

# BIG BATTLE GOING ON

Brabant Attacked by a Boer Force That Constantly Increases.

## THE FIGHT IS STILL IN PROGRESS

Reports That the Boers Have Been Checked—Quick Firing Guns Play Havoc on Both Sides and Great Havoc Is Worked—The Struggle Not Yet Ended.

ALIWAL NORTH, April 11.—An engagement took place yesterday at Wepener. The Boers' Vickers-Maxims did considerable damage at first, but the British guns soon got the range and did great havoc.

The fighting was severe and lasted all day.

The Boers received a check. The casualties were rather heavy on both sides. Another commando is advancing toward Wepener from De Wets' camp. The Rouxville commando has also gone to Wepener.

ALIWAL NORTH, April 10.—Heavy fighting was continued at Wepener this morning. The result is unknown. Three Boer commandos were attacking the town.

LONDON, April 10.—The Boer attack on General Brabant's force at Wepener was resumed again at dawn today. The enemy's attack on two or three sides on Monday lasted until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the firing ceased, and it was believed the enemy had been beaten off, but it was announced this morning from Aliwal North that the fighting had again begun.

General Brabant's force, numbering from 2,000 to 3,000, hold positions in a rough country. It is not known what the numerical strength of the Boers is, but whatever it may be, it is being rapidly augmented. A body of 2,000 Boers is marching toward Springfontein from Smithfield, between Wepener and Springfontein. The detrainment of heavy guns was heard at Maseru, on Monday. Sir Godfrey Lagden, the British resident commissioner of Basutoland, has left Maseru for the border.

The events in the southeast portion of the Free State have caused the Eighth division, which has been ordered to Fortteen Streams, to be diverted to Springfontein.

Mysterious movements of troops at Bloemfontein are proceeding. The newspaper correspondents are not allowed to telegraph their destinations and the presumption is that Lord Roberts is making dispositions to cut off the raiding Boer forces when they try to withdraw northward from the pursuing British columns.

The reappearance of the Boers in the occupied country has caused a revival of the warlike feeling among the Free Staters of the Furesmith and Philippolis districts. The federal agents are busy getting details of the surrendered Boers, and owing to the British garrisons being withdrawn from these districts, the British residents are uneasy and sent delegates to Springfontein to ask for help. They were told the steps for their defense would be immediately taken.

## SCHOOL BOYS TO OOM PAUL.

Great Demonstration in Philadelphia by the Rising Generation.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 11.—One of the greatest demonstrations of sympathy in the number of participants and enthusiasm ever displayed in this city for any foreign nation took place last night when the Academy of Music was jammed with people for the purpose of taking part in the Philadelphia schoolboys' pro-Boer rally. The primary object of the gathering was to send a greeting to President Kruger signed by 22,000 pupils of this city. So great was the crush, mostly of the younger generation, that many thousands were unable to get near the door, and the mass of struggling people was entertained by music while the meeting inside was in progress.

Those who addressed the meeting were Webster Davis, W. Bourke Cockran, B. Loutter Wessels, late of Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, and Thomas J. Meek, a pupil of the High school of this city. Edwin Markham, the poet, recited his "Ode to Lincoln," and 300 singers of the United Singing societies of Philadelphia sang the Transvaal volkslied and American patriotic songs.

After the speechmaking was over, James F. Smith, a 16-year-old messenger boy, was called to the stage by means of the regular call box and was given the message with instructions to proceed to Pretoria and to hand it personally to President Kruger. The messenger, accompanied by a committee of three High school boys, left for New York tonight and tomorrow they will be tendered a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel by the students of the public schools of Greater New York.

## Creeks Come North.

ELDORA, Ia., April 11.—The Creek Indians are coming north and will locate in Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas. An agreement has been made whereby the Creeks will be allowed to take up 240 acres of land to a family under the Curtis act, and for such an opportunity they are to relinquish to the government control of their schools and abolish their tribal government.

## Found \$50,000.

DANBURY, Conn., April 11.—By a strange accident Mrs. Tamor L. Bailey of Southeast, N. Y., finds herself the prospective possessor of \$50,000 estate. Miss Sarah Clason died at her home in this city two years ago. She was a cousin of Mrs. Bailey. At the auction of Miss Clason's personal effects Mrs. Bailey bought an old desk, which she intended to reserve as an heirloom. While examining the desk Mrs. Bailey discovered a secret drawer and the will, which makes her the only heir.

## REPORTS THE BOERS ACTIVE

Lord Roberts Says Nothing About the Reported British Defeats.

LONDON, April 12.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office from Bloemfontein, under date of Tuesday, April 10, as follows:

"The enemy has been very active during the last few days. One commando is now on the north bank of the Orange river, not far from Allwal North, while another is attacking Wepener. The garrison there is holding out bravely and inflicting serious loss on the Boers. Major Spring of the Cape Mounted Rifles was killed. No other casualties have been reported as yet. The troops are being moved up rapidly. A patrol of six men of the Seventh Dragon Guards, under Lieutenant Wetherly, which had been reported missing since April 7, has returned safely."

As the foregoing dispatch does not mention the alleged British reverse on Saturday at Meerkaatsfontein, the Boer telegrams are not credited at the war office, and they are further discredited on account of the discrepancies in the dispatches, as Meerkaatsfontein in one message is located near Brandfont, and in another it is located southeast of Bloemfontein, the places being 100 miles apart.

General Gatacre's return to England is accepted as being in the nature of a recall, though no reason is given for it and it will be associated in the public mind with his lack of success. Lord Roberts criticized his management of the Stormberg attack, and possibly Gatacre's having arrived an hour and a half too late to rescue the Reddersburg force may have decided his return.

General Rundle, seemingly, succeeds General Gatacre, and according to a dispatch from Bloemfontein, the commanders of several brigades are about to be changed.

The Reuter Telegram company's correspondent at Allwal North, wiring at 9:30 this morning, says: "There is no further news from Wepener. Too cloudy to telegraph. More British troops are arriving."

It is learned that the Boer governments have formally notified Portugal that they consider the shipping of British troops and munitions of war to Rhodesia by way of Belra, Portuguese East Africa, to be tantamount to hostile action. This, however, will not stop General Sir Frederick Carrington's force from entering Rhodesia. Whether or not the Boers will make reprisals upon Portugal remains to be seen, though the best informed opinion here inclines to the belief that the Boers are not likely to back up their protest with action that would bring them into hostilities with still another power.

## CONVENTION HALL GUARANTY

Minneapolis Contractors Put Up a Forfeit Bond.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—A \$50,000 bond was today given by the Gillette-Herzog Manufacturing Co. of Minneapolis to insure the erection of new convention hall in time for occupancy by the democratic convention in July. The company agrees to have the ten immense steel trusses that will support the roof in place by June 15, under a penalty of \$10 a day for each day it might be delayed beyond the time limit. If it should appear to the architect and to the hall directors that all the trustees will not be up by June 15, they will have the privilege of having the work stopped and of calling upon the mort and machinery of the steel company to aid in putting the building in temporary shape for the convention. A formal contract for the work was signed this afternoon by E. J. Llewellyn, vice president of the Minneapolis firm and the hall director.

## DEWEY'S PRIZE MONEY

Admiral Gets \$9,790 and His Men \$100 Each.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Argument was begun in the United States supreme court in the case of Admiral Dewey and his men. The case grows out of their claim for bounty due for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Manila, and comes to the supreme court on an appeal from the decision of the court of claims. The court awarded the men \$100 each and the admiral \$9,790. The claim is double that amount in all cases on the ground that the enemy's force was superior to the American fleet. Messrs. William D. King and Benjamin Micou and Former Secretary Herbert represent the claimants, and Assistant Attorney General Pratt the government.

## Frick Intends to Sell Out.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A special to the Tribune from Pittsburgh says: "H. C. Frick will dispose of all his holdings—something over \$16,000,000—in the Carnegie company just as soon as he can," says a big stockholder of the Carnegie company. "He won what he contended for and will not remain to hamper Mr. Carnegie or his partners." It is said that Mr. Frick and President Schwab are not on pleasant terms and this has done much toward keeping Messrs. Frick and Carnegie apart. Officials of the Carnegie company deny that there is any truth in the report that the company will taken in the Cramps concern.

## Deignan Gets Promotion.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Osborn Deignan, who was one of the crew of the Merrimac when that vessel was sunk in the harbor of Santiago, has been appointed an acting boatswain in the navy and assigned to duty on the gun boat Marietta.

## All Prisoners to St. Helena.

SIMONSTOWN, -Pr. 12.—Owing to the unfavorable conditions for keeping the Boer prisoners here, the authorities have decided to ship them all to St. Helena with the least possible delay. The sickness among the captured burghers is abating.

## Kitchener Hurries North.

ALIWAL NORTH, April 12.—Lord Kitchener arrived here today and left soon after.

A Boer big gun was knocked over yesterday at Wepener. The garrison is holding its own. There has been heavy cannonading there again today.

# THE CALL TO ANDREWS

State University Authorities Believe the Chicago Man Will Come.

## EXPECT AN ANSWER IN FEW DAYS.

Acting Chancellor Bessey Says a Good Word for the New Chancellor in Chapel—Not Only an Educator but an Orator of Prominence.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 16.—The authorities of the University of Nebraska are not inclined to believe the report printed in several newspapers that Dr. Andrews had declined to accept the chancellorship of the Nebraska university. An official notice of the action of the board of regents was mailed to Dr. Andrews and a reply is not expected before the first part of this week. It is generally believed here that Dr. Andrews will visit the institution before announcing his decision.

The fact that Regents Von Forell and Rich conferred with Dr. Andrews in Chicago prior to the election strengthens the belief that he will accept the chancellorship of the institution. Regent Von Forell, after the meeting of the board, announced that he was confident that Dr. Andrews would come to Nebraska.

The report of Dr. Andrews' refusal was still further denied by a private telegram received here from Andrews himself, which branded the alleged interview as a bare fabrication. The university senate, comprising all of the faculty of the institution, has appointed a committee, consisting of Profs. Fling and Davis, to carry the greeting of the faculty to Dr. Andrews.

At a convocation held in the chapel of the university for the purpose of arousing interest in public speaking and debating Acting Chancellor Bessey made the following reference to Dr. Andrews:

"I wish at this time to speak just a moment about our new chancellor. I feel that those of you who are interested in oratory and public speaking should be very enthusiastic over the calling of this man, who is known as not only an author and educator, but as an orator. You will have, if he comes to us, and I trust that he will, a man who will lead you and who will encourage you in this work. Now, there is a rumor that he may not accept. Let us pray that this may not be so, because I am fairly convinced, young men and women, that if we can prevail upon this great man to come to us, he will help you in such work as you are interested in at this mass meeting this morning."

Profs. Fling and Caldwell and Judge Reese also spoke in complimentary terms regarding Dr. Andrews and expressed the hope that he would accept the position tendered him by the board of regents.

## Rev. Julian Dead.

GORDON, Neb., April 16.—Rev. John W. Julian, the oldest citizen in the town and a man whom all loved and revered, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. V. Brewer, in this place. Father Julian was born in North Carolina and at the time of his death was 85 years and 6 months old. He was a member of the Indiana conference for fifty-five years and for forty years was an active minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was chaplain of the Fifty-third regiment Indiana volunteers. Walter Q. Gresham being his colonel and a most intimate friend.

## Aged Couple Injured.

DONIPHAN, Neb., April 16.—While feeding his team, "Uncle" Jake Cole, 89 years old, was kicked and two of his ribs were broken, and while waiting on him, his wife, who is 87 years old, went up stairs to get a quilt and in the hurry fell part way down and broke her hip. It is thought she will not be able to live through it. Mr. Cole is doing well.

## Activity in Co. M.

ALBION, Neb., April 16.—Company M, Second Nebraska, held an election for the purpose of supplying the company with a captain, Captain McGan having resigned. Also to elect a first lieutenant in the place of Lieutenant Fred Mack, who received the captaincy. Wilbur Price was made first lieutenant.

## Killed by a Train.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 16.—The special train carrying the New York central railroad engineers struck a man named John Fester as it was passing through Gibbon, breaking his back and other bones, causing instant death. He had just got across the track when the side of the engine struck him. He was about 75 years of age and was an old settler in this county.

## Three Years for Murder.

HYANNIA, Neb., April 16.—The case of the state against James Robinson, which has been in progress in the district court for nearly a week, was given to the jury, and after nine hours of deliberation a verdict of manslaughter was reached, and Judge Thompson sentenced the prisoner to three years in the penitentiary. Robinson shot and killed his wife last February in the Carpenter hotel at Whitman, this county, and at the same time attempted to take his own life. County Attorney Unkefer was assisted in the prosecution by Attorneys Noteman of Alliance and Kirkpatrick of Broken Bow.

## Farmer Goes Insane.

ROSELAND, Neb., April 16.—Henry Keller, a bachelor German farmer, who owns a farm adjoining Roseland, was taken suddenly insane and was taken to Hastings and turned over to the sheriff.

## Prominent Nebraska Woman Dead.

WAYNE, Neb., April 16.—Mrs. W. H. McNeal, wife of Editor and Postmaster McNeal, died at her home in this city after an illness of but a few hours. She had been a resident of Wayne for sixteen years, was a member of the Presbyterian church and a prominent club woman for a number of years.

## INCREASE THREE MILLIONS.

Growth of Bank Deposits in Nebraska in One Year.

LINCOLN, April 14.—The quarterly report of the condition of Nebraska banks issued by Secretary Hall of the state banking board does not differ materially from the former quarterly report. The legal reserve on hand is 33 per cent. The banks were then in splendid condition and the report shows that they are about at a standstill though as compared with the report of one year ago the deposits have increased \$3,001,837.95. The deposits one year ago were \$19,253,050.74, while the report of Secretary Hall just issued shows deposits amounting to \$22,254,888.64. At present there are 409 banks and last year there were 395. Secretary Hall's report shows the condition of state and private banks, including savings banks, at the close of business March 12. The following is a summary:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$21,880,840.40
Overdrafts	228,366.94
Stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	290,458.38
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers	5,257,684.13
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures	1,191,966.57
Other real estate	770,827.86
Current expenses and taxes paid	21,883.17
Premiums on bonds, etc.	1,670.98
Assets not otherwise enumerated	139,729.57
Cash items	57,272.75
Cash reserve	2,608,832.59
U. S. bonds on hand	18,300.00
Total	\$22,141,863.17

  

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$7,185,650.00
Surplus fund	1,067,288.50
Undivided profits	1,059,758.05
Dividend unpaid	1,294.02
General deposits	22,254,888.64
Other liabilities	1,297.18
Notes and bills rediscounted	23,724.75
Bills payable	400,893.58
Total	\$22,141,863.17

## Sugar Beet Raising.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 14.—Members of the South Omaha Commercial club still maintain an active interest in the securing of contracts for the raising of sugar beets. J. F. Weybright has been shown about a considerable section of the territory immediately surrounding South Omaha and the results have been all that was anticipated. Farmers are taking hold of the matter nicely and without doubt fully 300 acres of beets will be grown this year on the outskirts of the Magic City. It is expected that in a few days the local company for the raising of beets will be organized with a view of promoting the industry and showing the farmers that there is money in beets. Mr. Weybright is making his headquarters at the office of Secretary Watkins and all information regarding the raising of beets can be obtained there.

## Found Dead in His Bed.

CRAWFORD, Neb., April 14.—Frank Shirley, a prominent furniture merchant of this place, was found dead in his bed, Death presumably resulted from heart failure. He slept in a room opening off his store and when the building was not opened as usual this morning the door was forced open and the body found. Mr. Shirley came from Maine about seven years ago and has since been a prominent figure in school and municipal affairs and in church work. He was recently re-elected village councilman. He was a widower and has a son, who is a practicing physician in Massachusetts.

## Strange Bird Shot at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 14.—Dr. A. J. Baker shot a strange bird on the Platte river. He brought the bird to town and it proves to be what is called by ornithologists as the night heron and is said to be seldom seen in this part of the country. The bird is a water fowl of the family of waders and has a very beautiful plumage.

## Burket Renominated.

LINCOLN, April 14.—At the republican convention of the First congressional district held in the Auditorium in this city E. J. Burket was renominated by acclamation for congress and E. A. Tucker of Richardson county and George M. Spurlock of Cass county were chosen district delegates to the national republican convention.

## Eight Inches of Snow.

AINSWORTH, Neb., April 14.—Brown county was favored with a heavy rain all day Thursday, terminating in snow during the night. The heaviest snow of the winter fell and all has melted filling the streams with water and putting the ground in excellent shape for putting in crops.

## Victim of Shooting Recovered.

VALENTINE, Neb., April 14.—William C. Foster, a private in troop K, First cavalry, who some time ago shot his comrade, Private Goldberger, was granted a preliminary hearing, and was bound over to district court on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. At the time of the shooting, it was thought Goldberger would die, but he has fully recovered.

## Pupils Aid to India.

JUNIATA, Neb., April 14.—The pupils of the Juniata public school have just contributed \$15.23 to the India famine relief fund.

## Crop Conditions at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 14.—Small grain in this locality is about all in, and it awaited several days the late rain needed to sprout it. An unusually large acreage of spring wheat was sown, but the acreage of winter wheat is small. What there is in good condition. Many are now plowing for corn.

## Taken to the Asylum.

HASTINGS, April 14.—Sheriff Simmerring took Emmanuel Lapp to the Lincoln asylum. Last year Mr. Lapp, who is a well to do farmer, with a good farm and home near the village of Holstein, changed the location of the various buildings, including the house in which the family lived, and since that time he has imagined that he is turned around and that it will be necessary to put the buildings all back in their former position in order to bring him right. He is perfectly rational on every other subject and said when leaving for the asylum that it was a shame to take him there.

# WABASH IS A WINNER

The Burlington Road Must Accept Shipments at Council Bluffs.

## THE LOCAL RATES MUST BE PAID

This Leaves the Advantage With the Burlington—Tenor of the Order Issued by Judge Thayer—Frank Dinsmore, the Murderer, in the Penitentiary for Safe Keeping—Miscellaneous Notes.

OMAHA, Neb., April 12.—In the United States circuit court the order of Judge Thayer was filed in the case of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad against the Burlington & Missouri railroad. The case was heard at St. Louis upon the application of the plaintiff for mandatory injunction against the defendant road and G. W. Holdrege, general manager, to compel the agents of the road to accept, at Council Bluffs a carload of agricultural implements, consigned from an Ohio point to a station of the Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska. The answer filed by the defendant road set up that the Burlington & Missouri operated no road and maintained no agents. The plaintiff filed a reply stating that it didn't know whether the defendant road maintained agents and operated a road or not, but that G. W. Holdrege, as general manager of some road, had refused to accept the freight unless it was transferred to the defendant's cars and the full local rate paid, and in proof of that incorporated the note of the general manager in the reply.

The case was heard on its merits, the affidavit of C. J. Greene showing the position of the Burlington route in the matter. This affidavit stated that the Burlington road had, at vast expense, secured a through route from Chicago, St. Louis and Quincy to points in Nebraska, and that it is therefore entitled to regulate the matter of its traffic arrangements so that the Burlington route will receive the largest amount of receipts from freight traffic in the territory covered by the road; that there is no traffic arrangement with the plaintiff road and that, therefore, the general manager had a right to insist that the freight be transferred to Burlington cars, and the full local rate paid before he would accept the consignment, because if he transported the car to the Nebraska station the plaintiff road or the road owning the car could charge the Burlington road rent on the car while its own cars were standing idle.

The order issued by Judge Thayer is in effect that G. W. Holdrege, as agent of the Burlington & Missouri, as agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, be compelled to accept the car at Council Bluffs and to transport it to its destination, not, however, before the plaintiff pays or tenders payment of the full local charges.

Brought to the Pen.—OMAHA, Neb., April 12.—Frank Dinsmore, the wife murderer and slayer of Frank Lane, was brought to Lincoln from Kearney to be placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping until his execution, or until the supreme court passes upon the appeal of his attorneys. He was brought here by Sheriff Funk of Buffalo county. It will take some time for the supreme court to act. If a decision can be secured speedily and it is against Dinsmore he will be hanged July 20. The crime was committed in Buffalo county near the town of Odessa, but the defendant took a change of venue and the case was tried at Lexington, Dawson county. Dinsmore has been kept at Kearney as the jail at Lexington was considered insecure.

## Falls From a Scaffold.

STANTON, Neb., April 12.—Cyrus J. Trent, an old resident and highly respected citizen of this place, a contractor and builder, met with a very painful accident on the farm of Paul Belz, two miles west of town, by a scaffold giving away, precipitating him to the ground and fracturing the bones of his right hip. It is not known at this time whether he has sustained internal injuries. Mr. Trent has a number of contracts for the erection of dwellings here and will probably be laid up during the entire season.

## Fatality of a Well Digger.

OAKLAND, Neb., April 11. P. Anderson, a well digger, who was walling up a well, was suddenly taken with an epileptic fit, and fell twenty-five feet headlong into five feet of water, and was drowned, at the farm of P. W. Swanson, here. He leaves a wife and daughter and son, grown.

## Writes Home From Philippines.

RISE CITY, Neb., April 12.—Ward Grubb, a son of E. Grubb of this place, has written home in relation to some of his experiences in the Philippine army, which he entered several months ago, and in which he has evidently seen considerable hard service and received several close calls, judging from his letter. He also tells of his promotion. He is of the opinion that the war is nearing its close.

## Organize Business Men's Club.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 12.—At a meeting of business men, which was well attended, Mayor Platt was chosen as temporary chairman, and James F. Rourke secretary. The meeting was held for the organization of a business men's club, or rather a reorganization, and as the preliminary step Mayor Platt was instructed to appoint a committee to draft plans for an organization. Another meeting will soon be held.

## Brakeman Instantly Killed.

ARLINGTON, Neb., April 12.—Brakeman Frank Henion was killed instantly here while coupling cars. His head was mashed to a jelly and his leg crushed. The cause of death was accidental and no blame attached to the railroad company.

## Sale of Nebraska Cattle.

MINDEN, Neb., April 12.—A sale of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle at Minden attracted quite a large crowd of stockmen from all over the state. All ages sold on an average for about \$110 per head.

# THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Quotations From New York, Chicago, South Omaha and Elsewhere.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK.—Only about twenty-five loads of beef steers were on sale, which considering the size of the demand, was small. The market was strong to a little higher, some sales showing quite a little advance. There were a few cattle here, good enough to bring \$5.15, and the market as a whole was very satisfactory to the sellers. Cows and heifers were in good demand and the moderate offerings were soon disposed of at satisfactory prices. The trade might be summed up as a good steady to strong market. Beef steers, \$3.00 to \$3.15; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$2.50; stock calves, \$3.25 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

HOGS.—The market opened 5c higher this morning than early in the advance. Buyers were all out early and appeared to have liberal orders. The early sales of mixed lots were largely at \$3.75 to \$3.85, and the market here yesterday. As eastern markets were reported considerably better a little later, and as it became apparent that the local demand was very good, the market drifted up and became 6c higher.

SHEEP.—Quotations: Choice yearlings, \$1.50 to \$1.65; fair to good yearlings, \$1.30 to \$1.45; good to choice wethers, \$1.00 to \$1.15; fair to good wethers, \$0.75 to \$0.90; good to choice western lambs, \$1.15 to \$1.25; fair to good western lambs, \$0.90 to \$1.00; feeder lambs, \$0.75 to \$0.85; choice feeder lambs, \$0.60 to \$0.70.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.—KANSAS CITY, April 16.—CATTLE.—Few good cattle displayed, sold at steady prices; trashy stuff lower; heavy market steers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; light weights, \$0.90 to \$1.00; stockers and feeders, \$0.75 to \$0.85; butcher cows and heifers, \$0.80 to \$0.90; calves, \$0.90 to \$1.00; fed westerns, \$1.25 to \$1.30; Texas, \$0.90 to \$1.00.

HOGS.—Market very animated and 5c higher; heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.25; mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; light, \$4.00 to \$4.25; pigs, \$3.50 to \$3.75. SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Market very active; heavy, \$1.00 to \$1.10; mixed, \$0.75 to \$0.85; good to choice wethers, \$0.90 to \$1.00; fair to good wethers, \$0.75 to \$0.85; choice feeder lambs, \$0.60 to \$0.70.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.—CHICAGO, April 16.—CATTLE.—Native, best on sale today two loads steers and heifers at \$5.15, sold to prime steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; poor to medium, \$1.00 to \$1.50; selected feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; mixed stockers, \$1.50 to \$2.00; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.50; best, \$3.00 to \$3.50; mixed, \$2.00 to \$2.50; rough heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; bulk of sales, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, \$0.90 to \$1.00; fair to choice mixed, \$0.75 to \$0.85; western sheep, \$0.60 to \$0.70; yearlings, \$0.80 to \$0.90; native lambs, \$0.60 to \$0.70; western lambs, \$0.50 to \$0.60.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.—CHICAGO, April 16.—The grain markets were weak and only moderately active today, hit by lower cables and the favorable crop outlook. When closed 5/8c corn 50c; oats 45c; wheat 100c; flour 100c. Provisions were irregular. May pork and ribs closing unchanged; May lard, \$2.50 to \$2.60. May wheat opened the market at \$1.00 to \$1.05, and closed at \$1.00 to \$1.05, depressed by the increased Australian shipments.

CORN.—Receipts here were 425 cars. Country offerings were reported light. May wheat opened at \$1.00 to \$1.05, and closed weak 5/8c, depressed at 2 1/2c, and closed 5/8c down at 2 1/2c.

OATS.—Were weak in sympathy with wheat and corn and were generally in a bad state of health. Receipts were 12 cars. The cash demand was poor. May ranged from 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c, and closed 1/8c down at 2 1/2c.

MAD WINDS SWEEP KANSAS.—Storm Approaching Tornado Proportions. Deaths in Several Towns.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16.—A Journal special from Wichita, Kan., says: A storm approaching a tornado in proportions is reported from near Winfield, between here and Newton, and in the vicinity west of Clearwater. Two deaths are reported and four people are said to have been injured by overturned houses. The wires are down and names and particulars are unobtainable at 10 o'clock tonight.

At Putnam it is reported that several houses were blown down and four people seriously injured. Word was brought by passengers on the south-bound Santa Fe passenger train that two persons were killed, but it is impossible to confirm this report at 10 o'clock tonight. The telephone and telegraph lines were rendered useless by the wind and all attempts to reach Putnam, Newton or affected points have proved of no avail. West of Clearwater, in the country northeast of Adams, on the Englewood branch of the Santa Fe railroad, it is reported that a strip of country five miles long was swept by a storm.

GERMANY NEEDS FOODSTUFFS.—Consul Reviews Results of Present Restrictive Legislation.