Pan-American Congress Finally Evolves Tangible Paris of Arbitration.

CHILE AND ECUADOR FILE OBJECTION

Zermer Submits an Independent Proposition Deprecating Compulsion.

Permanent Action.

Signatory Nations Empower Mexico to Communicate with Other Governments Looking to More Comprehensive Plan.

Pan-American congress to The Hague con- land, Ill vention was introduced by the Chilean delegation today after a long and able etatement, tending to show the advantages of The Hague convention and the impracticability of compulsory arbitration.

The plan for the adherence of the nations of America to The Hague convention is as follows:

The states represented at the second international American conference resolve:

1. To adhere to the conventions signed at the Hague by the powers represented at the international peace conference:

(a) For the peaceful adjustment of international differences.

(b) For the adaptation to maritime warfare of the principles of the Geneva convention of August 22.

1864. (c) With respect to the laws and usages of land war.

Confer Signatory Government.

2. To confer in order to attain that end upon the United States of America and the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, signatory governments to said conventions, authority to take the necessary steps established for the adherence of non-signatory powers.

The following is the official plan of acceptance of The Hague conference, signed by the delegations to the Pan-American conference, with the exception of Chile, who, it is claimed, for purposes of obstruction, presented an independent plan, and Ecuador, who has sided with Chile throughout the conference:

Article 1. The American republics repre-cented at the international conference at Mexico, and which were not parties to the three conventions signed at The Hague, July 29, 1899, recognize the principles act forth in those conventions as part of the public international law of the Americas.

Communication of Acceptance. Art. 2. The acceptance of the conventions, which are operative when once ratified by the several governments, shall be communicated by those governments through diplomatic channels to the government of the Netherlands.

Art. 3. As it is anxiously expected that the controversies which it may be agreed

Art. 3. As it is anxiously expected that the controversies which it may be agreed to submit to arbitration, should be confined to the jurisdiction of a tribunal of so high a character as is the permanent arbitration court of The Hague and also that the American nations which did not sign the convention which created so beneficent an institution, may be able to have recourse to it by virtue of a recognized and accepted right, and taking, moveover, into consideration the offices tendered by the governments of the United States of America and the United States of Mexico the conference bestows on said governments the mission of negotiating with the other powers who signed the convention for the pacific adjustment of international difficulties to the end that the nations of America which did not sign the convention may become parties thereto.

In an additional article the signatory na-

In an additional article the signatory nations empower the Mexican government, in the interval between the present and the next Pan-American conference, to commu nicate with other governments of America with a view of ascertaining the practicability of reaching a still more comprehensible plan of arbitration. If this is successful, further treaty will be made between two or more pations in question, and in any event Mexico will report at the next conference as to the success of its efforts. It should be noticed that the above is the only official plan for joining The Hague

convention, that of Chile having been pressed, it is claimed, merely for obstructive purposes.

Chile is Obstinate.

The obstructive tactics of Chile were blearly revealed at today's sessions, so it begins to be apparent that it will be practically impossible to ever bring either of the arbitration projects to a vote unless some rule resembling the cloture of the British Parliament is adopted, as the Chileans will continue to talk indefinitely. After attacking throughout the afternoon ession a plan of general acceptance of The Hague articles as having been hastily adopted they finally changed front, dropped

their own plan of acceptance and gave their assent to the general plan, but inelsted that instead of merely passing through the conference it be submitted WILL USE CLARK'S NEW ROAD thereto for debate. Their apparent intention is to delay the matter indefinitely and in the meantime work for the withdrawal of more Central and South American delegations until in that way they may wreck the conference. The discussion will be continued at an extra session tomorrow.

The delegations that have been fairly favorable to Chile are now experiencing a change. But what excites the most unfavorable comment is the efforts of Chile to with the Harriman people, who will put undermine the conference by procuring the withdrawal of delegations, as in the case of Venezuela. This is regarded as a direct defiance of the United States and Mexico. the two nations that are responsible for convening the conference.

# BIG STEAMSHIP MEN CONFER

Opinion is that They Contemplate Union of Various Transatlantic Lines. (Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.)

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 15 .- (New York World Calbegram-Special Telegram)-The passenger list of the steamship Celtic, leaving here today for New York, included W. J. Pierrie, White Star and Leyland director; Bruce Ismay and W. S. Graves, White Star directors, and Ralph Neville and John Dickinson, leading Liverpool shipping lawyers. It is believed their mission is in connection with the rumored pending transatlantic combine of the White Star, Leyland, American and Atlantic transportation companies. The opinion in shipping circles is that a strong working agreement will be settled goon in New York.

# Resigns to Avert Action.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-The county commissioners of Stan-Sinon has been appointed in his place,

ake Shore and Burlington Roads May Effect Improved Mail Service Plan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- A new route, shortenng the time for the transportation of the ascontinental mail, is likely to be ad by a plan that is now being by officers of the Lake Shore and B. 4. roads. The arrangement under cons / would obviate the necessity of the eastern mail destined for points w be Mississippi river pass-30. The scheme is to run ing through LATER THEY ASSENT TO GENERAL MODE mail cars the h from New York to San

Francisco via the Lake Shore to South Bend, Ind., and thence over the Indiana, It is Claimed Chile Only Seeks to Obstruct | Illinois & Iowa road to Zeland, Ill., where | gram.)-R. B. Schneider was among those a connection is had with the Burlington. TRIES TO UNDERMINE THE CONFERENCE and Burlington roads via Chicago. The today. After the ceremonies, which were

from one to two hours. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15 .- The plan for the Bend, Ind., eighty-six miles east of Chicago adherence of the nations represented at the and with the Burlington's main line at Ze-

cent in merchandise rates throughout the northwest, went to the printers today. The tariffs will be in effect February 1, and before that date if they can be published and disturbed. The recent rate conference at Great Northern headquarters, it was officially stated, resulted in no material changes in the new tariffs. Connecting lines were given an opportunity to inspect them and insert additional rates, which were previously agreed to.

The first official statement regarding the effect of the rates was secured today from Great Northern headquarters. It indicates that the reductions in merchandise will be equal on the average to 12 per cent, as they range from 8 to 30 per

cent The statement is as follows: The Great Northern, 800 and Northern Pacific lines leading into the northwest, are preparing and hope to issue, taking effect at the earliest practicable date not later than February 1, tariffs covering merchandise and the head of the lakes to all points in S. D., to the officials of the War departmaking reductions in merchandise rates that will average about 12 per cent. This is in line with the general policy to make

## MILLIONS FOR EQUIPMENT Large Amount May Be Spent by Santa Fe to Get World's Fair

Trade.

will warrant."

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- The Record-Herald

omorrow will say The management of the Santa Fe decided o spend \$13,000,000 for equipment during the present year. This statement was made by an official of the company who added that the money would come from the proceeds of the new issue of bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000. Just how the expenditure is to be apportioned is not stated, but it is known that an order has been given for 5,000 box cars, fifty mammoth freight engines and 100 more engines of smaller type, and that practically all of the passenger equipment of the company is to be renewed. The official statement regarding the amount to be spent for equipment makes it plain what is to be done with the proceeds of the bond issue. It will take \$11,000,000 to give the line some new road

contemplated, free of debt. It is stated unofficially that the Santa Fe is contemplating a Chicago-St. Louis line by the way of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad. From Pekin to Peorla the Terminal railway line would be used, and thence the Rock Island & Peoria.

# Burlington to Make Deal with Harriman for California Con-

nection.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 15 .- The Tribune tomorrow will say:

There is little doubt that the Burlington road will, within a few days, effect a deal its trains into Los Angeles via Senator Clark's road from Salt Lake City to the ington today between General Charles F. Manderson, general solicitor of the Bur lington system; R. K. Kerns of St. Louis, vice president of the San Pedro road; Senator Clark of Montana and several representatives of the Harriman syndicate, which controls the Oregon Short line and the Union and Southern Pacific properties.

Senator Clark made a proposition to buy the Short line, or failing in this, to lease part of the line below Salt Lake City; failing in that, the senator said he would build a parallel line. If his proposition is accepted it is reasonable to predict that the Burlington will be running through trains via Lincoln and Salt Lake City to Los Angeles before the end of the present

### SCHEDULE RAISES WAGES Great Northern and Northern Pacific Scale Gives Enginemen Sub-

stantial Increase.

year.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15 .- It is semirequest of engineers and firemen operatley county yesterday filed complaint with advances the wages of engineers who have cisco, Albuquerque, Omaha, Helena, Kan-Judge Gaffy, charging State's Attorney been receiving \$4 per 100 miles to \$4.50. sas City, Denver, Fort Worth, Aberdeen. Donohue of the county with neglect of Firemen receiving \$2.80, it is said, will re- St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Little Rock business. To avert any action on the part ceive \$2.65 and switching engine drivers New Orleans, Indianapolis, Columbus, of the court, Donohue tendered his resig- \$3.25 a day, less one hour for dinner. Fire- Nashville, Atlanta, Washington, Pittsburg, ceive \$2 a day, computed at ten hours. Winnipeg.

No Announcement Made Regarding Frement Posteffice.

MONEY ORDER CLERK NAMED FOR LINCOLN

Collector Cruson Delayed by Technicality Over Bond-G. W. Saunders for Agent at Santee Agency.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- (Special Telewho attended the ceremonies of inducting For years the through transcontinental into office Postmaster General Henry C. mail has been carried by the Lake Shore Payne of Wisconsin at the White House slow time necessary in entering and leav- attended by nearly all the cabinet and the ing the city costs the two roads about one entire membership of the Wisconsin delehour and the transfer from car to car gatton, Mr. Schneider went to the capitol across the city causes another delay of for a final conference with Senator Mil-

will be necessary for the new collector for the ports of the district of Porto Rico to sented in the island and this may delay next week. He had made all arrangements to sail Sunday from New York.

Representative Burke of South Dakota, on behalf of himself and other representatives, spoke to the president today to ask that approval be withheld from the contemplated action of the Interior department in leasing 1,000,000 acres of surplus Indian lands of the Standing Rock agency of the Sloux Indians, until they have been given a hearing. It is intended to enter serious opposition to this leasing by the Interior department. A large number of surplus acres belonging to the Cheyennes is about to be leased also, and this enter into the opposition that is to be

### made. Young to Be Second Lieutenant.

Senators Gamble and Kittredge presented the name of Evan E. You Minnesota and North Dakota, and distance ment for the position of second lieutenant tariffs covering all traffic in northern states in the regular army. Young was first lieutenant in the First South Dakota and after the regiment was mustered out enlisted in the volunteers and became captain of the reductions from time to time as business Eleventh cavalry, remaining with that regiment until it also was mustered out.

The senators also called upon the State department to ask for an increase of pay for Consul Ravendahl at Beyroot, Syria. The consul at present receives \$2,000 and

It is understood at a meeting of the sen ate committee on Indian affairs tomorrow the subject of leasing Indian lands in South Dakota will be taken up by the committee. Commissioner Jones will be heard. as will members of the South Dakota dele-

gation. Senators Dietrich and Millard today agreed to recommend George W. Saunders of Barile Mills for agent at the Santee agency, vice Henry C. Baird. Saunders is a merchant of Bazile Mills, well known among north Nebraska politicians, who endorsed him for the place.

"The beet sugar interests," said [Mr. Oxnard, "will have a hearing before the committee on ways and means Wednesday It is expected that General Manderson will present the case for our industry, although

### may open the argument." Relief for Forest Settlers.

The house committee on public lands tointroduced by Representative Martin of South Dakota, providing relief for bona fide settlers within the forest reserves. The following civil service examinations are to be held February 19 for positions

named:

Preston, Dean, Appanoose county. A postoffice is ordered established at Coburn, Big Horn county, Wyo., with Warren M. Johnson as postmaster.

Indian school.

Mrs. Phebe M. Green of Genoa, Neb., is on the Omaha and Winnebago agency.

## WILL HAVE BRANCH IN OMAHA Brotherhood of Railway Employes Selects Place of Main and Sub-

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15,-The Brotherhood of Railway Employes has decided that Chicago shall be its future headquarters and today decided to hold its next

ordinate Headquarters.

convention there in May, 1904. The question of ritual was taken up and the convention decided that the nomenclature of the officers shall follow that of railroading. The presiding officer of a di- Both Houses of Mississippi Legislature vision or lodge will be designated as the manager, the vice president as the superintendent, the marshals as conductors and assistant conductor. The inside sentinel will be known as the watchman and the outside sentinel as the flagman. The inside door will be termed the inner block adopted a resolution declaring Rear Ad- work. and the outside door as the outer block, miral Schley to be the rightful hero of the following the block signal system in rail- battle of Santlago "and entitled to the unofficially stated that the new wage sched- roading. The chief financial officer of the fatting gratitude of his country." ules adopted by the Great Northern at the order will be called the general auditor. It was also decided to place an organiza- Admiral Dewey in the Schley court of in- colliery, near Gilberton. Two miners are ing the new and heavier freight engines tion in these cities: Portland, San Fran- quiry and condemns the majority report of missing and probably dead and two others

# JOINS HAGUE PLAN SCHEME TO SHORTEN ROUTE SCHNEIDER STARTS HOME FUNDS FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR CUTS IN COUNTY PATROLL

Nebraska Commissioners Appeal to Citizens to Raise Money for Eshibit.

G. W. Wattles, president, and E. E. Bruce, secretary, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission of Nebraska, yesterday afternoon issued a circular calling for funds for the purpose of preparing exhibits for that exposition, as authorized by the meeting of the commissioners at Lincoln last week. The circular is as follows:

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To the Citizens of Nebraska: The Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, Mo., in 1993, will celebrate the 199th anniversary of the purchase from France of the Louisiana territory. By this peaceful transaction the area of the United States was more than doubled. The raidd development of this territory during the last century has no parallel in history. The United States government has recognized the importance of the great exposition which will commemorate the event of the acquisition of this territory, by an appropriation of \$5,000,000. The city of St. Louis has appropriated an equal amount and the citizens of that city have subscribed \$10,000,000 more. In all there has been appropriated and subscribed more than \$15,000,000 at this date.

across the city causes another delay of from one to two hours.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa is now the property of the Lake Shore road. The Three Is, as the acquired line is known, connects with the Lake Shore at South Bend, Ind., eighty-six miles east of Chicago, and with the Burlington's main line at Zeland, the Burlington's main line at Zeland, the Burlington's main line at Zeland, the Shore trains at South Bend and run by special train over the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa to Zeland, where they would be attached to the Burlington flyers for the west.

TWELVE PER CENT REDUCTION General Average of Decline in Tariffs Effected by Northern Roads.

TWELVE PER CENT REDUCTION General Average of Decline in Tariffs as the set of the Northern Pacific distance and new terminal tariffs, which with similar tariffs from the Great Northern and Sooiline will work a general reduction of 12 per feet in merchandise rates throughout the consultance with Senator Dictor of the general very state in the street of the Lincoin postoffice, but long the proper green and place on exhibit a sprophred to the Burlington flyers for the west.

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TWELVE PER CENT REDUCTION General Average of Decline in Tariffs that the surely company bonding the property of this state, and to all who have pride in its state that the surely company bonding Mr. Cruzen had no agent in Porto Rico. It will be necessary for the new collector for the porto Rico to the p Nebraska is one of the most populous and

Commissioners.

# execute a new bond in a company repre- BELIEVE VESSEL IS LOST his leaving for his new post until early Naval Men Think that British Ship Sank in the Recent

Typhoon.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 15 .- Hope for the but abandoned. Naval men here are convinced it went to the bottom during the recent typhoon while on its way from here to Honolulu. The admiralty officials will dispatch Pheaton Saturday in search of it. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15 .- A special to

the Times from Victoria, B. C., says: Condor was thirty-one days from here for Honolulu on January 3, the date of the last mall, and left here December 2, on the evening of the storm, in which the collier Mattewan was lost. It may be sailing to the islands, however, as warships often do, and with scant canvas and without its pro- he had already marked for decapitation mail due at San Francisco bli Saturday from the Islands is anxiously awaited.

steamer Pair Haven, operating between this city, Laconner and way ports, struck a rock or reef a short distance from Utsledy early this morning during a fog and of the courthouse grounds. soon after sank in ten feet of water. The passengers and crew all succeeded in reach-Utsledy. It is understood the vessel can

be raised. NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- Condor is defined in the British admiralty list as a screw sloop. It was built at Sheerness and was launched in 1898. It is of steel and sheathed think Power will suffer any hardship if and its tonnage is 980. It is 180 feet long, has 33 feet beam and draws 11 feet 6 inches. Six four-inch quickfire guns and four three- while the number of prisoners has been pounders constitute its armament. Its speed is thirteen knots. Its full comple- a couple of jailers and keep the prisoners ment of men is 130 and the last admiralty just as comfortable. And I am also in navy list gave it the following officers: Commander, Clinton Sclater; lieutenants, James B. Mason, H. A. Winthrop and Lenry V. T. Proctor; surgeon, Thomas S Hartley; assistant paymaster, William H. Franklin; gunner, Arthur D. A. Burns; engineer, George J. Ditton. It was commissioned at Chatham on November 1, 1900, and practically all of its present crew joined it at that time.

# day ordered a favorable report on the bill Business Portion is Swept by Raging Flames, Causing Heavy

of clerks and carriers in the postoffices that a disastrous conflagration broke out should have a good man or two to check about 8 o'clock this evening at Edinbero, up the accounts of the various county of Nebraska, Kearney; Iowa, Alliance, Ce- eighteen miles from that city, and at this fices. The commissioners themselves are dar Falls, Decorah, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, hour, 10 p. m., the fire is reported to be supposed to audit the accounts, but they Red Oak, Webster City; South Dakota, sweeping away many of the business houses are not capable of doing it and if they were Deadwood, Huron; Wyoming. Cheyenne, and residences in its path. As Edinboro Iowa postmasters appointed: H. K. has no fire protection, Erie has been asked

Loss

Smith, Archer, O'Brien county; Elmer E. for assistance and has sent a steamer. A special from Edinboro says: The town is fire swept tonight. A conflagration is raging that threatens the en- and one of the men can be cut off just as uty Briggs, located the robbers early yestire business district. At midnight seven John W. Sheppard of Watkins, N. Y., is buildings have been destroyed and the appointed gardener at the Rosebud (S. D.) Cutler house is threatened. The town is without fire protection and Erie and Cambridge have been appealed to, but no aid

coast. A conference was held in Wash- appointed laundress in the Indian school has yet been received. The buildings destroyed are: G. B. Proudfit, grocery.

## A. J. Johnson, jewelry. G. B. Hanson, harness store.

James McKell, dwelling and eating saloon H. G. Billings, residence. E. B. Kenyon, clothing store, residence

Greenfield & Kenyon, clothing store The blaze started in the oil room at the grocery store of G. B. Proudfit. It is stated tonight that it was of incendiary origin. The loss will probably reach \$40,000,

# DECLARE SCHLEY THE HERO salaries. Commend Him and Endorse

Dewey's Report.

The resolution endorses the report of the members constituting the court. By were injured. The missing are John Mathe same resolution the legislature extends guire and James Lashnishi, both of Shenana cordial invitation to Admiral Schley to doah. The injured are: visit Jackson and receive "public manifestations of the exalted respect, confidence fatal, and John Twaite, fire boss. A naked nation, which was accepted, and M. G. men on the same class of engines will re- New York City, Boston, Montreal and admiration in which he is held by the lamp in the hands of one of the missing people of Mississippi."

Commissioner O'Kooffe Has Plans Laid for General Retrenehment.

USELESS EMPLOYES MUST GET OUT

Business Affairs of Douglas County Will Be Brought Down to Strict

> Business Basis if Posatble.

Forty thousand dollars on road and bridge work and \$12,000 on salaries will be saved to Douglas county this year if the plans of Richard O'Keeffe, the new member of the county beard, do not mis-

CRITY. Commissioner O'Keeffe is prepared for an at double prices. He bluntly says that he political friends thought that he was not speaking in good faith during the campaign when he promised to cut off useless county expenditures if given the chance. they simply reckoned without their host, "It matters not whether it is a democrat or a republican that is hit," said the commissioner last night, "wherever there is a useless man on the county payroll he is going to be cut off if my vote will do the cutting."

### Expects Republican Help.

Commissioner O'Keeffe is not looking for any help in this campaign for retrench- body was exhumed at Tiskiiwa by the corment from the two other democratic mem- oner of Bureau county and the stomach the National guard of the various states. bers of the board, but he expects that the sent to Chicago. A chemist reported he and the debate took so wide a range that votes of the two republican members will found poison in sufficient quantity to cause be given in support of his policy. It is death. At the trial which ensued in Nesaid on excellent authority that Commis- braska Dr. Goodmanson was acquitted. sioner Ostrom has already agreed to vote with the new member on the proposition state and remarried. He was then lost to cut off fifteen county sinecures, and sight of until letters were received at Commissioner Harte is expected to fall in Pender and Tiskilwa, according to reports line with the work. Commissioner Con- published there, stating that he had been nolly has been quoted as not being in sym- lynched in this state on suspicion of murpathy with the movement to reduce the dering his second wife. payroll, saying that any saving effected in The lynching is reported to have taken that way would be "only a drop in the place in the backwoods of Okanogan

"I have figured out," said Commissioner is obtainable. Some think that for private O'Keeffe, "where we can save at least reasons Goodmanson may have started the \$12,000 a year in salaries without weaken- report himself with the object of keeping ing the public service in the least. I think former acquaintances in Nebraska and Illithat if any member of this board could nois from learning of his whereabouts. A see a leak of \$12,000 a year in his private telegram from Pender says that the editor business he would consider it something of the paper at Ponca, Neb., recently saw more than a drop in the bucket-and I Goodmanson at Webster, where it is resafety of the British warship Conder is all don't believe we have as much right to ported he is living. The editor of the paper waste the people's money as we have to at Webster was telegraphed to today for waste our own.'

# Fifteen Marked to Go.

Commissioner O'Keeffe's plan for salary saving, as far as it has been formulated. either dead or alive. contemplates the dismissal of fifteen county be dispensed with without in any way rewhich they are to go. The commissioner would not say, when interviewed on the subject last night, just where the heads from remarks he let drop that the list is Telegram.)-The sky was illuminated by a ventive ability of this nation. something like this: Two deputy sheriffs, brilliant meteor which passed across the SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—The sound two assistant jailers, two clerks in the heavens in a southwesterly direction at

the exposition and these two additional in that vicinity were panic-stricken by its men have been kept on ever since. I don't appearance. jail, the force of jailors has been doubled, cut almost in two. We can dispense with favor of putting the salaries of the assistant jailers back to \$65 a month, where

### they were up to about a year ago. Worst Managed Office.

"The county clerk's office is the worst managed thing about the courthouse. When and his advice that the party be disbanded was on the board before there were only and its members join the democrats. The four assistants in that office and all the salaries were paid out of the fee receipts. of the road, adopting the following resolu-Now there are eleven assistants and not one of them is paid out of the fees. In fact, ENTIRE TOWN IS IN PERIL the fees are only sufficient to pay the salary of the county clerk himself. They tell me the work of the office has increased to warrant the additional help, but if such is the fact, why have the fees not increased correspondingly?

"As for the auditor's office, there is no PITTSBURG, Jan. 15 .- Erie, Pa., reports excuse in law for its existence, but we

### well as not. Pinin Talk to Dec.

t. I have already told Superintendent Dec killed. that he will have to take out an engineer's license and run the engine and see to it that the courthouse is kept clean if he wants my vote to retain him in office. "After the number and salaries of county

the board at the beginning of the year they should not be increased by subsequent resolutions later on. I am going to oppose any effort that may be made during the year to put on extra help or to increase

employes have been fixed by resolution of

as chairman of the road and bridge com-JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 15.-Both houses \$40,000 can be saved by careful business of the legislature teday unanimously methods in conducting the road and bridge

# Explosion Causes Disaster.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 15 .- An explosion of gas occurred today at Maple Hill

David Adamson, inside foreman, probably men caused the explosion,

# CONDITION OF THE WEATHER OPPOSED TO RESERVE

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Thursday and Slightly Colder in Southeast Portion; Fri-day Fair; Northerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday! Hour. Deg. 1 p. m. . . . . 42 2 p. m. . . . 48 Hour. Deg. 5 a. m..... 31 6 a. m ..... 31 8 p. m..... 45 4 p. m. . . . . 40 5 p. m. . . . . 45 6 p. m . . . . 43 7 p. m . . . . 43 a. m..... 28 0 n. m..... 28 10 n. m..... 30 11 a. m..... 85 7 p. m..... 40 8 p. m..... 30 9 p. m..... 87 12 m ...... 37

# GOODMANSON STILL MISSING

Former Nebraska Dentist Cannot Be Found and Lynching Story Continnes Persistent.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 15 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-Mystery continues to surround the reported lynching of Dr. Sidney J. Goodexpedition that will send consternation to manson, who formerly lived at Tiskilwa the hearts of the holders of county sine- Ill., and Pender, Neb. During the last few cures and the people who have been went days numerous inquiries have been received to sell goods and services to the county here for details regarding the supposed lynching of Goodmanson in this state. It is no sham reformer, and if any of his has been printed in Illine's papers that he was lynched several weeks ago for the nileged murder of his second wife. Additional interest is added to the case by the fact that several years ago Goodmanson was tried and acquitted on a charge of murdering his first wife at Pender, Neb. This wife was fermerly Miss Laura Roder, leader in religious work at Tiskilwa, Ill. They moved to Pender, Neb., where Good- he introduced. He took strong ground manson practiced dentistry. Mrs. Goodman- against the organization of a naval reson died auddenly one day, her body being serve, his comments being construed by sent to Tiskilwa for burial. Soon after- some of the senators into a reflection upon ward several residents of Pender and some of her relatives became suspicious. The

Goodmanson soon afterward moved to this

county, but no evidence to verify the story information and replied that Goodmanson had never lived there and could not be located in that state. Relatives and others are unable to locate the missing dentist,

# employes, whose services, he contends, can METEOR SHAKES THE EARTH ducing the efficiency of the offices from Drops Near Atwood, Kan., and Causes

Panic Among People in Vicinity. BEAVER CITY Neb Jan 15 - (Soc

auditor's office, three janitors, two assist- 9 o'clock last night. When the meteor the president to inform the senants of the county poor agent, three clerks struck the earth the concussion sounded ate in the county clerk's office and one keeper like thunder. Those who saw it say it had any official information as to whether appeared as large as a foot ball. Many "I am convinced that the work of the who were in their homes or in business goods intended for prisoners of war in Bersheriff's office," said the commissioner, "is places and did not see its passage thought ing the lifeboats in safety and rowed to not any greater now than it was when the tremor to be a slight earthquake Drexel was sheriff, and Drexel had only five shock. Railroad men on trains from the deputies. I understand that two deputies west report that the meteor struck the were added under McDonald on account of earth near Atwood, Kan., and that people

# we cut off two of his deputies. As to the KEEP MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Idaho Populists Won't Be Changed by Withdrawal of Senator

ROISE, Idaho, Jan. 15.-The advisory committee of the people's party of Idaho met here tonight to consider what action the party should take in view of the abandonment of the party by Senator Heitfeld committee resolved to keep in the middle

Heitfeld.

Resolved. That it is the sense of the advisory committee of the people's party the state of Idaho that the organization not dissolved.

Resolved, That the people's party should nominate and support a straight populist ticket in the coming election.

# KILL SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTY Notorious Highwaymen Fire Fatal Shots at Their Pursuers and

Escape.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Jan. 15 .- Sheriff Smith they would neglect the work. I think two and Deputy Beck met death while storming of the world that stands snarling at angood men are sufficient to do this work. At an Indian but eight miles west of Anadarko. present there are three men and one Highwaymen on Sunday night had held up woman on the auditor's payroll. The and robbed persons going home from church woman should never have been on the roll and Smith and Beck, accompanied by Depterday. In attempting to enter Smith shot through the breast and died in a few "It takes seven men to care for this minutes. Beck was also shot through the suilding now, and when I was on the breast and his left arm was shuttered. The board before three did the same work and highwaymen fied. Sheriff Smith made a did it better. The superintendent of the dying effort to arrest the robbers and shot courthouse will have to cut his force from several times through the door after being seven to four men if I have my way about | wounded. Beck continued the fight until

# CUDAHY BUYS MORE LAND Omaha Packer Pays Forty Thousand

Dollars for Property for Business Purposes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- (Special Telegram.) -Edward Cudaby, the Omaha packer, has bought for \$40,000 the property in Cottage Grove avenue eighty-one feet south of Sev-Commissioner O'Keeffe says that the enty-first street, east front, 115x78 feet county has been paying aimost double and in Seventy-first street, ninety-four feet prices for its road and bridge work and west of Cottage Grove avenue, north front, 100x101 feet. The grantor was James M. mittee he proposes to put a stop to the Reddy, an incumbrance of \$18,000 being waste. He is convinced that not less than assumed by the purchaser. The ground will be improved by the Cudahy concern for business purposes.

> Movements of Ocean Vessels, Jan. 15 At New York-Arrived-Prinz Fredrik At New York—Arrived—Prinz Fredrik
> Hendrik, from Paramaribo, etc. Sailed—St.
> Louis, for Southampton; Friesland, for
> Antwerp; Testonic, for Liverpool.
> At Liverpool—Sailed—Celtic, for New
> York, via Queenstown; Westerniand, for
> Philadelphia, via Queenstown.
> At Hong Kong—Arrived—Indrapura, from
> Portland, via Yokohama. Sailed—Empress
> of China, for Shanghai, Nagasaki, Yokohama and Vancouver, B. C.; Campania,
> for Tucoma. secure men enough to man the ships of the United States navy and it is impossible

for Pacoma.

At Genoa-Arrived-Fuerst Bismarck, from New York, for Alexandria, etc.

At Yokohama-Arrived-Clavering, from Tacoma, for Hong Kong.

Sonator Hale Strongly Objects to Organization of Naval Force.

DECLARES IT WEAK AND MEASER SERVICE

Hints at the Necessity of Compulsion to Military Activity.

MILITIA, TOO, HE SAYS, IS UNRELIABLE

Declares Country Must Depend on Volusteers in Emergencies.

OTHER SENATORS TAKE OPPOSITE VIEW

Maine Man Precipitates Acrimonious Discussion, Which is Finally Tempered by Wittletom of Senator Tillman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- A spirited discussion was precipitated in the senate today by some remarks submitted by Mr. Hale of Maire, in respect to bills relating to the formation of a naval reserve which volunteer soldiers and land militia. Half a dozen constors were on their feet in an instant to defend the volunteers and senators went back in their references to the days of the revolutionary war to find

illustrations for their arguments. While no action is possible at this time it is likely that the discussion upon the measures, should they be reported, will be very lively. No business of special importance was transacted, the time of the senate being consumed by matters of routine.

Friends Ask for Introduction.

After the adjournment of the senate Mr. Hale said the naval reserve bills introduced by him today had been presented by request of persons interested in such legislation. In the same manner he had introduced bills representing both the Navy department's views and that of individuals and organizations on the question of a

naval reserve. He personally, however, did

not stand committed to any of them and he questioned whether any satisfactory results would come from them. Mr. Hoar today, in presenting a petition from railroad, insurance and shipping interests praying for the construction of lighthouses in some dangerous places where lightships are located now, said that proposition had been made by a responsible and intelligent builder to construct lighthouses at points where government engineers had considered it impracticable to build lighthouses. He thought such a prop-

osition ought to be treated with respect. It

was an illustration of the marvelous Mr. Hoar presented a resolution, which was agreed to, calling upon the State department whether the British government charges duties on muda, in violation of the fifteenth article of The Hague convention. He stated that information had reached him from a high au-

### thority that such duties have been imposed Print Schley Court Records.

A concurrent resolution was adopted providing for the printing of 3,500 copies of the proceedings of the Schley court of

inquiry Mr. Hale of Maine then brought up his measure in respect to the value to the country of a militia force. He introduced some bills relating to the organization and maintenance of a naval reserve and in doing so declared that the reliance placed by some people on the naval reserve never would be realized. Experience had shown he said, that at the beginning of a war plenty of young men were willing to enlist in the pavy and enter the ranks of the naval militia, but at the conclusion of the war the interest in the organizations ceased and it was found difficult to maintain them. He was of the opinion that the United States as a nation, was not likely to take much interest in the military forces of land or of sea. In time of stress he was certain the country would be obliged to depend on volunteers, called out on an emergency, or upon some form of com pulsory service. England, he said, "had learned this lesson from her smallest and

### wickedest war." Compulsion to Service.

"If" he said, "we are to become a great war power, we will have to learn the lesson other nations have learned. Every nation other depends on some aort of compulsion to military service."

Mr. Hale declared that England was about to resort to conscription to raise men to fight "a band of free men thousands of miles away." It had been proved, he said, that naval militia was not a success. Of course it could be maintained in "a lingering, half-hearted manner," but it never really amounted to much.

In conclusion he said: "If we have determined that we are to become a great war power, with a great army and a great navy, no system of volunteering will answer the purpose." In answer to an inquiry from Mr. Hawley, Mr. Hale said he did not suppose that the United States would ever dispense with the militia. It would continue to be

### of war he did not think it would be worth reckoning with. Spooner Points to Display.

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Mr. Spooner pointed out that the display made by the National guard of various states on Pennsylvania avenue on the oceasion of an inaugural parade was a sufficient evidence of the practicability of the

militia. "Yes," responded Mr. Hale, "but the loss of life on Pennsylvania avenue never is se-

Continuing, he said what he desired to impress upon the senate and upon the country was that the naval reserve was and always would be weak and meager. "It is difficult even now," said he, "to

to maintain the interest in the naval re-Several senators, among them Mr. Mason of Illinois, Mr. Teller of Colorado, Mr. Hoar 'of Massachusetts and Mr. Bacon of Georgia, were drawn into the debate in defense of the military forces of the va-

rious states, Mr. Hale finally disclaiming