

Brief Telegrams

Rose Beckett, once a famous ball dancer, was found dead in her New York home. It is believed to be a case of murder.

Secretary Cortelyou delivered the annual address at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia.

The Oregon state republican convention selected four delegates to the national convention and instructed for Theodore Roosevelt—for nomination for president.

Archbishop Messmer of Milwaukee has just issued a letter to the clergy in his Archdiocese in which he forbids them taking an active part in party politics.

Walter Wellman says that American publishers are almost frantic in their quest for an author who will write a novel that will command an enormous sale.

A dispatch to the London Times from Ghanze, Tibet, indicates that the local officers are suing with the British mission under Colonel Younghusband for peace.

Albert A. Amos, former mayor of Minneapolis, was arrested Thursday on an indictment charging him with accepting a bribe December 15, 1901, from Bessie Lee.

Great Britain and France have signed the colonial treaty. Political situation in Morocco and Egypt is unchanged, while the republic obtains three African concessions.

The operators and miners of the Ohio sub-district, embracing the Panhandle companies of West Virginia, adjourned after a fruitless conference of ten days over the wage scale.

R. M. Snyder, a capitalist, has formed a corporation to pipe natural gas from Independence, Kas., to Kansas City, furnishing the towns along the route, a distance of 160 miles.

Professor Borden P. Bowne was acquitted of the charges of heresy by the New York East conference, which also refuses to consider new charges filed against the Boston philosopher.

Nine candidates for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships from Nebraska universities and colleges completed their examinations at the University of Nebraska, looking to admission to Oxford.

The resolution asking the General Conference to restore the time limit for pastorates was defeated in the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church by a vote of 105 to 100.

Professor Bliss of the department of mechanical engineering of the New York University, has been delegated to go to St. Louis this month to install the university exhibit at the World's Fair.

The house committee on military affairs authorized a favorable report on a bill appropriating \$60,000 to purchase a temporary home in the District of Columbia for disabled volunteer soldiers.

Prince Cetewayo, grandson of the famous Zulu King who was captured by the British in South Africa twenty-two years ago, is a student in London, and devoting much of his time to law and history.

The house committee on industrial arts and exhibitions has decided to postpone further consideration of the Jamestown, Va., exposition appropriation of \$3,000,000 until the next session of congress.

President Roosevelt has spent a total of forty hours aboard the naval steam yacht Mayflower, and always paid the expenses incurred by himself and guests, according to a report of Secretary Moody.

The Baltimore Equitable Life Insurance company went into the hands of a receiver upon the application of State Insurance Commissioner Wilkinson and upon an answer filed by the company, in which the appointment of receivers was consented to.

Mr. Leshman informs the Department of State that in obedience to its instructions he has requested the Imperial Ottoman Government to exert every possible means to prevent an asylum being given to the murderers of Missionary Laborer in Turkey.

Judge Benton, in the circuit court at Richmond, Ky., has thrown out on peremptory instructions of mental incapacity all the various wills left by the late Gen. Cassin M. Clay. This leaves the general's property to his natural heirs and cuts off Dora Clay Brock, who at one time received considerable notoriety as the youthful wife of the noted aged statesman.

Senator Frye has introduced a bill providing for the retirement of letter carriers who have reached the age of 65 years and who have served for thirty-five years. The bill gives the retired carriers pay at 80 per cent of the salaries they were receiving at the time of retirement.

The House passed the Philippine shipping bill, amending it so that it goes into operation July 1, 1906.

William E. Curtis writes of the bettered condition of the women of India, more of whom are now being educated than ever before in the history of the country.

Representative Robert Miers was renominated for the fifth time by the democrats of the Second Indiana district.

The First republican congressional convention re-nominated Congressman Thomas Hodge of Burlington, Ia., as candidate for congress.

Congressman J. P. Connor of the Tenth Iowa district was unanimously renominated.

Rev. Samuel A. Taggart, for many years state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of Pennsylvania, and widely known throughout the country, is dead.

THAT FATAL MINE

FORTY-FIVE OFFICERS AND MEN PERISHED.

THE FIGHT OFF PORT ARTHUR

Rear Admiral Uriu Announces the Great Japanese Victory—Says that in the Engagement the Islanders Sustained No Losses.

ST. PETERSBURG—Forty-five officers and men perished on board the torpedo boat destroyer Beastrashni, whose destruction by the Japanese was announced.

TOKIO—A brief report from Rear Admiral Uriu of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur reached the navy department Thursday afternoon. It says Vice Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded.

A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

The first intimation of the result of Vice Admiral Togo's seventh attack off Port Arthur reached Tokio at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. It was received with intense satisfaction, particularly the reported destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk. There was a note of regret, however, upon the reported death of Admiral Makaroff, for the Russian admiral commanded the respect of his opponents and the Japanese admired the manner in which he had rehabilitated the fleet after the first attacks upon Port Arthur, and the splendid fight he was making against odds.

The navy department expects advices from Vice Admiral Togo by night. It is known that he left in the vicinity of Port Arthur Thursday to return to an unknown base, and it is expected that he will reach telegraphic communication by night.

RUSSIA IN NEED OF MONEY.

It is Said to Be Preparing to Raise \$200,000,000.

LONDON.—Reports are again in circulation here of Russia's need to raise money. When the war broke out the gold held abroad by the Bank of Russia amounted to \$7,500,000. Of this amount \$50,000,000 has been expended and therefore, according to these reports, it will soon be necessary to have recourse to the gold held in the treasury.

According to a telegram from Brussels, printed this morning, the outcome of the ways and means conference at St. Petersburg will be the issue of \$200,000,000 in 5 per cent treasury bonds in Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam.

Vice Admiral Togo's report is accepted here as fully explaining the mystery of the destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk, and the newspapers pay warm tributes to the daring and skill displayed by the Japanese, contrasting these with the apparent lack of foresight and vigilance on the part of the Russians.

War correspondents arriving at Ping Yang report that the roads are in terrible condition, but that the Japanese troops in marching display splendid endurance.

REPORT ON DIETRICH.

Committee gives Nebraska Senator a Clean Bill on All Charges.

WASHINGTON—Senator Dietrich of Nebraska has been declared by a special committee of congress to be not guilty of any violation of the statutes of the United States or of any corrupt or unworthy conduct relating either to the appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings, Neb., or for the leasing of the building in that city to the United States for a postoffice. The committee which investigated the charges against Senator Dietrich was composed of Senators Hoar, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus. Three members of the committee are republicans and two are democrats.

The report is unanimous. The report reviews the testimony at length and the conclusion is reached that the charges cannot be sustained.

The committee, with reference to the lease of the building at Hastings, finds that it was effected while Dr. Dietrich was governor and before he became senator, that it extended for ten years and that the law governing in such matters was not violated.

Japs Use Submarine Boats.

ST. PETERSBURG—M. Suverine, manager of the Novoe Vremya, says he has seen a letter, dated March 19, from Dr. Volkovitch, who was drowned on the Petropavlovsk, in which it is alleged that Vice Admiral Makaroff and his staff declared that the Japanese were using submarine boats and that Port Arthur was not defended by Russian mines.

In the Nation's Strong Box.

WASHINGTON—Tuesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$222,990,325; gold, \$114,851,658.

Senate Confirms Baxter.

WASHINGTON—The senate on Tuesday confirmed the nomination of Irving F. Baxter as United States attorney for the district of Nebraska.

More Beets Than Ever.

GRAND ISLAND—The factory of the American Beet Sugar company has begun the work of extracting sugar from the remaining syrups through the German process. About forty men will be employed for thirty days at this process.

Claim Japs Lost a Cruiser.

ST. PETERSBURG—A dispatch from Port Arthur says several eye witnesses assert that a Japanese cruiser was lost outside Port Arthur April 12 by striking one of its own floating mines.

AWFUL DISASTER.

An Explosion on the Battleship Missouri.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—By the explosion of 2,000 pounds of powder in the after twelve-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Captain William S. Cowles, commanding, twenty-nine men were instantly killed and five injured, of whom two will die. The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice about noon when a charge of powder in the twelve-inch left-hand gun ignited from gases, exploded and dropping below ignited four charges of powder in the handling room and all exploded.

Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives. But for prompt and efficient action of Captain Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

Captain Cowles, completely overcome by the disaster, referred all newspaper men to Lieutenant Hammer, the ordnance officer. The latter gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to him, about noon, after the first pointer of the aft twelve-inch piece had fired his string and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded, and from all indications the first half of the charge had been rammed home and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shots previously fired, or portions of the cloth cover, ignited the powder.

The twenty-five men of the turret were found lying in a heap. They had started from the exit when the first explosion occurred and had just reached there when the more terrible explosion in the handling room occurred, which burned and strangled them to death. Lieutenant Davidson, the officer in charge of the turret, evidently had given some command to the men, as he was on top of the heap of men.

The accident is the most serious that has occurred in the American navy since the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor in 1898.

The bodies of the dead were hardly recognizable, the terrible and quick fire having burned clothing from the bodies of the men and the flesh hung to them in shreds. The faces were mutilated by the smoke and flames only. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued and he died a moment after he reached the deck.

CRUSHING BLOW TO RUSSIA.

One of Her Ships Exploded and Seven Hundred Men Perish.

ST. PETERSBURG—While going out to meet the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur, the Petropavlovsk struck a mine in the outer roadstead, heeled over, turned turtle and sank.

Practically the whole of her crew was lost, including Vice Admiral Makaroff.

Only four officers were saved, among them being the Grand Duke Cyril, who was first officer of the ship.

The Petropavlovsk was flying the flag of Vice Admiral Makaroff.

Another account says twenty men escaped from the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

Grand Duke Cyril was only saved from death by a miracle. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, witnessed the catastrophe through a marine glass.

It is estimated that from 600 to 700 men perished when the Petropavlovsk sank.

Reports are very conflicting as to Makaroff's death and as to whether the catastrophe was the result of a fight with the enemy or due to the Petropavlovsk striking a mine in the harbor.

Some of the rumors declare that Makaroff was on board the Petropavlovsk and others say he was not on board.

WILL BE NO TICKET SELLERS.

Half a Dollar in the Slot Will Open World's Fair Turnstiles.

ST. LOUIS—It has been decided by the World's fair to install electrical devices instead of having ticket sellers and ordinary turnstiles during the exposition period.

The Lindell entrance will be the main gate to the exposition. There thirty-two turnstiles are being installed, and through this entrance alone it is estimated that at least 600 persons can pass every sixty seconds.

To gain admission to the grounds a person must approach the turnstile and place a half dollar in a slot. This money, as it descends, is still visible and releases a lever which unlocks the turnstile. The person can then pass through the gate and the minute that he is inside the turnstile is locked.

Individual gates are being installed for children. At these turnstiles a quarter will operate the mechanism.

Death of a Guilty Couple.

CHICAGO—James H. Johnson, a railroad switchman, and Mrs. Mary McGrath, said to have come to Chicago recently from St. Louis, were found dead in bed Sunday in a cheap hotel in Archer avenue. The couple registered at the hotel Saturday as man and wife and were assigned to a room. Escaping gas in their room started an investigation, and when the door was forced open both bodies were found lying side by side on the bed. Gas was escaping from a jet in the room.

Looking to Postal Investigation.

WASHINGTON—A proposal to pass a resolution for a postoffice investigation has been discussed by some of the republican members of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, though a determination for such an inquiry has not been fully decided upon by the republican leaders. The resolution which has been suggested will provide that a subcommittee of the committee on postoffices and postroads may receive, during the recess of congress, any special charges.

STATEHOOD BILL

AFTER LONG DISCUSSION IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

TWO TERRITORIES ONE STATE

Oklahoma and Indian Territory Will Take on the Name of the Former—New Mexico and Arizona Will Assume the Name of the Latter.

WASHINGTON—After a debate extending through the entire session the house on Tuesday passed the bill providing for joint statehood of Oklahoma and Indian Territory under the name of Oklahoma and of Arizona and New Mexico under the name of Arizona.

In discussing the rule which had been reported by the committee on rules providing for immediate consideration of the bill, Mr. Williams, the minority leader, declared that no republican had any idea that the bill would become a law at this session.

Delegate Wilson of Arizona opposed the bill. It was favored by Delegates Rodey of New Mexico and McGuire of Oklahoma.

The bill was passed 147 to 104, a strict party vote.

The question of additional accommodation in the way of office and committee rooms, occupied the attention of the senate the greater part of Tuesday. The question arose in connection with the provisions in the civil appropriation bill, one for an extension of the east front of the capitol building, in accordance with sketches left by Architect Walters, and the other for an outside senate office and committee building. Much variety of opinion was expressed and the question was still under discussion when the senate adjourned.

Several minor bills were passed during the day.

Mr. Teller opposed the east front provision, but advocated the new building, saying that as the country grows, demands on the capitol will grow. He expressed the opinion that the time would come when it would be necessary to provide for senators from Alaska and Porto Rico, and gave voice to the hope that it might be necessary to make room for senators from what is now the Dominion of Canada.

The senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations: James R. Parsons, jr., New York, consul general at Mexico; Albert D. Chamberlin, register of land office at Douglas, Wyo.; William R. Compton, marshal for the western district of New York; William H. Hunt, district judge for the district of Montana; A. N. Kepokai, judge of the district of the Second district of the territory of Hawaii; Noah B. ...

Postmasters: Iowa—Evan B. Dowel, Indiannola; S. M. Brinton, Brighton.

BUSINESS PART TORONTO BURNS

Over Ten Million Dollars Worth of Property is Destroyed.

TORONTO—Fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale district Tuesday, causing a loss which will reach up into the millions.

It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind carried the fire down side streets until three entire blocks were doomed.

Chief Thompson of the fire department and George W. Dowles of Montreal were cut off by the flames while directing the work of the firemen from a roof. Thompson jumped six stories to the ground and miraculously escaped with a broken leg. A mass of tangled wires broke his fall near the ground. Dowles has not been seen since, and it is believed he perished. The loss is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The fire made a clean sweep up Wellington street to the Queen's hotel. The thick fire walls of the hotel and the concentrated efforts of the fire fighters stopped the flames there, but in the meantime the fire had swept across the street and the block of buildings from Bay street west to the National club was wiped out.

Makaroff's Body Recovered.

PARIS—According to a St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien, a dispatch from Port Arthur says that many mutilated corpses have been cast ashore and it is said that fragments of uniform enabled the authorities to identify one of the bodies as that of Vice Admiral Makaroff.

Iowa Man at Head of University.

DANVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Frederick W. Hitt of Fairfield, Ia., who was recently elected president of the Central university of Kentucky, to succeed the late Dr. W. C. Roberts, has announced his acceptance and will take charge of the university soon.

Believes in Aggressiveness.

PARIS—The Figaro on Tuesday published an interview with Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who is now in St. Petersburg. The admiral is quoted as saying: "I believe in offensive tactics. It is necessary to push ahead and take the initiative instead of letting the enemy keep us in a state of unrest. It is essential to keep him in a state of unrest. It is necessary to invite a combat and take chances. Any combatant who awaits his enemy is practically at his enemy's mercy."

Mitchell Attacks Peabody.

DENVER, Colo.—The second day's session of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor was devoted almost entirely to consideration of disputes between affiliated organizations over questions of jurisdiction. In addressing a meeting of the United Mine Workers President Mitchell concluded by saying: "I want to repeat with emphasis what I have said about Governor Peabody. He is no friend of yours, no friend of government and no friend of law and order. I am against him."

Taft Favors Camp Sites.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Taft has addressed a letter to Senator Proctor of the senate military committee, strongly urging the purchase of the four great camp sites, at a cost of several million dollars, which are to be used for joint maneuvers and drills by the regular army and the militia. The secretary explains in his letter that he withdraws his disapproval of the original project, wherein the sites were named in the interest of the speedy acquisition of the lands.

SOON TO BE OURS.

France Nearly Ready to Turn Over Panama Canal.

PARIS—All the papers necessary for the transfer of the Panama canal to the United States are now completed. They include inventory inventories and schedules of the property belonging to the company, both in Panama, here and elsewhere. These have been carefully gone over and checked up by W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell (the assistant attorney general) who came from Washington to assist in the transfer of the property, and the officers of the company. The most important paper is the contract for the sale. This sets forth all the preliminary negotiations between the United States and the company, leading up to the transfer and the final ratification of the transfer by the stockholders of the company. The consideration is stated to be \$10,000,000. The signing of the contract will occur immediately after the meeting of the stockholders next Saturday. However, as the meeting probably will last until late, the signing may go over until Monday. President Ho will sign for the company.

AS TO WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Cabinet Considers Advisability of Government Control.

WASHINGTON.—The most important matter considered at the cabinet meeting Tuesday was that looking to the control by the government of wireless telegraphy. The subject was broached by Secretary Hay in connection with the communication received recently by this government from Russia.

Thus far wireless telegraphy has not figured in international affairs, and no conventions covering its use have been considered. It is believed that sooner or later the subject will be taken up by diplomats, with a view to reaching an international agreement upon it.

The discussion was tentative, in a measure, and definite decision was reached. It is likely, however, that in the near future some action will be taken that will provide for a proper government supervision of the wireless system of telegraphy.

HIS SECRET DIED WITH HIM.

Former Subject of England Passes Away at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS.—Without kith or kin at his bedside, Thornton Fleetwood, aged 72, claiming to have formerly been a professor at Eton, England, died Tuesday in the charity ward of the city hospital. From the brief history he was able to give the authorities before his death, it is believed that Fleetwood was utterly alone in the world, having no relatives in America or in England, from whence he came to this country three years ago.

His apparent education and refinement attracted the attention of the attendants and he was prevailed upon to let something of himself, but he refused to say much concerning his life. He contracted a severe cold, which resulted in death. Unless the body is claimed, it is stated that interment will be made in the potter's field.

Cotton Crop of India.

WASHINGTON.—The government of India has issued its final general memorandum on the cotton crop of British India, for 1903 and 1904, showing that the area under cotton of 17,670,599 acres, is over 1,000,000 acres larger than the corrected area of last year, which was then the highest returned. The official figures of the estimated yield is 2,374,893 bales. The estimate total yield for this season (excluding the returns from Assam and Mysore, which did not report last year) is approximately the same as for the last season.

For Settlement of Strike.

DENVER, Colo.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America who is attending the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, denied on Tuesday the report that any negotiations are in progress in reference to a settlement of the southern Colorado coal miners' strike. The strikers have been at all times willing to confer with the operators, but the coal companies thus far still refuse to meet any representatives of the unions.

Object to the Jap Attack.

ST. PETERSBURG.—It is said that the Japanese torpedo flotilla attack on Port Arthur April 13 was intended to cover a landing of nine transports at Tokuchan, with a view of cutting off the retreat of the Port Arthur troops in Sinyan and Kalping, destroying the railway and preventing troops stationed in Southern Liao Tung from effecting a junction with the main Russian forces concentrated at Liao Yang and Mukden.

Bryan Gives Out Statement.

LINCOLN.—W. J. Bryan Tuesday night gave to the press the following statement concerning the action of the New York democratic state convention: "I do not think the instructions will give Judge Parker any additional strength, but the platform adopted by the convention ought to prevent his nomination, unless the democrats, when they assemble at St. Louis decided to attempt a confidence game on the public."

New York Bank Goes Down.

NEW YORK.—The federal bank, a state institution in this city, was closed and officials of the state banking department are in charge. David Rothschild was president of the institution until a few weeks ago, when reports having come into circulation that the bank was connected with the Globe Securities company, which loaned money on salaries, he resigned, and was succeeded by William Woods, who, with Deottille, had secured control of the bank. The bank's capital is \$250,000.

Skydloff is at the Helm.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The emperor's choice of a successor to the late Vice Admiral Makaroff has fallen upon Vice Admiral Skrydloff, whom he appointed this evening, telegraphing to him to go direct from Sebastopol, where he is in command of the Black Sea fleet, to Port Arthur, and assume command there. Next to Vice Admiral Makaroff, Vice Admiral Skrydloff is the most popular man of this generation in the Russian navy. He is considered a very able sailor.

RUMORS ARE RIFE

MUCH SAID REGARDING PLANS OF JAPANESE.

MANY WARSHIPS ON THE MOVE

Mikado is Said to Have Twenty Transports Steaming in Toward New Chwang—Japanese Land Forces Ready for Movement.

ST. PETERSBURG.—St. Petersburg is flooded with rumors from all directions regarding the plans of the Japanese, now that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is unable longer to menace their troop transports.

The Associated Press, in a dispatch from Port Arthur Sunday last, gave twenty as the number of Japanese transports reported as having been sighted steaming in the direction of Yin Kow, the seaport of New Chwang.

Officers of the general staff, while having no information in this respect, would not be surprised if the number should be correct, or that even a larger number is steaming there. They anticipated this movement at the time of the breaking out of the war, but the activity of Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet and the large army in the vicinity of New Chwang imposed caution, and, it is believed, made the Japanese abandon, or at least postpone it, and caused them to continue their advance towards Manchuria through Korea, and consider disembarkation and a flank movement at Takushan.

Vice Admiral Togo's immense superiority enables him to hold the Russian squadron in Port Arthur, and Japanese transports, therefore, can safely pass through the straits of Pe Chi Li and attempt to land at the head of the gulf of Liao Tung, under the guns of the warships. If this should succeed the Japanese will be in an excellent position to execute a flank movement on Liao Yang or cut off Port Arthur.

COURT RULES WITH BRYAN.

Probate Judge Says He Can Remain Executor.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A decision denying in effect the application for the removal of William J. Bryan as executor of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett was rendered Saturday by Judge Cleveland of the probate court. The application was brought by counsel for Mrs. Grace Imogene Bennett, the widow, and other residuary legatees on the ground that Mr. Bryan was acting contrary to the interests of the estate. The decision sustains a demurrer filed by Mr. Bryan's counsel and practically denies the application as far as the probate court is concerned. The matter will now go to the higher court on appeal.

The claim of the residuary legatees that Mr. Bryan was acting contrary to the best interests of the estate was based on the fact that he appealed as an individual and as a trustee from the decree of the probate court refusing to incorporate as a part of the will the sealed letter by which Mr. Bennett expressed a wish that Mr. Bryan should have \$50,000. It was claimed by the residuary legatees that this appeal is inconsistent with his duties as executor of the will and that he is unnecessarily delaying the settlement of the estate.

ROSEBUD BILL IS PASSED.

Some Modifications Made in Senate to Meet the Views of President.

WASHINGTON.—After several months of hard work and preserving energy the South Dakota delegation had the satisfaction on Monday of witnessing the passage in the senate of the Burke bill, which proposes to open to settlement 416,000 acres of Indian lands in Gregory county, South Dakota. Yielding to a suggestion understood to have come from the White House, the South Dakota senators incorporated an important amendment in the bill. It is to the effect that for the first three months of the opening \$4 an acre shall be charged for the lands. After the third month it is to be sold for \$3 an acre, and thereafter at the rate of \$2.50 an acre.

The Rosebud bill passed the house several months ago. As soon as the bill is approved by the president, Representative Burke will take up with the secretary of the interior the question of regulations governing the sale of the Rosebud lands.

AFTER BEEF TRUSTS.

Complaints of Western Ranchmen Effective.

CHICAGO.—Prompted by complaints of ranchmen of the northwest, through Representative Martin of South Dakota, that it was their belief that a beef trust existed among the western packers to the restraint of trade and to the detriment of producers and consumers, the government has begun its investigation.

James A. Garfield, chief of the bureau of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, and assistant to Secretary Cortelyou, is in Chicago. He has come with Inspector Carroll of the department agriculture, purposely to make inquiry at the stock yards. Other men have been sent to Kansas City, Omaha and all the large cattle markets, while two representatives of the government have been sent to attend range meetings through out the northwest among the cattle raisers. All of these men making investigations in various cattle centers are working under Mr. Garfield's orders. When they make their final report Mr. Garfield will compile his report to Secretary Cortelyou.

Disease Among Jap Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG.—According to the reports of spies, the Japanese troops in Korea have been ravaged by various diseases. One of these diseases, called "imblion," is a kind of intermittent typhus. Another, called "souda," which has not yet been studied by European doctors, produces premature senility. The patients lose their teeth, become extremely weak, and the nails are twisted back on the fingers. Dysentery is said to be very prevalent among the Russians at Harbin.

For Benefit of Missouri Victims.

WASHINGTON.—Count Cassin, the Russian ambassador, has taken a box for the society play to be given for the benefit of the families of the victims of the Missouri disaster. Although the Russian nation is in mourning for the Port Arthur disaster, the ambassador has consented for his daughter, Countess Cassin, to take part in the play. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador will be in the cast, and practically every embassy and legation in Washington will be represented at the play.