# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

NEBRASKA

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### PNEILL,

The Japanese emperor's yearly ex-pense of living is limited. For this purpose he draws \$3,000,000 from the national treasury. His personal wealth is not to be spent on his own living, sc that \$3,000,000 is really his salary as 'manager of the country. He is re-quired to pay out of it some thousand employes. The emperor's daily fare is Japanese. He is perfectly satisfied for breakfast with a bowl of bean sour and a few other dishes. But his dinner usually appears in splendid style, in some tweny courses, aithough he al-ways denounces it as a useless extrav-gance. When any official feast is held —the cherry-blossom-viewing party at the Kloskikawa botanical garden or the chrysanthemum party at the Akasaka palace, for instance—he will not spare any expense in preparing an elegant European banquet

Two centuries ago a man who had a cargo to send to the Mediterranean contrived to get rid of some of the risk by inducing a friend to take an interest with him. It was necessary to write out a statement of contract to which the guarantors subscribed; this was the first underwriting. These two men happened to be frequenters of Lloyd's coffee house in London, which was a favorite place for the merchants of the town to gather to discuss busi-ness or to gossip. Others immediately saw the advantage of the scheme which their colleagues had devised, and on the next voyage the risk was parceled out among a larger number of the patrons of the coffee house. Out of this small beginning has grown the great European maritime agency still bearing the name of the humble coffee house

The French telephone service has just accorded the public one of those little amenities of civilization which might, with obvious advantage, be extended throughout the world. In every public office there will be henceforward be hung a white linen handkerchief, treat-ed with a chemical solution, with which every person can cleanse and disinfect the plate or tube before using it. If will only do so after breathing into it himself for several minutes so much the better. These handkerchiefs are re-

In a paper on "A Possible Explana-tion of the Formation of the Moon," read before the royal society of Edinburgh, recently, G. Romanes showed that there never had been sufficient heat developed in the interior of the moon by gravitational compression to account for volcanic action on its sur-face; and he explained how lunar mark-ings could be accounted for on his hypothesis by the impact of meteoric

newed daily.

There is a record that Roger Bacon, the friar who devoted more of his time to science than to religion, was the first man to make spectacles, in the year 1280. Yet some one points out that on a tomb in Florence, dated 1290, there is an inscription which awards the honor to another in these words: "Here lies Salvino degli Armati, inventor of spectacles. May God pardon his sins."

Sufferers from severe disorders should certainly try olive oil cure, which is most highly recommended to those who have learned abroad to appreciate the addition of oil to salads. The very best and purest olive oil must be obtained, and one teaspoonful three times a day is the dose if the victim of neuralgia, anemia or disordered nerves is in a hurry to be cured.

Novel designs in hatpins are in open scroll work, inclosed or topped with one or two stones; or odd shapes in scroll work with a flower in the center; a baby face in rose gold with flower; faces surrounded by flowers; Spanish topaz or an opal ball, or a pink tour-mailing topping off one scroll work tourmaline topping off open scroll work in the German style of the "new art."

# NEBRASKA SOLONS

Proceedings of the Week in Brief in Both Houses of the Legislature. If

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—The senate this morning passed the Burns bill, authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to appraise the necessary land for an extension of the state university campus: one appropriating \$32,-000 for a library at the Peru normal, and one for the appraisal and sale of the penitentiary farm and the pur-

chase of other lands. H. R. 168, Chirstensen's bill requiring a state license for commission dealers and a bond for \$10,000, was indefinitely

ostponed. the house Junkin moved for a In sifting committee, but it went over un-der the rules until tomorrow. This move was taken to enable the men behind the rate bill and the farmers elevator bill to gain control of the general file so that the house may have a club to com-pel the senate to give them what they want.

Several bills were passed, but none of general importance. The date of ad-journment is still problematical. The senate has all the appropriation bills to pass upon, and it is unlikely that and end will be reached for ten days yet.

### FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—If the house consents, the legislature will quit on Thursday of next week. The joint com-mittee on adjournment agreed on that date this morning, and the senate voted to concur after some little opposition had been squelched. In the house the friends of the com-

in the house the friends of the com-modify rate bill say that this early date is taken to head off any prospect of the senate passing that measure. The house has taken no action. In the sen-ate several members who favored adjournment declared the sooner the leg-islature quit the better the people would like it.

The house passed the Fishback tele-phone bill, 52 to 33. A number of mem-bers strolled out before the bill came up, and it was necessary to have a call of the house before the required num-ber was secured. The Bell lobby was active on the floor, rounding up opposition.

Gould's senate bill requiring stock trains to be run at a minimum of 18 miles an hour on main lines and 12 miles while on branch lines was ad-

The house later agreed to adjourn next Thursday at noon, with the pro-viso that it meant the clock should then be stored be stopped.

### SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25 .- Despite the Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Despite the talk of econmy. the appropriations as now madeup about equal those of the last session, about \$2,700,000. This does not include \$200,000 for the binder, twine factory. It is possible the latter project will yet be killed. The house this morning refused to concur in the senate amendment, which struck out the word "bard" referring

struck out the word "hard," referring to the fiber. Conference committees were appointed, but in the senate two opponents and one friend of the bill were named. It is feared this means a premeditated deadlock.

The house passed a number of sen-ate bills, two amending the wife desertion laws and one providing for incar-ceration of dipsomaniacs and dope fiends in the state asylum. The senate passed a house bill prohibiting the sale of cocaine without a prescription, and a half dozen senate files, among them one requiring county superintendents half dozen senate files, among them one requiring county superintendents to hold at least first grade certificates, one providing for the recovery of bon-uses paid to factories that closed up for the purposes of trade restriction, and two constitutional amendments, one increasing the supreme court to seven judges, and the other authorizing the legislature to fix salaries of su-preme and district judges.

# MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Negro in Lincoln Kills His Faithless Wife and Then Takes His

Own Life.

fincoln, Neb. March 27.-Allen Ephraim of Omaha shot and killed his wife in an East O street block this morning, and then, turning the revolver on himself, blew his brains out. Both were colored. The woman has been in Lincoln three weeks. Ephraim came In this morning and finding her with James Stevenson, another negro, at-tacked her with a knife. She got the weapon away from him, and he then deer a second here a she site of the drew a revolver and began shooting. The woman lived an hour, but Ephraim died instantly. Stevenson hid in a closet during the affray.

### LONDON FIRM LOSES SUIT.

#### Action Growing Out of Sale in Eng land in Favor of Defendants.

Seward, Neb., March 27.-The case of Joels' Commission company of London, England, against Wilson was dis-posed of in the district court. The suit originated over overdrafts and the defendant put in a counter claim. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, Wilson, for \$613. Wilson shipped the cattle over to London consigned to the commission house with the under-standing that the cattle would sell at dressed weight instead of live weight, but the commission merchants sold and settled on live weight basis, hence the counter claim. The English house was represented by Mr. Gaines of Omaha, and Norval Bros. and Mr. Aldrich of David City represented the defense t defense.

The case of Perry Sargent, familiar-known as "Battle Ax" is being tried jury. The state claims that Sargent to jury. to jury. The state claims that sargent was working for farmer Wellman and took a load of corn to town and failed to account for the money. The defense will be that Perry got drunk and did not know what he was doing.

### FOR CITY WATERWORKS.

# Winside Commercial Club Working

Hard for Improvements. Winside, Neb., March 27 .- After long campaign among the citizens, the Commercial club of this city com-mences to see some of the fruits of its iabors and municipal waterworks will likely be the result. At a meeting of citizens next week this question be discussed freely and some action taken relative to this improvement. It is evident to every one here that this improvement is the next one listed for Winside

# KIRKMAN HEARING SET.

# New Charges Added to Case Sinc.

Chandler Suicide. Omaha, Neb., March 23 .- The general

court martial of Captain George W. Kirkman, Twenty-fifth United States infantry, will begin at Fort Niobrara. This will be the second court martial for Captain Kirkman within a month. His first trial was for "conduct unbe coming an officer and gentleman," th the specifications including a number of scandalous practices covering a period of one or more years. This has been suspended pending the arrival of cer-tain testimony from the Philippines to confirm the theory of the defense that the captain is insame, the suspension continuing to May 10. In the meanwhile other matters have developed the career of Captain Kirkman that demand a speedy trial, especially in view of the fact that the captain, failing in an attempt at suicide, had tendered his

an attempt at suicide, had tendered his resignation from the army. The last charges against Captain Kirkman reiterates that of "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentlemall" and added thereto are the charges of "scandalous conduct" and "breach of arrest," with a host of specifications reciting the career of the dashing cap-tain during the last year or two and tain during the last year or two, and particularly bearing upon the suicide of Mrs. Chandler of this city

# MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

Frank Rogers Returns After Long Absence, but Knows Nothing of His Aunt, Mrs. Ely.

Chicago, March 28 .- Frank Rogers who disappeared from his home in Ev-anston four years ago with his aunt, Miss Florence Ely, returned. Young Rogers stated that since leaving Chicago he has been working in Buffalo and New York city. The police and others for a long time worked on the case as a kidnapping mystery. The boy now denies that he has been with his aunt.

When he disappeared from his home in July, 1901, his aunt, Miss Ely, who had lived at the house of young Rogers' parents, also disappeared, since when no trace of either had been found The War Office Is Roundly Denounced until he suddenly appeared in Evans-

ton. The boy had been the pet of his aunt ever since he was a baby. So close was this friendship that Miss Ely could scarcely allow the boy to be out of her sight. Her affection was returned by young Rogers, and in order to break the attachment between the two, Mrs. Rogers decided to send her son away to school and notified Miss

son away to school and notified ariss Ely of the plan. On July 13, 1901, the boy and his aunt left the Rogers home, presumably for a walk. They did not return and what has become of Miss Ely is still a mys-

When the boy returned to Evans-When the boy returned to Evanston in search of his parents, he found strangers living in his former home. He then went to the home of an uncle in the vicinity, and his parents were notified of the boy's return. After be-ing with his son for some time, the father refused to make any statement concerning the strange disappearance. Mr. Rogers said that a statement would be made by him, which would clear

The boy was very reticent concern-ing his whereabouts since his disap-pearance. He denied that he left Evanston in company with his aunt, and said that he did not know of her disappearance until he read of it in the papers. The boy declares that he has been in New York and Buffalo ever since leaving Chicago. He has been working in restaurants, according to his story, and has never heard from Miss Ely since he left Evanston.

# AMBASSADOR IS DEAD.

## Was First Represenative of the First Class from Mexico to This

Country.

Washington, March 28 .- Senor Do., Manuel de Aspiroz, Mexico s first am-bassador to the United States, died at the Mexican embassy, surrounded by

his family. Although sick since last fall the am-Anthony side side has a due to exposure on inauguration day. Against the ad-vice of his physician Senor Aspiros at-tended the ceremonies at the capitol, where he came near fainting.

Born at Puebla, Mexico, June 9, 1836, Senor de Aspiros studied law, but left his law office to enter the Mexican army. He rendered gallant service in the uprising of his country against the Encept intermention and another the service of the service service and the service servi the French intervention, and rose from second lieutenent to colonel. After the fall of Queretaro he was appointed prosecuting attorney in the purtmar-tial of Maximillian, Marimon and Me-

jai. The imperial house of Austria has always taken the position that Aspiros. through his connection with the courtmartial, was in part responsible for Maximillian's execution, and during the early service of Mr. Aspiros in Wash-ington this proved of keen embarrass-ment. Finally it was arranged that when brougt together at official funcwhen brougt together at official func-tions these two diplomats would ex-change formal greetings. This, how-ever, was not until an embarrassing incident had occurred at the White House during the administration of President McKinley, when the Mexican ambassador was assigned to escort to the diping room the wife of the Austrithe dining room the wife of the Austri-an ambassador, and the latter felt compelled to decline.

# MORE TERROR IS **REIGNING IN RUSSIA**

Two Bombs Thrown at War saw, Badly Injuring Chief of Police.

RESULT OF CONSPIRACY

First Explosion Occurred When Bomb Was Thrown Into Police Station, Injuring Seven; Second, When

Baron Was in Carriage.

Warsaw, March 28.—A bomb was thrown into the carriage of Baron von Nolken, chief of police of Warsaw. It was reported that the baron was severely wounded.

Warsaw, March 27.—According to latest information the attack on Baron von Noiker. as the result of an elaborate conspiracy of the revolutionary party.

Shortly before 8 o'clock last night an elegantly dressed man went to the police station at Praga, a large suburb of Warsaw on the Vistula, and thew a bomb into the court yard of the station, wounding seven persons, two of them dangerously. The man started to run away, but was caught up with by the captain of the station. He was by the captain of the station. He was found to be a Jew, but his identity has not yet been discovered.

A telephone message was immedi-ately sent to Baron von Nolken at the city hall, informing him of the outrage. Baron von Nolken, accompanied by a policeman, took a carriage and imme-diately started for Praga. When pass-ing the palace where the governor gen-eral resides a man standing on the eral resides a man standing on the pavement threw a bomb at the car-riage. Baron von Nolken, who was sitting on the side nearest the assailant, received the full charge of the bomb, while his companion escaped unhurt. The coachman was throw from the box and the carriage was smashed.

Baron von Nolken was removed to the city hall and doctors were sum-moned, who found he had received injuries on the head, neck, arm and leg, which are believed to be serious:

Meanwhile the police official accompanying Baron von Nolken saw the bomb thrower fleeing and pursued and caught up with him, but the criminal proved the stronger and tore himself away

Another policeman fired twice after him without result. Half an hour later a man was

Half an hour later a man was found dead in Souwai street whom the police believe to be the bomb thrower. The police think the man snot himself to escape arrest. A girl who was passing the spot when the bomb was thrown was wounded by splinters and had to be taken to the hospital. According to the theory of the po-lice the revolutionists calculated on

According to the theory of the po-lice the revolutionists calculated on Baron von Nolken going to Praga on learning of the explosion of the bomb at the station there, and knew he must pass the castle, that being the only road by which he could reach the only bridge across the Vistula. The affair caused great excitement. A popular rumor says the revolution

A popular rumor says the revolution-aries adopted this course of informing the police that they have more bombs besides those discovered in the Powonski cemetery Saturday. Baron von Nolken is very unpopu-

lar. He is hated by the masses of the Polish population, who held him responsible for the sangulnary sup-pression of the disturbances here at the end of January. He has ben here only a year, coming from St. Petersburg, where he was chief of the mountain division of the police.

## RUSS ARMY HAS HALTED.

Worn Out It Stops for a Rest 75 Miles Above Tie Pass.

and supplies to the front, declaring the transportation strained the Siberian railroad to its utmost capacity. The army organ admits that the army in the far east when the war opened was hardly worthy of the name. No figures are given, but it is known the troops did not exceed 60,000 men. Wanted to Avoid War. The organ defends this on the ground

that the emperor desired to avoid war and therefore refrained from sending reinforcements which surely would have provoked it. The criticism of the war office's fail-ure adequately to supply Port Arthur

is met by the statement that it was provisioned for a garrison of twelve battalions and the decision to put thirty Sattalions there was taken so late that the original calculations could not be remedied.

### The Matter of Guns.

While affirming that the quick firing guns and field guns of the Russians are superior to those of the Japanese, the war office explains the misfortune in the insufficiency of mountain guns as due to the fact that when the war broke out Russia was just adopting a new pattern. It is denied that the war office was

deceived in regard to the available strength of the Japanese army or the organization of the Japanese reserves; but the army organ frankly admits that the talents of the officers and the wonderful spirits of the soldiers were miscalculated.

## Causes a Sensation.

The publication of the article hat preme and district judges. MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—The house this sion bill, submitting an amendment to the constitution for the creation of such and the state of this city Safe Blown at Hildreth. Hildreth, Neb., March 24.—Burglars entered the postoffice at this place Mon-day morning and by the use of nitro-glycerin, blew open the safe and rifled a practical admission that the war has practical admission that the war has a practical admission that

# the war office for its unpreparedness and incapacity in providing the Man-churian army with men, guns and guns and munitions, the army organ today lays bare what has been done since the opening of hostilities, giving exact figures.

770,000 Men Sent. From these it appears that up to March 12 the war office had dispatched 13.087 officers, 761,467 men, 146,408 horses,

1.521 guns and 312.321 tons of munitions

THE WAR HAS COST

RUSSIA 500,000 MEN

Startling Admissions Made at

St. Petersburg About the

Losses in the East.

THEY CAUSE SENSATION

for Making the Remarkable Pub-

lication of Figures at This

Time.

COST OF WAR TO RUSSIA.

The loss by death, wounds, sickness and capture is.....534,554

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Official figures of the Russian war

\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* St. Petersburg, March 28.-Stung by wholesale criticism lately heaped upon

The largest station for receiving and transmitting wireless messages is be-ing erected near Pisa, Italy. On its completion, by the end of the year, it is expected to afford direct communication with all countries of Europe. as well as the United States and Can-ada, and with all vessels in the Mediterranean, Indian and Atlantic oceans,

The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been defective in stability from the first. The story in the navy is that the computer in making his calculations inadvertently added the date on the paper—1897—into a column of figures, the mistake not being dis-covered till the yacht was wobbling in the water. the water.

A suggestion that a shaft be sunk twelve miles for scientific exploration has recently been made, but it has been calculated that at that depth the pressure must be about forty tons to the square inch, which would prohibit shaft sinking by any known method.

Colonel "Bill" Capp, the chairman of the Kansas state democratic commit-tee, is the direct descendant of a French ducal house. One of his grand-fathers was a teacher of Napoleon at one of the military schools.

A clergyman, returned from Manila, lectured in San Francisco the other day. He said that in a municipal pa-rade in Manila among the processionists was a company of city rat catchers, who marched trap in hand.

Japanese agents are in Dundee, Scotland, purchasing jute machinery to be shipped to Kobe, where already jute works have been erected. Dundee has supplied great quantities of jute to the Japanese army.

The fund for a monument to the late General Hector Macdonald, who com-mitted suicide in Paris last year, now amounts to over \$10,000. The monu-ment is to be erected at Dingwall, Scotland.

Lord Strathcona, opening the col-mial exhibition at Liverpool, said the next fifty years would witness an enormous expansion of Canada to a population equal to Great Britain and Ireland.

A woman named Kaanaanamokauea-halkuikawalkamookahi Keamokuhalephoal has sent a petition to Governor Carter of Hawail, on the subject of the disposition of the crown lands

The city of Marburg. Germany, con-vinced that the university professor, Dr. Opitz, has discovered a remedy for cancer, has placed at his disposal a hos-pital for further experiments.

In one of the Argentine states a graded tax on bachelors is provided to drive men to matrimony. If, however, a man can prove that he has been three dimes rejected he is exempt.

Arabia has the reputation of being one of the hottest and unhealthlest re-gions on the globe, but all northern Arabia has a winter season, with cold rains and occasional frosts.

sion bill, submitting an amendment to the constitution for the creation of such a body. This bill will be the rival of the Cady commission bill, which has already Cady ed the house Other legislation was of a routine na-

ture. The senate and the house have settled down to the last week of work in the ses-sion, which will end probably Saturday or Sunday. After an extended session tonight the senate boodle investigation computing

Sunday. After an extended session tonight the senate boodle investigation committee wound up the testimony and concluded that the evidence did not support the story of a \$5.000 boodle fund raised to de-feat the biennial election bill.

SHOT AT HIS FATHER.

# Stories of What Caused the Affair at Variance.

Seward, Neb., March 28.—About ten miles north of Seward Wednesday, a farmer name 1 Finney, who owns 300 acres of land, was out herding cattle acres of land, was out herding cattle and his wife told their son to go and call his father to dinner. The boy loaded a gun with large shot and as his father approached the boy, who was concealed in the woodshed, fired the charge at his father. The shot flew wide of the mark, but enough shot en-tered Finney's head to make three tered Finney's head to make three holes in his ear. Thirty-three shot were taken from Finney's head. A younger the boy who did the shooting also mounted the horse and escaped. The father came to Seward and swore

out a warrant for his arrest, but as yet Sheriff Smiley has not found him. The boy is only 16 years old. The friends of the boy claim the father was chas-ing him with a club and the boy grabbed the gun and fired the shot.

## KIRKMAN COURT MARTIAL.

Many Witnesses Are Being Heard, but Nothing Is Given Out. Valentine, Neb., March 27.-The trial of Captain George W. Kirkman at Fort Nioorara will probably last for several days onger. The court martial sits for from hree to four hours each afternoon, and Molute secrecy is being maintained as to the character of the evidence that is peing submitted. About a dozen witness is have been examined so far. He is acused of conduct unbecoming an officer woman to his quarters at aking a post and also with breach of arrest. Kirknan has pleaded not quilty to both sharges and will attempt to show in answer to the first allegation that the wom an. sick and he took her to his quarters for medical treatment.

#### Declines to Run for Office.

West Point, Neb., March 28.-Samuel Reppert, who was nominated by the people's party for councilman in the Second ward, has declined to run, and the name of W. H. Spillner has been substituted.

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## Banks Are Prosperous.

O'Neil, Neb., March 27 .- The bank in this county are just closing one of the this county are just closing one of the most prosperous years in their history. There is more money on deposit in Holt county now than ever before. This is credited to the splendid crops of last year and to the good condition of the stock.

glycerin, blew open the safe and rifled its contents. About \$50 was taken, but stamps were not molested. ' was a complete wreck and the stamps were the damage to the building caused by the explosion. Several parties in town heard the explosion, but no alarm was given.

# **GIRL FACES LOSERS.**

#### Lone Young Woman Stands Off Cred itors of Failed Investment Com-

### pany for Millions.

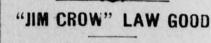
Philadelphia, March 24.-Investors in the Provident Investment bureau would have wreaked their vengeance upon the office last night had not the police interfered. For two days one lone stenographer, young woman, has faced the haggard crowds, which, thru the firm's failure, having lost their savings, had become desperate and wrathful.

The firm had been taking investments and paying 4 per cent, monthly invest-ments. What the creditors will receive is not known, as no schedule of assets or liabilities has been posted.

One attorney said last night the claims against the company would amount to \$2,500,000, and probably twice that sum. The only asset found so far is a small ac count with the Central Trust company. The concern is closely allied to the

Storey Cotton company, whose smash last week caused the loss of millions to last week caused the loss of millions to small investors. The two companies exchanged lists, and what one did not get

W. H. Latimer, the manager, who has been stopping at a fashionable apartment house, has left the city. The stenographer tried to stem the tied of investors, but



### Maryland Court Sustains It as to State. but Not Interstate

Annapolis, Md., March 24.—In an opinion delivered today the court of ap-peals held the act passed at the last session of the legislature commonly known as the "Jim Crow" law, requiring rail-ways to furnish separate compartments white and colored passengers, for valid so far as it effects commerce with-in the state, but invalid as to interstate passengers.

Crest of the Flood in the Upper Ohio Past, with Loss of \$1.,000,000.

flood was reached at 8 o'clock this morning, and the rivers are rapidly re-ceding. The estimated loss to local in-dustries by the flood will exceed \$1,000. 000. The Ohio river at Bellaire, O., is still rising and the lower portion of the city is indunated. Hundreds of fam-lies were forced to abandor famwere forced to abandon their homes.

cost almost half a million men in killed, wounded, prisoners and sick, as the whole force effective in the far east is now believed not to exceed 300.

# ARE BAD FOR BAILBOADS

### Interurban Lines Are Said to Be Get. ting the Big Share of the Business in the East.

Chicago, March 28 .- With the coming

of warm weather, the question of elec-tric competition with the steam rail-roads is thrust more prominently upon the attention of passenger traffic man-agers. The trolley lines gradually are increasing their mileage paralleling the tracks, and because of the low rates they maintain, they secure a majority of the local business. Railroad officials hold different opinions as to the best method of dealing with the question.

There has been a disposition on the part of some of the railroads to work in harmony with their electrical competitors, although the practice is from upon by the passenger associations. There has been some interchange business, but after an investigation of this phase by Commissioner Donald of the Central Passenger association, that organization recently voted not to countenance the practice

#### To Meet Rates Would Mean Loss.

To make rates as low or lower than their electric competitors, officials say, the railroads must operate at a loss of from 60 to 80 per cent. of the business There has been little rate cutting on the part of the steam roads, passenger officials as a rule preferring to overlook the competition and hoping against hope that the low rates of the electric

lines will lead to bankruptcy. In the east there is one steam road, the New York, New Haven and Hart-ford, which has taken prompt measures to protect itself. It buys the competing lines and makes money out of them. Recently it purchased the Hartford street railway system. The New York Central and other roads in the east have made street railway investments, but none has gone so extensively into the business as the New Haven line. Ohio is another thriving field for the

electric interurban railroad. The tracks of the Lake Shore and Michigan South-ern have been paralleled for miles. Heretofore the road has paid no at-tention to the competition, but now the reports from Ohio indicate a change in y. It is said that a loss of 60 in local traffic has induced it policy. reduce the rates to three points on the line of the Lake Shore electric line. In Illinois the Chicago and Alton has had its tracks paralleled south of Bloomington, and it is said this compe-tition has proven disastrous to local traffic. Last week a new time card was put into effect on this division, and it is declared that coupon books will be issued to patrons of the Alton, enabling them to ride as cheaply as on the electric lines. The Wabash is expected to take similar action between Decatur and Springfield on account of the competition of the parallel inter-

# **BIG SHIPS COLLIDE**

### Parisian and Albano, Loaded with Pas sengers and Freight, Narrowly Es-

# cape Being Sunk.

Hallfax, N. S., March 28.-Two great trans-Atlantic liners, the Parsian of the Allan line, and the Albano, a Hamburg-American boat, both bound in, heavily loaded with passengers, collided off the harbor's entrance. Both were seriously damaged, but reached their docks and landed their passengers safely.

The Parsian's stern touched the bottom as she reached her wharf, while hard pumping kept the Albano free. The steamers were from European ports,

Parisian from Liverpool, Moville, and the Albano from Hamburg. Halifax, N. B., March 27.-Two ocean steamers, the Parisian and the Albano, whose 1,800 passengers were saved from possible death at sea after the collision between the two vessels off the harbor's mouth by a thrilling fifteen mile race for shallow water, showed plainly today how serious was the accident, the Parsian resting on the bottom of her dock and the Albano's forepeak being full of water.

The Parisian came up the harbor with a gaping hole in her starboard side from the Albano's bow, filled gradually during the night and at dawn her engine room had been flooded and her fires extinguishthe lower deck was awash and her keel rested on the mud. A large part of her cargo has been damaged by water, but the bulk of the mail, consisting of 400 sacks, was recovered in a dry condition. The statements of the two commanders of the vessels as to the probable cause of the collision are conflicting and the courts will be invoked to place the respon-sibility. Proceedings have been begun in the admiralty court against the Hamburg-American company, owner of the bano, and that steamer was libeled for \$150,000 damages in behalf of J. B. Allen & Co., owners of the Parisian.

Later it was announced that a counter suit would be brought by the German company.

# SPEECH BY PRESIDENT

#### Delivered Today in Giving the Diplomas to a Class of Young Naval Doctors.

Washington, March 28.-Presiden, Washington, March 26.-11esuch Roosevelt presented the diplomas to-day to the class graduated from the United States medical school at exer-cises held in the hall of the National museum. He addressed a large audi-ence and delivered a message to the tweety three newly made doctors on twenty-three newly made doctors on the responsibilities of the service they had entered. He said the responsibilihad entered. He said the responsibili-ties that rest upon a naval doctor ad-mit of nothing but the hardest of work in time of war. He said he was not competent to talk of their professional duties, but he wanted to repeat that if war comes, it is almost certain to find the medical profession unpremared and the medical profession unprepared, and the medical profession unprepared, and this will entail greater trials to those at the front. "Do your best, if you have nothing but a jackknife to do it with," be ad-

monished.

Gunshu Pass, March 28 .- The Rus-sian retreat has now reached the village of Sipinghai, seventy-four miles north of Tie pass, where it has tem-porarily halted. The army has been without rest for months, and it is nat-ural that fatigue should be evident. The Japanese are said to be advanc-ing on Sininghai nositions along the

ing on Sipinghai positions along the railway, and on both flanks. A brisk action occurred on the even-ing of March 23 at Kai Yuan, the Rus-

sian' rear guard beating off two heavy attacks which lasted until midnight.

After blowing up railroad bridges north of Kai Yuan at five places, the Russian retirement was continued on March 19, 20 and 21, with only light rifle firing.

The Mukden branch of the Russo-Chinese bank removed all its money except \$150,000.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—It is an-nounced here that all the women have been ordered to leave Vladivostok.

## NAVAL BATTLE MAY BE NEAR.

# Reports Even Allege That There Has Been an Encounter Allready.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Although public interest in the war has suddenly been transferred from the battlefield in Manchuria to the Indian ocean by the possibility of a great naval conflict be-tween Rojestvensky and Togo, and despite the reports that scouting vessels have already been engaged near the isl-and of Mauritius, the admiralty de-

clines to display any excitement. Indeed, the tranquility manifested is quite unnatural except on the theory that pending the peace negotiations, Rojestvensky has received orders to keep out of the way of the Japanese.

Although without direct advices, the admiralty does not credit the report of the meeting of the scouting vessels off Mauritius, and the same thing holds gcod in regard to the report of the sinking of the Russian battleships Sissoi Veliky and Nvarin, which it is declared

was probably an arrant invention. It can be asserted, however, that the report that Rojestvensky is awaiting Nebogatoff's division to strengthen his squadron is incorrect. The vessels Nebogatoff's division are not of the same type or speed as Rojestvensky's, and are only intended to trail behind as a convoy to protect the fleet of col-

### Will Prosecute Gorky.

-The au-St. Petersburg, March 25.-The au-thorities have definitely decided to prosecute Maxim Gorky on the charge of drawing up proclamations with the object of overthrowing the existing state of things in the empire and disstate of things in the empire and dis-turbing the public order, the highest penalty for which is three years' de-tention in a fortress. Gorky is still in the neighborhood of Riga in broken health.

# Report from Linevitch. St. Petersburg, March 25.-General

St. Fetersburg. March 25.—General Linevitch telegraphing the 24th says: "The Russian patrol has been fired upon by the Japanese cavalry and in-fantry occupying the village of Pul-juschu. There has been no change in the position of the armies during the

Travel.

# OHID ON A RAMPAGE.

Pittsburg, March 22 .- The crest of the

vesterday disappeared.