEW YORK, May 16 .- In the destroyed city of St. Pierre the work on the ruins is being continued in an unsatisfactory manner, says a Fort de France dispatch to the Herald.

The dead are being burned, the pyres being red with petroleum and tar. Great fires are kept going, which, at night, light up the entire island, and which, being seen at St. Lucia, led to the belief that Fort de France had burned.

Although thousands have been burned, many still remain to be cremated. Searchers, while walking through the heard John Oehler of New York City. ashes, often step upon what seems to who printed the publication Facts be a charred pillar of stone, only to learn as it yields gruesomely under Donner, and consisting of reprints foot that it is the trunk of another unfortunate.

Some of the walls of the houses that still stand crumble and fall at may be had when it is known that the iron rollers of the Prinelle Sugar mills were melted as though they had been put through a furnace.

The Danish war ship Valkyrien has returned from Fort de France, says a St. Thomas, D. W. I., dispatch to the Tribune. The officers confirm previous reports of having steamed through countless floating bodies on the way to Fort de France.

PARIS IS UNMOVED.

Little Attention Paid to Disaster in West Indies.

PARIS, May 16 .- The American visitors here cannot understand the seeming indifference of the Parisians in regard to the Martinique disaster. Beyond the half-masted flags over the government offices, there are no signs of public mourning. The people flock to their usual resorts, attend the races, fill the theaters, none of which have been closed, no "extras" are issued and there is no demand for them. But the evening papers, containing bulletins of the automobile races, are eagerly purchased.

The various funds being raised for the relief of the Martinique sufferers now only total 303,000 francs, including the large subscriptions of the foreign potentates and the 20,000 francs from the municipalities. The provinces seem more interested in the disaster than the capital. They are actively organizing committees to raise funds and there is much mourning at the seaports whose ships were destroyed.

IOWA LIQUOR LAW INVALID.

Supreme Court Holds Mulct Law to Be Unconstitutional.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 16.-The supreme court ruled today that the sale of liquor to "bootleggers" and other resident violators of the Iowa law cannot be prohibited when the sales are made by agents of nonresident dealers.

The court holds that the section of the Iowa liquor law known as the 'mulct law," prohibiting such sales, is in conflict with interstate commerce laws and is therefore unconstitutional.

The decision is rendered in the case of the state against Pat Henappy of Jefferson county and is reversed in favor of the defendant, who was agent for an Illinois liquor house, soliciting orders at Fairfield, which were filled by shipment direct to the purchaser.

Monument to Bland.

LEBANON, Mo., May 16.-The splendid monument erected here to the memory of the late Richard Park Bland will be unveiled June 17. Hon. W. J. Bryan and ex-Governor W. J. Stone and others will be present to deliver addresses.

Burglars Rob Postoffice.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 16.-The postoffice at Monroe, thirty miles south of this city, was robbed by burglars. The safe was blown open and several hundred dollars' worth of

Bryan is Well Received.

HAVANA, May 16 .- William Jennings Bryan, who is now here, is re ceiving considerable attention. has been invited to a number of dinners and has many callers.

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, May 16 .- Today's

statement of the treasury balances in 443,547.

Fremont Boy Sues the City. FREMONT, Neb., May 16 .- Suit was filed by William Schmidt, jr., a minor, in district court, against the city of Fremont for \$5.000. He was hurt by falling on a defective side-

Copeland Gets Ten Years.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 16,-Judge the home of Miss Moore Wednesday D. H. Craig of the Third district senevening for a drive. The next seen tenced Ned Hartley Copeland to ten of the woman was when her body was years at hard labor for the killing of A. C. Rogers.

THE SUCAR CASE BODIES AT St. Pierre Burned in Great THE LOSS IS BIC

IT IS GREATER THAN EARLY RE-PORTS INDICATED.

SIXTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE DEAD

Large Area on East Coast is Completely Desolated by Eruption-Details of Calamity Defy Description-Reports that the Lava Still Flows.

LONDON, May 15 .- The governor of the Windward islands, Sir Robert Llewellyn, telegraphs to the colonial office from the island of St. Vincent, under date of Tuesday, May 13, as follows:

"I arrived here yesterday and found the state of affairs worse than has been stated. The administrator's report shows that the country on the east coast between Robin Rock and Georgetown was apparently struck and devastated in a manner similar to that which destroyed St. Pierre, and I fear that practically all living things in that radius were killed. Probably 1,600 persons lost their lives. The exact number will never be known. Managers and owners of the estates, with their families, have been killed. A thousand bodies have been found and buried. One hundred and sixty persons are in the hospital at Georgetown. Probably only six of this number will recover.

"The details of the disaster are too harrowing for description.

"I got, at St. Lucia, a coasting steamer, which is running up and down the Leeward coast with water and provisions. Twenty-two hundred persons have received relief.

"I have asked for medical officers from Trinidad and Grenada. All the neighboring British colonies are assisting generously. Every effort is being made to grapple with the awful

"All the beat sugar estates in the carribean country are devastated and

the cattle are dead. The eruption continues, but is apparently moderating.

"Anxiety is still felt. All the officers and residents are co-operating with me. The women are making clothing."

Sir Frederick M. Hodgson, the governor of Barbadoes, forwarded to the colonial office the report of the colonial secretary, who has just returned from a visit to St. Pierre, Martiniuge.

It confirms the worst accounts of the disaster. The secretary compares the ignited matter, which destroyed everything within an area of ten miles long by six wide, to burning wax. He adds, significantly, that the services of doctors are not required, as there are no wounded persons.

Governor Hodgson estimates that 2,000,000 tons of volcanic dust fell on the island of Barbadoes.

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The navy department received a numfber of messages bearing on the Martinique disaster. Lieutenant B. B. McCormick, commanding Potomac, sent the following from Fort de France, dated Tuesday:

"Inhabitants of St. Pierre and sixteen vessels totally destroyed. Surrounding villages uninhabitable. Island covered with destruction. Ashes within five miles of Fort de France. Provisions needed for 50,000 refugees within ten days. Donated extra stores. Inform commandant at San Juan."

HAYTI IN A CHAOTIC STATE.

Revolutionists Seize Customs Houses and Are Collecting the Duties. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 15.

-Admiral Killick, commander of the Haytien fleet, has started for Cape Haytien with the Haytien war ships Crete A'Pierot and Toussaint Louverture, having declared himself in favor of General Firmin, the former minister of Hayti at Paris, who is the head of the revolutionary forces in the northern part of the island.

The northern revolutionists have seized the customs houses of Cape Haytien, port de Paix and Gonaives and are collecting duties. Protests against this action on the part of General Firmin have been entered by the National bank and the diplomatic

Rain Helps Irrigation.

DENVER, Colo., May 15.-Specials indicate that rains have been general, extending from the Wyoming line to southern New Mexico. The great shortage of water for irrigation had become a serious matter.

Bishop O'Gorman at Vatican.

ROME, May 15.—The pope received in audience Bishop Thomas O'Gorman of Sioux Falls. S. D., a member of the American commission appointed to confer with the pope regarding church questions in the Philippines. The pontiff expressed pleasure at coming of the mission and his admiration of President Roosevelt, especially of his "political good sense.' He felt that a debt of gratitude was due Archbishop Ireland.

GRAPHIC STORY OF TRAGEDY.

Surviving Officer of Roraima Talks of St. Pierre Disaster.

NEW YORK, May 14.-James Taylor, who was one of the officers of the Roraima, the Quebec line steamship which was destroyed in the harbor of St. Pierre, gives a graphic story of the tragedy of last Thursday to the Herald from St. Kitts, island of St. Christopher, B. W. I.

"We experienced the greatest difficulty in getting into port," said he. "Appalling sounds were issuing from the mountains behind the town, which was shrouded in darkness. All the passengers were up and some were trying to obtain photographs.

"Suddenly I heard a tremendous explosion. Ashes began to fall thick upon the deck, and I could see a black cloud sweeping down upon us. I dived below and, dragging with me Samuel Thomas, a gangway man and fellow countryman, sprang into a room, shutting the door to keep out the heat that was already unbearable.

The ship rocked, and I expected every moment that it would sink. Outside I heard a voice pleading for the door to be opened. It was Scott, the first officer, and I opened the door and dragged him into the room.

"It soon became unbearably hot and I went on deck. All about were lying the dead and the dying. Little children were moaning for water. I did what I could for them. I obtained water, but when it was held to their swollen lips they were unable to swallow because of the ashes which clogged their throats. One little chap took water in this method and rinsed out the ashes, but even then could not swallow, so badly was his throat burned. He sank back unconscious and a few minutes later was dead. All aft the ship was aftre, and from the land came drafts of terrible heat. At last, when I could stand it no longer, I sprang overboard. The water was almost hot enough to parboil me, but a wave soon swept in from the ocean. bringing with it cool water."

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

Winter Wheat Conditions Improved Greatly During Past Week.

United States department of agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Nebraska section, for the week ending May 14, says:

The last week has been warm, with generous showers the first day of the week. The daily mean temperature has averaged about 2 degrees above the

The rainfall occurred on the first days of the week and generally amounted to between 0.75 of an inch

The past week has been a favorable one for the growth of all vegetation. Winter wheat has improved very much in condition. In a few southern counties the rain was too late to benefit the earlier fields, and the crop now promises less than half the average crop. In a large part of the winter wheat belt, however, the prospect is that with favorable weather from nearly three-fourths to a full crop will be realized. Grass in pastures and meadows has improved, but is still decidedly below the average condition at this time of year. Oats have grown well during the week. The soil is in excellent condition and corn planting has progressed rapidly. The early planted is coming up nicely. Fruit trees are blossoming very fully in northern counties; cherries are setting poorly in southern counties.

Railroad Men Subpoenaed.

CHICAGO, May 14.-Interstate Commerce commissioners and others concerned in the inquiry into the alleged unfair rates on live stock and packing house products took steps today to prevent the absence of witnesses by serving subpoenas on numerous railroad officials. The meeting of the committee to hear the complaint filed on behalf of the Chicago Live Stock exchange will be held in Chicago Thursday. The railroads complained of are those running from Chicago to Missouri river points. Notice of the proposed meeting of the commission was served on the officials of these roads some time ago. Postponement was asked, but was denied.

Icwa Postoffice Robbed.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 14.-The postoffice of Monroe, thirty miles south of this city, was robbed last night by burglars. The safe was blown open by dynamite and several hundred dollars' worth of stamps was taken. The explosion wrecked a portion of the

Wilhelmina Still Improving. THE HAGUE, May 14.-It is announced from Castle Loo that the condition of Queen Wilhelmina continues to improve. The physicians of her majesty are so highly satisfied with her condition that Dr. Roersingh leaves the hospital tomorrow to resume his hospital services here. It is understood that with the departure of Dr. Roersingh the bulletins will be discontinued. Messages of congratulation are coming in.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City. SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE-There was a very light run of cattle, but the supply for the four days of this week is considerably in excess of the same days of last week, but smaller than for the same days of last Beef steers again made up the bulk of the offerings and there were a number of bunches that were good enough to bring right around \$7.00. Anything carrying weight and flesh was in good demand at fully steady prices and practically everything answering to that description was out of first hands in good season. The cow market was also in good shape and anything desirable met with ready sale at good firm prices. The same as was the case with steers, the common kinds did not move quite freely, but still they brought just about the same prices they did vesterday, and everything was out of first hands in good season. Stockers and feeders were scare today and the better grades were picked up freely at good firm prices. The common cattle were neglected, the same as they have been all along, but there was no particular change today in the prices paid. HOGS-There was the heaviest run of

hogs of the week, but still the supply for the four days is less than for the same days of last week or of last year. The market at all other points was quoted lower this morning and as a result prices eased off a little here. As a general thing the good weight hogs sold right around a nickel lower, though the decline was rather uneven. The light hogs were harder to dispose of than usual and until the last end it was almost impossible for sellers to get even a bid on such kinds. The good weight hogs sold largely from \$7.10 to \$7.25 and as high as \$7.30 was paid. The medium weights went from \$7.00 to \$7.10 and the lighter loads sold from \$7.00 down.

SHEEP-There were only about three cars, so that a fair test of the market was not made. The quality of what few were here was rather common. Clipped wethers sold at \$5.50 and another bunch brought \$5.10. About all that can be said of the market is that it was about steady. Prices have fluctuated back and forth to some extent so far this week, but as compared with the close of last week there is not much of change. Good stuff has been very scarce and in fact there has been practically nothing finished or the market all this week.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE-Best steady to 10@15c higher; all other grades steady to ower. Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.75@7.30; fair to good, \$4.75@6.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.10@5.20; western fed steers, \$4.50@ 5.90; Texas and Indian steers, \$4.75@6.00; Texas cows, \$3.0025.00; native cows, \$2.002 6.50; native heifers, \$5.50@6.80; canners, \$1.70@2.75; bulls, \$3.00@5.25; calves, \$3.00@

HOGS-Market 21/2010 lower; top, \$7.40@; bulk of sales, \$7.00@7.30; heavy, \$7.25@7.40; mixed packers, \$7.10@7.35; light, \$6.50@ 7.17½; Yorkers, \$7.05@7.17½; pigs, \$4.50@

SHEEP AND LAMBS-Strong and active; native lambs, \$5.40@7.10; western lambs, \$5.65@7.10; native wethers, \$5.30@ 6.05; western wethers, \$3.50@6.05; fed ewes, \$4.75@5.60; Texas clipped yearlings, \$5.50@ 5.90; Texas clipped sheep, \$4.25@5.35; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.50.

TELLS STORY OF RESCUE.

Many Natives of Martinique Saved by Danish Cruiser. ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 17 .-

The Danish cruiser Valkyrien has returned here from Martinique. The correspondent here of the Associated Press has had an interview with one of the Valkyrien's officers, who said:

"We left St. Thomas the afternoon of May 9. The next day, when seventy miles from Martinique, the falling volcanic ashes became troublesome. We approached the island and discovered St. Pierre to be burning. We made signals to the shore, but no replies were received. We then lay off for the night and witnessed a remarkable spectacle of fire and lightning. Ashes fell and detonations were heard.

In the morning we saw the French cruiser Suchet and went nearer the shore. The ashes became dense as we approached, and many dead bodies were floating on the sea. They were burnt and swollen. As we approached St. Pierre we saw the town was covered with ashes. We then joined the cruiser Suchet and the cable repair ship Pouver-Quertier and together went toward Le Precheur. The rain of ashes was heavy and shrouded the Suchet. Soon the atmosphere cleared up and we ran close to Le Precheur, and then to Hameau des Sabines. The boats from all three ships were put overboard and the rescue of people from the shore commenced at 11 o'clock in the morning. We were all covered with grav ashes, our eyes were weeping, and the heat was intolerable. Several big pans on board our ship were filled with cooked food and placed on deck; they were soon surrounded by a crowd of chattering natives,"

Crops Look Fine.

OMAHA, Neb., May 17.-The unanimous verdict of the twenty-five commission men who went by special train to western Nebraska is that crops look fine. The small grain and

Santa Fe Buys Oil Lands. SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 .- The

Santa Fe railroad, through President Ripley, has completed the purchase of a petroleum plant and oil lands in the Kern river district. The price paid is about \$1,250,000. By this deal the railroad increases its supply of fuel oil many thousands of barrels per month. The Santa Fe is using as fuel for its locomotives 118,000 barrels of oil a month. The Southern Pacific is using 50,000 barrels.

Hobson's Black Eye.

Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson, U. S. N., the unscathed hero of Santiago harbor, gazed gloomily upon the world the other day from an artistically tinted eye, which he vainly sought to hide behind a green patch. To commiserating inquirers the gallant sea hero explained that it was a cork that did the damage—a coarse, rude, popping cork that flew into his eye while he was dining at the Waldorf-Astoria. With much detail, Lieutenant Hobson further explained that it was in the neck of a ginger ale bottle, that the cork passed the previous period of its existence. The cork, by the way. was secured by one of the Daughters of the War of 1812 as a souvenir.

The Bankers Heard Jasper. While the American Bankers' association was in Richmond they had the doubtful pleasure of listening while Rev. Mr. John D. Jasper delivered his famous sermon on "The Sun Do Move." The venerable colored preacher who is now nearly 90 years of age, consented to deliver the sermon and was rewarded by having such a congregation as he had never before seen, consisting of the bankers, with their fashionably dressed wives and daughters. He was listened to with close attention, though his hearers at times had some difficulty in restraining a tendency to smile at his quaint sayings.

Palmer, Mo., May 19th.-Mrs. Lucy Compton has for the past eight or ten years suffered a great deal of pain and sickness. She had Kidney Trouble with an awful pain in her back, which was so bad at many times that she could scarcely get about at all.

"I have been down with my back for the past eight or ten years," she says, "and sometimes so bad that I could not get around only by holding on to a chair or some other object.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills have given me more relief than anything I have ever

"After I had used the first box I was almost entirely cured of this dreadful

"I can truthfully recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to any woman suffering as I had suffered for so long." Mrs. Compton's cure was certainly a

remarkable one. If a small boy is chasing a bumblebee and you hear him yell it is a sign that he has caught it.

Omaha's Best Hotel, The Millard, offers Board and Room as Low as \$2 Per Day, Better Rooms with Bath Higher Price, High Grade Service and First-Class Cuisine Same For All. Newly Furnished Throughout, Most Central Location. European Plan \$1 and up Per Day. The Lincoln, opp. Depots, Lincoln, \$2 Per day.

Paradoxical though it may seem, it is hard to touch a close man.

ALL UP-TO-DATE HOUSEKEEPERS Use Red Cross Ball Blue. It makes clothes clean and sweet as when new. All grocers.

Men who are continually blowing about themselves spoil a lot of wind. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces indammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

A hundred years hence we shall all

Don't Be Racked To Pleces with rheumatism. One bottle of MATT J. JOHNSON'S 6088 will work wonders. The wrong doer is never without a

Sensible Housekeepers will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for

pretext.

the same money, but also because of superior quality. A wise man is his own best friend; a fool is his own worst enemy.

\$20 A WEEK AND EXPENSES to men with rig to introduce our Poultry goods. Sendstp. Javelle Mfg.Co., Dept.D. Parsons, Kan.

A sealskin sack does not always warm the heart.

To Cure a Cold in One day, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. Lip courtesy avails much and costs

Hall's Catarrh Cure

Is taken internally. Price, 75c. Under a good cloak may be a bad

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.-John F BOXER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Some men have no fixed price, but proceed to sell out to the highest bidder.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality, of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other

Steer clear of the man whom dogs and children dislike.

WHEN YOU BUY STARCH buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

The liar is sooner caught than the

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cures Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

It is the services of the uncommon man that command the highest wages.

For frost-bite, chilblains, sore and lame joints, stiffness of muscles—try Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It won't disappoint you!

A man never begins to rise in the world until he settles down

ALL UP TO DATE HOUSEKEEPERS use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better and 4 oz. more of it for same

The secret of dress is the location of the pocket.