BLOCKS THE WAY

Great Britain Gives the Canal a Blow.

TEXT OF ANSWER THAT WAS RECEIVED

Complete Rejection of Senate Amendmendment-Tone of Letter Friendly -Intimates Readiness to Co-operate Further Other News,

A Washington dispatch says: The auswer of the British government to the amendment to the Hav-Pauncefote treaty, made by the senate, was received by the British ambassador and committed to Secretary Hay. The contents of the document is dignified, but a complete rejection of the senate amendment, and it leaves upon the United States government the responsibility for any further action that may be deemed expedient.

No opportunity was offered this afternoon for a conference between the president and Mr. Hay respecting the British answer, therefore it cannot yet be stated what action, if any, will be taken by our government. It is stated that there is no hurry even in the event that it shall be decided to invite Great Britain to join us in fresh negotiations as to the isthmian canal, congress not being in session to consider a treaty. The doubt seems to be warranted that there will be further negotiations soon unless some event not now foreseen by the officials causes a radical change in the situation.

A DEATH DEALER

First Tornado of the Year Strikes a Texas

Town. A dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., dated March 9, says: A heavy wind and rain storm prevailed here at an early hour tonight and much damage was wrought. Culverts were washed out and fences and small trees in this vicinity suffered severely. Telegraphic communication with Texas and southwestern points is interrupted. Early reports from Dallas stated that the two of Wills Point, sixty miles east of that city, was partly destroyed by a tornado late this afternoon. Five children were reported killed and several

persons were injured. The dead: Two children of Mr. McCloud. One child of Mr. Williams. One child of Mr. White. Unknown child.

Twenty-five buildings were demolished and the contents destroyed. The school building and the cotton seed oil mills suffered severely. Many horses and cattle and other live stock are reported destroyed. The town of Wills Point was demolished by a tornado in May, 1893.

Reports from Terrell, Texas, say that the heaviest rainfall on record occurred throughout that section today. Several people are reported drowned

A Wills Point dispatch states: A tornado passed through the west side ing, demolishing everything in track. Four persons are dead and about twenty injured. Fourteen dwellings were entirely ruined and a number of others badly wrecked. The public school building is a total wreck. The cotton oil mill is damaged and the largest gin plant is in ruins. Wires are blown down, and poles and fences leveled. A freight car was blown off the track. The dead:

Maggie Cleuse, infant. Leon, three-year-old son of J. H.

Williams. Child of J. White.

Chas. Powers, painter, drowned. Injured: Mrs. J. N. olk, and three children.

Rev. J. H. Cleuse, wife and child. P J. N. Human. D. M. George. Mrs. J. M. Williams and one child.

Ben Walters and wife. J. F. Bass and baby.

Mrs. E. B. Graham, child and Child of E. S. Gray.

Several are expected to die. The property loss is about \$50,000. which is a conservative estimate.

The black cloud had been hanging in the southwest all morning. The atmosphere was heavy and at intervals there had been blustering showers of rain. It was just at noon when there was a roar of rumbling thunder, a puff of wind, and the air was thick with flying timbers. The storm came from the southwest and held to a straight northeast course. Its path was about 300 yards wide. It struck the northwest quarter of the town in the residence section. No house is left whole. Those that are not irreparably ruined are in the minority. Most of them are demolished. Household furniture and utensils are strewn farther than the tye can reach and they mark the storm's path.

LI HUNG CHANG VERY ILL

Life of the Aged Viceroy Hangs By a Thread.

Li Hung Chang is again seriously ill and his physician says his life hangs in the balance.

Prince Ching and Earl Li seem to think that by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Pekin, unless this or that thing is done, they can influence the deliberations of the ministers.

New PolygamyLaw

Upon a manifesto against the Jesuits by the students of the polytechnique school at Lisbon the police entered the school and struck many with swords. The students have addressed resolutions to the house of peers and chamber of deputies denouncing the

Chinese signature of the Manchurian convention is practically assured, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail because Russia last August sent to the empress dowager 7,500 pounds of bar silver.

HE DISAPPROVES ACT

Governor Dietrich Vetoes \$75,000 Appropriation for Peru Normal.

Lincoln, March 12.-Governor Dietrich yesterday evening gave the members of the legislature something to talk about when he transmitted to the house a veto of the bill appropriating \$75,500 for the construction of new buildings at the state normal school at Peru. The message was brought up in the latter part of the afternoon by Private Secretary H. C. Lindsay and was not read as the house was in committee of the whole at the time. For a considerable time the members were in ignorance of the purport of the message as it was not read at all before adjournment. Gradually the news leaked out and caused consternation in many places. It was at first believed that the governor had returned the bill with the suggestion that the appropriation be caued down but there

is no such balm even for the supporters of the bill. The veto is flat and uncompromising. It reads as follows: Executive mansion, Lincoln, Neb., March 11, 1901.—To the Honorable Speaker, and the House of Representatives: I return you herewith, without my approval, house roll No. 111, being an act to appropriate the sum of \$75,500 to build a library building and a combined chapel and gymnastum building for the state normal

The primary reason for my objec-

school located at Peru. Neb.

the state finances neither warrants nor justifies such an expenditure. The current demands of the state have exceeded the available resources thereof for a period of years, until now the amount of interest-bearing warrants outstanding against the general fund (on December 1, 1900), aggregate \$1,--1,447.72. The amount outstanding December 1, 1898, was \$1,571,684.01, which shows that during the two years' term of my honorable predecessor the warrant indebtedness was increased more than \$155,000, due largely to the fact that the amount realized from the tax levy and other sources was not equal to the appropriation

and expenditures. According to the estimate of the honorable chairman of the finance, nearly all of which were badly damways and means committee of the senate, the contemplated appropriations at this session exceeds available resources by more than \$400,000, which means a corresponding increase in outstanding interest-bearing indebted-

This is a most reckless, if not unlawful, policy, and to carry it to excess would impair and must eventually destroy our public credit. There is a penalty attached to reckless financiering if there is no limit, though the determined by the former.

The recent confiagration at the penitentiary entailed a loss upon the state variously estimated ta from \$125,000 to \$150,000 Conditions at this institution are such that a large expenditure of money is made a necessity, and that, too, without delay. It will require at the least \$125,000 to repair that part of the building damaged by fire and equip the new cell house with modern cells and appliances.

In the light of these conditions, withappropriations already far in excess of the amount available, and with re-sources taxed to their full capacity to "Let meet current expenses, it is made nec- furnishing the slightest pretext for essary that the closest economy should, the unhealthy imperialism which is practiced priations shall be made for extraordinary purposes as are imperatively nec-

essary. Nor do I consider the appropriation provided for in this act either wise or necessary. The contemplated improvements are not such as require immediate action. The Peru normal has a library building and it would require no great amount of ingenuity to so arrange such accommodations as are now to be had as to provide for chapel exercises. In addition to this, the city back on the word you have given. of Peru is well provided with churches of various denominations, so that so far as opportunity for religious and moral training of the students is concerned there is no cause for anxiety.

CHAS. H. DIETRICH, Governor. Armstrong of Nemaha county, when the news was broken to him, immediately began hunting the rules for the plan of procedure to be followed in passing bills over the governor's veto and then he sat and thought for an hour without moving a muscle. The oill has been cherished by the members in the souhteastern corner of the state and it went through the legislature as if greased. It was not discussed in the senate. It was commonly reported at the time that the members in favor of the house bill for the location of two additional normals and the friends of this bill had an arrangement whereby support was to be given, to both. An attempt will undoubtedly be made to pass the bill over the veto. of the revised statutes of Utah relating As the measure found so few opponents, this may be accomplished.

GUARDING TOMB OF QUEEN

Strong Military Post Established Mausoleum.

A New York dispatch says: Apprehension appears to prevail in London, according to a cablegram to the New York Journal and Adviser, as to the possibility of an attempt to desecrate the mausoleum at Frogmore in which Queen Victoria is entombed. Not content with the strong guard of police that has until now kept watch over it, by order of the king, the authorities have established a strong military post there, and soldiers are to assist the police in future in keeping guard over the body of the late queen. That the arrangement is to be a permanent one is apparent from the fact that a guard house of considerable dimensions is being built in the immediate

vicinity of the mausoleum. Will Dissoive Parliament. A Madrid, Spain, dispatch says: the next council of the ministry, the date of the dissolution of parliament and the general election will be fixed. In official circles it is denied that two bands of Carlists have made their appearance in Catalonia.

Assumes Mild Attitude As a further illustration of the milder attitude recently assumed by the German imperial government toward Alsace-Lorraine, the Berliner Tageblatt mentions a report that Emperor William is planning to give it a representative in the bundesrath.

BODIES

Explosion in a Chlcago Laundry Kills Many.

EIGHT DEAD BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Forty-two Injured and Several Still Miss ing-Police and Firemen Clash-Search of Debris Suddenly Abandoned - Other News.

A Chicago dispatch says: By the exolosion of a boiler in the Doremus aundry, 458 west Madison street, eight persons were instantly killed, fortytwo injured and several are missing.

The cause of the explosion has not deen determined with accuracy as yet, and it will prodably require an official nvestigation to settle the matter. It sknown that the boiler was old, a second hand affair, and there is no record in the office of the boiler inspector of any inspection having been made within the past year. Pending the verdict of the coroner's jury A. L. Doremus, the proprietor of the laundry, is tion to this bill is that the condition of held in custody by the police. It is the ntention of the authorities to instiute criminal proceedings against him should the facts brought out at the in quest warrant such action.

> Reports of the number of the dead n the ruins run all the way from six to twenty. It is known that thirtyix employes of the laundry had enter ed the place before the explosion tookplace, because the automatic timekeeper in the ruins showed that namber of registered arrivals. Two or three were entering at the time of the explosion, making the total of forty people in and around the building. The ist of injured includes several persons residing in the adjoining buildings aged.

GOMEZ HAS A WORD

Cuban Patriot Exhorts His People to He Free.

A Havana dispatch dated March 10 says: Although the political demonstrations have ended, the radical elements in the Cuban constitutional convention have not given up hope that the United States will recede from the latter is generally in business affairs position taken regarding the Platt mendment. The radical press is dong everything in its power to keep this view before the public. It attributes the action of the United States congress to the influence of the trusts. leclaring that American people "are in facor of giving Cuba absolute independence and of rebuking the action

of the administration." Articles from American papers which seem to sustain the attitude of the convention are given wide public-

Senor Gualberto Gomez says in La-

"Let us be free but let us avoid people and inflicting them to trample upon our rights. Let us still have faith in the justice of our cause and in

the honor of the country which produced Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. At street corners in various public places placards have been posted which read thus:

"To the People of the United States: Do not make any promises that you are not sure to keep and never go (Signed.)

" 'GEORGE WASHINGTON.' " This is recommended to the consideration of all "worthy compatriots of the great American." Thus far the adical members of the convention remain firm in their determination not to accept the Platt amendment. The committee on foreign relations will meet tomorrow, but a final report is not expected for several days.

NEW POLYGAMY LAW.

Utah Enacts Law Making Penalty Less

Rigid. A Salt Lake City, Utah, dispatch tays: Today, three days before the legislature comes to a close, the house, by a vote of 25 to 17, and after an exciting debate, in which more than a dozen members took part, passed the Evans senate bill amending that part to prosecutions for adultery. Having passed the senate last week by a vote of eleven to seven the document now coes to the governor for his signature This bill, which was introduced by Senator Evans of Juab county .has caused more discussion and more feeling than any measure introduced at

Made a Fast Run.

he present session of the legislature.

Engineer Matt Daugherty made a fly ing run from Ravenna to Lincoln with Burlington No. 42 recently. The train left Ravenna at 3:06 a, m., and at 5:40 stopped at the station at Lincoln. This closed the run of a regular train which had made four stops in the 124 miles in just 154 minutes. Deducting the time for stops, and allowing for an occasional slowup it will be seen that the average of speed maintained was very close to a mile per minute. This is several minutes faster than previous records.

The funeral services for the late Representative David Brown were held at Nebraska City from the family residence and although the weather was very inclement there was a large at tendance. The services were conducted by Rev. H. L. House. The floral of ferings were numerous and appropriate. The special from Lincoln with the legislative delegation arrived over the Burlington. The members of the legislature marched to the residence in a body and were overtaken on the way by a very disagreeable rain.

The steel range graters are reaping a goodly harvest in Franklin county.

BULLETS ALL AROUND HIM ON With Burglars.

A sensational attempt to rob the home of William McLaughlin the millionaire coffee merchaut, 97 Rush street. Chicago, was made the other night. Scores of shots were fired and Free McLaughlin. a son of the merchant narrowlp escaped death. With bullets from two revolvers flying about him young McLaughlin stood on the front porch of his father's house, and caught a burglar who had entered the resi dence, as the thief slid down the proct

The escaping burglar, whose two confederates on guard were shooting at McLaughlin, drew his revolver Pressing it to McLaughlin's abdomer as he turned at the bottom, he pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode. McLaughlin struck the bur glar a blow that sent him reeling to the ground eight feet below. As he struck the man McLaughlin grabbed the revolver from the burglar's banc and fired at him as he fell.

Then followed the escape of the two men who had stood guard. They rode away in a buggy, one man firing his evolver. The wounded man, forsaker by his comrades, ran after them, followed by McLaughlin and his brother in-law, General M. D. Hardin, After running about a block the pursurers were forced to halt, for the men in the buggy made a stand and opened up a fusilade while waiting for their wound ed comrade to join them. When be got into the buggy the three lasher their horse and escaped.

The burglars obtained no booty.

GEN. DE WET AGAIN ESCAPES

Gets Back in His Own Country With Few Followers.

The London Times publishes the folowing from Assvogelkop, March 9: General DeWet has escaped northward by a forced march with 400 men. His objective point is believed to be the

vicinity of Kroonstadt. Four other Boer leaders are still in the southwestern part of the Orange

River colony Now that General DeWet is back in his own country it will be almost impossible to operate against him. Just as soon as he is pressed his commando dissolves to meet again a few days later. Only a few bands of Boers are

now left in Cape Colony. No further news has been received concerning the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha. The Daily Express says it hears that Lord Kitchener declared the surren ler must be unconditional, while the question of the future treatment of the Boers was referred to London. It is esserted that Mr. Kruger, through Dr. Leyds, has sent a long telegram to Mr. Schalkburger, acting president of the South African republic, asking for details regarding the negotiations.

MRS. NATION OUT OF JAIL

Gives New Bond and Will Continue to Live in Topeka.

Mrs. Nation has given bond again and has been released from the Topeka jail. Her sureties are C. H. Moore and J. B. Elroy. Moore is her brother. Mrs. Nation said she will make her home in Topeka in the future, but further than this she did not make known her plans.

The jury in the Wichita case of Mrs. Nation has failed to agree and has been discharged. It is said they stood seven to five for conviction. At Kansas City Mrs. T. D. Smith, Mrs. Jane McNutt and her sixteen year-old daughter, Nora, all armed with hatchets, raided Frank Eaton's joint in the Armourdale district of Kansas City, Kas. After entering the saloon the women proceeded to destroy the mirrors, decanters, bottles and other breakable property in sight. They are in jail, having refused to give a \$100 joint bond.

TRUST STOPS COMPETITION

Illegal Act Charged Against Tobacco

Combine. A Boston, March 11, dispatch states: Additional evidence was introduced before the commercial affairs committee at the state house today against the methods alleged to have been employed by the so-called tobacco trust in preventing the sale of the goods of smaller manufacturers. E. U. Harrington stated that he sold some tobacco to W. E. Sanborn of Holyoke and after the goods were delivered they were returned with a note stating that the Continental Tobacco company had dropped him from the list of its customers and that he was forced to give up the goods. C. E. Austin of Lowell also had written Mr. Harrington that he could not handle his goods because of the so-called trust.

Probing Murder Mystery.

J. D., Richardson, manager of the biscult trust, has arrived in Savannah Mo., from Chicago to attend the grand jury work, being a witness before that body in the hearing now in progress in the attempt to learn who was the murderer of his brother, Frank Richardson, a rich merchant, who was shot in the hallway of his home Christmas eve. More than 100 witnesses have been subpoensed in the case, and it is expected the whole of the coming week will be taken up by the inquiry.

An Editor's Sharp Trick. A Missouri editor takes this method of sharpening the reader's appetite: 'Mr. Lee was out calling one night and returned home at a late hour, having no hat. Full particulars next week Watch for them."

Pepulation of Athens, Greece. The present population of Athens in Greece is only 80,000. There is no accurate census of the city when in its ancient glory, but it is supposed at one time to have contained 500,000 inhabi-

Full Blood Sioux Goes Gunning On Reservation.

COOLLY SHOOTS DOWN A HALF BREED

Escapes and Threatens Next to Kill White-No Excuse for the Crime-Indian Police Pursuing and

Capture Sure.

A Gordon, Neb., March 12 special says: News reached here of a fatal shooting affray thirty miles northeas of Gordon, on the reservation, when a half-blood Indian was killed by a fullblood Indian. Bill Dey, the full-blood. borrowed a team and wagon of Lewis Cottier, his victim, and went to Merriman for a load of groceries. Upon returning to Cottier's ranch he took a Winchester rifle, entered the bouse, firing one that in the breast of Cottier killing him almost instantly, and after he fell to the floor put the muzzle of his gun to Cottier's head and sent a bullet through it, the ball penetrating the head and down through the floor. Dey then took the horses from the wagon and he and his squaw rode away. They met some more Indians close by, whom Dey told he had killed a half-blood and was going to kill a white man before he was captured.

The cause of the horrible crime not known. The Indians on the reser vation are greatly wrought up and Dey will probably be shot on sight. The Indian police are close after him and his capture is only a question of a few hours.

JESSIE MORRISON IN JAIL

Unable to Give New Bond Pending He Second Trial.

Jessie Morrison, whose trial last fal for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle resulted in no verdict, was committed to jail March 12 in default of \$5,000 bail to await a second trial.

The case was set for trial at the June term. Since she has been at liberty Miss Morrison has been clerking in a store in a nearby town. When the case was called in circuit court at El dorado, Kan., Miss Morrison entered the court room neatly dressed, but had a care-worn expression. She took her seat near her attorney and glanced over a newspaper. She was alone. Shortly after entreing the room her eyes filled with tears and she wept several times during the morning.

When the case was called County Attorney Rees read a petition indorsing new witnesses, this was objected by the attorneys for the defense, but was granted. The state then filed a motion for a continuance until June. The motion states that it took twentyfour days to try the case before and that owing to the fact that there are only twenty-two days in this term the time would not be sufficient to try the also that the men whose names are now in the jury box would be disqualified. The defense asked that the or der to continue be not granted, as they could not file a new bond at once. whereupon Judge Auckman continued the case and ordered Miss Morrison committed to jail until her bond be approved. The sheriff took charge of the prisoner.

EXPORT DUTIES OFF.

Cuban Tobacce Can Leave The Islan Free.

The president has issued an executive order abolishing the Cuban export duties on tobacco from April 1 next. This action was taken on the carnest recommendation of the Cuban economic commission, which recently visited Washington, and was indorsed by tieneral Wood. A previous order had been issued fixing an export duty of 50 per cent on Cuban tobacco from April 1 Today's action removes the export duty entirely.

General Wood's approval of the abolition of this duty is practically an expression of his belief that the Cuban revenues from other sources are sufficient for the needs of the insular government. The original idea was that the tobacco tax was necessary to fully meet the financial requirements of the government.

HARRISON DYING.

Ex-President Can Live But Few Hours Hope Abandoned.

An Indianapolis, March 13, 2:30 a m., dispatch says: General Harrison's condition is practically unchanged. He remains unconscious and is breathing with difficulty. The number of his respiration has increased to slight extent, but not enough to cause additional alarm to the physicians watching at his bedside. It is apparent to every watcher that the general is fighting for his life. Every breath | Boers of position like General, Botha comes with a struggle. The doctors are marvelling at the wonderful constitution which enables him to resist the increasing inflammation. The trained nurses and Drs. Jameson, Hadley and Dorsey are constantly watching the slightest change either for the worse or the better.

Cavalry Sent Forward.

The squdron of the Fifth cavalry stationed at Ft. Myer, Va., left for San Francisco, en route to the Philippines. They will sail on the transport Meade about March 18. The squadron is made up of troops I, K, L, and M, and is in command of Colonel William A. Rafferty.

The new census report shows the opulation of the Bombay presidency which, according ty the last returns of 1991 was 18,826,820, has declined a million and a half.

DEFEATS NORMAL SCHOOLS

The Senate Kills the Bill By a Vote of 17 to 23 Governor's Veto Stands.

Lincoln, March 13.-The defeat of the bill to establish two new normal schools, the failure to override Governor Dietrich's veto of a \$75,500 building at the Peru normal school and a combination of anti-Thompson men in the house with fusionists for the appointment of a committee on final adjournment, afforded enough excitement in the legislature for the balance

of the week It was exciting in the house. The fun started early in the day and lasted till 6 o'clock. The first round was the veto of the Peru normal appropriation bill. The message of Governor Dietrich was read regarding this and stamping the bill with his disapproval.

The speaker ruled that the question of passing the bill over the veto of the governor came up under the laws of, the state without the formality of a motion by Armstrong to that effect. The roll call, taken without discussion. resulting in 49 members favoring the passage of the bill and 40 being opposed to the passade. A number of calls of the house were had and the house were not allowed to proceed to business till the time when the senate was expected for the joint session. The fight to secure the necessary, three-fifths majority of sixty was given, up after two hours, work. Only six members opposed the bill when it was passed.

The game bill, house roll No. 138, had a close call during the day in the house. When the measure was considered at great length in committee of the whole, there was almost no opposition. Stockwell of Antelope, opposed the measure yesterday and tried' to defer the action of the house on final passage till other game bills could be considered. These are buried, deep on the general file and the action would have been equivalent to killing the measure as the senate postponed its game bill in anticipation of this measure coming from the house. After, some sparring the motion to delyaction was ruled out of order and the vote resulted in 53 members voting aye' and 24 voting no. This was sufficient' to pass it without the emergency clause, which had to be stricken out.

The house members were taken quite by surprise last evening at 6 o'clock by McCarthy's making a motion to appoint Hatborn, Jouvenat, Whitmore, Sprecher and Ream as the house committee to act with a like committee from the senate on fixing a date for final adjournment of the legislature. The motion carried, roll call on an amendment to give the speaker the power to appoint the members of the committee resulting in 31 yeas and 49 nays. Taylor, of Custer, then moved to reconsider the motion and this was

The intent of this action was quite puzzling to the members of the house." Once before Taylor made a motion for the appointment of a committee on final adjournment, but it lost. This time the motion came from a republican, and it is noticeable that the three members on the committee from t republicans are anti-Thompson republicans. All the Thompson members in the house at the time opposed the motion but they were not in sufficient numbers to accomplish what they were after. They tried to adjourn without effect. The motion to reconsider was made by Taylor of Custer county on the theory that the motion once reconsidered, may not be reconsidered again... This matter was brought up once two years ago and Speaker Paul Clark then ruled that a motion could not be twice reconsidered, that is, the motion could not be made twice, having failed the first time. The fusionists are anxious for an early adjournment and have several times suggested April 1. If the house can induce the senate to appoint a committee at once, the recommendation of the joint committee may be for an early adjournment which would hasten the termination of the senatorial fight.

CONCESSIONS TO BOERS

England Will Not be Harsh to Those Who

The London Daily News makes the following important statement:

"We understand the government has greatly modified the unconditional surrender policy. We believe that Lord Kitchener has been authorized to offer amnesty to both the Boers and the Boer leaders, except where treachery is clearly proven. Cape rebels are only to be punished by disfranchise ment.

"Loans are to be granted to the Boers for rebuilding and restocking their farms, and, finally, the government will offer to establish some kind of civil government as soon as all the commandoes have surrendered.

"Its form will probably be that of a erown colony, but with an important concession, which Sir Alfred Miller advises, namely, a council including General Lucas Meyer and Mr. Shalkberger."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Emperor William is progressing so satisfactorily that he is now able to spend some time in his study.

Several members of the river and harbor committee of the house have arrived at Havana from Washington.

The estate of Sir Thomas Cook, the husband of Tennessee Claffin, who died February 17, at London, was sworn to at \$8,000,000.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, held in Philadelphia, a resolution was adopted anthorizing an increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital stock of the company, making the total issue \$261,000,000.