NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETING

Convention of Southwest Iowa Organizations Will Open Tonight.

DISTRICT TAKES IN SEVENTEEN COUNTIES

Among Prominent Speakers Will Be Chancellor Craig of Drake University and Prof. Lockhart of Des Moines.

The convention of the Christian church of the southwest district of Iowa opened last evening in Council Bluffs and continues over Thursday. The district comprises these counties: Harrison, Shelby, Aubudon, Guthrie, Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Union, Adams, Montgomery, Mills, Fremont, Page, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur and Clark.

On account of the national convention of the church being held in Omaha this summer the attendance at the district convention here will, it is said, not be as large as otherwise. The local committee had been advised that the attendance would be 500, but this is believed to be greatly exaggerated. Rev. W. B. Crewdson, pastor of the First Christian chuch in this city, in which the sessions will be held, is of the opinion that including ministers most of whom will be accompanied by their wives, and delegates, the number of visitors will not exceed 150 to 200, but the committee is prepared to take care of all who may come.

Among the prominent speakers who will attend are: Chancellor W. B. Craig of Drake university, Des Moines; Prof. Clinton Lockhart of Des Moines; Rev. T. J. Dow, pastor of the East Side Christian church in Des Moines. Special music has been prepared by the choir under the direction of Dr. R. O. Williams and this will be one of the features of the evening sessions.

The women of the congregation have secured the Shugart building at 36 South Main street in which to serve the delegates with dinner and supper during the entire convention.

Church Removes Debt.

"We have raised $23,500, praise be to God and thanks to all who so nobly helped us." This was the announcement made by Rev. W. J. Calfee, pastor of Broadway Methodist church, at the close of the golden jubilee services last night. The church had labored for many years under a debt of over $22,000, and the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation was celebrated by the members and friends of the church yesterday by pledging sufficient money to lift this indebtedness within the next four years.

The services, or as it was officially announced, "the rally," was in charge of Joseph W. Powell of Buffalo, N. Y., national organizer of the Brotherhood of St. Paul and one of the leading laymen and workers in the Methodist church. Mr. Powell, like Bishop McCabe, has a national reputation as lifter of church debts, and his success yesterday showed that his reputation was merited.

Among the larger pledges were $1,000 from Bishop McCabe, $2,000 from the Church Extension society, Des Moines conference; $1,500 from F. C. Lougee of this city and $4,000 from the Ladies' Aid society.

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Mrs. George H. Richmond has as her guest her brother, Lee Plumer of Turlington, Neb.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend have removed their residence from Elgin, Neb., to this city.
Mrs. Jennie Groverman of Dakin, Neb., is the guest of Mrs. L. Graham of West Broadway.
Miss May Mayne of Salt Lake is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mayne of Park avenue.
Mrs. C. W. Phelps left Saturday evening for a visit with relatives and friends in Logan, O.
Colonel John Lindt and former City Attorney S. B. Wadsworth will represent the Council Bluffs aerie at the meeting of the grand aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Minneapolis June 3.
Mrs. Jerome and Miss Lillian Bell of Ashland, Neb., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. True.
Mrs. W. A. Brock of Belleville, Kan., is visiting her nephew, P. H. Clark and family, of Fifth avenue.
George Dailey has received notice that he has passed the examination for admission to West Point and orders to report to the superintendent at the administration building at the academy on June 16.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Schuler of Garner, Ia., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Byers of Bluff street. They are en route to Los Angeles, Cal., where they go for the benefit of the health of Mrs. Schuler, who is a sister of Mrs. Byers.
Captain Mather and Second Lieutenant George Judson of the Dodge Light Guards have been ordered to report at Des Moines the second week in June to take the examinations for their positions in the company to which they were recently elected.
Forrest, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Webster of Crescent died Saturday night. The funeral will be this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and interment will be in the Crescent cemetery.
A warrant for the arrest of Pete Burke, a blacksmith, has been issued on the complaint of Mrs. Minnie Wheeler of 17 North Eighth street. Burke boarded at Mrs. Wheeler's house and is alleged to have struck her over the head with a heavy umbrella Saturday night. Up to last night the police had been unable to locate Burke.
Funeral services over Uriah H. White will be held Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, 1221 South Sixth street, following which the body will be taken to Des Moines for burial. The remains accompanied by Mrs. White, arrived from Denver yesterday morning and were taken to the residence.
Maurice DeKay, formerly of this city, now employed in the head office of the Modern Woodmen of America in Rock Island, Ill., surprised his family and friends last week by eloping with and marrying Miss Minnie Krey, a young woman employed in the same office. Miss Krey's parents were opposed to the match, hence the elopment.
William Rowbotham was arrested at a late hour Saturday night on an information filed in Justice Bryant's court by John McCoy, who is charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily injury. Rowbotham claimed that McCoy owed him a dollar and demanded payment. During the controversy which ensued McCoy alleges that Rowbotham tried to slash him with a big knife.
The contract for the construction of the building to be erected by the Omaha Brewing company at the corner of Scott street and Broadway has been awarded to Anderson Bros. of this city. There were seven bids. The contract also includes the tearing down of the old Nonpareil building, now covering the site. The new building will be three stories, with a frontage on Broadway of twenty-three feet and a frontage on Scott street of eighty-one feet. It will be of pressed brick, with stone and terracotta trimmings.

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TO PAY PENALTY FOR CRIME

Dennis and Irwin Must Serve in Iowa Penitentiary for Murder of Oscar Miller.

CLARINDA, Ia., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Thornell sentenced Edward Dennis to eighteen years and Wesley Irwin to twelve years imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Madison for the murder of Oscar K. Miller.

Page County Primaries.

CLARINDA, Ia., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Great interest was centered in the contest yesterday in the Page county republican primary election. The struggle was over the nominations for county attorney, auditor and clerk of the district court. D. G. Sutherland was nominated for a third term as attorney, Frank V. Hensleigh for a fourth terms as auditor and Alfred B. Larans received the nomination for clerk. There was no opposition to Walter W. Hill for a third term for recorder, or to I. H. Taggert for supervisor. A large vote was polled.

ARREST BRINGS DAMAGE SUIT

Trouble Between Bank Cashier and President Reaches Crisis in Court.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A suit for damages in the sum of $5,000 will grow out of the arrest a few days ago of John T. Struble, cashier of the Vienna bank, on instructions from Hans J. Eggen, the president of the bank.

R. W. Parliman, an attorney of this city, who has been engaged by Cashier Struble to institute the damage suit, gives the following account of the trouble, which will prove of interest in view of the prominence of the men concerned.

"The trouble is of long standing. There are two factions in the bank. At the head of one is Cashier Struble. At the head of the other is Hans Eggen, the president. The bank has been run by the cashier. The trouble finally reached a point that the Struble faction offered to buy or sell.

"Last Wednesday Struble had occasion to go to Egan to confer with some of the stockholders of the bank, and during his absence he placed John Taylor, a director, in charge. This angered Eggen and he telephoned the sheriff of Kingsbury county to arrest Struble at Lake Preston.

"This was done. Struble wired for me to come up to Lake Preston, which I did, and accompanied him back to Vienna, where a hearing was held before a justice of the peace and where Eggen withdrew the complaint against Struble and in open court admitted that he had no grounds for making the charges against Struble and having him arrested. The papers in the damage suit will be served the fore part of the coming week.

Articles of Incorporation.

PIERRE, S. D., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Whitewood Brick and Cement company, at Whitewood, with a capital of $1,250,000; incorporators, Thomas E. Peters, John P. Smith, Neil McDonough.

The Electric Carbon Gas company, at Pierre, with a capital of $250,000; incorporators, William D. Hersey, John W. Hersey, James S. Sebree.

The Naches Consolidated Oil company, at Pierre, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, R. M. J. Tallman, Frank S. Pratt, Robert E. Benjamin.

The National Railway Supply company, at Pierre, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, James A. Hinson, Cyrus W. George, Oscar Nelson.

The Kentucky Oil and Refining company, at Pierre, with a capital of $500,000; incorporators, T. C. Vance, J. F. Smiley, L. L. Stephens.

The Parkdale Home association, at Brookings, with a capital of $12,000; incorporators, Woodman Thompson, H. H. Reeves, Walter Cheever.

The Bernard Construction Machinery company, at Pierre, with a capital of $100,000; incorporators, A. F. Bernard, O. C. S. Phillips, Philip Lawrence.

Will Be Large Gathering.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 26.—(Special.)—Without doubt the convention of the Republican League clubs of South Dakota and the state convention for the nomination of a congressional and state ticket, to be held in Sioux Falls, June 3 and 4, will be the most largely attended gatherings of the kind ever held in the state.

It is expected that Senators Gamble and Kittredge and Congressman Burke will be in Sioux Falls during the convention. Congressman Martin has also arranged for rooms here and will come if it is possible for him to do so. He has agreed to take part in the debate on the general irrigation bill, which it is now thought will be brought up in the lower house of congress about the date of the convention in this city.

CAUGHT ROBBING THE MAILS

Kansas City Mail-Carrier Confesses to Theft and Says Debt Was Incentive.

KANSAS CITY, May 26.—Frank M. Sturgeon, one of the oldest mail carriers in the Kansas City (Kan.) service, was arrested by postoffice inspectors for stealing a bundle of letters.

Sturgeon was caught in the act in the postoffice. He confessed, saying that his stealings had coverd a period of eight months and that debt had prompted the theft. He has a family.

Shoots Sweetheart, Mother and Self.

GREENFIELD, Mo., May 26.—Allie Petty, living near Arcola, shot Mrs. Friend and her daughter, and then himself. Both women were shot twice. The mother may recover, but the girl and Petty will die. Mrs. Friend had objected to Petty's attentions to her daughter.

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SEE A CRUISER LAUNCHED

Des Moines People Getting Ready to Witness First Dip of Cruiser Des Moines.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Money that Will Be Expended the Present Biennial Period for Buildings and Repairs—A City Survey that Causes Trouble.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, May 26.—(Special.)—Preparations are being made here for the formation of a considerable party of Des Moines people to go to Quincy, Mass., some time next month to attend the launching of the protected cruiser Des Moines, now under construction in a shipyard there. The work on the cruiser is reported to be well along to the point of completion. The date for the launching was fixed for last Thanksgiving day and Governor Shaw appointed a young woman of this city to do the chistening act with the bottle, but there was delay in the construction and then the time fixed was come time in January. But the launching has not yet been accomplished. The original delay was over the procuring of a special brand of bolts or rivets, many thousand of which were to be used in putting on the light sheathing. What has caused other delays is not known here, but the builders of the boat have sent word that they are nearly ready for the launching. It is expected that Governor Cummins and his staff will go, also Mayor Brenton of Des Moines and a party of city officials, and there will be a delegation of the Iowa contingent in Washington to go to Quincy on that occasion. Those who have investigated the matter say that the cruiser is being finished in the finest possible manner and Des Moines will be an addition to the navy of which the city and the naval authorities may well be proud. It is to cost a little over $1,000,000. After the launching it will be several months before it is ready for commission.

State Institution Improvements.

The State Board of Control has decided upon the expenditure this biennial of about $456,000 for permanent improvements, chiefly building, at the several state institution. The bill giving the board an appropriation for the biennial period provided that only a part should be available now. The board has decided upon only those permanent improvements that are most essential. For the three institutions in the western part of the state the decision is as follows:

State Hospital at Clarinda—Cold storage and ice manufacturing plant, $15,000; coal house and ash elevator, $4,000; engine and dynamo, $2,500; purchase of land, $30,000; total, $51,500.

Deaf School at Council Bluffs—Carpets for industrial building, $500; library, $400; laundry machinery, $1,200; electrical power, etc., $400; range, $600; total, $3,100. This is exclusive of what will be done on account of the recent fire.

Institution for the Feeble-Minded at Glenwood—One cottage, $25,000; repair of cuatodial building, $10,000; boilers, generators, etc., $5,500; new pump, motor, etc., $2,575; coalshed and repairs, $1,500; land, may be purchased, $25,000; total, $69,575.

City Survey All Awry.

Engineer McNutt and an assistant of this city has been engaged the past two weeks running new grade and street lines in the city of Winterset, and they report a curious condition of affairs. The city was surveyed many years ago and has been built up slowly, but the street lines do not follow the original plat except in a few instances. Some of the leading streets which have been occupied and used, along which good residences have been built a long time, are as much as ten feet out of their true location. If the city is to be surveyed and the new survey accepted as in accordance with the plats many houses and barns will have to be moved, sidewalks changed about and doubtless a great deal of litigation will follow. The discovery is causing a great deal of indignation in Winterset.

Iowa Swamp Land Indemnity.

Attorney Evans of this city, formerly in the United States land office, is in Washington to urge upon congress the passage of a bill introduced in the house by Lacey into the senate by Dolliver, providing for a settlement of the indemnity claims of certain counties in Iowa and other states on account of alleged swamp lands erroneously disposed of by the government. All this swamp land was given to Iowa and by Iowa to the counties and sold. A number of Iowa counties claimed indemnity because much land that was in fact swamp land was not so surveyed or reported and these counties a half century ago got nearly $500,000 from the United States on this claim. Now a similar claim is made on behalf of many counties in northern Iowa, aggregating nearly as much and last winter the Iowa legislature passed a concurrent resolution requesting the Iowa delegation to favor the bill mentioned. The counties have no direct interest in the claim now, as it is entirely in the hands of speculators.

Iowa and McKinley Memorial.

Governor A. B. Cummins has undertaken to raise some additional money from Iowa for the McKinley monument fund. At the time the national association for that purpose was organized Governor Shaw appointed a committee to look after the matter for Iowa but a number of persons set out to raise funds for the proposed memorial arch in Washington. There was conflict between the two and as a result but very little was accomplished. Before the close of Governor Shaw's term the matter was entirely dropped. Governor Cummins is now taking it up and appealing to personal friends all over the state by letter to form committees and solicit funds to be added to the Iowa contribution. About $1,800 was collected in various ways from the state and forwarded to Cleveland, mostly through the postmasters of the state. It is hoped that about $10,000 will be secured from Iowa. The Washington memorial arch movement has been abandoned, leaving the field clear for the proposed monument at Canton in honor of the dead president. Governor Cummins was the Iowa member of the national committee that managed McKinley's first campaign, and he was a great admirer of McKinley, thus entering upon the work with great zeal and personal interest.

Iowa Geologic Survey.

Prof. Samuel Calvin, director of the state geological survey for Iowa, has planned that during this year a real survey work shall be done in Mills and Fremont counties by Prof. J. A. Udden, in Clayton county by Prof. A. G. Leonard, in Benton county by Prof. Savage, in Winnebago, Hancock and Kossuth counties by Prof. MacBride, and in Chickasaw county by Prof. Calvin. Thus far the survey has been completed in fifty-three counties of the state and about eight or ten are added every year. Special work will be continued during the year by Prof. S. W. Beyer in regard to clays, by Prof. H. W. Norton in the matter of artesian wells, and by Prof. Frank A. Wilder on the distribution of the cement rocks of the state. The twelfth volume of the geologic reports is now in the hands of the printer and will be issued very soon. All the reports are disposed of almost as soon as printed and the earlier reports are now quite valuable.

TRIBUTES OF BRITISH PRESS

Expressions of Good Will for United States Involved in Pauncefote Comment.

LONDON, May 26.—The deep importance attached here to the friendship of the United States could not better be exemplified than by the unusually sincere expressions published in the London press of regret at the death of Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador at Washington, and the high eulogiums of his career in the United States. The papers this morning vie with each other in paying tribute to the inestimable value of Lord Pauncefote's work to the empire in the difficult position, which, as the Daily Chronicle reminds its readers, is now the most exacting in the diplomatic service and quite different from the time when the Lord Stratford de Radcliffe described the Washington legation as "very pleasant socially, but not requiring any very great talents politically."

Naturally the occasion leads to the reviewing of the various thorny questions Lord Pauncefote had to deal with and some little resentment is still displayed over the manner in which Lord Sackville West, British minister at Washington from 1881 to 1888, was dismissed. But these allusions are only made to emphasize the credit due Lord Pauncefote for the good relations now existing between Great Britain and the United States.

The Chronicle says: "He will be remembered as the first and best ambassador that this or any other country accredited to the great republic."

The Standard says: "Perhaps the most eloquent form of praise Lord Pauncefote can take is to observe that the relations between Great Britain and the United States are so smooth that it may appear ungracious to the memories of the time when they were troubled."

The Daily Telegraph says: "It is not too much to say that the last of the great ambassadors has disappeared. Lord Pauncefote will always be remembered as the pioneer of the supreme pact of perpetual friendship between Great Britain and America which will some day be accomplished."

All the morning papers publish long cablegrams containing the opinions of American newspapers and statesmen concerning the dead ambassador and print portraits of Lord Pauncefote, sketches of his life, etc.

Gratitude is expressed to the United States for granting a state funeral to Lord Pauncefote, while the Daily Mail suggests that in view of the larger interests now bound up in British relations with the United States the question may arise giving the primacy to the Washington, instead of the Paris embassy, which has hitherto held the first place in the diplomatic heierarchy.

FOR PAUNCEFOTE'S FUNERAL

Wife Approves of Arrangements and Body to Rest in Rock Creek Cemetery.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—With the exception of a few details the arrangements for the funeral services over the remains of Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, are now complete. Lady Pauncefote signified her approval of the arrangements tentatively made yesterday, by which services are to be held Wednesday noon at St. John's Episcopal church, after which the body is to be temporarily deposited in a receiving vault at Rock Creek cemetery.

A military escort is to be provided by the government to attend the funeral, which is to be of a state character.

Numbers of messages of condolence from all over the world were received at the embassy today, but they were not made public.

TO CO-OPERATE WITH FARMERS

Walter Vrooman Pushes Concern to Dispose of Grain and Eliminate Middlemen's Profits.

KANSAS CITY, May 26.—Walter Vrooman of the Western Co-operative movement has closed contracts for the purchase of six of the largest wheat elevators in the Kansas wheat belt and two of the largest flouring mills. The price paid is said to have been $750,000, and Mr. Vrooman, who has left for New York to complete the financial end of the plan, says the present purchase is but the beginning of a movement to center the farmers of Kansas in a co-operative branch of the Vrooman Co-operative company.

The concern will be known as the Wheat and Flour Western Co-operative company. The farmers are to be taken into the scheme upon the payment of $100 each, for which they are to receive the market value of their wheat sold to the company and in addition will receive one-half of the profit derived, the other half going to co-operative stores through which the wheat and flour will be handled.

"The plan," said Mr. Vrooman, "is to eliminate wheat speculators and the middle man. The farmers are in earnest sympathy with the movement. It is the only way to head off the talked-of flour trust that is forming in New York."

It is intended to ship to Great Britain, to be sold among the co-operative members there, the surplus product not disposed of in Kansas and Missouri.

MORE TROUBLE FOR PACKERS

Five Hundred Union Teamsters Strike and Serious Tieup is Imminent.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Five hundred union teamsters employed in the delivery of meat by the big packers went on strike at midnight tonight for a substantial increase in wages and for shorter hours.

As a result of the strike the men say no meat will be delivered to retail dealers tomorrow or at railroad stations for shipment out of the city.

The strikers claim that they have received assurances of the support from the other labor organizations whose members are employed at the stockyards, and that any attempt by the packers to fill their places with nonunion teamsters will result in a general tieup of the packing houses. For the last two weeks the union through a number of committees has been making an effort to gain concessions from the managers of the different firms. In every case they claim they have been denied conferences and at a meeting tonight it was decided to strike in an effort to force the packers to terms.

CLOSE IS CHARLESTON DAY

Conclusion of South Carolina Exposition Given to Southern City.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 26.—Saturday, May 31, closing day of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition, will be celebrated as "Charleston day."

Great preparations are being made for its observance and the railroads will make the lowest rate yet granted for the occasion.

STOCK MARKET IS PUZZLING

Perplexing and Uncertain, Owing to Combination of Conflicting Circumstances.

LARGE CAPITALISTS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Exert Powerful Influence for Promotion of Higher Prices that Cannot Be Ignored—No Decided Move Pending.

NEW YORK, May 26.—(Special.)—The banking house of Henry Clews & Co. says:

Long distance views of the stock market just now are exceedingly perplexing and uncertain, owing to the unusual combination of conflicting circumstances. Amongst the large capitalists there is a distinctly optimistic tone, and, as they exert a remarkably powerful control over prices and are vitally interested in promoting a higher market, this influence cannot be ignored, although crop uncertainties and suspicions that insiders are anxious to lighten their loads effectually discourage the development of a large outside support. Between these various influences there is no occasion at the moment to look for any decided movements in either direction. There is little or nothing in the situation to warrant expectations of any important reaction; nor is there basis yet for any genuine upward movement, except through artificial means or some radical change not yet anticipated. On the other hand, there are enough interests at work to warrant considerable trading, and the opportunities for profit in stocks bought and sold with discretion are likely to be numerous.

Every week brings out new railroad deals of consequence, all a part of the great concentration movement which we have repeatedly alluded to as being one of the most important underlying features of strength in the stock market. The apparently unreasonably high prices at which some railroad securities are selling are entirely due to these movements; good earnings and increased dividends having been long over-discounted. Insiders are, of course, fully aware of these possibilities; their stocks are withdrawn or held far above present market value, and the scant floating supply leaves prices at the mercy of a new class of speculators, the bold operators who make a dash for this stock and then for another, compelling timid owners to buy at extravagant prices through fear of losing control. Needless to say, movements of this sort are exceedingly unsettling, and trading in such stocks on margin is highly dangerous in spite of the excellent character of the security. Chicago & Northwestern is a striking example of this tendency. Less than a month ago it sold at 271, and reports were that it was going considerably higher, owing to the consolidation movement in the Vanderbilt properties, a movement that is extremely slow, but nevertheless considered inevitable. This week Northwestern has been selling about 250, a decline of 20 points within a month in one of the most substantial stocks for no other reason than the one just referred to. Similar cases could be cited if needed. This segregation of American railroad systems, in which Messrs. Gould and Harriman are now taking an active part, will be an important factor in the market for months to come. Such transactions are likely to provoke rivalries, not always conducive to peace in the stock market; and it seems improbable that the various systems can be unified without inviting more or less friction in the final divisions of territory. Mr. Gould's intention of connecting his southwestern roads with the Atlantic seaboard, which will soon be an accomplished fact in spite of the opposition of Pennsylvania, is a speck on the horizon that will bear watching. Mr. Gould does not seem to be included in the community-of-interest plans, and with his power over rates in the far west, as well as southwest, his operations and extensions have a special interest. So, while the movement toward concentration means ultimate stability to railroad investments, the progress of such plans is not likely to be always smooth; and there need be no surprise if occasional disturbances occur in the local struggles for supremacy. Railroad destinies, it should be remembered, are now in the hands of giants, who are alive to the consequences of disagreement, and fortunately they are largely dominated by a resolute masterhand whose constant policy is harmony.

The immediate situation is chiefly controlled by the strike. An early solution of this difficulty would help the market, but at this writing it looks as if no settlement was in sight until after a further trial of endurance. Both sides to the controversy maintain a silence as to the main points at issue, which renders it difficult to arrive at the real merits of the dispute. The demands of the miners are for better pay and shorter hours. The accumulation of fabulous fortunes, largely through speculations, together with the rewards of legitimate enterprise and ability, naturally stimulates the desire for better conditions in the ranks of labor; where the fact that these big capitalists usually pluck the larger share of their fortunes from the smaller capitalists rather than from the laborer is generally overlooked. On the other hand, in the case of the coal strike, the operators very naturally feel that this is a question of whether the union or the owners are to be masters. So long as this is the issue there is but one position for the operators to take, and that is to fight it out to a successful finish. Whether recognition of the union is an issue or not, is not made public, but here also is a point which the unions must some day concede. Responsibility must go hand in hand with power. At present the unions exert tremendous power and practically no responsibility. Contracts with them have no binding force, and redress for violation is impossible. The unwillingness, therefore, of the unions to take on the corporate form and assume responsibility is an element of weakness in their cause which only they can rectify. Very likely this is an issue which will play a part in future labor controversies. The outcome of this struggle is of vital interest to the stock market, and an unfavorable issue would probably depress other than the coal shares.

The monetary situation shows further improvement. Too much importance cannot be attached to the aid received from London last week. It shows in a most emphatic manner that the strain at the chief point of tension for months past has been relieved; that London is able to lend and will not be forced to borrow. As London would have come here for help in one of necessity, the removal of that contingency is of the highest importance to the American money market. The crop situation certainly shows improvement, hence the strike is the only impediment to a more active market. Excellent trading opportunities will be in evidence for some time to come.

RETICENT WEEK ON BOURSE

Stagnation Predominates at Berlin, Though Canadian Pacifics Command Most Interest.

BERLIN, May 26.—The bourse remained stagnant during the last week and was without new or striking features. Canadian Pacifics were again to the forefront in interest, bearing selling to New Yorkers. The financial press is now advising German holders of Canada Pacifics to take their profits. The rise in this stock during the week was 6¾ points.

German state securities were weak and required intervention buying to maintain quotations. The Saxon loan of 50,000,000 marks at 3 per cent will be subscribed May 28 at 90.60 and will be handled by a large group of banks in Berlin and Dresden.

Industrials generally weakened, with the exception of chemical shares. Information published this week indicates that the earnings of those companies, whose financial years end June 30, will be quite disappointing. This particularly to iron companies, the shares of which fell accordingly, although coal shares were bought considerably for foreign account. Quotations on the latter were lower, however, upon unfavorable reports of April earnings.

The market takes a favorable view of the latest publication regarding the relations of the German steamship lines, in the navigation syndicate; consequently the shares of the Hamburg-American Steam Packet company and the North German Lloyd line were stronger than last week, or for several weeks past.

The money market shows a somewhat firmer tendency and the private rate of discount reached 2¾. The Frankfurter Zeitung believes that this rate is likely to go higher, principally because the demands of New York are making discounters more reserved.

Germany's foreign trade from January 1 to April 30 was as follows:

Imports, 12,159,346 tons; a decrease of 604,352 tons from the total for the same four months of 1901. German exports for the first four months of 1902 amounted to 10,164,200 tons, an increase of 436,000 tons over the total over the same period of 1901. Germany's exports of raw sugar to the United States for the first four months of this year amounted to 34,000 tons, as against 117,300 exported to the United States in the corresponding period of the previous year. The production of pig iron in Germany for April, 1902, amounted to 672,912 tons, against 651,948 tons in April, 1901.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, May 26.—After many weeks of anxious waiting the peace announcement has finally crystallized into a strong upward movement on the Stock exchange. In spite of the lack of definite news, official or otherwise, from Pretoria, the market assumed strength on the general indications that peace was assured. The buoyant tone in nearly all the departments has been increasing steadily throughout the last week, when the official announcement of peace comes the boom will probably already be in full swing and every reasonable advance will be fully discounted.

In the meanwhile the money market remains tight. As for weeks past the market is still indebted to the bank by over £2,000,000, while the slow government disbursements render the repayment of this indebtedness difficult. While the announcement of peace is expected to hasten the full resumption of work in the Rand it is likely that the industrial requirements of the reconstruction period in South Africa will absorb quite as much cash as the mines produce in gold for the remainder of the present year, there is consequently little prospect for easier money unless gold comes from the continent. It is assumed that New York is more likely to demand gold than to send it here. Buying, which has been restricted to gilt-edged stocks, is now extending to the more speculative issues. Home rails have made but slight advances, however, as it is known that many new issues of capital are pending, and this renders buyers chary. It is also known that about 2,000 loans and companies are only waiting a favorable moment to enter into competition with the savings of the public. The future course of the American section of the market is a matter of some doubt, though this section will probably follow the upward tide. Americans have certainly been stronger during the last week on the strength of easier money in Wall street and the encouraging crop report. The outlook for Northern Pacifics is much better than it was, but the extension of the coal strike in the United States is worrying a good many operators. Canadian Pacifics were strong last week and touched 139 on further New York purchases. Chile and Argentine bonds strengthened rapidly throughout the week, and will probably rise sharply because of the publication last night of the terms of the protocol between the two countries.

While mining shares had a cheerful tone, the public is still holding off, and the advances so far consist principally of marking up prices by the holders.

MADRID, May 25.—The report of the Bank of Spain for the week ended yesterday shows the following: Gold in hand, increase, 238,000 pesetas; silver in hand, increase, 3,532,000 pesetas; notes in circulation, decrease, 6,313,000 pesetas. The gold quotation yesterday was 27.90.

OFFICERS AVERT LYNCHING

Rescue Negro Who Fights with White Man from Angry Crowd in Colorado.

FLORENCE, Colo., May 26.—A riot at a base ball game here today nearly resulted in the lynching of Jason Wilson, a negro. Wilson was driving a buggy and trying to pass every one on the road, which was crowded with vehicles.

He collided with a buggy occupied by Onnie Carroll, a white man, and the two began a fist fight. The crowd closed around them and finally began beating and kicking the negro.

A half dozen officers rescued the negro barely in time to save his life, and then only by standing the crowd off with their revolvers.

Condition of Tolstoi is Satisfactory.

LONDON, May 26.—A telegram, dated yesterday evening, received here from Malta, says that no complications have arisen in the condition of Count Tolstoi, who is suffering from typhoid fever, and that the general state of his health is satisfactory.

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