VOICE OF GLADSTONE

It is Raised in Behalf of the Struggling People of Crete.

CAUSTIC CRITICISM OF THE POWERS

Severe Arraignment of Czar of Russia and Emperor of Germany.

RASH AND INEXPERIENCED SOVEREIGNS

Using Their Power in the Concert to Fight Steadily Against Freedom.

CRETAN AUTONOMY UNITED WITH GREECE

Grand Old Man Urges This Plan and Objects to England Being Pinned to the Aprons of Nicholas and William.

LONDON, March 18 .- There will be published ton orrow by John Murray a sixteenpage pamphlet in the form of a letter from Hon. William E. Gladstone, dated Canea, March 13, to the duke of Westminster. It furnishes remarkable evidence of Mr. Gladstone's mental activity in the political situation. The letter begins by sayseashore and, connected as I have been for nearly half a century with the eastern question, I feel that inclination does not suffice to justify silence."

The letter then proceeds to review the events in the east from the beginning of the Armenian massacres, and unsparingly arraigns the powers. Referring to his attempt in 1880 to establish the concert of Europe, Mr. Gladstone says:

"We soon discovered that for several of the powers concert came to have a significance totally at variance with that which attached to it and included demonstrations which might be made under the condition that they should not pass into reality. At present the powers have no common purpose to bring them together. But what is worse than all this pretended ineffectual co-operation, if the governments shut out the people? It is from that mission that we are now suffering. "It is time to speak with freedom.

this moment two great states are under the government of two young men, one whelly without knowledge and experience, and the other having only such knowledge and ex-perience, in truth, limited enough, as to have excited astonishment and consternation when an inkling of them was given to the world. These, so far as their sentiments are known, are using their power in the concerto fight steadily against freedom.

Why are we to have our governments pinned to their aprons? On the heels of this concert we are pledged for two years, and with all its pretensions of power, it has worsened and has not bettered the situation. Surely, it is time to shake off the incubus. with Greece? Yet it is undetached in theory from Turkey, as Bosnia and Herzegovina Greece, by her bold action, has conferred a great service on Europe and has made it we have faltered with the bloodstained question of Armenia. She has eradicated it from the meshes of diplomacy and has placed it on the order of the day for a definite solu tion. I remember no case in which so small a state has conferred so great a benefit."

MR. BALFOUR'S IRE IS AROUSED

irritated by the Opposition. LONDON, March 18 .- Mr. Balfour, lord of the treasury and government leader in the House of Commons, replying today to Sir Charles Dilke, advanced radical, said that the notification of the blockade of the island of Crete had been sent to Greece. He added that it was incorrect to say that Germany has declined to employ a land force to operate in the interior of the island. He did

dispatched any troops to Crete. John Morley, liberal, asked if it was true as stated by M. Hanotaux, French minister for foreign affairs, in the Chamber of Deputies, that Greece had been again invited comply with the decision of the powers and that in the event of her refusal the threat of coercion would be carried out. An exciting scene followed. Mr. Balfour firing up amil the great cheering from the ministerial bench said, in substance, that the leaders of the opposition were constantly trying to embarrass the government by ques

tions and speeches in and out of the house Thereupon Sir William Vernon Harcourt. the liberal leader, reminded Mr. Balfour that the marquis of Salisbury had referred the house to the speeches on the certain questions made by M. Meline and M. Hanotaux in the French Chamber of Deputies, and and not given the house any information for Sir William Harcourt reiterated Mr. Morley's question, which brought further cheers from the opposition bench. Mr. Balfour, in reply, told Sir William to

get his friends in the House of Lords to ask the premie, for an explanation. Continuing, he said: "If the opposition wishes to move a vote of censure let it name the day We are quite ready for the debate." mendous cheers from the government sup porters.) The incident was then closed. The badgering of Mr. Balfour caused much excitement, the opposition evidently making

the most of the statement of the marqui Salisbury the other day when he referred to the speeches of M. Meline and M. Han Mr. Morley began by saying sarcastically

"As we have been referred by Lord Salisbury to these speeches, whether, in the words of M. Meline, Greece has again been invited to accede to the note of the powers." This probably irritated Mr. Balfour, whose irritation grew as Mr. Morley, Sir Charles Dilke and others pressed him, each side vigorously cheering. The excitement was intense when Sir William Harcourt arose

"Perhaps, before we move the vote censure, we must ask why we should be allowed to debate it."

This reference to yesterday's closing of

a clause to the educational bill was received with long opposition cheers. "I must again ask," continued Sir Wil-liam amid cries of "Order," "as the only Information which has been given the house and country is in the speeches of Hanotaux and Meline, what the words 'then Greece would be blockaded' in M. Meline's

statement means." (Cries of "Order" and Balfour, who was then at a white heat with irritation, answered the question

as given out. understood in the lobbies House of Commons that Sir William Har-court will shortly take up Mr. Balfour's challenge and move an address to the crown

Apparently the blockade of the Island of Oreté does not begin until Sunday next, but

the situation is very puzzling.
Sir William Harcourt tried to obtain light on the subject today, but Mr. Balfour re- Unward of 1,000 were killed or wounded. ed to be drawn into any definite statement | It is not yet reported which force was vicon the subject.

COLONEL VASSOS WILL PROTEST.

Ordered to Oppose Landing of Troops of the Powers.

ATHENS, March 18 .- According to persist nt rumors circulating here Colonel Vassos, the commarder of the Greek army of occupation, has been ordered to oppose the land ing of the foreign troops now on their way to Crete. This, however, may mean only a

to Crete. This, however, may mean only a formal opposition, such as a protest against the action of the powers.

Advices from Aria on the Greek frontier show the privations of the Turks there are so great that some of them are deserting to the Groek camps. The Turks at Prevasae, Epirus, are arming in consequence of a conflict provoked by a Greek soldier belonging to the garrison at Actium. The Turkish troops are now occupying several posts on the Servian frontier. The batteries at Aria the Servian frontier. The batteries at Arta are being constructed under direction of and plans rroposed by German officers. It is reported that the Russians are about to land troops on the coast of Macedonia

and the news that the Servian army reserves are being mobilized is causing great anxiety to the Turkish military authorities at Sa-lonica.

DEFINE THE BLOCKADED ZONE. Powers About to Issue a Note to Neutral States.

ROME, March 18 .- A dispatch from Canea announces that the blockade of the island of Crete by the fleets of the powers will begin Sunday morning and that a notification to this effect will be addressed to the governments at Athens and Constantinople. It is further stated that the powers will also communicate the steps taken to the govern-ments of the neutral states. The limits of the blockade will be between longitude 23.24 and 26.30 east, and latitude 25.48 and 34.25 north. The blockade will be general against deck vessels, but other ships will be allowed to land goods, provided they are not destine Ing. "My ambition is for rest and peace for the Greek troops or for the interior of alone, but every grain of sand is part of the the island. Finally, the admirals have caused a request to be addressed to Greece to recall its war ships from Cretan waters. If does not comply force will be used on Sunday morning to compel them to withdraw.

GIVE NO SIGN OF LEAVING CRETE Colonel Vassos Accumulating Pro

visions in the Mountains. CANEA, March 18 .- The admirals of the foreigh fleets in these waters have telegraphed to their respective ambassadore at Constantinople, notifying them of the blockade of the island of Crete. War ships will be sent to tour the island and give the mayors' of the chief ports copies of the proclamation of autonomy and the anonuncement of the blockade.

It is understood that the admirals will com-pel the Greek war ship Pences to leave Cretan waters tomorrow. Colonel Varsos is gather ing great quantities of provisions together at his new camp at Sphakia, situated in one of the mountainous and inaccessible portions of the island. The Greek commander is showing no sign of any intention of evacuat ing the island, and consequently it is be lieved he has received orders to remain in spite of the opposition of the powers.

GUNBOAT SINKS A GREEK SHIP.

the Vicinity of Crete. CANEA, March 18 .- The Austrian gunboat Zebnico has fired upon and sunk near Candia a Greek vessel loaded with provisions Zebnico, while watching the Greek ships, was fired upon by a party of insurgents. To this the Austrian war ships replied by sinking the Greek craft and driving off the insurgents. It is feared that when this news be comes generally known in Athens it will serve to greatly irritate the populace and may have an influence in pracipitating the crisis which the powers are striving in every way possible to avert.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE READY

Will Soon Pass the Dardanelles route for Crete. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 18 .- The officials of the Russian embassy here have notified the Turkish government of the fact that a Russian transport, having on board troops intended to form the contingent of Russia for the occupation of the island of Crete, will chortly pass through the Dardanelles. The embassies of the other powers have not raised any objections to this, although by treaty the straits are closed to the war ship of England. Large numbers of Greek army reserve men and other volunteers are leav ing for Athens.

not know, however, whether Germany had Blockade to Begin Sunday ATHENS, March 18 .- In the Boule this afternoon, M. Skouz, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, announced that the foreign admirals had proclaimed a blockade of Under its terms, no Greek vessel will be al lowed to enter Cretan ports. The vessels of other nations must obtain permission from the admirals.

> INCREASE OF GERMANY'S NAVY Debate in the Reichstag Shows

Difference of Opinion. BERLIN, March 18 .- The debate in the reichstag on the naval estimates began to day. Dr. Lieber, clerical, chairman of the committee, during a speech explained the course taken by the committee. Prince Hohenlohe, imperial chancellor, declared the necessity Germany would have for a fleet was generally recognized, adding that a display of power was a first condition for the development of trade, and was necessary to make sure that no one should find it an easy task to disturb the country's develop-

"The growth of other fleets," he continued 'is additional ground to demand new ships The fleet does not reach modern require ments, and the quicker we reach our goal the greater weight we shall be able to place in this country for the preserving of peace.

The minister for foreign affairs, Baro Marchall von Bieberstein, urged the ne essity of a strong fleet of cruisers, and in this sense Germany must pursue a world wide policy. 'We took part in the action of other powers in preserving order, in maintaining the peace of Europe, but where shall we find additional cruisers to send there is the situation does not improve shortly?" The secretary of the navy said: "Even in home waters Germany needs a large fleet of torpedo boats, all made of good material,

otherwise she can effect nothing."

Count von Karderoff, conservative, urged that the demand of the navy be granted, and he said France was making for both her navy and army big improvements. Herr Muller, centrist, recalled the opinion of Prince Bismarck that Germany must rely on her land forces. The center party, he added, had voted all that was necessary, and a halt in the building of ships must be made somewhere. As it was, a loan of 80,

000,000 marks was necessary for the navy.

Herr Worner, anti-semite, admitted that
the demands of the navy were justified, but
he urged a slower pace. The anti-semites
were willing to vote for the cruiser when the

Improvement on London Exchange. LONDON, March 18 .- After a dull opening on the Stock exchange today the tendency was decidedly toward improvement on a

The discussion was then adjourned.

more hopeful view of the political situation and the report that the Greek troops have been recalled from the island of Crete. Battle in Truguay MONTEVIDEO, March 18 .- A battle beween the federa! troops and the revolutionsig took place yesterday near Paysandu

RIVERS SPREAD INTO LAKES

Platte Breaks Over Its Banks and Floods Surrounding Country.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Missouri Receives Large Accessions from the Rapidly Melting Snow, Which Turns Mountain Streams Into Raging Torrents.

NORTH BEND, Neb., March 18 .- (Special.) -The Platte river again broke lose last night, driving families cut of their houses south of the Union Pacific tracks, the water coming up to the railroad tracks in places. Mrs. Buckholtz lost twenty head of hogs before they could be got to a place of safety. For the past week the river has been full of siush and ice piled ten or twelve feet high in places. The warm weather started a thaw, causing the ice to gorge and back water out of its banks at the bend of the river. The weather today is foggy and close. The river is also reported to be over-flowing at several points west. The Bay State cattle ranch south of the tracks has been under water for several days. The Union Pacific officials have been blasting the gorge to open a channel.

SCHUYLER March 18 .- (Special.)-Three spans of the wagon bridge across the Platte river at this point were taken out last night by the breaking of a gorge that formed above the bridge about ten days ago. This will entall a loss of several hundred dollars to Colfax county, to which the bridge has been a distressing burden for upwards of twenty years. Two years ago several spans were taken out, which were replaced by sections with the floors just above low water mark, the floors and banisters of which are removed at times of ap-proaching danger. The spans just taken out

will be similarly reconstructed. FREMONT, March 18.—(Special.)—The Platte river started to rise about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and rose rapidly during the night. Today it is reported as stationary and very high. Near Ames and west of the bridge it is out of its banks.

CLARKS, Neb., March 18,—(Special.)— The ice gorge above here, which has been giving much uncasiness, went out yester-day. It melted away gradually, and no harm was done. The river rose rapidly. A number of hunters were out in "blinds," and they were somewhat frightened, but got off the river safely.
PIERCE, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—The

warm weather caused the Elkhorn river to rise rapidly yesterday. It rose five inches between 5 o'clock and 7:30 this morning. IOWA'S HIGH BRIDGE IN DANGER.

DES MOINES, March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—An ice gorge formed in the Des Moines river at Fort Dodge last night, starting at the dam at the city park. The utmost efforts did not avail to break is and the ice was packed in till the water had risen six teen feet above the gorge and the low lands were flooded and much damage done. At 3:30 today the dam gave way and the gorge went out, the water falling eight feet in an hour. Another gorge has formed at Madrid, about seventy miles below Fort Dodge, and is flooding an even wider extent of territory. Candia a Greek vessel loaded with provisions and munitions which were intended for the Greek forces in Crete. It appears that the of ice did not give way and the situation is Bridge, which is one of the most expensive structures in the state, and over 100 feet above the water at an ordinary stage, is in scrious danger. It is a steel truss affair built across the river at a place where it passes between high banks and was one of the most notable pieces of engineering ever accomplished in the state, costing about

CHEROKEE, Ia., March 18 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The Little Sioux river is out of its banks at this point and is still rising. People who reside on the river bottoms are be oming alarmed, and some of them are moving to higher ground. Indications are that it may rain tonight, in which case the flood of 1891 may be repeated. There are ice gorges at two of the wagon bridges which cross the river here, and it is feared one i not both of them, may be swept away should the river rise much higher. A part of the upper structure of one of the bridges is being removed tonight to let the ice the bridge, in case the water rises high enough.

EMPTYING INTO THE MISSOURI. PIERRE, S. D., March 18 .- (Special Tele gram.)—Bad river broke up lest night and has been pouring its flood into Missouri all day breaking ice at the mouth of The indications are that Cheyenne river and the smaller creeks between Lerand that stream are pouring their floods into the Missouri today and a break up is im-minent at any time. The people of Fort Plerre are moving from the flats to the high ground today to be prepared in case of a flood. Only a few people in this city have moved to higher ground, but many of them are prepared to move on short no-There will be uncasiness until the

river breaks up below here. CANTON, S. D., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Torrents of water are rushing down the Sioux river. Several washouts hav occurred. Settlers are moving hastily. The great flood of the spring of 1881 promises to be repeated. Warm weather is melting the great banks of snow, so that all low places are filled with water. With a continued melting of snow and the breaking up of th streams a great amount of water is expected o rush down the Sioux valley. The people ving on the Big Sloux river bottoms are already moving to higher ground, and they all feel very anxious over the safety of their buildings. Water on the public highways

s from two to twelve inches deep YANKTON, S. D., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Rains throughout the state and nelting snow have combined to transform mail creeks into raging torrents. Railroad traffic is impeded and settlers on the low lands are seeking safe retreats. The James lands are seeking safe retreats. The James river rose five feet today. All this immense volume of water runs into the Missouri flooding the ice in that stream, which yet remains solid.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 18,-(Special. Reports brought in today by parties liv ing along the Missouri river say that the river has risen four feet and is still rising. The ice remains unbroken although fre from the shore. It was reported that a strip a mile long, between Meckling and Gayville was clear of ice this morning, but the report has not been verified. People are still moving from their farms onto the hill. There is not an empty house in this city to be had today. Several families would move if they could find places to go to. One man pur chased a boat to take up on his farm to be ready for an emergency. A man came across the river this morning by means of a boat which he pushed along the ice in front of him. The ice, he reports, is very firm and solid and shows no signs of breaking up for three or four days at least. The weather yesterday and today has been very warm, the thermometer reaching 60 degrees today at noon. Reports from Mitchell and points orth this morning, by wire, show warm weather and snow melting fast.

STRUGGLE IN THE SURGING WATERS

Wagon with Five Men Washed Off a Bridge and One is Drowned. At RANDOLPH, Neb., March 18.—(Special Antw Telegram.)-W. H. Brockenhauer, Henry Flaville of Randolph, and William Montgomery, Nat Raymond and Bob Pitt, the latter employes on the Elkhorn, or Butterfield, ranch, situated four miles northwest of Magnet, met with a terrible experience yesterday afternoon. The party, en route in a farm wagon to erect a house on the ranch properly, had to cross the north fork of the Elkhorn river. They were closely following

two other teams, and when the bridge was reached they found the water running over the planking. The ride rails being in place. they drove on. When they were on the bridge the frame work settled in the water and the wagon and horses were carried down stream. The horses got loose and swam ashore. The wagon box with the men in it floated. Flaville, being a good swimmer, attempted to swim ashore, but sank almost immediately, and was not seen afterwards. Montgomery was also a good swimmer, and he reached the west shore and secured the help of two men, and with ropes and timbers drove on. When they were on the help of two men, and with ropes and timbere succeeded in rescaing Breckenhauer, Raymond and Pitt, after they had been in the water for two hours. Breckenhauer was un-conscious when taken out. Harry Blackmore of Randolph drove up the east side just after the accident and rendered great assis-

ta ice in the rescue.

J. B. Parks, manager of the Elkhorn ranch thinks Flaville's body may have caught in the wire fence about a mile down the stream and will be found when the water subsides. Flaville leaves a wife, but no children.

FATALITIES OF THE FLOOD. Five More People Drowned in Vicinity of Memphis.

MEMPHES, Tenn., March 18 .- Tonight the great flood claims five more victims. Near Marion, Ark., Etta Lix and her four children were trying to make their way to Marion for shelter, and, while attempting to cross a railroad treetle, the strong currents overwhelmed the party and all perished. The eldest child was a girl aged 16 and the youngest an infant of 8 months.

The river is still rising at Memphis, and the indications are that it will continue to do so for some time to come. The river to-night stands at 36.9 feet, a rise since morning of one-tenth. The rise is continuing at Cairo and heavy rains prevail in all districts which feed the big river, both along the upper portion and the middle vailey. Throughout the entire northwestern territory, the drainage from which swells the volume of water in the upper Miralscippi, these rainfalls continue. The same conditions prevail in the territory which feeds the Ohio and other tributaries, while the heaviest rains of all are escending over the already submerged Arkansas territory. On the eastern side of the river, continuous rains are the rule. At Memphis the rainfall in the last two hours amounted to 2.64 inches, while across the river at Helena it was 2.42 inches. So long as the heavy rains continue there is small chance of a constitution of the overflow.

At Cairo the rise continues in about the recorded in the twenty-four hours this morning, when the gauge indicated fifty feet. This is ten feet above the danger line, and within two feet and a fraction of the extreme high water mark reached about a week

At Helena, where the rainfall was almost as heavy as at Memphis, being 2.42 inches, the river rose eight-ten ha of a foot in the twenty-four hours ending this marning, when the gauge indicated 46.7 feet, which is 9.7 feet above danger line.

At Vicksburg the river rose another eight-tenths of a foot, the gauge registering 42.7 feet, which is 1.7 feet above danger line. At Greenville the rise in the twenty-four hours was six-tenths of a foot, 39.8 feet being registered on the gauge. This is within two-tenths of a foot of the danger line. At Shreveport and New Orleans the river

The work of rescue and relief goes forward with unabated zeal. Four or five rescue steamers arrived here today, bringing several hundred fugitives, nearly all of whom are destitute, to be cared for by the charity of Memphis people. The relief committee has its hands full. As long as the overflow continues, funds will be needed to refleve the immediate pressing wants of the flood sufferers. Inasmuch as practically all of the sufferers are residents of Arkinsas, the relief committee telegraphed to Governor Jones of of his state. The governor replied that there were no funds at his disposal. The local relief committee has sent out an appeal to the individual citizens of Arkansas, Tennesee and Mississippi.

Tonight the Yazoo Valley railroad aban loned its trains, owing to the encroachment of the water over the tracks a few miles south of Memphis. The railroad situation on the Arkansas side of the river remains unchanged and all trains are entering the city over the Iron Mountain tracks, which remain a few inches above the water.

WATER IN THE MISSOURI FALLING.

ice is Moving Out Runtilly and with Little Troable. Measurements of the river taken by the bridge officials yesterday at 3:30 and also at 6 o'clock showed that the stage of water was about a foot lower than at the same time of measuring Wednesday. The engineer of the pumping statem at Florence reported that the river was about a foot and a half lower last evening than upon the evening preceding. Local Weather Foreeaster Welsh stated last night that he had eceived a telegram from Yankton reporting hat the ice at that point was still fast and hat teams in places were crossing over upon it. At some points just above Yankton the water was flowing over the ice to the depth of two feet. As soon as the ice begins to reak up in the higher reaches of the river, the possibility of an overflow will be known to a certainty, but at the rate the ice is going out at present on the lower sections of the Big Muddy, little fear is felt.

INDIAN CREEK BREAKS LOOSE.

Floods in Council Bluffs Stop the Motors and Railroad Trains A severe thunderstorm in Council Bluffs at an early hour this morning caused Indian creek to overflow its banks in many places and produced rerious floods. The stream was higher than it had been for many years. Broadway was flooded right up Main street and the motor trains had to stop running. At the transfer the water was half a mile

wide and covered the tracke. Traffic was de-layed on all the railroads for several hours. far as reported no serious damage was

Bradley Enters the Race. LOUISVILLE, March 18 -A special to the Post says: Governor Bradley has entered the fight for the United States senatorship. His friends are actively at work, and it is asserted with confidence that the free silver members will combine with the eight or ten Bradley republicans and defeat the regular republican nominee, ex-Congressman W. G. Hunter. State Senator Barker, who has heretofore been looked on as a strict caucus man, announced in an open card today that he is for Governor Bradley and that the governor has enough streugth to win.

Government Takes an Appeal. Wallace and LaCombe of the United States circuit court argument: was heard today on the appeal from the decree of Judge Wheeler dismissing the bill of complaint brought by the United States against the Joint Traffic association, which comprises a combination of forty-four railroads in this country.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Mch. 18. At Rotterdam—Afrived—Amsterdam, from New York. At Amsterdam—Arrived—Edam, from New York.
At Marseilles—Sailed—Brittannia, for New York. At London-Sailed-Mohawk, for New York. At Philadelphia-Sailed - Nederland, for

At Philadelphia Salled Antwerp.

At Genoa-Salled-Ems, for New York,
At Gueenstown-Salled Brittannia, for New York.

At Bremerhaven-Arrived-Aller, from New York via Southamoton.

At Copenhagen-Arrived-Norge, from New York. Salled-Thingvalle, for New York.

At Naples-Arrived-Werra, from New York, via Gibraltaf.

Governor Holcomb Names the Members Called For by the New Charter.

APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT AT ONCE W. C. Bullard, Lee Herdman, Dr. Pea-

o'clock announced the names of the and not a little foggy. It justifies the gen-new Board of Fire and Police eral exclamation, "Who will believe it," Commissioners for the city of Omaha. The democrats secured two members of the board in the research of W. C. Bullard and board in the persons of W. C. Bullard and Lee Herdman. The populists are represented the proceeds to go to the mothers of the by Dr. J. H. Peabody and the republicans condemned men. by Judge Gregory. Bullard draws the long appointment for four years; Gregory three years, Peabody two years, and Herdman one of these men. During the trial witnesses year. The appointments take effect at once.

W. C. Bullard is engaged in the lumber business in this city. He was a candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket two years ago, and was a candidate for the city council on the citizens' ticket in the fall of 1895.

Lee Herdman is a promising young attorney, and has been secretary of the demo-cratic state committee for several years. Dr. Peabody is an old and henored resident of the city. He wan reared in the family of Lewis Caes. He wan a medical director and ar ny surgeon throughout the late war. In the fall of 1895 he was the populist candidate for mayor.

D. D. Gregory is an attorney and came here from Iowa where he had previously served as a judge. He is president and one of the organizers of the republican bimetallic league in this city.

EXPECT HELP FROM CHICAGO. Exposition Promoters Greatly Encouraged by Their Visit.

CHICAGO, March 18 .- (Special Telegram.) -The committee sent to Chicago in the interest of the ways and means department of the Transmississippi Exposition has received a very cordial reception at the hands of Mr. Cable, president, and Mr. Truesdale, general manager, of the Great Rock Island route, and were assured that the Rock Island would undoubtedly do the proper thing at the directors' meeting to be held very

cago, Milwaukee & St. Paul rallway, is in California, but is expected home soon, Mr. Earling, the general manager of the system, could not have treated any one more heartily than he did the committee. He takes an appreciative interest in the exposition and the members feel that he will explain the scope to the directors at an early meeting and that the Milwaukce will be in the front rank.

Mr. Welling, vice president of the Illinois Central, was glad to get expesition facts, and promised to acquaint the president, Mr. Hamilton Fish, on his return with our request.

great harvester plant, was at his office and accorded the committee a full hearing of its wants in the way of a subscription as to would be in no danger from the citizens of the immediate pressing wants of the flood sufferers. Inasmuch as practically all of the sufferers are residents of Arkinsas, the relief committee telegraphed to Governor Jones of that state asking his co-operation in relieving the dire distrets of thousands of the people live west of the Mississippi river, and that five times that number could be added without crowding any one, and that of his state. The governor replied that there were no funds at his disposal. The local of the sentences of the demand for harvesters would be increased with new settlers. Omaha will hear ble for them to furnish. Fred Bryan and When the committee called on the William Deering Harvester and Twine Binder company the visitors were met by Mr. James H. Deering, general manager of a business so vast that it makes one's head swim to hear It is not believed here at midnight that the mere outlines reviewed. They shown through the works and informed that the record now stands at a shipment of and Alonzo Walling was ninety cars in one day. Mr. Deering is alive to the advertising the west would get through the exposition, and will present the case to the president, his father, when he returns from Florida.

Mr. Veder of Swift and Company knew

more about the exposition than many people nearer home. In him the exposition has a warm friend, Swift is in California, as is also Mr. udahy. Mr. Lyman, general manager M. Cudahy. Mr. Lyman, general manager of the G. H. Hammond company, will be in Omnha very soon and take the matter with Mr. Noyes and decide what they do. Mr. Viles, president of the Omaha Packing company, has had his eyes on the progress made and shows a marked interest in the

success of the exposition and will soon be The business men of Chicago, whom the committee has met, commend the pluck shown by the people of the transmississipp ountry in undertaking such a gigantic affair the aid they can give.

FOUR PEOPLE FATALLY SCALDED. Engines Collide in the Railroad

Yards at Denver. DENVER, March 18.-Patrick Casey and Hugh McBride, aged 15 and 13 years respectively, were scalded to death this morning in a wreck caused by a collision of engines on the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf the former prosecuting attorney and of manrailroad in this city. Ed J. Hayes, aged 36, was so badly burned that he died in a few hours. John W. Berndt, aged 40, was severely injured. The four were employed in factories and were riding to the city on a engine tender when the collision occurred.

DID IT AT HER MOTHER'S BIDDING. Child of Ten Murders an Illegitimate

Baby for Five Dollars. SEDALIA, Mo., March 18 .- Mary Arnold, colored, and her 10-year-old daughter, Geneva, have been arrested, charged with murdering an illegitimate son of Mrs. Arnold, aged 1 year. According to the child's story, the mother left home yesterday morning, promising to give her \$5 if she would had been rendered he would have felt justi-kill the baby before the mother's return. fied in inflicting sentence of death, and he felt satisfied that the defendant could not felt satisfied that the defendant could not kicked the baby to death.

Nine Cars Leave the Track. MITCHELL, S. D., March 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-Nine cars loaded with merchandise of a Milwaukee freight train left the track last night three miles east of this city. The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails. Nobody was injured. cars were damaged to some extent. The wreckage was cleared away so that trains were running on time at noon.

Adjourns Court for Ten Days. CANTON, S. D., March 18 .- (Special.) Circuit court has been adjourned by Judge J. W. Jones until March 29, at which time he will reconvene court for a continuous session until all business is finished

Reviving a Sensational Suit AKRON, O., March 18.—Samuel J. Richictoday brought suit against Judge Stevenson Burke of Cleveland and the executor of the wills of Henry B. Payne and Thomas W. Cornell for \$60,000 damages, claiming stock in Canadian from and copper mines he gave them as collateral for loans was de-preciated in value by a conspiracy of the defendants.

Cleveland at His New Home PRINCETON, N. J., March 18.-Ex-President Cleveland arrived here today. He was met at the depot by his private carriage, which took him immediately to his new home. There was no demonstration on the part of the students, as his arrival was unexpected.

JACKSON AND WALLING CONFESS. Make Their Last Desperate Effort to Escape the Gibbet.

NKFORT, Ky., March 18.-As a last ite resort to extort a respite from or Bradley or a commutation of sen-of himself and Alonzo M. Walling, Jackson has made another so-called ion and Walling has signed it. Upon rrest one year and six weeks ago each sed that the other committed the mur-W. C. Bullard, Lee Herdman, Dr. Peabody and Judge Gregory Are
Chosen to Fill the
Positions.

LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special Telegram.)
Governor Holcomb this evening at 8
Colored appropriate the names of the colored and not a little forcy. It institutes the remaining the resolution of the first time, comes a confession to the confession busing the confession busing the confession to the confession busine the confession busine the confession busine. These were vague and evasive in the Alexandria jail and signed also by Walling, to be sent to Governor Bradley. The confession busine the confe

Its distinguishing characteristic is that it contradicts in almost every particular the theory of defence in the long trials of each were brought from Bellevue, Ky., a village just above Newport, to prove that Jackson Walling and Pearl Bryan were seen in that village about noon on Thursday before the murder. The defence attacked the veracity of John Foster, one of the witnesses and tried to show that Druggist Dortmeyer, a second witness, had told contradictory stories about seeing the murderers and their victim Now, in his confersion, the scene of the immediate preliminaries of the murder is transferred to Bellevue, Ky., on Wednesday and Thursday nights, January 29 and 30,

Dr. Wagner of Bellevue, Ky., is involved in the murder by the confession. At the time of the trial there was a trace of a rumor that Dr. Wagner might have had some complicity in the affair. This was effectually silenced by evidence indicating that Dr. Wagner was absent during the week of Dr. Wagner was absent during the week of the Pearl Bryan murder. Since that time he has been an inmate of a lunatic asylum. Mrs. Wagner persists that her husband was absent during that week, and that, further-more, she never saw Jackson or Walling or Pearl Bryan, and in this her daughters join her. This confession that preparations for the murder were made in Bellevue depends for corroboration on the testimony of John Foster, Druggist Dortmeyer and a woman who saw the parties from a distance, all of which was fiercely resisted by the defense in the trial.

Should this attempt to implicate Dr. Wagner succeed in moving the governor, an in-dictment by a grand jury would be expected to follow, and a trial of Dr. Wagner, in tt the directors' meeting to be held very only witnesses. By many this is regarded Mr. Roswell Miller, president of the Chi-Scott Jackson the whole of one afternoon and one night to write it. To any one who has read carefully Governor Bradley's statement of his reasons for refusing respite or commutation of sentence it will be at once ap-parent that one purpose of this confession is to give him a possible ground for favorable action that was lacking in former applications.

Meantime advices from Newport are that

the scaffold and ropes for the hanging are in readiness. News from Alexandria, where the prisoners are confined, is the announce-ment that the new confession has caused request.

Mr. C. H. McCormick, president of the counties in Kentucky; that it has brought from the McCormick Harvester company soon. other relatives of the murdered girl will It is not believed here at midnight that

were Governor Bradley will interfere. The confession of Scott sented to Governor Bradley Messengers Wade, Ellis son. The confession says Dr. Wagner administered medicine in attempting to per-form an abortion, under which Pearl Bryan fied, and that Scott Jackson held her across is lap while Wagner cut her head off, after which Dr. Wagner wrapped the head in a cloak and took it home. became insane. They do not know, they say,

> TREMMEL GETS TWENTY YEARS. Full Penalty of the Law for the

Slayer of Fred Stabler. CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 18 .- (Special.) In the Laramie county district court Judge Knight imposed the full penalty of the law in his sentence of Louis S. Tremmel convicted of manslaughter for killing his face of these times and promise all fellow workman, Fred Stabler. Mr. Stoll, Tremmel's counsel, asked that the court be lenient with his client, saying that Stable was of a vicious disposition, that a combination existed among Union Pacific ployes to prevent a stranger from getting holding a position on the road, and that it was while persecuting Tremmel Stabler lost his life. He further stated that Tremmel had offered to plead guilty of nurder in the second degree to Mr. Baird slaughter to Mr. Breckons, the present attorney. In the absence of Mr. Breckons Judge Clark appeared for the prosecution. He stated that the defense in the case had set up a plea of self defense which, if true, would have rendered a verdict of acquittal justifiable. No counsel, he said, would, if he knew his client had a clear case of self defense, advise his client to plead guilty to either murder in the second degree or manslaughter. He insisted that the defense set up by Tremmel had been by due by the law to society demanded that a severe sentence be inflicted by the court. Judge Knight seemed to take this view of the matter. In sentencing Tremmel he said that if a verdict of murder in the first degree

BEYOND THE COURTS

Legislature Will Take Hold of the Recount Proposition.

SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO INTERFERE

Takes Judicial Cognizance of the Action Wednesday Evening.

HOLCOMB POINTS OUT A PEACEFUL WAY

Suggests that Immediate Legislation Be Had on the Topic.

GOVERNOR SENDS IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Recites the Facts and Criticizes the Attempt to Prevent a Canvass of the Vote by Means of Injunction.

LINCOLN, March 18 .- (Special.) -- Contrary to the expressed hope of many reckless individuals in the Capital City, there have been no spectacular developments in the controversy over the recount of the constitutional amendment ballots. The ballots have remained in the fire proof vault in the office of the secretary of state. The doors of the room in which the vault is located are locked and the sergeant-at-arms of the house or one of his deputies is constantly on guard to ward off an anticipated attack. The populist members of the recount commission are asserting with considerable earnestness that they are still in possession of the ballots. The republican members assert that the ballots have been taken from them. The joint legislative committee appointed yesterday reported to the two branches of the legislature that the ballots had been taken into the posession of the house commission. The situation somewhat resembled a children's game which might be called "ballots, ballots, who's got the ballots?" until this afternoon the supreme court practically settled the controversy by taking judicial cognizance of the

fact that the legislature had taken the bal-lots into its possession. Attorney General Smyth this morning appeared before the supreme court and asked leave to file information for a writ of mandamus to compel the recount commission to proceed with the work of counting the ballots cast for the constitutional amendment. The court held the matter under ad-visement until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the attorney general again appeared. Speaking for the court Chief Justice Post informed the attorney general that after due celiberation the application for leave to file information for a writ of mandamus would be denied. The supreme court, the chief justice continued, took judicial cog-nizance of the acts of the legislature, and had been advised that the ballots in question were no longer in the possession of the commission. Therefore a writ of mandamus

could not lie.
Attorney General Smyth then said that he was not authorized to speak for the legisla-ture, but he asked the court if a writ of mandamus would lie, providing the legisla-ture returned the ballots to the commis-

The chief justice replied that the court could not agree to issue any writ in any case where it must look to the legislature to perform some act in the future which is necessary to make the writ effective. The attorney general then asked order from the court to protect the ballots now in the possession of the legislature and to prevent any one from removing them

from the state house. This was also denied. GOVERNOR HOLCOMB'S MESSAGE. The following is the text of the message on the subject sent to the legislature by Governor Holcomb this forenoon: To the Legislature: Recent events, of uch an unusual character, growing out of the act of the present legislature providing for a recount of the ballots cast at the last

for a recount of the ballots cast at the last general election relative to the amendment to the constitution providing for an increase in the number of supreme court judges, seem to require from me a communication respecting this subject.

It was obvious to all who had given the subject consideration that the vote on the constitutional amendment submitted to the people at the last election, as returned and canvassed, in the light of the construction given by the supreme court to the constitutional provision regulating amendments, as to the number of votes necessary to adopt an amendment to the fundamental law, required that there should be a full ascertainment of the truth touching the voice of the people upon these important questions.

questions.

Immediately following the action taken by the legislature to determine by a recanvass the number of votes actually cast for and against these several amendments, for members canvass the number of votes actually cast for and against these several amendments, and the number of votes cast for members of the legislature, a determined opposition arose from certain quarters to any action looking toward an inquiry into the vote cast on these amendments. When, by the action of the legislature, provisions were made for a recanvass of the vote of only the one amendment, and that by a commission of six resident freeholders, to be appointed by the governor from three political parties, not more than two of whom should be relected from any one party, this element of opposition seized the opportunity of obstructing further proceedings under the act, which had in all respects been passed and become a law with all the sanctity of any law upon the statute book, by a resort to the courts for the purpose of defeating the objects sought to be accomplished by the measure.

neasure. No sooner had the bill become a law than application was made in two different courts and before two different judges to courts and before two different judges to prevent further action by restraining the sending of the ballots to the secretary of state, as required by the terms of the act. These two efforts ended in defeat to those who thus sought to nullify the law and defeat the will of the people as expressed by their duly-elected representatives. The ballots, poll books and other information mentioned in the act were by the several county clerks transferred to the custody of the secretary of state, as therein provided, where they have since remained.

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that been rendered he would have felt justified in inflicting sentence of death, and he felt satisfied that the defendant could not have set the verdict saide. If a verdict of second degree had been rendered he would probably have given him the extreme penalty, which is life imprisonment. He sentenced the defendant to the full penalty of the law under the verdict, which is twenty years' imprisonment.

Arrested for Killing Cattle.

CASPER, Wyo., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—William Kennison, a ranchman living about forty miles west of here, and his brother, Henry Kennison, just from Nebraska, were arrested here yesterday for killing cattle belonging to the Swan Land and Cattle company. They both have large families and are poor men. They killed the beef for sale.

CASPER, Wyo., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—About 100 wool growers attended the Central Wyoming Growers convention last evening. Nothing of importance was done. Several addresses were delivered. The price for saleng will be held in the near future.

Aberdeen Line is Opened.

MITCHELL, S. D., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Milwaukee blockade between Mitchell and Aberdeen was raised last night, after being closed one week, a freight and passenger train both coming through. Immense quantities of mail, express and freight have been held here waiting for the line to open. BLOCKADE FINALLY EFFECTIVE.