# TRAIN IS DITCHED WITH DELIBERATE **DESIGN OF FIEND**

Fatal Accident Occurs on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Near Pittsburg.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL OF MAN WHO DISPLACED RAIL

Newcastie, Pa., Sept. 7.—With bloodhounds on the trail, and a \$25,000 reward offered for the apprehension of the person or persons who early today wreck-ed the "Royal Blue Limited," the fast New York-Chicago, Baltimore & Ohio railroad flyer, railroad police county deputies Baltimore & Ohio railroad flyer, railroad police, county deputies and local officers are searching the vicinity of Cherlton Siding, Wampum and the little settle-ments intervening. Newcastie is in a fever of ex-citement. Congregated at the corners are groups of the strik-ing machinists of the Baltimore & Ohio road, and the striking employees of the tin mills near

employes of the tin mills near here. These men are loud in the denunciation of the men who wrecked the flyer, and deny al-legations that one of their number might have been mixed up the affair.

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Newcastle, Pa., Sept. 7.—By the de-liberate deed of a train wrecker, the Royal Blue limited train on the Balti-

Royal Blue limited train on the Balti-more & Ohio road was wrecked at 12:25 o'clock this morning near Cherl-ton, Pa., not far from this city. At least two passengers were killed and others were injured. A rall on the right side of the track was cut, and the spikes were pulled on both sides nearly the entire length of the rail. The spikes were pulled by a bar, and the bolts and nuts of the joint showed that they had been pulled with a wrench. One splice bar was placed between the rails to keep them from going together.

from going together. The motive for the act, whether of revenge or robbery, is not known.

#### List of Casualties. The railroad company gives out the following list of killed and injured:

CHARLES A. DILL, Chicago Junc-

CHARLES A. DILL, Chicago Junc-tion, Ohio. GEORGE WHEATCRAFT, train baggagemen Chicago Junction, Ohio. The injured: E. P. Cavanaugh, chief boiler in-spector Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Bal-

Henry C. Millard, passenger, 54 years old, at Shenango Valley hospital, New

Castle. The two latter were the more seriously injured.

Coach Is Set Afire.

The more seriously injured pas-sengers were in the day coach which, rolling on its side and sliding down the steep embankment, was fired by hot coals.

With hand grenades the surviving train crew controled the flames. The injured were placed on the rough ballast of the track bed and a brakeman was sent to Cherlton siding, where the first news of the disaster was sent

out. Reasons for the wreck are today twistight for the wreck are today few. No money was aboard the flyer according to express company officials. The loosened fishplates and pulled spikes, however, are mute evidence that some one skilled in railroading is responsible for the disaster. Secret service men on the scene refuse to di-vulge the result of their investigations vulge the result of their investigations. COUPLE DRAW A

One More Victim Dies. The list of casualties was augmented

late today by the death of E. P. Kava-naugh, chief boiler inspector of the



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mer President.

Berlin, Sept. 6 .- Lidji Jeasseau, the

crown prince of Abyssinia, has invited Theodore Roosevelt to a great elephant

hunt, promising to beat up a white elephant for him to kill, and otherwise to arrange a splendid sporting pro-

plaining that as he had refused the invitations of several European sov-erigns he could not make an exception

of King Menelik, however much he might desire to do so. It was then arranged that the crown

prince should invite Mr. Roosevelt un-officially. Before Mayer left Abyssinia.

a commission had been sent to hand this invitation to Mr. Roosevelt wher-ever it could find him, and King Mene-lik was hopeful that the former presi-dent of the United States would accept

**REPORTED BY CONSUL** 

Washington, Sept. 6 .- The state department is in receipt of a telegram from C. A. Miller, the United States con-

sul at Mattamoris, Mexico, in which he says that the Rio Grande floods are higher than usual; that a telegram from Camargo states that serious dam-ages have been caused to the buildings in the city and ranches near the river; that there were no lives lost in the city

that there were no lives lost in the city, but 15 bodies were recovered in the sur-rounding country, and that there are

at Meeting of Unterrified of Empire State.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7 .- The Income

FIGHT FOR INCOME

Tax league, of New York, was organized today at a meeting of pro-gressive democrats in Ten Eyck hotel. The large delegation that had been expected failed to materialize, and when J. Francis Condon, of Utica, the secretary, called the meeting to order at noon only a dozen delegates were pres-

This news has been brought into Berlin by Adolph Mayer, a kinsmar of King Minelik, of Abyssinia, who has ent. John F. Crosby, of New York City, was made chairman, and after the organization had been perfected reso-lutions prepared by William J. Bryan were offered by Michael B. Murphy, of Malone, and adopted. The resolutions were as follows: "Whereas, Our federal constitution, as construed by the supreme court, prohibits the collection of an income tax except in a very restricted form; and ent arrived here with a commission from the Abyssinian government to pur-King Menelik sent an invitation to Mr. Roosevelt at Washington to be his guest, but Mr. Roosevelt declined, ex-

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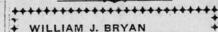
"Whereas, An income tax is not only just, but may, in time of war or other emergency, become imperatively nec-essary; and "Whereas, Broaldent Taft recome

essary: and "Whereas, President Taft recom-mended the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, specifically au-thorizing the collection of such a tax;

and "Whereas, Such an amendment has, by a unanimous vote in the Senate, the invitation. by **RIO GRANDE FLOODS** and by an almost unanimous vote in the House, been submitted to the states for ratification; therefore

for ratification; therefore "Resolved, That we, the members of the Income Tax league, of the state of New York, heartily favor the rati-fication of the said income tax amend-ment and pledge ourselves and our organization to use every honorable means to secure such ratification by the legislature of the state of New York at its next session; and further

"Resolved, That we urge all voters who favor ratification of such income tax amendment to publicly pledge all candidates for the state legislature to vote for the ratification of such an income tax amendment.'



## HAS TIGHT SQUEEZE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

to make an address, got beyond control going down a steep hill

in the park. The brake broke, but the car was stopped just on the edge of an embankment by R. P. Dick-

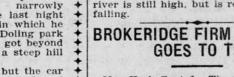
erson, the driver \*

DIAZ'S SOLDIERY

## **KILLS POLITICIAN**

St. Louis, Sept. 7 .- William De La Pena, former student of the Ohio state university, has been killed by Rurales obeying orders from the Mexico govern-ment, according to a message received here today from Guadaljara, Jalisco, Mexico

Mexico. His death was due to the interest he was taking in the approaching elec-tions as a member of the anti-re-elec-tion party, which is opposed to Presldent Diaz.



the firm of Freeman, Rollins & Co., members of the New York stock exchange, was announced today. The firm has branches in Boston and Provi-

The firm was composed of Perley L. The firm was composed of Pericy L. Freeman, the stock exchange member; Joseph E. Freeman, and Charles Rol-lins. The firm began business on the New York exchange July 18 this year.

The suspended firm was successor to Curtis, Freeman & Co., of Boston, which dissolved last January, Harry P. Curtis retiring. It is said Freeman, Rollins & Co., did little business here lately, and had few outstanding con-

Otto M. Goldsmith, counsel for the suspended firm, said the suspension was due to heavy withdrawals and in-ability to collect from several debtors,

"We have every reason to believe the firm will resume business in a short time and that nobody will lose by the sus-pension," said Mr. Goldsmith.

A petition in bankruptcy against Freeman, Rollins & Co., was filed in the United States court here today by James A. Anderson and two other creditors, whose claims aggregate \$2,511. The petition gives the liabilities of the suspended firm as \$200,000 and the as-sets at \$100,000. Judge Holt appointed GIVES BIRTH TO BOY Robert B. Oliver, receiver with a bond

**EXPLORER COOK TO BE RECEIVED** WITH HIGH HONOR

Friends and Admirers of Polefinder Plan Big Doings in New York.

New York, Sept. 6.—Preparations al-ready are afoot here to make the home-coming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an event of national, and possibly interna-tional, importance. If the plans out-lined yesterday by members of the Arc-tic club are carried out the webcome tic club are carried out the welcome home which Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers—Cook's for-mer rivals—from all parts of the globe will gather to pay their personal tri-bute to his achievements. Among the most notable of those who

Among the most notable of those who in all probability will be here to greet Dr. Cook on his return will be Lieu-tenant Shackelton, the Englishman, whose recent exploration in the antarc-tic, during which he succeeded in push-ing nearer to the south pole than any previous explorer, made him a figure of world wide prominence.

#### Hope to Have Taft.

Members of the Arctic club hope that President Taft may himself be present as the nation's representative to welcome Dr. Cook.

"Such an honor would be no more than fitting," one of them declared, "in view of the fact that the explorer has placed the stars and stripes on the axle of the world and added perhaps 60,000 square miles to the nation's territory. square miles to the nation's territory." Among the explorers who are expect-ed to take a prominent part in the wel-come to Dr. Cook and the Duke of Abruzzi, Dr. Fritzjof Nansen, Captain Ronald Amundsen, General A. W. Greely, Rear Admiral George Melville, and Anthony Fiala, of this city. No definite date has yet been set for Dr. Cook's arrival here. Captain Brad-ley S. Osborne, secretary of the Arctic club, said last night that the explorer is not expected for several weeks. "He

that there were no lives lost in the city, but 15 bodies were recovered in the sur-rounding country, and that there are probably many more, but the exact number is unknown. Mr. Miller says also that a telegram from San Miguel states that the water is a foot deep in the main plaza; that these is considerable damage to the buildings, but no lives were lost, also that there has been no damage caused at Mattamoris and Reinosa, that the falling. BROKERIDGE FIRM is not expected for several weeks. "He that the British geographical societies would allow him to pass them by on his way home without an invitation to

MRS. COOK SHRINKS

FROM PUBLICITY South Hartswell, Me., Sept. 6.—Mod-est to a marked degree and shunning the publicity which has been so sud-denly thrust upon her by the remark-able achievement of her husband, Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the arctic explorer, who arrived here last night, persists in her refusal to make any statement for publication. She beg-ged to be excused, saying that she was tired and nervous and had absolutely nothing to say.

Mrs. Ccok and her two young daugh-ters left Brunswick in a two-seated surrey on an eight-mile drive over Sandy Ponds to the seashore resort, where they have been staying the past two weeks. Since the receipt of the paws from Dr. Cook she has been trolnews from Dr. Cook she has been trol-ley riding in this section of the state with friends. She passed last night

## **BETWEEN NATIONS** Steams in Between American Ships During Target

MAY CAUSE A ROW

**ITALIAN CRUISER** 

Washington, Sept. 6.—General regret is expressed in administration circles over the publication ascribing improper motives to the commander of the Ital-ian cruiser Aetna, which, on Saturday morning last, is reported to have steamed between the ships of the At-lantic battleship deat encoured in target

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steamed between the ships of the At-lantic battleship fleet engaged in target practice off the Virginia capes. Naval officers in authority in Wash-ington express the opinion that any criticism of the action of the com-mander of the vessel should be with-held until some substantial evidence is at hand that he in any way violated international propriety in an effort to observe the operations and results of the gunners' work aboard the vessels. Guest of Nation. Guest of Nation.

The Aetna, they say, is a guest of the nation, and it would be highly imthe nation, and it would be highly im-probable that her commander would be guilty of an affront to our people. The officers say the ship was on her way to an American port, and that if she slowed up as reported when approach-ing the fleet it was, in all probability, because of her intention to pass in at the capes and make port. If any affront was given, the naval officers say it was entirely uninten-tional.

tional.

#### Admiral Cowles' Opinion.

Rear Admiral William S. Cowles, acting secretary of the navy, was par-ticularly emphatic in his declaration that in his opinion there was no foun-dation for the allegations of impro-priate. priety. Captain Nathaniel Usher, acting

chief of the bureau of navigation, de-clared that no word had come to the navy department, officially, regarding the incident, although the department was in instant wireless communication with the fleet.

#### COMMANDER DENIES

INTENTION OF AFFRONT Baltimore, Md., Sept. 6.-Captain Fillippio Baggio, Marquis of Ducarro, commander of the Italian school ship, today pronounced as untrue the story of alleged impropriety on his part, while his vessel was steaming through the American fleet off Cape Henry last Saturday. Captain Baggio said he changed the

Captain Baggio said he changed the ccurse of his ship when he saw the fleet in order to salute the fleet, and as the Americans were slow in an-swering, he said he slowed down so that the flagship might return the sa-lute before he had passed. "It would be foolish to say that we spied upon the fleet. There was noth-ing tc spy upon at the time," said Cap-tain Baggio.

tain Baggio.

### TAFT PLANS TRIP TO ALASKA NEXT SUMMER

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 6.-President Taft in bidding goodby yesterday to Walter Ely Clark, who is to be inaugurated at Juneau as governor of Alaska, October 1, announced that he probably would visit the far northwest territory next summer. It is reported that if the president should go to Alasthan hart year he may extend his trip to include the Hawaiian islands. Mr. C'ark was with the president for more than an hour. Secretary of State Knox also was present at the confer-

identity being discovered and nothing was known of her whereabouts until noen today. According to hotel at taches Mrs. Cook knew nothing of Dr. Cook's success until shortly before leaving Brunswick. Then she express ed herself as much delighted. She sold



and Last Is Made by Treasury.

Washington, Sept. 4.—There was an increase in the value of both the im-ports and exports of the United States during the month of July over that month last year, acording to the month-ly statement of the country's foreign commerce issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of com-merce and labor. The value of the imports for July was \$112,488,354, an increase of \$26,652,862 over July a year ago, making the total value of imports for the seven months ending with July \$339,485,646, which is an increase of \$221,598,998 over the same period for 1968. Every class of imports showed an increase for the July except food stuffs in crude condition and food animals. The increase in the value of exports

The increase in the value of exports for July was a little more than one-fourth of the increase in imports. The fourth of the increase in imports. The exports for the month were \$109,337,952, an increase over the previous July of \$6,138,376; for the seven months ending with July the value of exports for the country amounted to \$897,311,122, a de-crease from the value of such exports during the same period in 1908 of \$3,885,967.

\$3,685,967. The decrease in exports for the month were in foodstuffs, all other classes of imports showing an increase.

"BLUE LAW" AGENT HIMSELF ARRESTED

Dubois, Pa., Sept. 4.—A new phase of Sunday closing has presented itself in Dubois, where the Blue law agitators have succeeded in closing all places of business on the Sabbath, in the arrest of E. S. Hoover, who is employed by the Civic Federation to gather evi-derce against the merchants who per-sist in keeping their places open Sundays.

days. Hoover is under bail for a hearing September 3 for working on Sunday in collecting evidence. The prosecutor is W. S. Luther, whose daughter Heover had arrested for working in a confec-tionary store last Sunday.

#### MONTEREY FLOOD VICTIMS WILL NUMBER THOUSANDS

Monterey, Mex., Sept. 4.—Three thou-sand is now the official estimate of those in Monterey who lost their lives in the recent overflow of the Santa Catarina river, and to this total will probably be added 500 more when comprobably be added 500 more when com-plete reports are received from along the valley of the stream and its tribu-tary, the San Juan. So far reports from along the rivers are meager, but it is known that several villages have been wiped out, and crops, the largest for a long period, have been entirely destroyed. Cadareyata today reported that 125 bodies had been taken from the river and burled, and at San Juan 357 were found by searchers. In Mon-357 were found by searchers. In Mon-terey 853 bodies, many unidentified, have been buried, and the work of the

searchers is still far from complete. In San Luisato a terrible condition confronts the authorities, as the stench from the bodies half buried in the sands is almost unbearable. Forces of prisoners and soldiers are working, burying these bodies, and by morning it is expected that mode of them will have been interred.

#### CADET BOOKER MAY **GET CASE REOPENED**

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4.—After go-ing over the records in the case of J. H. Booker, jr., the young cadet of the

GOES TO THE WALL London. New York, Sept. 6 .- The suspension of

Baltimore & Ohio railroad, who died in the New Castle hospital shortly before

The total, according to the latest calculation, now is three dead and 17 in-

#### SOCIETY WILL INVITE **TWO POLAR EXPLORERS**

Washington, Sept. 7 .- Plans have been formulated to secure the attendance at the annual banquet of the National Geographical society in this ity next December of the two famous explorers of the polar regions, Dr. Cook and Lieutenant Shackleton. The society is to present to Dr. Cook, who is believed to have discovered the porth role and to Lieutenant Shackle

north pole, and to Lieutenant Shackle-ton, who led an expedition into the

ton, who led an expedition into the antarctic, handsome medals in com-memoration of their achievements. F. Willis Moore, president of the society, said it was the purpose to have President Taft, if possible, present the medals and to make the banquet the most notable event in the history of the geographical society.

#### **AIRSHIPS MULCTED** FOR A HEAVY DUTY

Washington, Sept. 7 .- That the Payne tariff law will subject aeroplanes imported into this country to a duty of 45 per centum ad valorem is indicated by a reply sent today by the cus-toms division of the treasury depart-ment to an inquiry from Ernest Laru Jones, editor of a New York aeronautical publication.

There is no specific provision in the tariff law for the assessment of a duty on flying machines, but the customs officials, assuming that the motor is the stable part of an aeroplane, express the belief that the blanket clause of the metal schedule will govern the duty to be levied upon aeroplanes.

#### ILLINOIS LAW ATTACKED.

Chicago, Sept. 7.-W. C. Ritchie & Co., of Chicago, yesterday began suit attacking the constitutionality of the Illinois law forbidding the employment females for more than 10 hours a day.

LAUREL, NEB .-- Mrs. J. B. Eby died Wednesday. She had been ill only a few days. A trouble of long standing reached her brain and quietly released her from suffering.

#### MONUMENT ON SITE OF INDIAN BATTLE

Plymouth, Ind., Sept. 7.—Today at Twin Lakes, five miles southwest of Plymouth, the Menominee monument, erected by the state of Indiana to com-memorate the revolt of the Pottawattomie Indians 71 years ago, was un-veiled near where stood the old Indian chapel, erected under the direction of Father Daden, the Indians' first Catholic priest. Congressman Barnhart, of the Thirteenth district, was speaker.

Yankton, S. D. Sept. 7—Lovey Sadler and wife, Pearl, in a special term of the circuit court, entered a plea of guilty of conducting a house of prosti-tution and were sentenced each to six months in the state penitentiary. Mrs. Sadler is the first woman ever sent Sadler is the first woman ever sent from this county to the pen. Both

SIX MONTHS' TERM

#### INCENDIARY IN INDIANA.

prisoners are colored

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 7-The incen-diary who has been starting a number of fires here continued his work last night, and seven more stables were destroyed, making a total of 34 fires for the week. The police have no clue.

WRIGHT SOARS IN AIR.

Berlin, Sept. 7 .- Orville Wright gave an exhibition flight in his aeroplane at the Templehof parade grounds this afternoon, starting at 4:55 o'clock. Am-bassador and Mrs. Hill, Consul Gen-eral and Mrs. Thackaray witnessed the flight.

from appendicitis.

of \$50,000

LABOR DAY UNDER BAN OF THE LAW

Washington, Sept. 7.—The labor au-thorities purpose testing the right of the municipality of Vandergrift, Pa., to forbid their holding of Labor day services in that town.

Vandergrift is the seat of a strike by the iron and steel workers. They decided a week ago to have a Labor day meeting Monday, next, but Secre-tary Morrison, of the American Fed-eration of Labor, was notified today that the affair had been prohibited by the town authorities

#### PRINT PAPER PRICE MAY BE ADVANCED

Quebec, Sept. 7.—A deputation rep-resenting all of the pulp and paper manufacturers and all of the Canadian owners of rights to cut timber on crown loads in the province of Quebec have owners of rights to cut timber on crown lands in the province of Quebec have called upon Sir Lomer Gouin, the pre-mier, and asked the government to pro-hibit the export of pulp wood to the United States. The Americans having the right to cut timber in crown lands did not join. The matter is to be sub-mitted to the cabinet and the indica-tions are that the avoration of rule. mitted to the cabinet and the indica-tions are that the exportation of pulp wood will be prohibited throughout the dominion. The inevitable consequence will be a sharp advance in print paper

throughout the United State

SULTAN WILL STOP CRUELTY. Tangier, Morocco, Sept. 7 .- Mulia Hafid, the sultan of Morocco, has promised the French consul at Fez that he will cause to be discontinued the erucl tortures such as recently were inflicted by his soldiers upon rebellious Moors who were led captive into Fez.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS .- A general strike of the 20,300 cotton mill opera-tives in this city is threatened as a re-sult of the refusal of the manufacturers to restore a 10 per cent cut in wages made in March, 1908.

## PLAYWRIGHT FITCH

HAS APPENDICITIS

Chalons, Sur Marne, France, Sept. 6.-Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, was suddenly stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis while traveling

from Germany in an automobile, Upon arriving here he was removed to a private hospital, and underwent an operation by Dr. Alquier, assisted by two other physicians. Dr. Alquier would not express an opinion today regarding Mr. Fitch, but it is understood that the patient's condition is serious. the Mr. Fitch has suffered in the past

WIFE'S RESIDENCE DOESN'T HELP ANY

Rapid City, S. D., Sept. 6.-Acting Commissioner S. V. Proudfit, of the general laand office, has handed down decision in a case sent up from the a decision in a case sent up from the Rapid City land office, refusing to accept the proof of a claim filed upon by a Sioux City photographer. The decision establishes, in brief, that a man's wife cannot establish residence on a claim. It was brought out in the testimony that his wife had made the claim her continuous residence since August 7, 1907, but that the husband had been absent two or three months had been absent two or three months at a time, and on one occasion six months. Commissioner Proudfit says:

at a time, and on one occasion six months. Commissioner Proudfit says: "Residence under homestead laws must be established by the personal act of the entryman. Residence on a become and must be in personal second act of the entryman. Residence on a homestead must be in person and can-not be by proxy, even by a member of the entryman's family. Residence un-der the homestead law cannot be es-tablished by the acts of another." This decision is only another mani-festation of the detarmination of the general land office to be more strict in requiring literal compliance with the provisions of the homestead law.

BOCNE, IA.-Mrs. J. P. Jackson, wife of "Johnny" Jackson, the highest pen-sioned engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern system, dropped dead of apopoplexy in Chicago while dressing. The body will be sent here for burial.

INDIANA. PA .- Thirty-eight chilren mourn the death of their father John W. Miller, aged 76 years, who died yesterday at the county home here, where he had been an inmate for several years. Mr. Miller was married four times. One wife survives him.

CLEAR LAKE, IA .- Home coming lay for the old residents and former residents of northern lowa will be celeorated at Clear Lake on September 14. 'ongressman N. G. L'augen, of Northwood, will be the speaker.

ed herself as much delighted. She said

**GIVES BIRTH TO BOY** AT FUNERAL OF SON

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 5 .- While attending the funeral of her 2-year-old son, Mrs. Andrew Zerostek, of this city, gave birth to another son

She was taken ill in the church during the services, and these were stopped while she was carried to the residence of the priest adjoining. There she gave birth to boy, who is in good health and a lusty ungster.

After she was removed from the church the services over the body of her son con tinued. The husband saw the coffin low-ered into the grave and then hurried to parsonage to welcome his new horn

\* AMERICAN OFFICER MAKES AIR FLIGHT NEAR WASHINGTON

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day.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Lieu-tenant Frank B. Lahm, of the aeronautical division of the United States Signal corps, made an ascension at 10:30 o'clock this morning from the cras works in Coorgetown in gas works in Georgetown in United States army balloon No.

12, for a practice flight. The silk bag, containing 20,000 cubic feet of gas, rose rapidly to a high altitude, drifting off to the East toward Baltimore at a gool rate of speed on a mod-erate breeze. Lieutenant Lahm will descend some time during the afternoon or early evening.

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GERMANS HAVE DEFICIT. Berlin, Sept. 6 .-- The deficit of the im-perial government for 1908 is said to amount to \$30,500,000, as announced to-

SHOOTS UP HIS FAMILY.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 6.-William Stevenson shot his stepdaughter and fatally wounded his wife. He escaped, but is being pursued by a posse, Stevhad been separated from his family.

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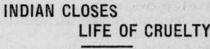
laughingly replied: "Annex it, of course." The following statement was given

out at the executive offices yesterday

"President 'Taft has been informed that a telegram has been published in the St. Paul Picneer Press and Dis-patch of the following tenor:

"I assure you of my complete sym-pairy with the plan to honor the Min-nesota congressional delegation by a public ratification meeting.

"'William Howard Taft.' 'The president yesterday requested the press association to announce that no such a telegram was sent by him to the Pioneer Press or to anybody else."



Hot Springs, S. D., Sept. 6.--Gus Cod-frey, whose name will still make old residents shudder, especially through southern Minnesota, because of his mad cruelty in Indian massacres and murders, is dead at the Santee Indian reservation, aged 70 years. Godfrey was a giant negro who married an Indian wife and became a member of the Sioux tribe. Tales of his inhumanity are seemingly without end. On one occasion he drove a wagon containing three prisoners, Mary Anderson, Mary Schwandt and Mary Schwarz, while permitting the Indians to torture them, and finally shot Mary Anderson himself while pretending to go for assistance. Godfrey knew the location of every building in Fort Ridgely and New Ulm, where to shoot through them or the most expeditious way to destroy them. At New Ulm he discarded all the rules of warfare and beasted afterward he had killed more German babies than it was possible to count. Afterward he turned state's evidence and by his mar-velous memory sent 35 Indians to the gallows and obtained for himself the right to live on the Santee reservation. He was despised by Indians and whites alike through his long, monotonous so-tourn there.

journ there. ESTHE VILLE, IA .- John Sullivan of Mandau, N. D., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sullivan, a this city, was mar-ried to Nancy llkinson at Kansas City, Mo., yesterday. They will reside at Mandan.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO--George W. Cabot, the newly appointed secre-tary of Porto Rico, left yesterday for the United States. He will visit Wash-ington in the interest of insular affairs. for

NORTHWOOD, IA .-- The entire herd by J. P. Nelson, of Bancroft, was killed by order of Dr. Nevin, the Min-nesota state animal inspector. The cattle were affected with tuberculosis,

IOWA CITY, LA.—The Iowa state toard of education has called the fol-lowing educators to posts in the college of applied science, University of Iowa; Professor Frederick W. Welch, Thayer Roman Catholic priests in Iowa, and rector of St. Peter's church in Keokuk for 34 years, died last night of cancer of the liver, with which malady he had suffered for months.

first class, who was dismissed from the United States military academy at West Point on August 19, on charges of alleged complicity in a recent haz-ing case, Secretary of War J. M. Dick-inson, intimated that the investigation of the case will be reopened. A conference was held at Judge Dick-inson's home at Belle Meade yesterday between Mr. Booker and the secretary, with the result that the chances of re-instatement of the young cadet have improved. first class, who was dismissed from the

improved.

#### **KANSAS MEN RECEIVE BLACK HAND LETTERS**

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 4.—County At-torney D. H. Wooley has received a threatening letter signed "Black Hand," today. The letter states that death will be the penalty if he does not close all the joints that are alleged by the letter to be running wide open, while certain others are being hounded by him until the violators land in jail by him until the violators land in jail. The letter charges discrimination. Postmaster Stafford, of Radley, also

received a letter this morning warning him to remove the store manager and company store from his building by Saturday night under penalty of death.

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# ENGINEER FROM DES MOINES MEETS DEATH IN WRECK

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 4.—Engi-neer Thomas Howard, of Des Moines, was killed and a number of passengers severely shaken up in a head-on collision in the St. Joseph yards this morning between a Chicago Great West-orn passenger trab and a St n passenger train and a St. seph & Grand Island freight ern train

Howard was engineer of the howard was engineer of the passenger train. Fireman Hick-ok, of Des Moines, suffered a fracture of the right leg, and is in a St. Joseph hospital.

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ST. PETERSBURG—The Russkoes-love yesterday published an interview which its correspondent at Teheram had with the deposed shah of Persin who is now a refugee at the Russian legation at Zerzende. The former ruler of Persia complained, according to the correspondent, that his abdica ion was due to intrigue and treachery, hinting broadly at Russian and British diplohinting macy.

## BODY OF WOMAN IS FOUND IN PARK

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 4.—Mystery surrounds the discovery of the body of Mrs. Alberta Panta, the divorced wife of former United States Senator John

of former United States Senator John R. Phipps, of Homer, I.a., in Breckin-ridge park, here yesterday. The body was found by the police in a sociuded spot in the park, after a tel-chlone message had been received from an unidentified party who told of its, exact location, yet refused to give his name. name

Mrs. Fanta was 20 years old and was formerly a leader in society.

ALGONA, LA.-Falling in a pail of boiling hot water, little Dorris, the 2-cear-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

ohn Dale, was so badly scalded that leath quickly followed.

former chancellor of the German legation here has been condemned to death by the court of first instance on the charge of having murdered an employe of the legation February 5 last, and set

fire to the legation offices. The was held under the laws of Chile.

KEOKUK, IA. - Father Thomas O'Reilly, one of the most widely known Roman Catholic priests in Iowa, and rector of St. Peter's church in Keokuk for 34 years, died last night of cancer of the burge with which which he have