READY FOR ACTION.

BLOCKADE OF THE SIAMESE COAST DECLARED.

France Intends to Enforce Her Demand Upon Siam-English Newspapers Com. ment on the Situation-Germany Will Be Happy at Any Outcome.

BANGKOR, July 25 .- Pavie, French minister resident, has lowered the flag over his office and has notified the Siamese government that he will leave the city, to go aboard the French warship Inconstante, on Wednesday. He has requested the government to provide pilots to conduct the Lutin and Comete down the river. French subjects in Bangkok will be placed under the protection of the Dutch consul.

WILL WAGE ACTIVE WAR. France Making Preparations for Her Con

quest of Slam. Paris, July 25 .- The Liberte news paper says that France will seize and hold Battambang and Angkor as guarantees that her demands will be satisfied.

The Temps says that the beginning of the blockade will be deferred until Thursday or Friday, to enable France to take the steps prescribed by interna-tional law. Besides the blockade, military operations will be opened shortly. The details of these operations are still undetermined. They will be settled at a cabinet council in a day or two. Steps



will be taken in Indo-China towards serious action immediately after the arrival of the battalion of the foreign legation. The second portion of this battalion started from Marseilles Sunday. The native militia will be reorganized, and together with the imported companies of the foreign legion, will cooperate with the force already in active service in the Rhong district.

The Des Debates says that Siam, as a rich producing country, probably, does not fear greatly the blockade. As for the operations on land, The Des Debates thinks the Siamese will be supplied by England with all the arms they need. The majority of the Paris newspapers devote as much space to the denunciations of England as to the matter of the Siamese trouble. England is reproached by all the French newspapers.

The extreme conservative radical newspapers abstain from discussing the situation. They are holding back so as | sued by the howling mob, which would to denounce the government in case the Siamese venture proves a fizzle,

A dispatch from Rome says that Italy has asked England to protect Italian subjects in Siam.

The Siamese secretary of the legation says upon seeing Pavie embark, the Siamese government may decide to accept the terms of the ultimatum. This supposition, however, was merely personal and did not rest on any definite information.

The Liberte says that the French gunboats will probably go down the river, shell and destroy the Paknam forts, and then return to their position before Bangkok to bombard the palace.

English Editorial Comments. LONDON, July 25 .- The Times says editorially: "England's main object in the matter is against making British and French possessions in Asia conterminous. If she so desired she might warn France of the danger she is running by reminding her of the Tonquin fiasco.

The Daily News comments at length on the opinion prevalent in the German press, that a squabble between France and England over Siam would be advantageous to Germany, and expresses the belief that such a squabble would afford a rest to the historic fire-eaters on both sides of the Vosges.

The Standard's leader on France and Siam contains this passage: "The terms that France is trying to impose on Siam would be undefendable in any court of international morality. The remarkable experience, which we gained from the occupation of Tunis, of the methods of French diplomacy, forbids us to accept too confidingly the published program of the Quai d' Orsay. It is the Earl of Roseberry's duty to tell France plainly, that she is pledged to respect the independence of this buffer state. We can not remain inactive in the face of France's preparations for contrary action.

Opened Fire on Managua.

Managua, Nicaragua, July 26. — Without warning the rebel ships opened a bombardment of this city. Two womany persons wounded. During the four hours the bombardment continued 30 shells were thrown in the city. One of them struck near the United States legation. Minister Baker has made a tormal protest to the revolutionary Junta.

Germany Would Be Pleased.

BERLIN, July 25 .- The Tagblatt says that Germany would be pleased should France's over-reaching spirit cause sericus complications in Asia. Nor would the German government be disturbed. adds The Tagblatt, if the present trouble resulted in a rivalry in eastern Asia between France and Great Britian,

WRECKED BY A COW.

Three Men Killed In a Smashup Near Morganfield, Ky. EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 26 .- Freight train No. 92, southbound on the Ohic

Valley road, was wrecked near Morganfield, Ky., about 30 miles south of this city. The killed are: FRANK THRELKELD, fireman, Hat

FRED VAN DORAN, engineer, Henderson, Ky.
WILLIAM DAVIS, head brakeman,

Hopkinsville, Ky.

Davis was thrown from the cars to the ground and caught in the debris. When the cars caught fire he was still pinned under a freight car and was burned into an almost unrecognizable mass. Threlkeld was caught in the engine and crushed to death in an instant. Engineer Van Doran's body was burned

to a crisp. The wreck was caused by the engine striking a cow. Thirty Were Injured. CUYAHOGA FALLS, O., July 27 .- The second section of the Baltimore and Ohio express, west bound, was wrecked one mile east of Monroe Falls. Spreading of the rails caused the wreck at a point where there is a short curve in the track. Five of the coaches, loaded with passengers, most of whom were on their way to Chicago, were thrown down a 10-foot embankment. Nobody was killed outright, but 80 were in-

STRIKERS RESORT TO FORCE.

jured, five of them, it is thought, seri-

Guns, Pistols and Clubs Freely Used at Weir City-Several Persons Wounded

WIER CITY, Kan., July 22 .- The expected crisis has come in the Kansas miners' strike. Miners who were willing to work have been attacked by the strikers, and blood has been shed. The feeling which has been growing more and more bitter for several days, culminated in a flerce battle at Clements pit, one mile south of this city. All the orenoon there were matterings of the approaching storm, and the feeling was universal that serious trouble was at

Just before noon a band of 500 men, headed by 100 women, which had been marching to the various strip pits, reached Clements' pit, and a committee tried to persuade the miners there to quit work. This they refused to do, and when the committee reported, the entire body of marchers moved on to the works to force the men out. The strip men were ready for them, and when they had passed the trespass line, they were fired upon, and a general battle ensued, in which Winchesters, pistols and clubs

Over 100 shots were fired and it is nothing short of a miracle that nobody was killed. One man was injured in the forehead, another in the leg, a boy was shot in the foot, and one of the women got a ball through her arm. None of the injuries are fatal, and it is believed that none of them are dangerous A number on both sides were badly beaten up with clubs and clubbed guns. As a result of the battle, the men in the strip pit were routed by the strikers and were forced to flee for their lives, purhave lynched

Low Rates In Sight. CHICAGO, July 26. - Western passenger officials reached no conclusion on the making of World's fair rates from their territory. The problem of making the greatest possible earnings for their lines was uppermost in the conference. The problem was forced on the passenger officials by their superior officers, and each has settled ideas on the subject, which renders an amicable agreement impossible. A forced compromise will probably be adopted. It is believed the final agreement will be no higher than a fare and a third for the round trip between Chicago and the Missouri river, and no lower than one fare for the round trip. Beyond the Missouri the maximum rate will be one fare for the round trip.

Colonel Ainsworth Indicte L.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The grand jury found a true bill against Col. Frederick C. Ainsworth, chief of the record and pension division of the war department, George W. Dant, the contractor employed to make the excavation for the electric light plant, William E. Covert, superintendent, and Francis Sasse engineer of the building, holding them responsible for the Ford's old theater disaster of June 5 last, in which 23 persons lost their lives and a large number of others were injured.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Chicago Live Stock.

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, July 25. (CATTLE—Receipts, 7.00) head; common to extra steers, \$3.25(5).20; stockers and feeders, \$2.25(3).50; cows and helfers, \$1.25(3).65. HOGS-Recipts, 10,000 head; heavy, \$5.003 6.05; mixed and medium, \$5.65@.615; light, \$5.85@.615 \$5.8526.10. SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000 head; poor to choice \$2.00@5.00; lambs, \$3.25@5.00.

Chicago Grain and Provision

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1%c lower: corn, 11%c to 13%c, and oats to to 13%c lower than last night.
CLOSING PRICES.
WHEAT—July, 63%; August, 63%; September, 63%c; Docember, 74%c.
CORN—July, 30%c; August, 33%c; September, 40%c; May, 40c.
OATS—July, 37%c. September, 24%c. May.
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PORK-July, \$19.75; August, \$19.90; Septem. per, \$20,50. LARD-July, \$9,7736; September, \$19,0736; October, \$9.10. RIBS—July, \$8.15; September, \$5.25. Ocber, \$8,25.

South Omaha Live Stool

Union Stock Yards. | South Omaha, July 25. | CATTLE—Receipts, 1,600 head; 1800 to 1500 lbs., \$4.3064.75; 1100 to 7300 lbs., \$3.3064.30; 800 to 1100 lbs., \$3.2664.00; choice cows, \$2.3563.00; common cows, \$1.0062.00; good feeders, \$2.7568.315; common feeders, \$2.0062.50. Market steady.

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HOGS—Receipts, 7,000 head: light, \$5.556 5.75; mixed, \$5.5565.00; heavy, \$6.5065.00 heavy, \$6.5065.00 SHEEP-Muttons, \$2,50@4.25; lambs, \$3,50@

NEBRASKA NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.

Items Which Tell the Story of Seven Days' Crimes and Casualties and Other Im portant Matters Arranged Attractively and Given In a Few Words.

All for Love

committed suicide in the Manderson clock by shooting herself with a revolver

Smelters Will Not Be Closed. OMAHA, July 23 .- President Grant the Omaha and Denver smelters, announces that the plants will not be

Safe Blowers at Hastings, HASTINGS, Neb., July 21.-An unsu mesful attempt was made to crack the

Kumpf, commission merchants. Abandoned a Baby. DAROTA CITY, July 20.—A healthy baby was found in the barn of E. M. Phillips. Sioux City parties are sus-pected of leaving the child here.

safe belonging to Jacobson, Pearne &

Beatrice Bank Statements.

LEXINGTON, Neb., July 21.—Sheriff Hamilton arrested Barney Shannon, a mitted two years ago. Swallowed Gasoline,

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 21 .- The little 2-year-old son of C. D. Cummins swallowed some gasoline which he secured from a large can on the porch. Medical aid was summoned, but it was of no avail. The child died.

Maximum Rate Bill. Lincoln, July 26.—The railroads played their last trump card in the game they have been playing with the people over the maximum rate bill by serving an injunction upon the members of the state board of transportation.

Robbers Break a Bank. PLAINVIEW, Neb., July 25 .- The Plainview State bank at this place was robbed of about \$3,000 in cash. In consequen the bank has closed its doors for the present. J. F. Hecht is president, J. E. Hecht vice president and L. Stone cush-

Burglars Blow a Safe. LOUISVILLE, Neb., July 21.—Burglars entered the Bank of Commerce some time during the night and drilled three holes in the outside door of the vault, getting into the safe, when they were evidently scared away. They failed to get any money.

Fed the Hungry. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 25 .- One here on a Union Pacific freight and were the depot and placed on trucks.

She Will Try to Beat Berry. CHADRON, Neb., July 21 .- Miss Emm Hutchison, who was to have participated in the Chadron-Chicago cowboy race, arrived here with two fine horses and two dogs. She expects to ride to Chicago against the time made by the winner of the cowboy race.

Long Distance Walker Killed. OMAHA, July 20 .- W. J. Oakley New York, who was walking from San Francisco to New York on a wager, wa killed by a Union Pacific train a few miles west of here. Oakley was endeavoring to make the trip without

Capital Stock Increased. OMAHA, July 23 .- At a special meet ing of the stockholders of the Omaha and Republican Valley Railroad company, in the office of John M. Thurston. the capital stock of the company was increased to \$15,000,000, made neces to cover the deficiency of branch roads to the Union Pacific.

No Faith Cure Preacher Wanted PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 22.-The Nebraska Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church granted the request of a large majority of the members of the Second United Presbyterian church to remove the Rev. Brooks as their pastor. He had been preaching for them for seven years, but within the last year had been advocating divine healing, and two weeks ago delivered two sermons from the pulpit on that subject.

Tried to Cremate His Wife LINCOLN, Neb., July 25 .- At Friend, 80 miles west of here, Michael Kesler, aged 70 years, set fire to his son's house, and it was burned. His wife, old and feeble, narrowly escaped cremation. Kesler was arrested and made a confession, saying he wanted the old lady, from whom he was separated, out of the way, so that he could mortgage some effort of will now, which will enable you land, she having refused to give her con- from this moment, to take a higher sent to the transaction. Nebraska Swine Exhibit.

LINCOLN, July 21 .- The executive committee of the State Swine Breeders' association held a meeting in this city for the purpose of selecting the hogs to be sent to the World's fair as the Nebraska swine exhibit. The committee pointed some time ago to select the ani mals has visited several sections of the state and have selected 100 hogs of the best representative types for the exhibit. The exhibit will be shipped to Chicago Sept. 25, and the breeders feel confident that their hogs will compare favorably with any at the fair.

Kansas Militia Ordered Out.

TOPEKA, July 28 .- Eleven companies of militia have been ordered in readiness o start for the scene of the miners roubles. The situation is critical.

GOSPEL COVENANTERS.

The Union Sermon by the Rev.

She preferred that the word "charity" there properly rendered "love" because Geo. Tomkins. it, she said, meant "living." I said, Many are indifferent and unbelieving because they misunderstand what the verses imply. Let me illustrate. A young man is walking down Broadway, New York. Suddenly he stops and says: "Am I near Central Park, Sir?" "I answer, "You are going from it." He says: "I was walking feat and expected to get there." I re-OMAHA, July 25 .- Hattle Aldrich Park, Sir?" "I answer, "You are go- Eternal life through Jesus Christ. fast and expected to get there." I re- is to believe, simply "receive," "acplied: "So continue walking as you cept," "cherish." foster."-Jesus in were-whether fast or not, but the your heart and life-by the Holy Spirfaster the sooner-you will walk into it-as he is graciously revealing Him trust and love of our ever blessed moththe bay and drown, to obviate which to you just now. Look to Christ and deplorable catastrophe you have only life, joy, peace and blessing is yours! just to turn round and walk without Nor mix the shadow of ourselves -our felt like hardened culprits. But here further loss of time to, and enjoy the personalities and circumstances -with were letters covering up our faults, and beauties of Central Park." If that the blessed Christ, as we have too often vowing eternal affection and love. Well, young gentleman accepts my testi. alas! beclouded his glorious character! mony, he turns instanta, and suiting "Jesus only," must ever be our theme. and then took a look at the newspapers his action to his belief, he goes one "He is God's magnet! He will draw sent us in the same package. Here his action to his belief, he goes one hearts to Himielf if we truly present were the Cincinnati papers defending step at a time until with lungs inflated with purer than the Broadway see Jesus as a substitute, Saviour and Beatrice, Neb., July 20.—The statements of the national banks of the city published show them to be in the best of condition. The combined deposits of the three banks aggregate over \$750,000.

Forger Arrested.

With purer than the Broadway atmosphere, he gladly justifies repensations at the following state of the following report of certain legit in Him. He said, "because I live sunshine for over four days, by which received by His soul-saving Holy Spirit Hamilton arrested Barney Shannon, a newsboy on Union Pacific train No. 2. Shannon is wanted at North Platte to Ship the "Aurenia"—on which I took answer to the charge of forgery, com- one of my seven trips across the At- sake of Ilim who died for us and rose lantic. Anxious for light to appear, again. Amen. he was constantly on the alert! At Written for THE CHIEF. What's in a Namet last, there came a rift in the clouds! (BY BILL WILLOUGHBY) He instantly slowed up-for they may CHAPTER VII. be soon dashed on the dangerous As you may well imagine, we were rocks of the Irish coast! Only 200 yards from them is a sailing vesselsignalling distress and asking for had bowed himself politely out of the verdict. Both the prosecuting attorney longitude and latitude—they had lost room. There were letters from our partheir bearings. The good captain an- ents-our mothers in particular. And peared for the defence, did great credit swered: "near the Fastnet lighthouse! here let me give the reader a little light to themselves. The drift of Mr. Jackfollow me.—I will lead you into the father is a descendant of the Breckin- there are circumstances under which a port of Liverpool!" So many pre- ridges, of Kentucky, whose names have gentleman is excusable for carrying out cious souls have lost their bearings -- long since became as household words, the code of honor, and that this was they have lost their way! They may owing to the fact of some of their number clearly one of those cases. That Mr. have set sail on a calm sea-life looked being men not only of state reputation, Stewart was, and always had been, a so promising and fair! They had not but of national reputation as well. My State rights man, and feeling keenly sailed long before some trouble caught paternal grand-mother was a Breckin- the assault made by a young stripling of their unbalasted bark a broad-sider; Clay, and near relative of the famous ciples enunciated by the Northern abowhich made every timber in their Cassius M. Clay. My parents were con- litionists, his provocation was such as to composition tremble from stem to stern servative in their views on the question cause any true Southern man to appeal They had not taken God's Son as their of slavery, and before the war of the to the code. While Mr. Jackson pur-Captain, nor his word as their chart nor his Holy Spirit as their comfort-

er' The clouds of trial gathered thicker—the winds of adversity blew My mother is, and has been for many ment of Mr. Jackson was one of his best hundred and fifty-three miners arrived a hurricane-there is blackness and years, a member of the Congregational efforts ever made in this district. But darkness and tempest! despair takes church, and is beloved by all who know the climax was capped when the Hon. given food and drink. Cheese, bolgna, beadcheese, ham, bread, crackers, cake, pie, coffee and tobacco were brought to pie, coffee and tobacco were brought to is all that is left of "the pride of the no change other than that of a cessation sea."-All to mark out to those that of business anxieties, and a calm and remain the folly of attempting to take serene decline down the path of lifethe voyage of life without the guld- down the path that leads the physical ance of the God of your life, Pray man to the grave; but at the same time, the spiritual man up to the world of notice that my text is composed of light and joy and never ending felicity. Christ's own words-not simply to all Dick's father is a prominent man, havmen generally but to each one in par- ing represented his district in the state ticular. Neither is repentance and legislature a number of times, and is faith an optional matter, for God now universally respected for his sterling qualities. Dick's mother is a grand commandeth all men, everywhere, to good lady and comes of one of the best repent. Acts 17 30. So many stumfamilies in Tennessee. She is a member. ble at this word "repent!" I remem- of the M. E. church, while Mr. Nailor, ber a young man in Toronto, Canada, like my father, is not a communicant of relating one of his experiences. He any church, but is a man of great purity take all such matters into consideration, of character. was a railway man and very fond of Well, to give the reader an insight in listening for the approaching express as it dashed along its straight steel road-he always became faci-

"There is a time, I know not when,

A point, I know not where

That marks the destiny of men

For glory or d aspair."

to the real characters of our parents, I shall reproduce the letters of which mention has been made. Here they are: mated, as he watched the headlight
—when it seemed but a little speek
miles away, until it appeared in its
blinding glare—just as he allowed
himself daily less and less time to sehimself daily less and less time to escape being dashed to pieces! One
day he felt rivited to the spot as he
made several attempts to move. But ents. I know what a staunch friend you with one supreme effort he leaped have ever been to such persons as may have gone to you for help, and how ready you are to go to all pains taking to be-friend others. It would do you good to from the rails to the platform-determined never again to jeoprodize his dear to him by such questionable pleasure! So some here tionable pleasure! So some here till we shall meet again. The papers denbtless are trifling with some questionable pleasure—which the longer you as to the state of feeling here, and you will govern yourself accordingly. Father joins me in love to our dear boy, and both send love to Dick. Write of ten, and may God's choicest blessings be it is continued the greater the fisk as to its fatal result. Make that supreme YOUR MOTHER." ever upon you. and safer stand for God and right!

Dick's mother wrote to him as fol-

"MY DEAR DICK: Through the kindness of Gentlemen G. H. & Co., we are permitted to address you. Now, my dear boy, as your loving mother, I can-Now to the word 'believe." What does it mean? to assent to, to rest in, trust on, to credit as correct, to be persuaded of, to hold in unwavering confidence, to accept, etc. Surely there are none here who doubt or can be added the address of the addre there are none here who doubt or can which you have so recently learned will deliberatelly question the before stat-ed facts and events and beliefs from the better owing to your new experience. the Infinite Loving God to us needy sir ful men!

"God in the person of His Son, Hath all his nobler works outdone."

A lady once objected to my reading the better owing to your new experience. I am proud of your reputation in your community, and do not believe that this which indicated to us that to cross over that all his nobler works outdone."

A lady once objected to my reading the insults that others may offer list much in a name,

1 Cor. 13, from the revised version, to either yourself or your friends. I scarcely blame you, however, for taking up the cause of so good a friend as Bill Willoughby, and hope that you and he may soon manage to be together. His dear mother and I have talked matters

> tracks down our cheeks, but they we: not tears of sorrow, but tears of rejoicing owing to the sentiments of confidence, ers. Now, had their letters been sermone of rebuke, and exhortations to obedience, I doubt not we would have we tenderly placed these letters away, "The Times" saying something in our "Hon. James G. Stewart on Trial.

Charged with fighting a Duel. History of the trial and acquital. The grand jury having found a true bill against the Hon. James G. Stewart for fighting a duel with young Dick Nailor, he was brought to trial for the crime. The evidence was so clear that there was nothing left to do in the case but to listen to the argument of counsel pro and con, and then the instructions of the learned not long in opening the letters, and pe- judge, before sending the jury out for rusing their contents, after Uncle Zack deliberation before making up their and the Hon. W. S. Jackson, who apridge; my maternal grand-father was a a boy, who advocated the damning prinrebellion, freed all of their slaves. My sued this line of thought, there was father is not a member of any church, great applause from time to time, the but is an upright man, and is to-day ladies, who were in the court room joinvery highly honored in his community. ing in these demonstrations. The argu-Times:

Gentlemen of the jury. You are instructed by the court that in case you find the defendant guilty of the offense of fighting a duel on Kentucky ground, and that said duel was fought without that degree of provocation that would necessarily lead a man of high honor and dignity to retaliate, then you will convict. But should you find from the evidence that there was that degree of provocation offered in the matter of newspaper articles, said articles reflecting upon the brave men of the South who fought so valiently for their honors and home institutions then you may and if satisfied that it is one thing to be common fighter and another to be a patriot, then you may acquit.

The editor then went on to say how that the jury came filing in and handed their verdict to the clerk who read the same to an overcrowded house, and how the people made the welkin ring with their shouts of joy, etc.

Then he spoke rather kindly of Dick and I, and intimated that we might return to our homes were it not that there might not be the same leniency shown us as had been accorded the Hon. James G. Stewart; that our chief offense was not that of dueling on Kentucky soil, but of being tinctured too much with Northern abolitionism. Now, as a matter of fact, the editor was breaking away from the trammels of sectional strife, and was deserving of great praise for his moderation. Since then such feelings have, to a certain degree, subsided and the people everywhere are begining to look upon the war of the rebellion as a thing of the past. But we put away our papers, enjoyed a good dinner and then went out for a stroll about town. We did not stroll long however, until I managed to land my young friend at the residence of the good Quakeress. I think I never felt more certain of anything than that it would be a case of love at first sight with both Dick and the young Quakeress. And now at this great distance of time I can congratulate myself over the fact that I had a foresight akin to a prophetic vision in that particular matter, it being a matter of no small interest to me. But, as we were to remain but a few days in the little city, owing to a start-