Investigating Committee.

NOT YET IN SHAPE FOR MAKING REPORT

Improvements in System of Operating and Growth of Business Render Reconstruction Necessary Every Ten Years.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 15 .- (Special.) - While the legislative inquest into telephone cost and rates may not have developed anything sensational, it has unearthed a lot of information that is of more or less interest to the public and more particularly to Omaha people. The testimony fills up 265 typewritten pages and some day it is possible, but not probable, that it will be boiled down into intelligible form and reasonable compass for ordinary readers and presented to the legislature in the form of a report, but to those who "Hello Central" every day and who have never stopped to consider the wonderful mechanism of the telephone, its cost, its operation and its construction, however, some parts of the testimony will be of present interest as a fund of information.

One fact that will be of particular interest to the people of Omaha is that before six months have passed there will have been inaugurated in that city the common battery system. Incidentally the common battery system is one where no genmon battery system is one where no gen-stators are used. The signals are all given the various independent companies of the through a battery and are conveyed to the state and outside of the state testified. The morning was occupied with exchanges of salutes and calls. Ariadne, Vice Adthatrument and from the instrument to the The committee went into the rate charged miral Sir Archibald Douglas' flagship, on switchboard from a battery located in the central office

and Lincoln is the local battery system. This requires a generator to signal. The at the subscriber's station that furnishes the current to signal central. The common battery system operation is much more rapid than the present one. To put in the common battery system the Nebranks Telephone company will be compelled to discard the present switch board bought less than ten years ago at a cost of \$65,000. This board, a representative of the company testified, was as good as the day it was bought, but that the company would not be able to realize on it more

Number of Subscribers.

In Omaha the company has now in the neighborhood of 5,200 stations and about 3,000 lines. These subscribers' stations cost between \$175 and \$200 each. Many of the subscribers in Omaha and Lincoln use the full metallic circuit. This circuit is where two wires run from the central station to the subscriber's station used exclusively by the individual. Sometimes, however, two or more parties may be on

The grounded circuit which has been dis-

cussed so much during the investigation

by the special committee is a single wire running from the central station to the subscriber's station, but instead of returning the circuit is completed by attaching one end of the wire to the water pipe, gas lend out from the central station and instead of completing a circuit by attaching by good horses, wagons and buggles. one end of the wire to a water pipe or the Walnut Hill neighborhood. The inner radius for business 'phones is two miles. While there are about 2,000 lines in use in Omaha there are about 12,000 lines that have been constructed, but are not in use. The large number of lines not in use is occasioned by the construction of cables. standard among a progressive people These are built in 100, 200, 300 and 400pair cables and if in the judgment of the company business is liable to increase materially to some parts of the city, large

are in use at present. Some day it is hoped by the officers of the Nebraska Telephone company to have all the down-town wires underground. At present the company has 32,000 feet of conduit and 249,381 duct feet. As a matter of information a duct toot is that portion of a conduit through which a cable is drawn. Life of an Exchange.

cables are put in, though few of the wires

The testimony given by representatives of the Nebraska Telephone company and by representatives of the independent companies was to the effect that a telephone modern improvements and partly to increased business.

In Omaha the Nebraska company has had a steady growth and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in improvements and enlargement of the plant. Fifteen years ago the company had 1,000 subscrib-At present it numbers on its roll nearly 5,200. And representatives of the made in the cost to subscribers. When the company was organized it issued to the Bell Telephone company \$307,650 worth of stock for the right to use the company's county, Iows. The stock was issued to the Bell company because the new company had not the cash. The Bell people waived their right to dividends for the first five years and since that time the stock has been paid for out of the proceeds of the Nebrasks company. The Bell people still own 51 per cent of the stock of the com-

Toll Lines and Stations.

In Nebraska the company has 620 toll stations in 489 cities and towns. These toll lines are built of six-inch top twentyfoot poles, and the wire is hard copper, weighing 350 pounds a circuit per mile and cost between \$200 and \$225. From Omaha to Lincoln there are eight circuits

COLLEGE PROFESSORS Talk of Foods.

The New York papers recently contained a long account of the so-called discovery of a celebrated professor in one of the leading universities. The "discovery" related to a new and successful way of treating wheat and barley to prepare the starchy part by dry baking, so it would be made more digestible and nutritious. Thereupon Prof. Livingstone, commenting on the discovery of the other professor, says: "A discoverer who was a business man first and a scientist afterward found that such foods could be made more digestible when cooked with dry heat instead of by boiling in water, and has already placed on the market the food which he discovered prior to Dr. -This refers to Grape-Nuts, the most scientifically made food known. Grape-Nuts can be easily digested by babies or anyone with a weak stomach and the food centains the most powerful rebuilding element known, particularly as relates to the rebuilding of the brain and nerve centers. It is a deliious feed requiring no cooking but ready for instant service just as it comes from

the package. A recipe book free in each

package describes many delicious dishes

made from Grape-Nu

FACTS ABOUT TELEPHONES built on twenty-five foot poles, seven inches at the top. One circuit would cost \$250 per mile. Then the crossarms and length and one party is talking to another only twenty miles away, during the time he is talking the entire circuit for the 200 miles is not available for use. The BRITISH SEAMEN LOOK HELPLESSLY ON company has only one line utilized telegraphic use. This is leased by the Cudahy company and runs from South Omaha to Sloux City, In.

The company interchanges messages with the independent companies by forcing the independent companies to charge the same rate as that of the wire which takes the message through. In some instances the independent rates are higher than this company. The money taken in by this means is pro rated over the lines used according to miles covered.

The Nebraska Telephone company was inorporated in 1882. Twelve years later a dividend was declared on a capital stock of \$640,000. At the present time the capital stock of the company is \$1,890,000 and during the present year this stock will be increased to \$2,400,000. The gross revenue of the company last year was \$905,560.41. The gross expenses were \$687,219.62, making a net profit of \$218,440.79. Of the revenue the toll lines supplied \$279,208.51:

The special committee that secured the information by the examination of witnesses was composed of Senators O'Neill of Lancaster, Howell of Douglas, Warner of the men for their pluck and presence of Dakota, Giffin of Dawson and Meredith of min.
Sarpy. This committee met each night for over a week and it had the power to sisting of the warships Ariadne, Indefatsummon witnesses, books and records, and to swear witnesses. Representatives of by the different companies and the cost of entral office.

The present system in vogue in Omaha smallest detail. The testimony taken is on the United States ship Dolphin, with so voluminous and disconnected that it seventeen guns. Dolphin saluted Vice Adoperation and construction, down to the generator is the arrangement in the bell sufficiently to present it to the legisla-

> and Foxes, Thriving Finan Sau cially and Improving Socialty.

PRESTON, Neb., March 12.-To the Editor of The Bee: The Sac and Fox Indians in the southeastern part of Nebraska and northeastern Kansas have will go to Santiago by rail and return on the last twenty years.

In trading over the reservation one would not know that he was among the Indians if he was not told. The farms ROUNDING and improvements show thrift and progress. Many of the farmhouses and barns are large, commodious buildings. For the last fifteen years these Indians

have appreciated the advantages of an education. They are anxious that their children shall have a good, practical education. Some of the children walk long distances to school.

has grown rapidly. Not many years ago shoplifting, and all came to this city last they were satisfied with tents and bare evening. They divided and entered various ground for houses, also blankets and leggings for clothes, but all these have been pipe or ground rod. A common return is discarded for warm, citizens' clothing, ing suspicious, Chief of Police Malcolm was common wire or a number of them that and carpets and good furniture for their houses. The old pony has been superseded

These Indians have not only improved gas pipe, the wire is brought out and at- in material things, but they are far more bad sold a shirtwaist to Mrs. Samuel Bartached to this return wire and this return healthy than they were twenty years ago. ron and a pair of pants to a man named wire is used by a number of subscribers. Tuberculosis, which is making wonderful Gilland. Investigation proved that these The ground wire gives satisfaction in invasion on many tribes, has almost dis- articles had been purioined, the waist from small towns, but where there are electric appeared among the Sacs and Foxes. A Brumbaugh's and the pants from Cole's appeared among the sacs and Foxes. A Brumbaugh's and the pants from Cole's few weeks ago at the annual payment on store. Later Chief Malcolm caught two of with any success. The longest wires in their reservation the writer had an op- the men and lodged them in jail. The other Comaha are five miles, and these are out in portunity to see a large number of these four however had left town. There is no Indians together and was much impressed with their manual and physical appear-Everything about them indicated that here were two tribes of Indians that had adopted a high standard of civilization and were capable of maintaining their

Elopes with Wife's Sister.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.)-The people of the southern part of the county are wrestling with a sensation this week and according to the story which adjudged insane by the Board of Insanity funeral services will be held Monday afterreaches this place, Sam Frieburghouse, a in thic city yesterday. The treatment ac- noon. farmer living eight miles southwest of corded a pet dog of hers by some small Salem, has left for parts unknown, accompanied, it is alleged, by his pretty sisterin-law. The farmer left a week ago for St. Joseph, ostensibly to consult a physician in regard to his health, but later developed that upon his arrival in that city he at once telephoned to his wife's sister, Miss Clara Hoover of Rosedale, Mo., who is also his crusin. The young woman left home at once for St. Joseph, and it exchange had to be reconstructed every is thought eloped with Frieburghouse, as ten years on an average. This is due to nothing has since been heard of either. The man in the case leaves a wife and one little girl of 4 years.

Telephone Companies Merge.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.)-The merger idea has fastened its hold on Last week delegates from the Humcompany testified that no increase had been | boldt, Porter, Dawson-Nemaha, Speiser and ers. Richardson County Mutual Telephone company. The object of the organization is patents in Nebraska and Pottawattamie to extend and perfect the service and regulate fees throughout the county. A committee was appointed to draft rules and bylaws for the new company as follows: Zook of Speiser, Cornellus of Porter, Snyder of Salem, Page of Dawson. Officers were elected as follows: Grush of Salem, president; Zook of Speiser, vice president; Hummel of Porter, treasurer; Page of Dawson, secretary.

Dry Sanday at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.)-At the last meeting of the city council a resolution was passed instructing Chief of Police Hyers to see that the Slorum law was enforced. In compliance with instruction the saloons in Plattsmouth were all closed today, and the back doors were

Nebraska University Notes. An informal hop will be given in the rmory Saturday evening, March 21, by he university band.

J. W. Crabtree state inspector of schools, will be in U. 106 every Saturday morning to advise with students and high school

Dr. E. A. Ross of the department of sociology went to Grinnell. Ia., Friday, where he was one of the judges in the debate between Grinnell and Iowa colleges, held Friday night. The class in railroad engineering is engaged in establishing the grade and cross-sectioning for the street car track which the Lincoin traction company will lay to the state farm this spring.

Dr. Brower, professor of nervous and mental diseases in Rush Medical college, Chicago, will deliver the commoncement address for the Omaha department of the university medical college at Omaha on May 14.

pointed a committee composed of Dr. C. E Bessey, chairman, Dr. F. M. Fling, H. G Shedd, registrar, and Miss Edith Higgins Shedd, registrar, and Miss Edith Higgins, assistant registrar, to arrange a memorial service for the late Miss Ellen Smith. The committee is now at work and hopes to have the program ready shortly after the Easter recess. It will consist of appropriate music and brief addresses on different phases of Miss Smith's personality and her work in connection with the university by university alumni including faculty members and others. The committee has requested that these addresses by written, as it is hoped later to have them printed as a befitting memorial to Miss Smith.

SAVE CUBANS tainment next Wednesday evening. AMERICANS proceeds of the enterprise will go to the Some Things Learned by the Legislative tional \$110. If a circuit is 200 miles in Dolphin's Orew Launch Boats in Terrific tary to Governor J. H. Mickey, that the Havana Squall.

packed.

Moody Will Formally Commend Sailors' Courage at Inspection Today Before Visiting Palma and His Cabinet.

HAVANA, March 15,-While Secretary Moody and his party were on shore this afternoon a heavy squall swept over the barbor. It grew dark as night and the wind and rain were terrific. Commander Stoney of Dolphin, realizing the peril to the small bonts in the harbor, called for volunteer rescuers. The entire crew of Dolphin responded

Boats were instantly manned and sent off. The launch returned with four halfdrowned Cubans and the captain's gig with another. The courage of the sailors is especially commended, as the British ships did not see the need for action, although one of the capsized boats was much nearer to Ariadne than to Dolphin.

Secretary Moody at Inspection tomorrow will summon Dolphin's crew and commend

The arrival of the British squadron, conigable, Retribution, Tribune, Fantowne and both the Nebraska Telephone company and Jamaica, gives the harbor a naval aspect. entering the harbor saluted the fort with miral Douglas with fifteen guns.

Vice Admiral Douglas and the commanders of the British warships proceeded to Dolphin and paid their respects to Mr. at once. Thirteen guns were fired by Dol-General Rodriguez, the commander of the Cuban army

Secretary Moody and party dined today with Mr. Squires, and will visit President Guantanamo.

UP SHOPLIFTERS Gang Finishes Term in Kearney Jail and Makes a Raid on Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-Yesterday morning six men were released from jail in Kearney, where The desire for modern improvements they had just completed a sentence for stores, among the number being M. Cole's and Mrs. Brumbaugh's. Their actions benotified to track them, but for a time they eluded him during the darkness of the early evening. He learned that two of the men had been seen south of the track and four, however, had left town doubt the outfit belong to an organized gang that has been operating in the towns along the railroad for some time. The two men arrested will have a hearing tomorrow and every effort will be put forth to capand wearing apparel have all beer missed from the stores named.

Peculiar Case of Insanity. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15 .- (Speboys seems to be the patient's main cause for hallucination. While the animal was tied in front of a store some boys, who were bent on having fun, took possession of the animal, and after decorating him with a thick coat of tar, sent him home. Mrs. Wirth spent one night in attempting to remove the ill-smelling substance from the animal's carcass. The enger occasioned at the time is thought to have had much to do with her present mental condition, as she continually talks on the subject. husband was sent to the asylum for the insane about two years ago, but has since been released as cured.

Veteran Railroader Retires

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) -C. M. Miller, for twenty years in the the independent telephone companies of employ of the Burlington road, fourteen of the county recently organized by the farm- which were as agent at this point, has been given an extended leave of absence and will locate on his farm near Blakes-Salem lines met and resolved to associate burg, Ia., for the present. He has been in themselves together under the name of the failing health for some time and his physician has said that the change was absolutely necessary. Mr. Miller is a veteran railroad man, having been at the work for thirty-two years, working for the Wabash, Kansas City, Iowa Central and Burlington roads. The family will be greatly missed in this city. J. D. Poe of Bennet has been ordered to this station and L. B. Heskett, formerly of Firth, takes the place made vacant by Mr. Poe. In all probability Mr. Miller will never again take up railroad work.

Debate Monroe Doctrine.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) -A debating contest was held by pupils of the Tecumseh High school at the opera house Friday evening. The question was: "Resolved, That the United States should doctrine with reference to the South American republies." For the affirmative Bernard Mary Murphy and Fay Reynolds spoke, while the negative was upheld by Chester Ward, Otilla Schmidt, Edward Hasenyager, Ethel Crissenberry, Margaret Wiison and Ora James. The judges decided in favor of the negative, giving the best markings to Miss Wilson, Miss Crissenberry and Miss Schmidt. The program was interspersed with music and the entertainment was well attended.

Boy Injured by Revolver. TABLE ROCK, Neb., March 15 .- (Spenial.)-Willie Brown, a lad of 15 years, was out playing with his companions in a pasture south of town and while carelessly handling a revolver was wounded in the leg by the accidental discharge of the weapon. He was brought to his home town, where the ball was extracted. It missed the artery and the bones by a narrow margin and, while he will doubtless be laid up for some time, no serious ap-

recovery. Benefit for the Band.

prehensions are felt in regard to his speedy

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) -The Tecumseh Military band has secured the Steckelberg Concert company of Lincoln, including Mr. C. F. Steckelberg, vio-linist: Mr. H. Steckelberg, 'celloist, and Miss Marie Hoover, pisnist, for an enter-

entertainment was secured. When the seats were placed on sale yesterday morning the crowd that thronged to the box office re minded one of the first grand rush at the circus ticket wagon. The house will be

Indictments for Gambling. TECUMSEH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) -The grand jury in the Johnson county district court found indictments against John Mandery and Patrick Lane, residents of Sterling, on the charge of gambling and they have been compelled to give bond for appearance for trial. It is said other indictments were found in the cases of other people, but so far they have not manifested themselves. It is quite likely that the little poker games will be non est in this county for some time, for the assembling of the jury caused considerable uneasiness with many of the young men and boys of

players. Farmers Endorse Brady Bill.

the county that are reputed to be poker

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) A meeting of farmers was held yesterday at the courthouse to discuss and further the organization of the Farmers' Co-Operative association, and among other business done the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of Senator Brady in his efforts to secure the passage of the "elevator bill," and we also commend his opposition to the amendments that are sought to be attached to the bill, the effect of which is to repeal certain provisions of existing law requiring interchange of business and transportation (acilities among the transportation companies doing business in Nebraska.

License Ticket at Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 15 .- (Special,)-The license element of the city held its caucus at the Bohemian hall last evening and placed in nomination the followmunicipal election: J. C. Wiltse, mayor; Harry L. McConnell, councilman First PROGRESSIVE INDIAN TRIBES Moody. The secretary returned the visit ward; R. S. Unland, councilman Second water. ward; Lewis C. Edwards, clerk; L. F. phin in honor of a call on Mr. Moody by Marburger, treasurer; A. W. Thompson, police judge; Will Schmelzel, engineer.

A Cure for Lumbago. morrow. On Tuesday they will proceed to maism and lumbago," says Mrs. Anna Hagthe naval station and general situation at family liniment I have ever used. I would in that part of the city. not think of being without it. I have merits are wonderful."

> INDIAN SQUANDERS ESTATE Loses All but Ten Acres of Valuable

Holdings and Deeds that to Children.

some of the richest land in the valley of the Mississinewa and the Wabash.

Godfrey, now almost 80 years old, twenty years ago owned nearly a thousand acres arrive on every train. obtained from the government, but this was sacrificed. He and his wife have now deeded to their children the little ten-acre tract twelve miles southwest of this city. on which is a plain story and a half frame house. This is the last of the property ewned by the last shiet N the Minmis.

DEATH RECORD. W. D. Evans.

MALVERN, Ia., March 15 .- (Special.)-W. D. Evans, 82 years of age, died at his home here last night. Besides a wife he leaves the following grown children: Mrs. Omaha; Mrs. Judge J. R. Reed, Council Bluffs, fa.; W. H. Evans, Council Bluffs, Evans, Portland, Ore.; P. W. Evans, Ster- ing away of a trestle at Lake View. ling, Colo.; Mrs. Anna Goodwin, Malvern. cial.)-Mrs. Rosetta Wirth of Murdock was Ia.; Mrs. W. F. Swan, Biloxi, Miss. The

> Oldest Settler on Jim River. ABERDEEN, S. D., March 15 .- (Special.) Mrs. H. . I. Slack of Randell, the first white woman to come into the James River time. They came back late in the '70's and made permanent settlement near what is

known as Randell. Melissa Phelps Dodge. NEW YORK, March 15 .- Meliasa Phelps Dodge, widow of William Earle Dodge, died

at her home in this city today in her 95th year. For more than fifty years she had lived in the same house, and many notable religious and charitable gatherings have been held there. Her husband died just 20 years ago. Mrs. Fredericka Streitz. Mrs. Fredericka Streitz, wife of Ferdinand

and residing at 1430 South Seventeenth street, died yesterday morning, after three months' illness. Mrs. Streitz was in her 76th year, and came to Omaha from igan forty-three years ago. The husband and her three sons survive her in Omaha. William Lyle.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 15 .- (Special.) -William Lyle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyle, near this city, who had been sick for months with a complication of troubles arising from appendicitis, died Friday evening.

FIRE RECORD.

Novelty Manufacturers Lose,

NEWARK, N. J., March 15 .- An explosion followed by a fire did damage amounting to \$75,000 tonight at the works of the Arlington Manufacturing company of no longer attempt to enforce the Monroe Arlington, N. J. The explosion occurred in a brick building which, when it blow up, contained 41,000 pounds of "seasoning" Canfield, Maudia Bobbitt, Bertha Smith, a highly explosive material used in the The new levee was abandoned and a smaller manufacture of pyraline, a composition resembling celluloid, which is made into novelties by the company. The works of the Kempshall Manufacturing company, makers and convicts and other laborers were kept of golf balls, and the works of the Slint- busy, the river was held back and the task Koter Manufacturing company also were badly damaged.

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produces better results in two minutes? Everything in the package, Simply add hot water and set to cool, It's perfection. A surprise to the housewife. No trouble, less expense. Try it to-day. In Four Fruit Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Strawberry, Raspberry. At grocers, 10c.

FLOOD DANGER SEEMS OVER

Levees Amply Serve to Keep Record Waters in Place.

MOST RIVERS CEASE RISING AT LAST

Southerners Rejoice When Sun Shines Again and Set to Work with Renewed Vigor on Weakened Embankments.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 15 .- The Ohio river is falling slowly here tonight and stands at 41.4 feet. The weather is clear and warm The Louisville boats that have been tied

up for several days owing to the high water will resume operations Monday. The Wabash and White rivers are also falling slowly and all danger from the flood is now thought to be passed.

Mrs. Arch Temper and son Fred, aged 6, the boat capsized. Temper rescued his wife, but she died a short time afterward. wenty-four hours the river has fallen a of his luggage and by other means. toot, without any other rise to follow, so that the flood in the Ohio valley will soon be relieved. The Ohio is now falling from

weather bureau reports no other rise to banknotes he had cashed. This clue was follow. OWENSBORO, Ky., March 15 .- The Ohio river is stationary here tonight, but the situation is still serious. The weather is clear today and unless there is more rain the rivermen do not look for more than

another foot rise. Fear for Levees.

is rising rapidly and it is doubtful whether the levees will hold the great volume of

38.5 feet, a rise of 1.2 feet since last night. This is the highest water ever recorded The situation in and around Memhere. phis is becoming more serious. Without "I have derived great benefit from the a single exception the numerous lumber Palma and the members of his cabinet to- use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheu- plants in North Memphis have suspended operations owing to the encroachment of Bahia Honda and on returning to Havana elgans of Tuckahoe, N. J. "My husband the waters. At Fourth and Market streets used it for a sprained back and was also people are moving about in skiffs and the made remarkable progress in civilization Dolphin. They will look over the site for quickly relieved. In fact it is the best street railway has annulled all schedules

At Ensley, six miles below, 600 feet of recommended it to many and they always the Yazoo & Mississippi tracks are inunspeak very highly of it and declare its dated, but they were "cribbed" over today and trains are running through.

The Choctaw railroad has suspended operations between Hopefield and Wolf river and all trains are being sent over the Memphis bridge.

A dangerous place in the levee is reported from Holly Bush, twenty miles north | make a vigorous defense, of here. Engineers of St. Francis' levee, WABASH, Ind., March 15.-Gabriel God- with a steamboat, went to the scene this frey, the last chief of the Miami Indians, afternoon. It was found that the water has just parted with the final remnants was running over the levee for a distance of his once extensive estate comprising of 600 feet. Men and material are being sent there and a strong fight is being made to hold the embankment. Refugees and hundreds of horses and mules continue to

Farmers Still Flee Fast. VICKSBURG, Miss., March 15 .- The river gauge here this evening registered 48.7. two-tenths rise since morning. Today has been the first clear, sunshiny day in

two weeks.

Late reports say all the embankments are holding on both sides of the river in this style as Whittaker Wright. In Park lane, rive in every sert of craft from a steamboat to a home-made raft, Night trains on the Yazoo & Mississippi

Valley railroad between Vicksburg and New Orleans have been annulled. Bad condigiven as the cause. Traffic on the north end between Memphis and Vicksburg has Ia.; Mrs. O. H. Snyder, Tabor, Ia.; Joseph been entirely suspended, owing to the wash-NATCHEZ, Miss., March 15 .- Captain

Harry S. Douglas of the United States engineer corps has ordered 75,000 feet of lumber, 49,000 sacks and a carload of wheelbarrows and shovels for use on the levees between Vicksburg and Natchez.

The government is furnishing the material, but the local authorities must furvalley north of Huron, is dead. She came nish the labor. A weak place has been with her husband and children before the found in Concordia parish, Louisiana, eightclear. The gauge is 47.8, or three feet above the danger line, and rising.

JACKSON, Miss., March 15.—Governor Longino has returned from Greenville and other points along the Mississippi, where he went to look after the levees. He reports some places. Major Dabney, chief engineer of the le-

vee board, has great confidence in the levee system, believing it will stand the pressure unless it continues raining. Today the governor conferred with the levee board by the convicts on three plantations, about 100, sent to the Huntington levee, the weakest section on the system. In all about 306 convicts are now engaged in levee work.

Sun Brightens New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, March 15 .- The gague here tonight reads a little over 19.3, which is only two-tenths below the record of 1897. but the sudden change from stormy weather to sunshine and brightness has given re-

newed hope all along the line. Saturday's terrific rain was a test in itself and not a sign of weakness was displayed. With good weather more workers have been enlisted and more work rushed. and even those who were ready to surrender weak places to the river's rush, have gained courage and say any colume of water

can be met. A week ago it was thought there would surely be a crevasse at Arlington, a short distance below Baton Rouge. There had been a cavein in the old levee and a long new levee was started. This was in process of construction when high water came. one built around the cave proper. During the terrific rains it was feared the work could not be completed, but several thousfinished when the storm was at its height. On Saturday Governor Heard made an inspection during the rain and went there again today, and is satisfied the danger is

In the city there is great rejoicing because, even with the record rain of eight inches on Saturday, no water from the river came over.

DEPRESSION PLEAD MILLS Cotton Operators Claim Wages Cannot Be Raised Till Times Become

Prosperous.

LOWELL, Mass., March 15 .- The request of the Lowell Textile council for a 10 per cent increase in wages of the 20,000 cot-ton operatives of the city has been refused by the agents of seven cotton corporations The executive committee of the council will ask for a conference with the council for a direct discussion of the matter and

this will be given. The agents base their refusal on the ground that the general prosperity of the

country does not extend to the mills of New England, excepting perhaps those having modern plants and turning out the highest grades of goods, and that while the cost of living has increased the cost of material to the mills has also increased.

WRIGHT IS ARRESTED

(Continued from First Page.) be possible for me to continue my trip mainly on this account.

Clue Only Obtained on Saturday LONDON, March 15 .- Only yesterday the London police cabled the New York police that Whitaker Wright and a women supposed to be his place had sailed on La Lorraine, under the name of Andreoni. Wright's wife and family are still in England and as far as the police have ascertained none of his relatives have left the country. Whitaker Wright left London about February 21 and went direct to Paris

where he stayed about four days before proceeding to Havre to embark on La Lor raine. He was traced to Paris by the bankwere drowned a few miles below Rockport notes which he cashed there at the office in the Ohio river today. They were in a of the French steamship line and elseskiff with Mrs. Temper's husband, when where. When he left his country seat at Godalming he traveled by way of Southampton and Havre to Paris, taking pains to and Central America and by Colon with Co-CINCINNATI, March 15 .- During the last conceal his movements by the redirection lombia and Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile. This procedure was apparently quite suc-

cessful, for it was only yesterday morning that the detectives got the clue as to his after the trade of South America. Pittsburg to eastern Indiana and the movements through the numbers of the easily followed up owing to Wright's marked personal appearance. The young woman joined him at Havre on the eve of sailing. It is reported that she has a large sum of money in her possession.

Wright's wife is living in comparative seclusion near Godalming. When seen this evening she reiterated her belief that he was on his way to British Columbia for the sake MEMPHIS, March 15 .- The flood situation of his health, as the doctors has said he between Caruthersville, Mo., and Baton needed change. His one desire, she said Rouge, La., is serious tonight. The river had been to do something for the unfortunate shareholders and the worry told se verely on his health. He had remarked if there was ever any trouble he must recover The gauge at Memphis tenight marks his strength to enable him to fearlessly meet the charges brought against him. She had heard from him at Paris, but he did not mention his movements. When told that her husband had been arrested family to prepare for the eduin New York she said she supposed he must have met friends in Paris who persuaded him to change his mind and go to the same time protect the New York, perhaps on his way to the mines in British Columbia.

Too English for His Wife.

Asked whether her husband was an Amercan, Mrs. Wright replied: "I do not know I am an American. We were married in America. He has always been thoroughly English, much to my disgust. If he had been an American he would have been properly protected."

Eminent counsel, she said, would be engaged for her husband's defense and she parent. hoped his health would enable him to

The lawyers acting in the case anticipate no difficulty in obtaining the prisoner's extradition and it is expected that Wright will be in London in six weeks' time History of the Case. The financial crash of the companies

floated by Whittaker Wright came in December, 1901. There were eleven of these including the parent company, entitled the London and Globe Finance corporation, with a total capital of \$60,675,009. Wright was the managing director. Among the Omahn, Nebr. others was more than one engaged in developing the British Columbia mining field. Few millionaires lived the same princely

section. Refugees from the lowlands with London, he had a miniature palace, in the ods continue to ar- drawing room of which was famous Cabinet du Roi of Louis XV. It took three years to complete and cost many thousands of pounds. At Godalming he owned a country seat, in beautifying which 600 workmen were engaged. It conture the rest of the gang. Shoes, dry goods Z. T. Lindsay, Omaha; Miss Ethel Evans, tion of the track below Baton Rouge is tains coatly fountains and statuary brought from Italy. Wright's stables alone cost a small for tune. They have upholstered oak and

leather settees and polished gun metal fittings, while valuable paintings and has reliefs adorn the stalls. His private yacht was fitted up with similar luxuries, and at one time he was credited with the intention of constructing a yacht to race Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock. One of the victims of the crash was the

late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. formerly governor general of Canada and British ambassador at Paris. He consented to be Indian outbreak, but was driven out for a cen miles below Vidalia. The weather is chairman of the London & Globe, and had 25,000 shares in the different companies. With Lord Dufferin on the board of di rectors were Lieutenant General Gough Calthorp, who was colonel of the Fifth Dragoon guards, and Lord Edward William Pelham-Clinton, master of the late them still holding, but getting weak in queen's household and son of the fifth duke of Newcastle. When the crash came Lord Dufferin was severely censured for his connection with the companies, but in a frank speech to the stockholders of the London & Globe he declared his position, and won the sympathy of the country. His telephone and at their request ordered all wealth, at one time large, was believed to

have been swallowed up in the companies. Much American Money Lost.

Much American money was lost in the failure. There was a great outcry against the authorities in not prosecuting Whittaker Wright and his fellow directors, and in January last a petition was circulated on the London stock exchange signed by many influential men demanding the prisecution of Wright, as it was considered that the credit of the city and the London stock exchange demanded a thorough investigation. A fund of \$25,000 was raised to initiate the prosecution. Arnold White, the author, publicly stated that the reason the prosecution was not undertaken by the government was that the directors of the London & Globe were sheltering themselves behind members of the royal family. He added that he understood a royal duke had invested his money in the concern, and he believed that "certain hangers-on at court" were using the name of the king and others for the purpose of hiding their own nefarious deeds. Other speakers at this meeting declared that the stockholders of the London & Globe were victims of one of the most "terrible, heartless and gigantic swindles of the present

On March 10 action was taken against Wright. Justice Buckeley, in the chancery division of the court of justice, made an order directing the official receiver, an liquidator of the London & Globe, to institute criminal proceedings against Wright and utilize the assets of the London & Globe to pay the costs of the prosecution. The following day a warrant for Wright's arrest was issued.

When the police officer went to his house he was informed that Wright had gone to the continent on account of his health. The same afternoon the Irish nationalist, Swift MacNeill asked the home secretary in the House of Commons what steps were being taken to prevent Wright's escaping from justice, and later the home secretary announced that the government intended to bring Wright to justice.

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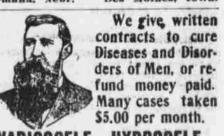
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