## **BRADSTREET AND DUN** REPORT ON BUSINESS

Distributive Trade Said to Be Quieter Than for Several Weeks Past.

New York, March 20 .- Bradstreet's New York, March 20.—Bradstreet's Saturday says:
Distributive trade is still quiet, more so perhaps than in recent weeks, because visiting buyers have returned home to await indications of the trend of spring retail distributions. The latter branch of trade has been in turn checked by a cool snar which overspread a large area of the west and north, and which, while not sufficient to stimulate demand for left-over winter goods, has operated to retard those

ter goods, has operated to retard those for spring wear. for spring wear.

Of the leading lines of wearing apparel, perhaps most activity, largely at wholesale, has been in millinery, in which the tone is really optimistic. Staple dry goods have sold well and the tariff uncertainties are a check to free buying. There is a feeling in the wholesale cotton goods trade, however, that the line of resistance to lower prices has now been reached, and this is fortified by the closing down or curtailment of operations by many mills south and north. Collections are irsouth and north. Collections are irregular, ranging from fair to slow.

In the industries the features are a

rather less eager movement to buy iron and steel, but against this is a larger capacity employed in furnace and mills than for many months. Buying continues conservative, the railways are purchasing in a cautious way, and the higher prices demanded for pig iron have apparently superinduced something of a bull in that market.

At the same time export trade in steel products promises to continue of goodly proportions. Building trade capacity employed in furnace and mills

goodly proportions. Building trade preparations are not uniform at all centers, and decreases about offset increases, as compared with a year ago, with marked dullness noted at the me-tropolis. Building materials still lag at markets wherein the past activities has been noted at this season. Business failures in the United States

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 16 were 251, against 230 last week, 208 in the like week of 1910, 224 in 1909, 203 in 1908, and 157 in 1907.

Business failures in Canada for the week number 27, which compares with 40 last week and 25 in the like week of 1910.

Dun's review today said: Dun's review today said:

"Recent improvement in trade is very slow, irregular and conservative and chiefly is in evidence in iron and steel, in which there is a larger demand for structural materials, a more cheerful sentiment regarding pig iron and better mill conditions in finished materials.

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The volume of transactions is somewhat under that of last year, but is generally larger than in the preceding quarter, while business sentiment is helped by the hopeful outlook for

Encouraging reports predominate in ron and steel, notwithstanding that buying of finished materials is on a slightly reduced scale. The new book-ings are scarcely up to the mark established in February, but the mills

are more actively engaged, and it is evident that business this month will make a satisfactory showing.

From present indications it seems that some good sized rail contracts will be received from Canadian railroads owing to the sold up condition of the owing to the sold up condition of the mills in that country, inquiries for 25,-000 tons from one system alone being noted in domestic markets.

#### **WOOLEN TRUST WILL** CUT DOWN ITS STOCK

of the American Woolen company here Boston, March 20.—At the head office today it was announced that the di-rectors of the corporation had voted to reduce the common stock of \$30,000,directors will be submitted to stock-holders for approval at a special meeting in Jersey City on April 28.

It is expected in mill circles that the common stockholders will ratify the

new plan. The corporation controls 34 mills in New England and New York state. It figured largely in last year's tariff debates and hearings at Washington, where the low tariff men usually referred to it as the "woolen

### News Brevities

MURDO, S. D.—The Murdo Pioneer now is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, late of Sidney, Neb. The retiring editor, H. M. Epps, has accepted a position on a newspaper at Liberal, Mo. SPEARFISH, S. D.—A legally executed petition has been filed with the city council asking that a special election be called to vote on the adoption of the commission form of city governments. commission form of city gov-

EGAN, S. D.—The Egan Creamery company has arranged for the holding at this place of a dairymen's meeting. Professor Larson, of the state agricul-tural college at Brookings, will be the principal speaker.

HUMBOLDT, S. D.—The local Com-

mercial club has re-elected the follow-ing officers to serve during the coming year: President, N. B. Maloney; vice president, D. M. Smith; secretary, H. W. Hahn; treasurer, W. H. Butt.

BALTIMORE, MD.—At the St. Patrick's day dinner of the Hibernian society of Baltimore last night Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain, dis-cussed some of the controverted ques-tions regarding the birthplace and career of St. Patrick and told some anecdotes of the saint's life.

NEW YORK.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor has been summoned to take charge of the threatened strike of the metropolitan district, which, if called, will involve 50,000 men. Mr. Gompers, it is understood, will arrive here Monday or Tuesday, and perhaps will be assisted by Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who has been called from Indianapolis.

AUGUSTA. GA.-President made a 75-mile motor trip yesterday afternoon to Waynesboro, Ga., and rethe rich cotton belt. On the way out the president stopped for a few minutes at the Shiloh Negro Orphan school. Mrs. Taft and a party of friends ac-companied the president.

DAYTON .- While one of the largest department stores of the city was crowded with women shoppers yesterday afternoon, Clarence Thornhill walked into the store and asked permission to speak to his wife, Florence, a clerk in the store. This was granted, and hardly had he reached the woman's side when he drew a revolver and tred and hardly had he reached the woman's side when he drew a revolver and fired upon her. Then turning the weapon upen himself, he fired. The shots created a panic. The woman was seriously wounded, while the husband died in a hospital later in the night. The couple came here from Zenia, Ohio, a short time ago. Jealousy, it is said, was the

## ASSASSIN IS ON RACK IN THE ITALIAN COURT

Record of Mora, One of the Camorra Band, Laid Bare to the Jury.

Viterbo, Italy, March 20 .- The whole of today's session of the trial of the Camorrists was taken up with the cross examination of Nicola Morra, at the conclusion of which an adjournment was taken until Tuesday.

Morra is one of the six of the 36 prispers who are observed with the actual

oners who are charged with the actual murder of Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife. He was a frequenter of the Cuoccolo house, to which he gained ready entrance after the husband had been killed in a suburb of Naples. It is asserted that Morra and Corrado

It is asserted that Morra and Corrado left their companions after the first murder, and between them accomplish-ed the death of the woman. Later they joined the other assassins at the hom of Maria Stendardo, subsequently re-porting the success of their mission to Enrico Alfonso, the real head of the Camorro, wit, was dining at Mimi-A-Mare. According to the prosecution, Morra and Sortino beat Cuoccolo with sticks while the others stabbed him to

Today the vile record of Morra, including his participation in the murders, were laid bare, the crown prosecutor introducing much evidence dur-ing the questioning. Morra denied all the accusations made against him, and roundly abused Gennaro Abbatemoggio, the informer. The latter maintained a derisive attitude as he heard the denunciation by his former partner in in-

#### RAILROADS GET TIME TO ADD APPLIANCES

Washington, March 20.—Formal orders were issued today by the Interstate Commerce commission extending the time within which the interstate carriers may comply with the law concerning the application to their equipment—cars and locomotives—of

equipment—cars and locomotives—or required safety appliances.

Generally the time of the extension is five years from July 1, 1911, but the required standards of appliances must be put on passenger cars within three years, on switching locomotives within one year and on other locomotives within two years.

## **ACTRESS AND FLYER** SAID TO HAVE WED

London Hears That Pauline Chase and Grahame-White Are Married.

London, March 20 .- Miss Pauline Chase, the actress, and Claude Gra-hame-White, the aviator, were married in New York,, is the constant rumor here. The report gives the date of the wedding as immediately after Grahame-White arrived in America last

hame-White arrived in America last August.

Grahame-White has an aviation school at Herndon, near London, where he uses chiefly biplanes made by the Curtiss-Burgess company of Marblehead, Mass. He has cleared an aviation field of 250 acres and tried to persuade the Royal Aero club to hold the international acro meet for the James Cordon Republication there but it re-Gordon Bennett cup there, but it re

New York, March 18 .- Miss Pauline Chase's engagement to Claude Gra-hame-White was announced at the Knickerbocker theater here October 19. after the performance of "Our Miss Gibbs" of which Miss Chase was the

Grahame-White paid devoted attention to her here. She made several flights with him, as did Miss Eleanor

nights with him, as did Miss Eleanor Sears, of Boston.

Miss Chase, accompanied by a chaperon, and Grahame-White sailed on the Mauretania from here November 29. Both laughingly refused to talk about their engagement, or to say when they would be married. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### PRIZE FIGHTERS IN COURT

Los Angeles, Cal., March 20.

—The principals in yesterday's boxing contest, Ad Wolgast and George Memsic, together with Thomas McCarey, manager of the affair, and Charles Eyton, referee, were arraigned in Justice Reeve's court today charged with having conducted a prize fight in violation of the law of California. Their preliminary examination was set for next examination was set for next Monday.

## FRIEND OF TAFT IN LAWSUIT FOR LIBEL

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John Hays Hammond Accused by Daniel J. Sully In Court Action.

Washington, March 20.—John Hays Hammond, special ambassador of the United States to the coronation of King George of England, was made co-denfendant with his son and five others in a suit for \$1,500,000 damages filed by Daniel J. Sully, of New York, in the supreme court of the District of Col-umbia today. Named as defendants are Harris Hammond, Frank S. Bright, Dolph B. Atherton, John P. Miller, William W. Baldwin and G. Scott Dal-

gleish. Mr. Sully, who was formerly known as the "cotton king" charges a con-spiracy to ruin his reputation and character as an international cotton ex-pert and to deprive him of large profits in connection with the General Securities company.

#### AGED EMPLOYE OF ROOSEVELT IS DEAD

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 20 .-- Noah Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 20.—Noah A. Seaman, superintendent of the Sagamore Hill estate and for 20 years the close friend of his employer, Theodore Roosevelt, died late last night in his little cottage on the estate. Seaman, who was 53 years old, was stricken with paralysis two weeks ago.

CARTER, S. D.—Work has com-menced on the construction of a new Catholic church building here.

# NINE INDICTMENTS FOR ALASKA FRAUDS THAN FOR MANY YEARS

Chicago Grand Jury Accuses Several Prominent Men In Coal Land Cases.

Chicago, March 18 .- Nine men, including a former railroad president, bankers and financiers, were indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday in the Matanuska river coal land cases. The men are charged with having conspired to defraud the United States government out of 10,000 acres of coal lands valued at \$10,000,000. Those in-

ands valued at \$10,000,000. Those indicted are:

A. C. Frost, former president of the Alaska Northern railroad, former president and promoter of the Chicago, Milwaukee Electric road and president of A. C. Frost & Co.

George M. Seward, Chicago, receiver for A. C. Frost & Co.

Rierre G. Beach, Chicago, former secretary of the Alaska Northern railroad and secretary and treasurer of the Frost company.

Frank Watson, Spokane, Wash.

George A. Ball, Munde, Ind., said to be financial backer of Frost.

Duncan M. Stewart, Seward, Alaska, former manager of the Southern Lank of Toronto, Canada.

Harry G. Osborne, Toronto.

Gwynn L. Francis, Toronto.

Francis H. Stewart, Toronto.

The last three are bahkers and brokvers

There are two indictments which are There are two indictments which are drawn under what is known as the conspiracy statute. The penalty provided is a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for two years on all counts.

The land which the finen are charged

The land which the men are charged with having conspired to gain is located at Matanuska river, in Alaska, extending west from the Chickaloon river to Kings river, and land on the north side of the Manatuska river and in the vicinity of Moose creek. There are two senarate that known as the are two separate tracts, known as the Watson group of coal claims, and the Matanuska Coal company group.

The conspiracy began at Chicago, April 1, 1908, according to the indictment, and Frost, Ball, Osborne and Gwynn L. Francis were to have been the chief beneficiaries. The acquisition of the land, the indictment reads, was to be effected by "unlawful, fraudulent, false and collusive locations for the preferential rights to purchase final entries and locations under the coal land

#### AMERICAN STEAMER IS **BURNED IN THE THAMES**

London, March 18 .- The Furness line freight steamer North Point, which sailed this morning for Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire in the Thames two hours after she left her wharf. The crew of 40 were taken off in safety after the vessel had been beached. She car-

the vessel had been beached. She carried no passengers.

The steamer was off Purflet about 15 miles from London when the fire broke out in the general cargo, which included a quantity of creosote.

The flames spread rapidly and enveloped the craft, the heat being so intense that the plates were made red hot to the water's edge. There was barely time in which to run the vessel ashore and permit the sailors to escape.

# **ENORMOUS FEES ARE** SOUGHT BY DOCTORS

Their Patient Died, but They Ask for Big Slice of His Estate

Washington, March 18.—Justice Gould, in the probate court here, has refused to pass upon the claims of Dr. L. F. Barker, of Johns Hopkins university and Dr. C. F. Wainwright, of New York for \$11,500 and \$42,000, respectively, alleged to be due them for professional services rendered the late sional services rendered the late Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado capital-

Doctor Wainwright's bill is on record Doctor Wainwright's bill is on record as a "balance of \$42,000."

Both physicians merely state that their bills are for "professional service." Justice Gould referred the claims to the American Security & Trust company, as executor of the Walsh estate. Agents of the estate refused tonight to make any statement relative to the physicians' claims.

#### IRON SUPPLY WILL SOON BE EXHAUSTED

Philadelphia, March 18 .- Speaking on subject of the conservation of iron,
Allerton S. Cushman, director of
bureau of industrial research at Washington, declared at the Franklin institute last night that at the present rate of production the iron supply of the United States will be exhausted in

Not only is the production threat-ened, according to Dr. Cushman, but the iron and steel now in use is rapidly deteriorating under the influence of corrosion or rust and it is absolutely essential, he declared, that some means of protection be found to assure to the world the use of iron in the future.

#### BOHN SERIOUSLY HURT IN BOUT WITH GOTCH

Chicago, March 18.—Frank Gotch, hampion wrestler, in his bout last light with Henry Bahn, known as night with Samson, the 260-pound German, threw his opponent so hard as to cause a fracture of the German's skull. Physicians at the match declared Bahn seriously hurt. The men were to have wrestled for two out of three falls. After they had struggled for 7 minutes and 20 seconds, Gotch obtained a leg hold and tossed the German over his head. Bahn landed on the back of his head and landed on the back of his head and became unconscious. The match was awarded to Gotch, who later announced he had signed a contract to meet any wrestler in the world.

REBEKAHS AT BRIDGEWATER. Bridgewater, S. D., March 18.—A Rebekah lodge, with a membership of 35 was instituted here last night, Mrs. Sweeting, state organizer, taking charge with the Hurley degree team, comprising 27 members, putting on the work, following which a banquet was served.

CAPTAIN HULL ILL. Washington, March 18.—Former Representative Hull has been sick in bed with grippe for about a week. He is slowly recovering but is still confined to the house and is under a physician's

# FARM WAGES HIGHER

Figures Showing Rates In Different Sections Given Out by Department Today.

Washington, March 18 .- Higher wages vere paid to American farm laborers during 1910 than at any time in the last 45 years, according to statistics just made public by the department of agriculture. The average wage for the country was \$27.50 per month during 1910 while 20 years ago they were only \$18.33. With board the average wage was \$19.21.

In some parts of the country the rate of wages of farm laborers was higher than in others. The highest was in Newada where the rate was \$54, while in Montana and Washington it was \$50. South Carolina paid the lowest rate, ties so \$16.50

In the New England and North At-lantic states the average was \$33.19, with Massachusetts paying the highest, \$37.20. With board the average was \$21.65. In the south Atlantic states the average was \$19.75, with West Virginia paying the highest, \$29. With board the average was

In the north central states east of the Mississippi river the average was \$31.81, with Wisconsin paying the highest, \$37.25. With board the average was \$22.94.

In the northern central states west of the Mississippi, the average was \$35.45, with North Dakota paying the highest, \$42. With board the average was \$25.10. In the southern central states the average was \$21.90, with Oklahoma paying the highest, \$23.10. With board the average

was \$15.28 In the far western states the average was \$46.48, with Nevada paying the high-est, \$54. With board the average was

#### **SLAUGHTER IS RESULT** OF AN ITALIAN BRAWL

Pennington, Pa., March 18.—A shooting affair following a brawl in an Italian boaring house here last night wound up in the death of the proprietor and his wife and the serious, if not fatal, wounding of three of the

boarders.

Andrew Deignazio, the proprietor, accused some of the boarders of stealing his money and some beer. The charge was resented and after a long altercation, Deignazio started to clear the place with a revolver. He shot at everybody within range, witnesses say. The larm was spread and when the police arrived they found four of the

boarders wounded.

The doors were locked and when they were broken open the proprietor and his wife were found dead from bullet wounds. It is the supposition of the police that Deignazio killed his wife and then committed suicide.

## KAHN FAMILY SAILS AT COST OF \$13,000

Banker and Entourage, Including Autos, Chauffeurs and Nurses to Be Present.

New York, March 18.—Otto kahn and family and retinue sailed on the mann-tania, occupying \$11,000 worth of space on the great express Cunarder. More of the Kahn entourage will sail on the Coronia, including three automobiles and as many chauffeurs. Transportation charges on the Coronia will cost Mr. Kahn \$2,000.

In the banker's immediate party are Mrs. Kahn and maid, Miss Maud E. Kahn and maid, Miss Margaret D. Kahn. maid and governess; Gilbert W. Kahn and nurse, and Roger W. Kahn and nurse. Mr. Kahn is attended by a valet, Mr. Kahn said he had leased Casaborg

castle in Watford, London, for the corona-tion. After the coronation he and his family will tour Europe in their three automobiles. The banker said his vacation this year was purely a pleasure trip and that he expected to get home by August 1

## **WICKERSHAM MAY BE NEW PREMIER**

Attorney General Said to Be Slated for Secretary of State by Taft.

Washington, March 13.—Authentic word has reached here from President Taft that, should Secretary of State P. C. Knox resign, hus successor will be Attorney-General Wickersham. Ex-Senator Carter, of Montana, it is said, wants to succeed Mr. Wickersham as

attorney general.

While the president will not admit that Mr. Knox is to leave the cabinet, ne has said to friends that, in the event of Mr. Wickersham's promotion, Solicitor General F. W. Lehmann would be made attorney genera, and not Mr. Carter. The president is highly pleased with Mr. Lehmann, especially since he won the corporation tax

#### AD WOLGAST WILL **QUIT AFTER APRIL 18**

New York, March 18.-Word was re New York, March 18.—Word was received in this city from Los Angeles that Ad Wolgast, lightweight champlon, is going to quit the ring after his 10-round bout with One-Round Hogan here on April 18. It is stated that Wolgast is tired of the fighting game and besides has faithfully promised his wife that he would retire from the ring after his fight with Hogan.

NEW YORK-Mrs. William Jennings Bryan was robbed at a matinee theater performance in this city last Saturday, of a seal handbag, containing \$75 and val-uable souvenirs collected by her and her husband in their recent travels.

WASHINGTON-The commission of Ciril Engineer Robert E. Peary, admiral, on the retired list with the highest retired pay of that grade, to date back to April 6, 1909, the date of the discovery of the north pole, now only awaits the president's signature. The issuance of his com-mission will be followed immediately by an order for his retirement, which gives him \$6,000 a year pay.

Most of the Canadian steamers on the Pacific are being converted into oil burners. It is also intimated that the locomotives of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railroad may be converted to burn oil.

# WIFE OF BANKER IS SEARCHED FOR GEMS

Mrs. Joseph Hull, of Georgia, Under Grave Suspicion of Smuggling.

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New York, March 18.—Mrs. Joseph Hull, whose husband is president of the Merchants' National bank, of Savannah, Ga., and her daughter, Miss Nannie Hull, returning passengers by the French liner La Provence, were rigorously searched by customs officers today for a diamond necklace they did not find.

"We were made to take off even our stockings," said Mrs. Hull. "Every stitch of our clothing was searched and even our hair did not escape. I consider this treatment an outrage."

Miss Hull is convalescing from typhoid fever, and the danger of keeping her waiting on the pier while her baggage was being searched after the unsuccessful search of her person, was such that she was permitted to leave for a hotel, where her brother, who is a cotton broker here, lives.

A special agent of the treasury department had the case in charge. He said his superiors had confidential information that Mrs. Hull or her daughter had bought a diamond necklace abroad. Not finding it, customs agents accused her of undervaluation of her personal effects in her declaration, and sent her luggage to the public stores, Her daughter's declaration was additional sent her luggage to the public stores, Her daughter's declaration was additional sent her luggage to the public stores, Her daughter's declaration was additional sent her luggage to the public stores, Her daughter's declaration was additional sent her luggage to the public stores, Her daughter's declaration was additional sent her luggage to the public stores. sent her luggage to the public stores. Her daughter's declaration was admitted to be correct.

# WICHITA BANKER IS PLACED ON TRIAL

L. S. Naftzger Accused by Federal Authorities of Wilfully Buying Stolen Stamps.

Wichita, Kan., March 18.—L. S. Naftzger, formerly president of the Fourth National bank, of this city, was put on trial in the federal court in this city today on a charge of having received postage stamps stolen from postoffices by the John Callahan gang of postoffice and bank robbers.

Callahan, with Ray Tempieton and Edward Earl, two members of the gang, were convicted before the Naftzger case was called. Templeton and

ger case was called. Templeton and Earl were found guilty of robbing the Hope and Burdick postoffices, and Cal-lahan was convicted of receiving the stamps and selling them to Frank S. Burt, who was then chief of police of Burt, wi

Judge Pollock refused to grant a continuance of the Naftzger case on account of the absence of three witnesses for Naftzger who were out of

Harry J. Bone, representing the government, prevented the continuance by admitting that the three absent witnesses would testify that they heard Frank S. Burt tell Naftzger that the stamps Burt had to sell were not stolen, but that they came from rewards earned by the police department in catching criminals for the government. The greater part of the morning session of the court was spent in securing a jury to hear the case.

Frank S. Burt, who turned government witness in the other stamp cases, has been subpoenaed to testify for the government in the Naftzger case.

# WHITE SLAVER CAUGHT

ne Man Given Long Sentence While Another Is Seriously Accused.

Chicago, March 18.—Juege Landis, in the United States district court today, sentenced Edward S. Nichols, who was convisted of having enticed Elsie Ferrier, 13 years old, to Hammond, Ind., a viciation of the Mann "white slave" statute, to 10 years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

While the court was reading sentence, secret service operatives of the department of justice were arresting Jacob Finkelstein on the charge of having placed his young wife in improper places in El Paso, in Mexico and California, and of abandoning her there after taking \$5,000 of her earnings to purchase a saloon property. Finkelstein's family tried to fight off the operatives and the latter had to use pistols to compel them to desist.

# **LONDON BANKER ENDS** LIFE WITH A BULLET

R. F. Carnegie, Manager of Parr Branch Institution, Puts Hole In Head.

London, March 18.—A sensation has been caused in financial circles by the sulcide of R. F. Carnegie, manager of the Lombard street branch of Parr's bank, limited, who shot himself in his home today. The affairs of the institution are said to be in perfect order. Parr's bank, limited, of which C. F. Parr is chairman of the board of directors, and R. W. Hawley, general manager, was originally Parr's Banking company and was so registered in 1865. In 1892 it was amalgamated with the Alliance bank, limited. On amalgamation with the consolidated bank, limited, in 1896, the present name was adopted. The authorized capital is \$62,500,000. For years it has paid a dividend of 19 per cent. per annum.

GERMAN ACTOR DIES. Berlin, March 18.-Frederick Haase, the German character actor, died today. He was born in 1826.

#### LOUISVILLE CAPITALIST CHARGED WITH FRAUD

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—Indicted by the federal grand jury last night on charges of misapplication of national bank funds, making a false entry and conspiracy to defrauding a national bank, Clint C. McCarty will appear in the federal court late today, it is announced, and arrange to give bonds.

The accusations against McCarty grew out of the purchase by Louisville capitalists of the Provident Life Assurance society in 1998.

## INSURGENTS DENY PEACE RUMORS IN TROUBLED MEXICO

Unless Dictator Concedes That His Present Title to Office Is Invalid, Fight Goes On.

Little Rock, Ark., March 18.—Jose Yves Limantour, finance minister of Mexico, passed through Little Rock this morning in the private car Hidalgo, en route to Laredo. His secretary stated that he minister had not heard of the report that insurrectos probably would try to prevent his reaching the City of Mexico.

Mexicali, Cal., March 18.—John Cudahy, the Chicago capitalist, owning a ranch of many thousands of acres in Lower California, a few miles from here, arrived at Calexico today to investigate the rebel situation. He was accompanied by his two sons. They expect to make a call on General Stanley.

El Paso, Tex., March 18.-Despite assurances that Minister Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, has started plans for the termination of the Mexican revolution, the revolutionary leaders here today declared that the fighting will continue.

fighting will continue.

"There will be no pause in hostilities," said Senor Gonzales Garza, insurecto secretary of state. "With the threat of the Mexican government hanging over us that we will be shot without a trial, our fight for liberty and for the setting up permanently of the Madero government will continue. No overture for peace will be considered official by us until it has come from Mexico City. It must come with a promise that Diaz will retire on the ground that his election was not regular."

Peace Talk Impressive.

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Notwithstanding this assertion, the report of Limantour's exertion in behalf of peace has created a profound impression in the insurgent ranks It is known that a courier has already been dispatched to the field to inform Francisco I. Madero, the revolutionary president, of the latest phase.

Madero has already been made acquainted with the preliminaries. It is said there will be no negotiations without his approval of the terms for armistice. The terms must be such that if peace plans fail the insurrectos will not have lost any strength by the not have lost any strength effort.

Insurgents' Equipment Two hundred rounds of ammunition, a rifle, horse, blanket and rations consisting of fresh meat, beans, corn cakes and "cinnamon coffee," form the average equipment of the 5,000 insurrectos now in the field, according to the re-

now in the field, according to the reports to the junta.

At night the men sleep on the ground rolled up in blankets. They procure meat by killing cattle on the ranches. Late reports from Chihuahua City show that food conditions are becoming serious there. Only occasionally in the last few weeks has telegraphic communication been possible, and the wire was used exclusively for federal official dispatches.

BATTLE GOING ON

WITH THE REBELS San Diego, Cal., March 18 .- Barricaded in adobe houses of the little hamlet of Tecate, nine insurrectos are AND RESISTS ARREST
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AND RESISTS ARREST Jules Morales, who was run out of Tecate by the rebels last week, they surrounded Tecate early today and opened fire on the houses and the rebel camp.

Two rebel guards fell at the first fire.

Two rebel guards fell at the first fire. The rebels, under the leadership of Rodriguez, attempted to escape and Rodriguez with 14 others managed to break through the cordon. Two Mexican soldiers were killed in this sortie. Nine of the insurrectos, unable to get away, barricaded themselves in the houses in Tecate and are fighting to the death with the federals. The latter number 30 men. They have lost two killed and six wounded. The rebels numbered 31 wounded men when surprised. Two were killed and five wounded and 15 escaped to the hills, where a detachment of troops is pursuing them. The destruction of this band relieves Tia Juana of the fear of invasion. The affair has been reportied officially to sub-Prefecto La Roque at Tia Juana.

at Tia Juana. United States customs officers re-port the presence of a second band of insurrectos and that Rodriguez, with the men who escaped from Tecate, have joined the force which is awaiting a second attack by the Mexican federal troops at San Ysidro, a small place, 15 miles east of Tia Juana.

AMERICAN RANCHER IS

PLUNDERED BY REBELS
Mexicalia, Mex., March 18.—General
Stanley, of the insurrectos arrived in
Mexicali last night after seizing a
pack train of supplies belonging to
Paul Rogers, a wealthy rancher on
the Mexican side of the line, Rogers
complained to Captain Babcock, of the
United States cavalry, who in turn
protested to Stanley. The insurrecto
commander then released the supplies.
The rebels remaining in Mexicali
have two machine guns in the trenches
which were left in Mexicali by Generals Berthold and Leyva when they
started ostensibly on their march to
Ensanada. This is taken as an undoubted indication that the whole rebel
army will soon return to Mexicali. PLUNDERED BY REBELS

AMERICAN PRISONERS TO BE TREATED WELL
Washington, March 18.—American
citizens held as prisoners of war by the
Mexican authorities at Casas Grandes,
who have been reported in danger of
execution, and Henry Whittle, who was
arrested at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, yesterday, are safe and assured of fair treatment, according to telegraphic ad-vices received by the state department

today by American consular offices in

MADEROS HOPE FOR NO

BAD LUCK TO MINISTER New York, March 18 .- The Madero family here is watching the progress of Jose Yves Limantour toward the Mexican frontier with the greatest anxiety. When they saw dispatches today relating that the insurrectos proposed to burn the railway bridges south of La-redo, thus cutting Minister Limantour's route to Mexico City, they showed

grave concern.
"That would be a mistake," said Gustavo Madero. "Limantour is a practical man, and the country needs him; He ought not to be kept out."