Bea Captain Describes Terrible Fate of British Ship and Orew.

SCENES OF AGGNY ARE DEPICTED

Volcanic Ashes from Mount Pelee Falls Two Feet Thick on the Decks.

MANY OF SAILORS ARE ROASTED ALIVE

Fragments of Bodies Strewn Over Vessel, Which is a Charred Wreck.

CAPTAIN AND MEN IN JAWS OF DEATH

Nerve and Herotem of the Surviving Seamen Startles Even a Hardened Veteran of Ocean-Life.

NEW YORK, May 18,-The Norton Line steamer. Etons, arrived here today from called for bunker coal on May 10.

"At St. Lucia on May 11," says Capiain Cantell, "I went on board the British steamer. Roddam, which had escaped from the terrible volcanie eruption at Martinique three days before. The state of the ship was enough to show that those on board must have undergene an awful experience. Roddam was covered with a mass of fine bluish gray dust, or ashes of cement-like appearance. On some parts it laid two feet deep on the decks.

"This matter had fallen in a red hot state all over the steamer, setting fire to everything it struck that was burnable, and when it fell on the men on beard burned off limbs and large pieces of flesh. This was shown by finding portions of human remains when the decks were cleared of the debris. The rigging, ropes tarpaulins, sails, awnings, etc., were charred or burned and most of the upper stanchions and spars had been swept overboard or destroyed by fire. Ekylights were smashed and cabins were filled with volcanie dust. The scene of ruin was deplorable,

Captain Tells His Story.

"I visited the captain of Reddam in the hospital at St. Lucia, where he gave me had just arrived and anchored at St. Plerro. Martinique, on the morning of Thursday,

"The captain was standing near the acthe vessel, who had come on board, when disasters that have fallen upon Spain durblack cloud, like a wall with patches of evitable and were lightened through her fire in it approaching the sea from the land. discretion insofar as possible. With it came an immense tidal wave of boiling water, accompanied by a loud and says: "Queen Christina only went into it think of something suitable to present to terrible nelse. He shouted "take shelter," as an inexerable fatality. Far from having add to the collection of colonial relics, the to the crew. Immediately the steamer was contributed to unchain the ill-emened war caught and tossed on its side, almost cap-

"Darkness fell like a pall and volumes of red hot matter showered down, while the sil was finished, when not a gleam of hope air was thick with sulphurious fumes and remained, she turned all her steadfastness

Din of Terror

"Fire broke out in various parts of the ship, screams, groans and shouts of agony from the injured people, mingled with the terrible noise of boiling water and rushing air, together with the falling of fire, caused a most horrible confusion and frightful din. This shock lasted for a few minutes.

"The captain of Roddam, knowing that his vessel had steam up, and instantly realising the necessity of escape, rushed to the engine room annunciator and signaled below to start the engine at full speed. The anxious momente, increased by his sufferingo from burns and agony of mind, were relieved by the vibration of the engines and the reply from below. It happened, fortunately, that although the crew had been rung off from duty at the engines, some of the engineers were near at hand. The terrible tidal wave which had swept Roddam and nearly capsized it had parted the cable and the vessel was adrift When the engines started it was found that the steering gear had become disabled in some manner and could not be worked.

Both Vessels in Flames.

"For more than an hour Roddam's engines were worked, backing and going shead, with the hope of bringing the head toward the sea and away from the land. Once it got dangerously near the steamer Roraima. Both vessels were in flames All of those on board jumped into the boiling water, others fell dead to the deck. All this time the fire was falling and the water was hissing and dense masses of steaming vapor rose. Smoke and dust their oppression to the appalling situation.

"After some time Reddam's steering gear moved a little and enabled the captain to difficulty he managed to steer it a little distance from the land.

ghastly. thick hot dust. The screams from the inured became more audible. Some rushed arms; others in their agony laid writhing in the redhot dust.

Crew is Disabled.

"In about two hours the air became gradually clear. An investigation of the casualties on board showed that, besides the captain, who was frightfully injured. only two engineers, two sailors and the boatswain were able to do duty.

"Fire was still burning about the ship and the rigging was in flames. The captain decided to try to reach the island of St. Lucia, forty-five miles distant. This he succeeded in doing by 6 o'clock in the evening of May 8. The steamer was difficult to owing to the partially disabled steering gear, which could not be made to work properly.

'In the time occupied on this terrible voyage the experience of the survivors was | White Star line yesterday the agreement to still worse than that already gone through. The brave captain and his few men, fighting the fire, exhausted and scalded, strug- half the shareholders attended the meetgled and worked trying to do something to assist their dying shipmatce. Those work- shareholders is required, says the paper ing below atrived to keep up the steam.

Captain's Startling Herolam

"The captain, suffering the greatest agony, succeeded in navigating his vessel safely to the port of Castries, St. Lucia, with eighteen dead hodies lying on the Spanish Inhabitants Celebrate steck and human limbs scattered about. A sailor stood by constantly wiping the cap

tain's injured eyes. "I think the performance of Roddam's taptain was most wonderful, and the more so when I saw his pitiful condition. I do not understand how he kept up, yet when ceremony yesterday by all the Spanish resthe steamer arrived at St. Lucia and medcal assistance was procured this brave ernor Wright represented the American man saked the doctors to attend to the government at the principal function.

others first and refused to be treated until

this was done. "My interview with the captain brought out this account. I left him in good spirits and receiving every comfort. The sight of his face would frighten anyone not preparcel to see it. We sailed from St. Lucia on the morning of May 11 and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon passed the Island of Martinique. The weather was perfectly clear and we had a good view of that part of the

island which had suffered by the volcanic Feder eruption a few days before. Formation of Island Altered.

"The formation of the island is quite altered and the whole northern part, where the town of St. Pierre once stood, is covered with a mass of ashes and lava. At about 2:30 o'clock as Etona was passing the island, a tremendous upshoot of smoke and dust occurred and in a few moments the ship was covered with fine dust-like cement. We were about three miles distant from the island at the time. The ship's engines were put under full speed and for a time considerable anxiety was felt on board. For an hour or two the ship was covered with dust and enveloped in a thick cloud and the air was filled with sulphur fumes. It was another eruption, and the dust was sent that distance in the air, because it traveled against the wind and at a tremendously rapid rate.

"The Lamport and Holt steamer Horace arrived today from Santos, Rio de Janeiro the River Platte via St. Lucia, where it and St. Lucia, and reports that before the ship arrived at St. Lucia, dust began falling in an unaccountable manner.

On the Fatal Day.

"This was on the morning of May 8. During that day there was a heavy thunder and lightning storm. The dust became so dense that the members of the crew were obliged to turn their backs to it. At one time the dust covered the decks to the depth of three inches. When the dust was first noticeable the ship was 125 miles from Barbadoes, Captain Byrne said that at the time of sailing from St. Lucia very little was known of the details of the disaster beyond the account given by Roddam's crew. "Horace brought one passenger, Mr.

Henry Chastenet, who, however, knew nothing further.

EULOGIZES QUEEN CHRISTINA Paris Paper Gives Her Credit for Saving Bather Than Wreck-

ing Spain. (Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, May 18-(New York World Cablegram-Specal Telegram.)-Queen Christina's an account of his terrible experience. He passing as regent of Spain is the occasion of an article in Figare. It praises the wisdom with which she, a young woman of 25, took the reins of government and he saw what appeared to be an an enormous ing her regency, but says they were in-

> Of the Spanish-American war, the writer of which the issue was so unfortunate for Spain, she neglected nothing which could retard or prevent a rupture. Then, when

> dence to the Spanish people. "History will declare that if she had to Queen Maria Christina deserves the gratitude of Spain. All her subjects, not excepting the most bitter and irreconcilable adversaries of the kingdom, unite in recognot saying too much to affirm that if there have been more popular monarchs beyond the Pyrennees than she, there have never been any more esteemed. Europe venerates and admires her. The entire world has for her only praises and respectful sympathy. As for us, we owe her a special tribute of gratitude for the friendliness that she has never ceased to testify for us, and for the constant advances of her government toward ours, even in spite of the persevering efforts of the cabinet of Berlin to attract that of Madrid within its orbit."

EARL BEFORE POLICE COURT

Summons Issued Because He Failed to Answer Drunk and Disorderly Charge.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, May 17 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-A summons has been issued for the earl of Egmont because he falled to appear in the dock at the Marlborough pelice court yesterday to answer to a charge of having been "drunk and disorderly" in Piccadilly the filled the air and polsonous fumes added night before, accompanied by a pretty girl named Anna Perceval. The earl, who is 47 years old, formerly was the janitor of the Chelsea town hall and was a member of head it out to sea, and with considerable the London fire brigade when unexpectedly he succeeded to the title. Early in life he was in the merchant marine service, hold-"As the air cleared the scene on board ing a second mate's certificate. He lost the ill-fated Roddam became all the more his post in the Chelsea town hall for turn-The ship steamed on through ing the fire hose on a political meeting whose opinions he disapproved.

Since he inherited a title and a fortune rantically about with their clothes on fire he has been very kind to his former comand large pieces of fiesh burned from their panions and is rapidly getting rid of his money.

> Another aristocrat in trouble this week s Hon. Wyndham Roper-Curson, a brother of Lord Teynham. Curzon has been committed for trial for systematic frauds on tradesmen

The earl of Egmont's police court escapade cannot prevent him from attending the coronation, as he has already received his invitation.

WHITE STAR LINE WILL GO IN Decides to Accept Morgan's Proposition and Enter Shipping

LONDON. May 18 .- The Liverpool Daily Post asserts that at the meeting of the transfer the line to the Atlantic shipping company was unanimously confirmed. About The assent of 75 per cent of the but there is no doubt that their saction was forthcoming as the terms offered are considered very favorable.

MANILA OBSERVES THE DAY

Henor of King Alfonso's

Coronation. MANILA, May 18 .- The coronation King Alfonso was celebrated with much idents of Manila, and Acting Civil Gov

Historic Plate is Contributed to the Collection by Mrs. Manderson.

FAR-REACHING TELEPHONE DECISION

Comp. Secure Use of Valuab. Wind Switchbons they be

(From a Staff Corres, WASHINGTON, May 18 .- (pecial.)-At the meeting of the Board of Regents of Mount Vernon last week a number of interesting relics of the historic days of America were presented by the vice regents to the association and have been added to the collection in the historic Washington mansion. Among the most interesting of these, perhaps, was an old blue plate given by Mrs. Charles F. Manderson, vice regent from Nebraska. It appears that some years ago, while journeying through New England, Senator and Mrs. Manderson hunted up an old maiden aunt of theirs, who was famous for her collection of old blue chins. After the collection had been admired, and just as they were about to resume their journey, the old lady said

o Mrs. Manderson: "I'm going to give you this plate. It is an old one, and as I haven't any more of the set I'd just as soon part with it as not."

Picture of Old Capitol.

An examination of the plate showed on the front, in blue under the enameling, the picture of a building which resembled very much the old structure used as the capitol in Washington when the British came here to burn it during the war of 1812. On the back appeared the words, 'semi-china," with the name of an English maker, and also the inscription, "The New Capitol of the United States at Mount Vernon."

Neither the senator nor Mrs. Manderson had ever heard of a proposition to remove the seat of government to Mount Vernon. But one day Mr. Gardiner G. Hubbard residence in this city and was attracted to the plate. He was asked if he knew anything about the proposition to establish the capitol at Washington's home, and he said that there was at one time such a plan on foot, but it was abandoned because it was deemed inadvisable for the Father of His Country to try to move the seat of government to his own estate. And, besides, it was thought best that the territory comprising the federal district should not be confined to one state, for which reason the Mount Vernon project was abandoned and the District of Columbia se

lected. Mrs. Manderson retained that plate among her collection of bric-a-brac for a number of years and the other day, when trying to ex-senator suggested the plate. And the suggestion was carried out by donating it, but not without some sighs of regret,

Medical Officers to Meet.

In 1890, that eminent surgeon, Colonel of an association of military surgeons of the United States to consist of medical officers of the army, the navy and the Revenue Marine service, together with the staff of abandon her colonies she saved her capital. surgeons of the National Guard of each sewers and liquidate the outstanding instate. The suggestion was followed and the association was formed. Since that time it has grown to such importance in the world of medicine that it has 1,800 members in niging and in proclaiming her. And it is the United States and its meetings have been attended by large delegations from foreign countries. The association will meet for its twelfth session in this city, June 6, and 7, and preparations are being made to entertain the largest number of eminent medical and surgical men ever gathered in the United States. The subjects for discussion, of course, embraces military surgery principally, but incidentally the whole range of medicine comes in for attention. In the list of those who have promised to read papers are found the names of some of the most eminent medical men of the world, and undoubtedly the gathering will result in adding materially to the stock of human knowledge upon the art of healing, especially the healing of those who have been wounded upon the field of battle. Railroads and hotels have consented to material reduction in rates for this gathering and as the time selected for the meeting is the season of the year when Washington is in all its glory, it is more than likely that the parly days of June will see one of the largest crowds of medicos in the capital ever gathered here.

Important Telephone Decision. The decision recently rendered by Judge Dallas of the United States circuit cour for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, denying a preliminary injunction in a suit brought by the Western Electric company of Chicago (the manufacturing company for the Bell Telephone company) against the Keystone Telephone company of Philadel phia, wherein the former alleged that the latter company was infringing upon patents on switchboard apparatus owned by the Western Electric company, promises to be far-reaching in character. The suit which the Western Electric company instituted against the Keystone people has been watched very closely by the independent telephone interests throughout the United States and also by the patent office people here, as it was regarded as the commence ment of hostile operations on the part of the Bell telephone people against the independent telephone companies throughout the country. It was the first open and direct attack which the Bell telephone people undoubtedly contemplate making from new on against the growing power of the

independent companies.

Resist the Bell Company. An examiner in the patent office who has had long years of experience in electrical apparatus, speaking of the decision of Judge Dallas, said that undoubtedly from this time on the independent companies would resist wherever possible the onslaught of the Bell people against them; that the decision was of very great moment to the independent companies, as it gave them the right to use multiple switchboards for telephone exchanges upon which patents were about expiring or had expired. The examiner in question said that the growing power of the independent telephone companies throughout the United States was looked upon by the Bell telephone people as a menace to their interests and that from now on they would harrass wherever possible the independent telephone companies by dissuading subscribers from using the independent companies' lines. As a matter of fact, the examiner stated, the independent telephone companies have more exchanges and telephones in use in the United States today than the Bell companies and as they are backed by local capital and local sentiment their advent into fields heretofore controlled exclusively by the Bell people is looked upon by the latter with grave concern.

RELICS AT MOUNT VERNON DR. HIRSCH STIRS CRITICS LOOK FOR PLAN FROM EASLEY

Chicagoan's Plan for Jews to Adopt Christian Sabbath is Condemned.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 18 .- The blennial convention of the Independent Order of the Free Sons of Israel met today at Hotel Rudolf with 250 delegates present from all parts of the country. The object of the organization is "to unite the sons of Israel in the interests of common humanity and to spread intelligence and enlightenment and more firmly bind the ties which unite mankind, to succor the distressed and to relieve the needy." Grand Master Harburger, in his message which was read at today's session, states

that in the aggregate millions of dollars have been dispensed by the order in relieving the sick and distressed. The following officers were chosen after the convention had been called to order by Grand Master Harburgers William Gans of New York, chairman; E.

. Hamburger, Chicago, vice chairman; Herman Stelfel, New York, second vice chairman, and J. H. Goldsmith, New York, secretary. The principal work of the day was the

master of the order, Julius Harburger, Considerable discussion was indulged in privately by the delegates over the sermon the Christian Sunday. The sermon and tion.

"I am not in favor of any change as sug-Jews is too well established in their be- for New York at 10 a. m. Hef and their doctrines to put them aside

for modern doctrines." School Commissioner Benjamin Blumen-

thal of New York said: bring Jews together in a city like Chicago happened to call at Senator Manderson's the large attendance of Jewish men at my offered by either side, church that his statement as to the Jews' Sabbath being dead is not true. If we have such men as Dr. Hirsch we certainly will meet with destruction."

Judge E. Hamburger of Chicago defended the proposition, saying: "I believe in anything that will help to

bring about a day of worship for the Jews. At present they have none. I have always been a strong reformer. The time must come when the change will be made, but that is not near at hand, but what's the difference to God when we pray to Him on Saturday or Sunday?"

HAVANA NEGOTIATES BIG LOAN Money is to Be Used in Perfecting Sewerage System and Other

Improvements.

dust. The sea was a confused mass of boil- of purpose, all her wonderful personal inNicholas Senn, suggested the organization of purpose, all her wonderful personal inNicholas Senn, suggested the organization of purpose, all her wonderful personal inNicholas Senn, suggested the organization of purpose, all her wonderful personal inNicholas Senn, suggested the organization of night reconsidered its action and accepted
the strike may cause much suffering for were found on the premises where Lones bid of Farson, Leach & Co. of Chicago, who will lend the city \$28,000,000 at 5 per cent. The money will be used to construct

> debtedness. The cruiser Brooklyn arrived this morn ing and its captain officially called at the palace this afternoon. The Italian cruiser Calbria is here also to participate in the inauguration festivities. The French cruiser Latage was here, but left under instructions to proceed to Martinique,

Mrs. General Wood and her children will leave on the 20th for Spain, where she will spend the summer. General Wood will join them there after reporting to Washington, when he will be allowed six months'

Marquis Pinar Del Rio has presented Mrs. Wood with a silver service, an heirloom that has been in his family for hundreds of years. The women of Havana have also presented Mrs. Wood a handsome silver service. This morning President Palma, with his

cabinet, visited the senate chamber in the second palace and presented the cabinet to a number of senators. A secret session followed. This morning the United States coat-of-

arms was removed from the front portal of the custom house and the Cuban coatof-arms substituted. Over them remains the old Spanish crown, which was not removed when the Spanish arms were removed Saturday.

TO DECIDE CASTRO'S FUTURE Battle Today Between Revolutionists and Government Forces Import-

ant to Venesuela. TRINIDAD, B. W. I., Saturday, May 17 .-The seaport of Carupano in the state of Bermudez, Venezuela, will be bombarded again today at 2 p. m. by the government forces. The town will be attacked from both land and sea. The Venezuelan government notified the foreign consuls forty hours in advance of the time intended to attack the port. It is supposed here that miners in their struggle. the United States minister at Caracas, H W. Bowen, was the only foreign representative there who received notification of the bombardment of Carupano, and it is said that Mr. Bowen urged that no unfortified town in Venezuela be unneces sarily bombarded.

The German cruiser Gazelle is the only foreign warship at Carupano. It will protect the French as well as the German res idents there.

It is reported here that an engagement will be fought tomorrow between the revolutionary and government forces which will decide the future of the president of the republic, General Castro.

ORIGIN OF EMPEROR'S IDEA While at Theater German Ruler De cides on Frederick the Great

Statue Gift. BERLIN, May 18 .- The purpose of Em peror William to give a statue of Frederick the Great to the United States was seemingly quite suddenly formed. Tuesday evening his majesty was holding an informal reception in the court box of the new theater at Wiesbaden, between the acts of the opera "The Merry Wives of Wind-

sculptor, and said: "Uphues, I want you to make another statue of Frederick the Great." "I shall be delighted, your majesty," replied the professor.

sor," when he turned to Prof. Uphues, the

This was the first the sculptor had heard of the project and it was, apparently, the first anyone had heard of the Emperer's intention. His majesty then told Prof. Up. hues that the statue was for presentation to the people of the United States, and his cablegram to President Roosqvelt was written and sent the next day.

Miners and People Believe Givio Federation Will Try to End Strike.

AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES SILENT Strike is Generally Referred to in Pul-

pits and Clergy cen !el Forbearance and Fre dity of Miners.

HAZLETON, Pa., May 18.-The visit of Ralph M. Easley, secretary of the National Civic federation, to strike headquarters and his conference with President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers late last night was the only incident of any importance that claimed the attention today of the labor leaders and others around the Valley

As neither Mr. Easley nor Mr. Mitchell would say anything regarding their meetchairman; Simon Cohan, Detroit, third vice ing, there was much speculation as to the object of the visit of the secretary of the Civic federation. Mr. Easley laughed at the stir which his arrival caused and said reading of the annual report of the grand there was no importance attached to his visit. He said he came here merely to look over the ground and keep himself informed of the general situation. He denied that of Dr. Emil Hirsch of the Israel temple, he brought any plan for the settlement of Chicago, in which it is claimed be made the strike or measage from Senator Hanna the suggestion that the Jews should adopt or any other member of the Civic federa-

Mr. Easley said he carried no message Judge Julius Harburger of New York back with him from Mr. Mitchell. He would not discuss his visit to the Ohlo senator at Washington on Friday. His talk gested in the sermon, and I say that Dr. with the miners' national leader last night Hirsch is too premature in his assertions. lasted two hours. He again saw Mr. Mitch-The Sabbath and day of worship for the ell for a few minutes this morning and left

Plan Under Cover.

Despite the denials of the labor leaders, the members of the Civic federation and "A minister such as Dr. Hirsch, by his the coal operators, all of whom have thus utterances, is a detriment instead of a far rigidly adhered to the policy of absobenefit to Judaism. If Dr. Hirsch cannot lutely refusing to anticipate any move in connection with the strike, it is believed it does not stand to reason that it can be here that the federation is quietly prepardone in New York, and I will show him by ing to receive any proposition that might be

This belief is strengthened by the fact that only twenty-four hours had elapsed from the time the conference was held at Washington between Senator Hanna, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, who is also a member of the Civic federation, and Mr. Easley, and the latter's arrival here. Absolute quiet formed that Miss Williams was engaged to reigned at headquarters and throughout the Lehigh valley.

rest for Mr. Mitchell and his two sec- Miss Williams died, she having had him retaries. Excepting Mr. Easley, he had no summoned. visitors, and he gave his uninterrupted attention to a large batch of mail pertaining to the strike in the anthracite field and to miners' business in bituminous localities.

Clergymen Refer to Strike.

Clergymen of nearly all denomination in (Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) their sermons today touched more or less HAVANA, May 18 .- (New York World Ca- on the strike. The trend of the utter- against King Alfonso has been discovered sults, blegram-Special Telegram.)-The city ances were for forbearance and frugality, and six arrests, including that of Ca iel council refused to act on the bids for the The great struggle was generally deplored Lopez, an employe of an insurance comnight reconsidered its action and accepted the strike may cause much suffering for were found on the premises where Lopez a time, it may in the end result in great was arrested. Lopez says he received a good for both capital and labor.

There was an impressive scene at each of the masses at St. Gabriel's Roman Cathlie church in this town. This is the church of the late Rev. E. S. Philips, the miners' champion in the strike of 1900, was

the rector. Following out President Mitchell's request that all mine workers abstain from visiting saloons, the Rev. James V. Hussle asked all the members of the parish to take an oath abstaining from the use of intoxicating liquors during the period of the strike. Few, if any, refused. At the principal service at 10:30 a. m. every person n the church, which was crowded, stood up and took the oath. At vespers the oath was administered to those who were not present

at the morning services. Exhorts Union Among Miners.

Father Hussie delivered a strong sermon to the mine workers. He told them that now they have struck they must stand together for the cause.

The strike now enters upon its second

week. The week just ended was the first, it is said, in the history of the hard coal trade, that no coal was mined in any part of the region. No disturbances of any character have been reported anywhere. President Mitchell will establish headquarters at the Hotel Hart at Wilkesbarre tomorrow evening, where he will remain ntil the strike is ended. In about a week President Mitchell will pay a brief visit to his home in Spring Valley, Ill., and will stop at national headquarters at Indianapolis on his return to the anthracite region President Mitchell said today that he could not yet say when the special national convention to be called for the purpose of considering the advisability of involving the bituminous miners in the anthracite strike will be had. He has not yet received the consent of the two districts to make up the five necessary under the rules to call a

special convention. All the local trades unions in this region met today and decided to stand by the

DIRECTORS WIN THE CASE Ernst and Reeves Get Decision Against the Several Spirits Making Companies.

NEW YORK, May 18.- Judgment was granted yesterday by Justice O'Gorman in supreme court against the American Spirits Manufacturing company and its directors in an action brought by M. L. and C. Ernst and Frederick G. Reeves against the company above mentioned, the Spirits Distribiting company, the Standard Distilling & Distributing company, the Kentucky Disilleries & Warehouse company and the Disilling Company of America.

The plaintiffs, who were stockholders of the American Spirits Manufacturing company, claimed that it was organised in 1895 with a capital of \$35,000,000 and that a year afterwards its assets amounted to over \$37,000,000. The directors of the corpora tion subsequently formed various subsidiary companies, to which they transferred all the distilleries and plants of the American Spirits Manufacturing company in return for their stock and finally formed the Distilling Company of America.

The suit was brought to compel the di rectors of the American Spirits Manufacturing company to replace the properties and assets alleged to have been diverted into the treasury of that corporation. The Ernsis and Reeves allege they own about

\$500,000 worth of the stock. A referee will be appointed to ascertain what property and assets will have to be returned or replaced. This will take some time. The judgment holds that the formation of the separate companies is illegal,

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: For Nebraska-Showers and Thunder storms Monday; Cooler. Tuesday showers Deg. Deg. Hour. Hour. 1 p. m..... 83 2 p. m..... 82 3 p. m..... 82 5 a. m..... 70 6 a. m..... 60 7 a. m..... 60 4 p. m..... 85 5 p. m..... 83 6 p. m..... 82 8 a. m 70

a. m..... 14

10 a. m 79

12 m..... 83 OVERDOSE OF STRYCHNINE Mistake in Medicine Causes the Death

of Prominent Detroit

Young Woman.

NEW YORK, May 18 .- Miss Julia Willams, daughter of Mrs. Julia Williams of Detroit, said to be a relative of Senator Hanna, died today at the Fifth Avenue hotel of an overdose of strychnine, taken Great in the form of pills. She was 22 years of

The young woman and her mother had been spending the winter at Saranac Lake, N. Y., on account of the poor health of the daughter. Yesterday morning they came to this city, the intention being to go to Atlantic City. Before leaving Saranac Lake a physician had prescribed strychnine pills for Miss Williams and the orders were that she should take them before at Goliad. Thirty negroes and twenty-seven meals. She was also given pills containing iron which were to be taken after meals, On arising today she remarked to her maid that she was feeling better and went to breakfast. From what Coroner Jackson could gather after the death, Miss Williams, after she went again to her room, took several of the strychnine pills, probably mistaking them for the iron pills, but the point is not clear. The death, however, is put down as of a purely acci-

dental character. Some little time after taking the medicine Miss Williams complained of feeling and, finding her in a serious condition, asked what was the matter. She answered; 'I took an overdose of strychnine pills."

The physician administered antidotes without avail and twenty minutes after he was in attendance Miss Williams was dead. Dr. Pease said afterward: "There is no mystery about it at all. It was simply an overdose of strychnine

pills, and they were not taken with suicidal intent." The body will be taken to Detroit to morrow morning. Coroner Jackson was inbe married to Pitts Duffield of this city, s son of General H. M. Duffield of Detroit. Although it was Sunday there was little and that Mr. Duffield was at the hotel when

PLOT TO KILL KING ALFONSO Conspiracy to Assassinate Spain's New Ruler Discovered and Nine

Arrests Made.

MADRID, May 18 .- An anarchist plot package of cartridges from another anarchist, with instructions to throw them at

carriage in yesterday's procession. The discovery of the plot against the king is confirmed by the newspapers here. It is now said that nine dynamite cartbeen made, and the prisoners include six medical students, a printer, a carpenter and a mason. The captured cartridges are being analyzed by military authorities.

SHOT DOWN BY AN ASSASSIN

Prominent Stockman Called to the Door at Night and Killed by Unidentified Parties.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-James Clark, a prominent stockman residing at Downs, Kan., was called to the noon and a heavy wind accompanied it, but front door of his home and assassinated no damage of any sort resulted. last night. The murderer fired two shots. one going through the body, entering the back, the other through the back of the head, coming out of the forehead. The weapon is supposed to have been a shotgun from a cloudburst last night, both on the loaded heavily with buck and fine shot. Des Moines and the Chicago divisions. Clark leaves a widow and five children by former wife, the oldest a girl of 15 years, No cause is known for the act as he was not known to have had enemies. He car- | wiped out east of Oelwein on the Chicago ried heavy life insurance.

STOPS PURCHASE OF MULES British Agent at St. Joseph Receives

a Cablegram from the

War office.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-Agents for the British government in this city today received a cablegram from the war office in London to cease all Illipois Central between here and Waterloo. purchases of horses and mules for ship. No trans arrived from the west until toment to South Africa. The message further stated that the Boer war would probably altogether cease in a very few days. The remount station at Lathrop, thirty miles southeast of this city, will be aban- Paul suffered much near McGregor. doned and the herds of horses and mules accumulated there will be sent to other parts of the British empire.

Cheyenne County Looks Well.

SIDNEY, Neb., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-This part of the state is surely within the rain belt, for it has literally poured down here every day and night the last week and alfalfa and small grain is getting stupenduous growth. The gramma and buffalo grasses have made great strides in the last ten days and it is surprising to see how cattle and horses have added weight. These rains will bring thousands of settlers to Cheyenne county, and together with the immense resources for irrigation from the North Platte river. Pumpkin creek and the far-famed Lodge Pole valley will make this the ideal country for the farmer and stockman

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Showers and Thunderstorms with Cooler Weather for Nebraska

Monday.

WASHINGTON, May 18 .- Forecast: For Nebraska-Showers and thunder torms Monday; cooler; Tuesday showers. For Iowa and Missouri-Showers and thunderstorms and cooler Monday and prob-

ably Tuesday. For Kansas-Showers Monday and cooler at night; Tuesday partly cloudy, with probably showers.

showers, with cooler in east portion.

TORNADO KILLS MANY

Fierce Wind Destroys Half Hundred Lives and Vast Amount of Property.

WRECKS EIGHT BLOCKS IN TEXAS TOWN

Goliad is Laid Waste and San Antonio Buffers Heavy Loss,

OTHER PORTIONS OF STATE ARE STRUCK

Storm Extends to Iowa, Doing Great Damage in Several Places.

MINNESOTA GETS THE FINAL SWEEP

Western Railroad Tracks Destroyed by Cloudburst and Serious Injury is Done to All Kinds of Traffic,

HOUSTON, Tex., May 18 .- A telegram from Superintendent Forbes of the New York, Texas & Mexican to General Manager Van Vleck in this city says that eight blocks of business houses were blown down white people were killed and seventy-five

or eighty others injured. Reports received here by wire indicate that the northern or western perion of the town of Gollad has been swep away by a tornado and that from fifty to 100 people

have been killed, The long-distance operator at Houston was connected with Golfad at 7 o'clock, but beyond the fact that part of he own had been blown away and hat many persons had been killed and injured, no other particulars were obtained.

Considerable damage has also been done very ill. Dr. D. P. Peace was called in at Beeville by high winds. Both towns are close to the gulf coast and all telegraph wires by two routes are down.

San Antonio Struck Hard. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 18 .- At 12:48 o'clock this afternoon a terrible wind and rain-storm swept over San Antonio, damaging property not less than \$50,000, and it may reach \$75,000. The wind reached a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour and continued at that rate for nearly tweny minues. It blew from the southeast and then shifted to the southwest, the greatest velocity being from the latter point.

At Fort Sam Houston government property was damaged to the extent of \$20,000, the doors being torn from the officers' quarters and barracks. The West End church was completely de-

stroyed, loss \$5,000. Hartwell's hotel dam-

aged \$3,000, St. Louis college damaged \$6,-000, Academy of the Lady of the Sacred Heart damaged \$2,000, Damage to private residences will reach at least \$20,000. Several persons were injured, but there were no fatalities.

The storm was a continuation of the one

that swept over Goliad with terrible re-

Three Score Houses Gone. AUSTIN, Tex., May 18.-While all Texas. seemed to be stormswept today the terriwas especially badly damaged by the high winds. Walters Park, a small hamlet, fourthe moment of the passage of the royal teen miles to the northwest of this city, was badly damaged, something like threescore or more houses being and many trees uprooted. In this city a number of houses were unroofed and the ridges were seized. Further arrests have State Institution for the Blind was considerably damaged, though none of the inmates was injured. A number of camping parties at various points up the river were serious sufferers in the matter of destruction of property, but a far as known

> no loss of life is reported. DALLAS, Tex., May 18.-All wires to Shrevesport and Texarkana are down tonight and that district was reached by a portion of the big storm which swept over Texas today. It is thought, however, that no loss of life has resulted, although the property damage may be heavy. A driving rain set in here about 2 o'clock this after-

Cloudburst on Great Western.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 18 .- The Chicago Great Western railway was a severe sufferer More than 150 feet of track and grading were destroyed at Fairbanks, seven miles this side of Oelwein, and about 200 feet was division.

The train schedule was abandoned today

and it is expected through trains will not

be run from either Chicago or St. Paul

before tomorrow night or Tuesday. The storm did immense damage to crops, a strip a mile in width and twenty-five miles in length being almost denuded of vegeta-DUBUQUE, Ia., May 18 .- A cloudburst occurred here last night. Two inches of rain fell in one hour, causing washouts on the

night. Several miles of track on the Great

Western between here and Oelwein were

washed out and no trains can come in until tomorrow. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. M'GREGOR, Ia., May 18.-Three brick buildings were wrecked by a terrific electrical storm that awept over McGregor late last night, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. Lightning struck the three buildings occupied by the Freeke jewelry store, the Metropolian saloon and a billiard hall, and all collapsed. Four men were hurt, but not seriously. Sewers were

washed out by the flood. The property loss

is fully \$10,000. WICHITA, Kan., May 18 .- A very heavy rain fell over the wheat belt of southern Kansas today. For a time a tornado was threatened here, but the scare ended in a downpour of rain, which florded the streets, the water flowing into the first floor of the Manhattan hotel. No serious damage has been heard of so far. A cloudburst was reported in Kingman county, but reports at the Santa Fe headquarters do not indicate

important damage or loss of life SPRING VALLEY, Minn., May 18 .- An electric storm accompanied by a cloudburst, passed over Etna and Forrestville, two small villages, nine miles southeast of here last night. Several large barns and other buildings were completely destroyed. Herman Wilbright, wife and three children, who were returning home in a buggy were thrown into the raging torrent, and the

three children drowned. Pioneers of Sheridan County.

GORDON, Neb., May 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-Stephen Hills, a prominent citizen of Gordon, died today. He was an old soldier and one of the pioneer settlers of For North and South Dakota-Showers Sheridan county.

and cooler Monday; Tuesday probably Herman Hutt, a prominent ranchman of this county, died at Gordon todate

proposition were condemned.