

## CRISIS IS AVERTED

### Russia Gives Sweeping Assurance of Treating with China Unselfishly.

### UNITED STATES HAS THE PLEDGE

### Secretary Hay Receives the Communication from Ambassador Cassini.

### COMES AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME

### Readers Less Alarming the Reports of Military Activity.

### HAY'S NOTE PROBABLY INSPIRED IT

### Officials at Washington See in It a Response to the Secretary's Recent Protest Against Any Individual Agreements.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The United States government has received a communication from the government of Russia of unusual conditions. It bears on conditions in China and particularly those relating to Manchuria. The document has created a profoundly favorable impression and at the State department it is looked upon as the most salutary event that has occurred for several months in the eastern situation. Secretary Hay received the communication from Count Cassini last night and communicated it to the president.

Although the terms of the Russian communication are withheld it is known that Russia takes occasion to give strong assurances of her disinterested purposes throughout her dealings with China. As to Manchuria, it is stated that Russia's course never has varied in the determination to leave that province an integral part of China and to retire the Russian troops as rapidly as safety will permit. But, as a more signal evidence of Russia's purposes and as an evidence of the emperor's devotion to the principal of peace, assurances of a definite and satisfactory character are now given as to the execution of those purposes. The belief is held in official quarters that the assurances of Russia are so sweeping as completely to avert the threatened crisis in Manchuria.

### Assurance Comes Opportunely.

The Russian communication is the more significant, coming at a moment when the press advises from Europe asserted that Russia was collecting an army of 300,000 men for the purpose of holding Manchuria without reference to the desire of the other powers. There is no doubt that Russia has a large military force in Manchuria, so that the ear determined to hold the province he has the military establishment already on the ground prepared to maintain occupancy.

To the officials in Washington one of the most gratifying features of Russia's action is that it is responsive to Secretary Hay's note of March 1 last. This note had been previously communicated to the Chinese minister at Washington and advised him that the United States viewed as inexpedient and dangerous to the interests of China the conclusion of any private treaty or financial agreement. A copy of this communication was sent to the United States ambassador at St. Petersburg, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, and the Russian ambassador at Washington also was made aware of its contents. What the note never was addressed directly to Russia, yet by the foregoing means it came fully to the attention of the Russian authorities.

## MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS

### Each Minister at Peking Wants to Settle Discrepancy in His Own Way.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Mail advices have been received at the State department, Monday, by Minister Conger before he left Peking on his homeward trip. These deal at some length with the ministers of the powers, but it is not deemed well to publish the details at this time. However, the salient feature of the correspondence is the assurance of the difficulties that have been encountered by the ministers in the effort to find common ground for the arrangement of a scheme of indemnification. It appearing that there were as many projects submitted as there were ministers in attendance at the meeting.

There were from Mr. Rockhill, United States special commissioner at Peking, and the belief prevails that the conditions are such that it is impossible to make a definite report of progress.

## JAPS ENLIST THE CHINESE

### Are Getting Their Former Poo's Pledge of Support for War with Russia.

LONDON, April 5.—Japan is taking measures with a view to hostilities with Russia," says the Peking correspondent of the Daily Express. "It has entered into an arrangement with Liu Kiu Yi, viceroy of Nankin, who is acting on behalf of the other friendly viceroys and governors regarding the course they will pursue in the way of aiding Japan against Russia. It is understood that they have promised to place the telegraphic communications and transport facilities at the service of Japan."

## BELIEVE RUSSIA WILL WIN

### Cannot Afford to Be Defeated in the Plans for the Control of Manchuria.

PEKING, April 5.—On one subject the members of the Russian legation claim to know nothing, and that is the Manchurian question. The feeling at the other legations is that Russia is bound to do something or lose prestige with the Chinese. The members of the British legation in particular are satisfied that China's refusal to sign the Manchurian agreement means it will soon sign something similar in order to protect its own interests and have nominal control of Manchuria, which is now practically Russian territory.

## JAPAN TO FORCE THE HAND

### Is Preparing to Send Russia a Demand that is Practically an Ultimatum.

LONDON, April 6.—Russia's reply concerning the Manchurian question, the Japanese government has decided," says the Yokohama correspondent. "After a conference with the heads of the army and navy and with the department of finance and foreign affairs, to add a second and more peremptory remonstrance, demanding a reply within a stated period. This remonstrance, communicated through the Japanese minister in St. Petersburg, almost amounts to an ultimatum."

## PAY FIGHTING CREDITOR LAST

### Count Boni de Castellane Says That Affairs Him Keen Satisfaction.

(Copyright, 1901, by The Publishing Co.) PARIS, April 5.—The World Cablegram—Special Telegram. Count Boni de Castellane today his first in the case and the accounts will get \$250,000 more from the Gould millions than have been receiving of late.

The count expressed hearty appreciation of the correspondent's courtesy in showing him the private dispatches telling of the decision of the New York supreme court, appellate division, in the Dittmar case, which affects the claim against the Castellanes of more than \$2,000,000. The decision was that the American courts have no jurisdiction over the Countess de Castellane so long as she remains in the United States, as long as she chooses to stay in France. Dittmar, as an assistant of Wertheimer, the London curio dealer, had applied for an injunction to restrain the Gould trustees from paying Countess Anna more than \$250,000 a year out of the \$800,000 income pending trial for his suit to recover \$377,260.

"It is scarcely a surprise," said Count Castellane after reading the dispatch, "yet it is extremely gratifying from the standpoint of moral as well as material considerations. The decision is that the American courts have no jurisdiction over the Countess de Castellane so long as she remains in the United States, as long as she chooses to stay in France. Dittmar, as an assistant of Wertheimer, the London curio dealer, had applied for an injunction to restrain the Gould trustees from paying Countess Anna more than \$250,000 a year out of the \$800,000 income pending trial for his suit to recover \$377,260.

"This decision will enable us now to settle with other creditors, with whom we are in perfect accord and with whom a mutually satisfactory understanding exists, before Wertheimer's account is settled. He will be obliged to submit his books to the experts appointed by the courts here and that probably will be a slow process. Anyhow, there is keen satisfaction in knowing that Wertheimer's bills will be paid last of all."

## DAUGHTER GETS FORTUNE

### Edna McPherson Muir, Beautiful Runaway Bride of a Physician, Poor but Brilliant.

(Copyright, 1901, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, April 5.—New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.—Among the passengers on the Deutschland today was Mrs. Joseph Muir of New York, formerly well known as the beautiful Edna McPherson, daughter of the late Senator John R. McPherson. Her runaway marriage with Dr. Joseph Muir, a poor New York physician, caused a sensation three years ago. Mrs. Muir, who with her husband arrived in London only a week ago, returns in consequence of her mother's death. Until a month or two ago the mother and daughter had been estranged, owing to the latter's marriage, but they became reconciled, and the daughter, who is the only surviving child, now comes in for the whole of McPherson's great fortune, calculated to be \$20,000,000, of which Mrs. McPherson had previously absolute control. Dr. Muir did not accompany his wife.

## ARE COMING TO BE SHOWN

### Manchester Iron Foundry Managers Send British Workmen to Study American Methods.

LONDON, April 5.—The managers of a number of iron manufacturers of the Manchester district have decided to send out a picked party of British workmen to the United States for the purpose of studying American methods of workmanship in the automatic tool trade. The districts of New England, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago and other steel centers will be visited in the hope of convincing the British workmen of the necessity of improved methods if they desire to retain their share of the world's trade.

## FIGHT IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

### Frank T. Merriam and Ed L. Camp Hammer One Another with Pistols Because of Jealousy.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 5.—Frank T. Merriam, auditor of the state, and Ed L. Camp, until recently clerk in the insurance department of the state auditor's office, engaged in a fist fight in the private office of the state auditor in the Equitable building this afternoon. Mrs. Camp witnessed the affray. Jealousy is said to be the cause of the fight. Camp received an ugly gash in the forehead before the two were separated by friends. Merriam was not perceptibly hurt.

## JESSOP'S LOOKS FOR SITE

### Sheffield Cutlery Firm's Representatives May Locate Cutlery Plant in Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 5.—S. J. Robinson, managing director; J. R. Wagner, representative, and Colonel Hughes, the English attorney for Sheffield, England, were in Washington today looking for a site for the establishment of a mammoth cutlery manufacturing here. The local business men are anxious that the plant be established here and good inducements will be offered the firm.

## PATRICK HOLDS TO MONEY

### Files Objection to Advancing \$250,000 Requested by Millionaire Rice's Nephew.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Surrogate Fitzgerald some days ago refused an order directing Cantwell & Moore, attorneys for Patrick, to file with the surrogate the alleged assignment dated February 17, 1900, by Rice to Patrick of the former's estate; also the assignment of September 21, 1900, of the stock on deposit with Wall street bankers and letters of instructions which Patrick is said to have received from Mr. Rice. Today Cantwell & Moore filed a motion of appeal. The hearing on this application may not be had for two or three months.

B. B. Rice, a nephew, and Captain Baker, representing other heirs, offered a motion today to instruct John P. O'Brien, the temporary administrator of the Rice estate, to advance \$250,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the oil plant in Houston, Tex., destroyed by fire about two weeks before Mr. Rice's death.

Patrick filed objections today, through Cantwell & Moore, stating that the proposition is hazardous and speculative and that if granted the estate would sustain a serious and irreparable loss.

## GENERAL CLAY'S VENDETTA

### Former Minister to Russia Routes a Sheriff's Posses.

### REPORT THAT CASSIUS IS WOUNDED

### Two Shots Are Exchanged on Both Sides as Result of Daughter's Efforts to Secure Return of Her Furniture.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 5.—With the cry "The vendetta! the vendetta!" the famous abolitionist and duelist, and former United States minister to Russia, this morning led his little bodyguard to battle against the sheriff's posse, which had gone to his mansion in Madison county, to serve papers upon the general in a civil suit, instigated against him by his daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Many shots were fired on each side, and the posse finally departed without accomplishing the purpose of its visit. It is reported that General Clay was wounded. Posing from the posse, the sheriff's posse, and there he remained guarded by his faithful servants. Whether or not he is wounded is known only to himself and to his little bodyguard. No surgeon has been summoned to the house, and none dare approach except on invitation.

Today's conflict was directly connected with the domestic woes of General Clay, which have darkened the closing years of his life.

The principals in the battle were General Clay and two of his bodyguards, Ed Lateral and Jim Bolin, on one side, and Sheriff Colyer, Deputy Terrell and Frank Mason of Madison county on the other. The writ which the sheriff sought to serve was one ordering the delivery of some furniture belonging to the general's daughter.

### Bulldogs Sound the Alarm.

The officers approached the house from the north, passing through the apple orchard. The general's Russian bulldogs set up a barking and the officers stopped at the yard. The general's bodyguard promptly came to the door and the sheriff announced that he desired a personal interview with the general. The sheriff's posse, in a few moments came to the door, revolver in hand.

"General Clay," said the sheriff, "we are here on a peaceful mission."

"You are on my property without leave and I will shoot you," replied the old man, who, almost before he was aware of it, was trying to make out the location of an enemy.

"Don't shoot, general; we are friends," shouted Sheriff Colyer.

"Spies," he retorted, and, handing his pistol to one of his bodyguards, he drew a repeating shotgun and cocked it.

Sheriff Colyer sought shelter behind a large oak tree nearby and his deputies also hid themselves. All pulled their weapons. General Clay shouted "The vendetta! the vendetta!" and began firing the direction from which he heard the voices.

The sheriff fired in return after the general had emptied the weapon and his deputies also fired, not at the old man they say, but hoping to scare him into seeking shelter behind a tree or a building.

Colyer was shooting wild, and, although doing his best to kill him, believed he was firing upon an enemy.

## Retreat After the Battle.

After emptying the shotgun General Clay tried his revolver, which would not fire. He then took from the hands of the other guard a rifle and discharged it in the direction of the frightened sheriff and deputies. Exhausting his ammunition, General Clay sought retreat. He went into his room and putting up the iron bars ordered his men to adjust the pistols, which were three large wall weapons, always kept lying on a dresser. He armed himself with a large bowie knife and a butcher knife. Startling himself by the side of the door he awaited further attack.

After General Clay had retreated into his "den" Sheriff Colyer and his men left the yard. They found a negro boy and sent him to the house to try and get General Clay to come out unarmed and meet them, but this they were not successful and they returned without serving the process. Sheriff Colyer says he will not bother General Clay tomorrow, but will wait till Monday before serving the papers.

Some months ago General Clay, who had been left alone after his child-wife, Dora Richardson, ran away and left him, sent for Mrs. Mary B. Clay, a daughter, to come and live with him. For some weeks they got along nicely, and the veteran appeared to be satisfied. Two weeks ago he told his daughter to go to her father and secure their consent to the release of all claims on the property which he occupies. He wanted to give the property to Dora, the young divorced wife, who is now the wife of Riley Brock, and resides at Pinckard, in Woodford county, on property given her by the general.

### Revolver Drives Daughter Away.

Mrs. Clay went away according to orders and, returning a day or so later, was met at the door by the old man. His eyes were fiery. In his trembling hand he held a revolver grasped tightly. He demanded to know the result of the visit.

"It's all right," said the frightened daughter.

"All right, is it?" retorted the infuriated man. "You lie. I know you are deceiving me." Leveling his revolver at his daughter's head he ordered her to go to her father and never come here again.

Returning to his room the old man mumbled: "She was trying to deceive me. I could tell it by her face."

Securing a writ of delivery for her furniture Mrs. Clay placed the paper in the hands of Sheriff Colyer. General Clay still loves the child he married, and although she has now grown to womanhood and has remarried he wants to give her his property, which at his death goes to his children. He thinks the "vendetta," about which he has talked and written for years, is on and believed today that he was shooting at his enemies, come to murder him in his own home.

## RUSH TO IOWA FOR OIL

### Operators Sent by the Standard Management to Size Up the Situation.

LIMA, O., April 5.—A number of oil operators left today for Iowa, a rumor being to the effect that oil was found in Clay county in that state. The Standard Oil company quietly sent several men to the new field several days ago, having received advance information. Oil is said to be oozing from the ground and heavy flows of gas have been struck at a depth of 500 feet.

## Steamer Wakefield Arrives.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—The British steamer Wakefield, Captain Olsen, arrived at the Delaware breakwater today, after a twelve-day voyage. The steamer encountered heavy gales and was forced to sail against head winds during almost the entire voyage.

## SHOWS COST OF PETROLEUM

### Expert Says It Takes \$102 Worth of Material to Make \$123 Worth of Oil.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The census officials today issued a bulletin on the industry of petroleum refining, prepared by E. W. Parker of the geological survey, as an expert special agent of the census. It covers the calendar year 1899.

It shows that to produce refined petroleum to the value of \$123,929,341 materials to the value of \$102,859,341 were consumed, showing a difference in value between the raw material and the finished product much smaller than is common in industries of a more complicated character. The value of the products of the establishments engaged in this industry has increased 45.8 per cent during the decade. Notwithstanding that there has been a decrease in the number of refineries there has been an increase of 7 per cent in the number of wage-earners and 14.4 per cent in the amount of wages paid. The report says:

"It is a somewhat notable fact that 12,199 wage-earners were employed by the sixty-seven establishments operating the seventy-five refineries, the statistics of which are included in this report, being an average of 163 employees to each refinery. The invested capital is \$95,327,892, which represents the value of the buildings, machinery, tools and the live capital required to carry on the business, but does not include the capital stock of any of the corporations. The value of the products from the use of this capital was \$123,929,341, to produce which involved an outlay of \$102,859,341 for the purchase of raw materials and \$3,330,554 for miscellaneous expenses.

"The census schedule, however, takes no cognizance of the cost of selling manufactured articles, or of interest on capital invested, or of the depreciation of plant. The value of the product given is the value obtained or fixed at the refinery itself. Of the old 42,334,664 barrels of refined petroleum produced in 1899 not less than 16,666,809 barrels, or nearly 40 per cent, were exported to foreign markets.

"The United States is not only the largest exporter of refined petroleum, but its trade in this commodity has rapidly increased during the census decade, and is apparently susceptible of great increase."

## RURAL DELIVERY CARRIERS

### Towns of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota Get Extensions of Free Service.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—These rural free delivery letter carriers were appointed today: Nebraska—Paul V. Swearingen at Milford; Iowa—Henry Bell at Parabel, Frank Eschbaugh at Tama, Edward Hentz at Burlington; South Dakota—William F. Smith at Beresford.

Iowa postmasters appointed today: Benton, Hamilton county, O. C. Gunter; Hutcheson, Hancock county, E. F. Hofmeister; Lansrud, Jefferson county, Lalla Lanrud; Libertyville, Worth county, Clara Trout; Maloy, Ringgold county, Lorenzo Worthington; Palo, Iowa county, W. E. Drake; Schley, Howard county, Frank Meloy; Williams, E. Murren of Nebraska and J. R. Bolton of Iowa were appointed bookbinders in the government printing office.

A postoffice was established at Eleanor, Butler county, Ia., with Joseph Nicklaus as postmaster.

## INLAND HARBOR PROJECT

### Secretary Long Appoints Board to Investigate Possibilities of Washington Lake.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Secretary Long has appointed a board of naval officers to inquire into the advisability of utilizing a large fresh water lake in the state of Washington for the purpose of accommodating the fleet of the navy. The board consists of Captains Perry and Burwell, Lieutenant Commanders Peters and Willet, Naval Constructor Hibbs and Lieutenant Jensen. It is proposed to dig a canal connecting the ocean with this lake, to be used for commercial purposes, but the board is to inquire whether the plan should not be enlarged so as to take into consideration the needs of the navy.

## WHAT'S TO BE DONE AT MANILA

### War Department Receives Plans of Harbor Improvements Authorized by the Commissioners.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The division of insular affairs, War department, has received copies of the specifications and blue print showing the proposed improvement of the port of Manila, authorized by the Philippine commission. The work includes about 150,000 cubic yards rip-rap, 21,000 cubic yards concrete and rubble masonry in breakwaters, about 5,000 cubic yards of dredging and a pile of bulkhead 1,000 feet long. The dredging will be in mud, sand and shells to a depth of thirty feet, the dredged material to be used for reclaiming land.

## TO KEEP MAIL MEN COOL

### Summer Uniform Will Include Gray Blouse with Turn-down Collar and No Coat.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—An innovation looking to the comfort of letter carriers throughout the country during the heat of summer probably will be introduced this year by official permission to them to divest their coats on their rounds when felt to be necessary. It is expected that the postmaster general soon will issue an order formally granting authority to postmasters for this purpose and modifying the requirements so as to allow the carriers to wear a suitable gray blouse with turn-down collar and a black tie.

## DOUBTS ALASKAN MERGER

### Wear Commission Company Is Skeptical on Hundred-Million-Dollar Deal.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Neither the Wear Commission company nor the North American Transportation and Trading company, both of which concerns do a large Alaskan business, when seen today, knew anything of the scheme as reported from London to merge into one concern, with a capital stock of \$100,000,000, all the Alaska transportation and trading companies.

## REPUBLICANS TAKE TOPEKA

### Canvass of Returns Shows Their Candidate Got More Than Twelve Votes Ahead.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 5.—The Topeka city council, in canvassing the municipal returns tonight, found a discrepancy in the figures that elects Hughes, republican candidate for mayor, by twelve votes. Before this his opponent was eleven votes ahead.

## TO PAY HIS OMAHA NOTE

### Bishop McIntarriff Says He'll Settle with Mrs. Michie.

### CLAIMS TO HAVE BORROWED \$11,000

### Thanks the Banks for Cashing His Personal Unsecured Notes and is Publicly Grateful for Answer to Prayers.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Bishop David N. McIntarriff of the People's United Church of Omaha and Spokane announced today that he will at once pay Mrs. Michie of Omaha the \$200 he borrowed from her. This is the loan over which some scandal arose when the bishop failed to repay the money. He said today:

"The Equitable Savings and Loan society of Portland, Ore., has loaned me \$11,000. With this money we shall pay all we owe here and the note at Omaha, though it is not due for four years, thoroughly repair the building, build our Christian auditorium and Sunday school and spend a hundred rooms and place our church in the very first rank, with an income of \$6,000 a year. We also have our lovely home at Sixty and McClellan, and now let me most heartily thank the business men of Spokane who have so nobly assisted us, and the citizens in general who have encouraged us many a time by kind words and with their money. The banks that have furnished money many times on my own note without security. Then I must publicly thank God, who has so generously answered prayers.

"The local church paid off a \$4,000 mortgage today, which is evidence that cash has been secured."

## CONVICTED OF PLAGIARISM

### First Prize Man in Shut Out of Oratorical Contest at Des Moines.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Emmet F. Bishop of Ravenwood, Mo., who won the first prize at the state oratorical contest at Jefferson City, representing the State university, has been found guilty of plagiarism. The disciplinary committee has recommended his dismissal from the university and the president has approved the recommendation.

Bishop was charged with using part of an oration delivered at Columbia in 1876 by Mr. Reaser of Westminster college. The charges were preferred by Tarkie college, whose representative won second prize in the contest, and have been sustained by the university authorities. Mr. Bishop is a senior law student, has borne an excellent reputation and has won several high honors. Tarkie college will be entitled to represent Missouri at the interstate oratorical contest in Des Moines, Ia., now that Bishop has been disqualified.

Bishop declares that the plagiarism was done unconsciously, if at all. He says he took the oration and gave it to a friend to touch up and the latter may have added something from the Reaser speech. Six hundred and fifty words are the same as in the Columbia speech. Bishop is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

## LOCHINVARS ARE INDICTED

### Must Pay Penalty for Attempt to Get Girls Away from Potter's College.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 5.—Five young men belonging to some of the best and wealthiest families of Bowling Green and themselves members of the city's most exclusive social circles were indicted by the grand jury for participating in the escape at Potter's college Saturday night. The charges were preferred by Tarkie college, the college were also involved. The young men are: Roland Pitt, Willis Potter, Pleasant Potter, Floyd M. Nahn and Harry Nahn. It is charged that they placed a ladder to a window of the college and enticed the girls from the college and that when Prof. Cabell, president of the college, fired upon the men they returned the fire, without wounding him. The young women are named in the indictments. The young men assert that they intended to take the girls to a dock supper. The young women whom the indictment charges the young men with attempting to take from the college are: Misses Lena Hopkins of Louisville, Ruth Haynes and Florence Cottrell of Cloverport, Ky., Bessie Simpson of Nicholasville, Ky., and Bessie Boyer of Indiana.

## ALL SCOTCH SHORTHORNS

### Iowa Represented in Purchase of High-Priced Cattle in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 5.—The first combination sale of all-Scotch shorthorns ever in Chicago was at the stock yards today. It consisted of thirty-nine select cows and heifers and ten bulls from the herds of C. B. Dustin & Son, Henry Hill, I. M. Forbes & Son, Henry Hill, S. E. Prather & Son, Springfield, Ill.; J. F. Prather, Williamsville, Ill.; and C. C. Norton, Corning, Ia.

The three highest-priced animals sold for \$4,700, divided as follows: A cow, Victoria, of Hill farm, to Frank Bellows, Marysville, Mo., for \$2,100; Sweet Charity V, to George Ward, Hardscrabble, Ia., \$1,300; Secret of the Hill Farm IV, F. P. Hood, Indiana, Ia., \$1,300.

## AUSTRIANS ARE RIOTOUS

### Three Hundred Laborers on Grade Near Cheyenne Engage in Fierce Fight.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Three hundred Austrians on the Union Pacific grade thirty miles west of Cheyenne engaged in a riot this morning and many were injured. So far as known there were no fatalities. An Austrian had been discharged by the foreman and followed by 100 men he sought revenge. Two hundred Austrians took sides with the foreman, and the forces fought ten minutes. Pistols, clubs, knives and stones were used. Two foremen were fired upon but escaped to Laramie. Officers went to the scene and the rioters were loaded on cars and sent out of the state.

## SHOOTS SISTER AND BROTHER

### Sixteen-Year-Old Boy of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Kills and Runs Away.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., April 5.—Charles Boecher, aged 16, son of a farmer living in Traill county, shot his sister, aged 10, and his brother, aged 6, tonight. The girl is dead and the boy is not expected to recover. It is supposed the shooting was accidental, but this is not certain and the boy has disappeared. Several children were present at the time.

## CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

### Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warm; Saturday; Sunday Fair; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:	
Hour	Temperature
5 a. m.	37
8 a. m.	38
11 a. m.	39
2 p. m.	40
5 p. m.	39
8 p. m.	38
11 p. m.	37

## BIG 'FRISCO-MEMPHIS COMBINE

### Two St. Louis and Fort Scott Railroads to Be Consolidated.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—T. F. Youkum, the present head of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway, is to be president and A. S. Dodge is to become traffic manager of the "Frisco-Memphis combine" when these two finally become consolidated, according to an arrangement said to have been made, and A. S. Dodge is to become traffic manager of the joint system. The actual consolidation of the two roads, with one general office and one set of officials, will, it is said, take place some time next fall. President Winchell today would not deny the report that the Memphis general offices are to be moved from Kansas City to St. Louis.

When the consolidation of offices takes place the other officials and clerks of both systems in every department may well be apprehensive about their positions. It has not yet been decided who are to go and who are to be retained, but two men will not be kept to discharge the duties of one position. The greatest economy, however, will be practiced in the operating and transportation departments. The "Frisco-Memphis combine" will be managed as one system, so as to produce the greatest possible net revenue.

## TEXAS AND PACIFIC LEADERS

### Confirmed Directors Elect G. J. Gould, L. S. Thorne and F. J. Gould and Abolish One Office.

DALLAS, Tex., April 5.—An adjourned meeting of Texas & Pacific railroad stockholders here today ratified the election of the stockholders in New York, March 29, at which three new members of the board of directors were elected, as follows: Edwin Gould, New York; Louis Fitzgerald, New York, and L. S. Thorne, Dallas.

The directors elected the following officers: George J. Gould, president; L. S. Thorne, first vice president and general manager, and Frank J. Gould, second vice president. The office of third vice president was abolished.

## MANAGES SEABOARD AIR LINE

### James M. Barr to Leave the Santa Fe at the End of April.

RICHMOND, Va., April 5.—James M. Barr, vice president of the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe, has accepted the position of first vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line system and probably will take charge May 1. In the meantime there is a division of the duties between Mr. Barr and Captain V. E. Methen, the general