SINGLE COPY THREE CENTS.

Benator is Convicted of Accept, 2 to Protect Grain Company.

JURY DELIBERATES NEARLY TWO .

One Juror Objects to Verlict and is Admot i hed by the Court.

MOTION AT ONCE MADE FOR A NEW TRIAL

Recourse is an Appeal to the United States District Court.

BURTON DECLINES TO DISCUSS CASE

Governor Bailey Also Refuses to Make Comments on the Ground

that it Would Be Discourteous. ST. LOUIS, March 28.-Joseph Ralph Bur

ton, United States senator from Kansas, was convicted by a jury in the United States district court today on the charge of having accepted compensation to protect Postoffice department. The jury deliberated forty-one hours.

A motion for a new trial was immediately filed by the counsel for the senator. Judge Adams thereupon ordered that Senator Burton appear in court, either in person or by proxy, at 10 o'clock from day to day until the court has heard the arguments for a new trial, and if this be decided against him the court will then fix

For a time there threatened to be a disagreement in the jury. The jury was brought before Judge Adams, who asked the cause for the long delay. He was told tant eleven jurors had agreed, but the twelfth stood alone. The court admontshed the lone juror that the expense of a new trial should not be incurred because of him falling to agree with the majority of the jurors. A precedent was quoted showing that the majority of the jurors should de cide the case before them and a verdict be rendered accordingly. The jury was then told to go back and poll its vote once more. Soon after the jury reported, bringing in a verdict, but Judge Adams found that the third count in the indictment had not been considered, and again he sent the jury back to consider the case without having announced the verdict returned.

The third time the jury entered the court room the result of its deliberations was announced, and United States Senator Burton against him in the indictment.

Senator Burton's recourse is an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals, which body is the final arbiter in his case. When seen at the Southern hotel by the Associated Press, Senator Burton declined to in any manner discuss the verdict. "You certainly appreciate the situation and understand that I have nothing to say,

One Count Omitted.

KANSAS CITY, March 38.-A Star special mays that at the time that word was re agreed and was ready with the Senator Burton had gone to the Southern hotel, A marshal was sent to notify him to appear in court. The senator came into the court room at ten minutes after 12 He had been sent for a half hour before and the long delay caused a rumor to spread that he had collapsed. Few people were in the court room when he entered He took his seat by the side of his attorney. Mr. Lehmann, and looked the jurors in the face as they entered. "Have you reached a verdict in the

case?" asked the judge. "We have," said the foreman "Hand it to the clark," said the court. Judge Adams looked at the verdlet and

"You have made no disposition of count three." "We have agreed as to that," said Mr.

Charles Walla, the foreman. The judge instructed the jurors to retire and include the findings as to count three in the written verdict. During the fifteen inutes the jury was out not a word was poken in the court room. A funeral serv-Neither W. H. Rossington, Charles B. Smith, Representative Campbell nor other friends of Senator Burton were present at this time.

Burton Appears Calm.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty on counts one, two, six, eight and nine in the indictment and not guilty on count

There was no perceptible change in Sen ator Burton's countenance when the verdict was read. Judge Krum asked to have the jury polied. Each answered that the verdict was his own. Judge Krum forthwith presented a motion for a new trial. The court replied that the bond of \$5,000 was entirely sufficient. The court did not pass sentenc Court having adjourned, Senator Burton

calmly lighted a cigar and, turning to his attorney and private secretary, Colonel W. W. Smith, began a conversation in a low He appeared entirely composed.

If today's verdict is sustained Senator Burton will lose his seat in the senate and forever be prohibited from holding any office of public trust. Each count constitutes a acparate offense and Senator Burton could receive a penitentiary sentence of two years or a \$1,000 fine on each Senator Burton's conviction is the first under this section of the statute, which was enacted by congress in 1864.

Scramble for Burton's Seat.

A special to the Star from Topeka, Kansays that lawyers who are close to Governor Balley regard the conviction of Senator Burton as an immediate vacation of his seat and the centest for the place will, it is believed, commence at once.

judgment against a man in a case of this kind," said a former justice of the Kansas supreme court today, "Is regarded by the courts as a conviction in the meaning of the statutes, even though an appeal may be taken and the decision of the lower court subsequently reversed.

Governor Balley refuses to discuss the Politicians close to the chief executive express the belief that the choice of Senator Burton's successor lies between Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow of Salina, or Cyrus Leland, jr., former republican national committeeman from

Governor Bailey toft the city shortly after the news of Senator Eurton's conviction received. He refused absolutely to talk on the subject, and said be would not make any comment on it in any way until ther the United States bad taken action. "It would be discourteeus," said the gov orner, "and I would be guing out of my

Arrangements Are Now in Progress for Purchase by Amerlean Firm.

SANTIAGO, Chile, March S.-Arrange ents are being made by Chile to sell the spattleship Capitan Prat, the armored uiser Esmeralda and the cruiser abuco, and by Argentine to

armored cruisers Garibaldi and steyrredon. Senor Terry, the minister of Argentine to Chile, leaves here for Buenos Ayres shortly to arrange the matter. The sums realized by the sales of these warships will be denated to adding two powerful ships to the navles of Chile and Argentine.

A disputch from Santiago, March 23, said that a representative of Charles R. Flint of New York announced that the Chilean warships Capitan Prat and Chabuco had been bought, but that a gaurantee had Since morning the river has lowered nine been given that they would not be sold to inches from the high water mark of 20.15 any belifgerent power. The sale, it was added, must be approved by congress.

SEVEN INSPECTORS STAY IN JAIL Cuban Court Refuses Application for

Welts in Election Cases, SANTIAGO, Cuba. March 28.-The local election inspectors of Santiago and three of El Cobre, who have been imprisoned on the interests of the Rialto Grain and Se- the charge of falsifying results of the eleccurities company of St. Leuis before the tions for congressmen. The liberals demand the arrest of many prominent men. There was a great demonstration last night and the liberals will hold a meeting to protest against the electoral frauds.

It was announced from Santiago on March discarded the returns of forty-two electoral colleges which show liberal majorities. The nationalists and a Mandelay liberal. The liberals, it was added, would contest this, claiming the election of five congressmen. Senor Gomez, their leader, advised moders tion and said he believed that the liberal majority in congress would seat him and his colleagues. There was considerable excitement over the matter.

Ameer is Quite Well.

PESHAWAR, British India, March 28.-The ameer of Afghanistan, who was erroneously reported to have been impris-Ummar Khan, is reported to have been quadruple the loss, severely wounded by a revolver shot.

Will Not Threaten Veneguela, BERLIN, March 28 .- The Foreign office

ela in order to compel the prompt setstood convicted on the charges brought tiement of its claims was wholly incor- of here, the river is fifteen miles wide. The Detroit Goes to San Domingo.

COLON, March 28.-The United States cruiser Detroit coaled and left Colon yesterday for San Domingo. The cruiser Montgomery is coaling and it is considered likely that it also will go to San Domingo.

American Security Jobber Fails, LONDON, March 28.-The failure of H. W. Harries, a small jobber in American securities, was announced today.

ceived by the court that the jury had MUST NOT DESTROY HOMES Pennsylvania Court Passes on Right of Company to Operate Its

Factory.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.-The state supreme court today directed that an infunction be issued perpetually enjoining the Jones & Laughlin Steel company of Pittsburg from such operation of its furnaces ocated in the Fourteenth ward of Pittsburg as to produce clouds of ore dust that

would injure surrounding property. The Jones & Laughlin company's proerty represents an investment of \$5,000,000 and gives employment to about 10,800 per-

BODS. The decision today reverses a judgment of a Pittaburg court, which refused an injunction. The supreme court's among other things says the right of the steel company to operate in Pittsburg must be conceded, but it cannot so operate its furnaces as to actually destroy homes and other property in a residential section of ice could not have been more solemn, the city. The court stood 4 to 3, the chief justice joining in the dissenting opinion.

HONOR OMAHA GIRL AT VASSAR Miss Laura Congdon Selected as One

of the Bearers of the Daisy

Chain.

BOSTON, March 28.-(Special Telegram.) -Miss Laura Congdon of Omaha, a member of the sophomore class at Vassar college, has been chosen as one of the bearers of the daisy chain at the class day exercises of the senior class during commencement week. This is one of the features of the Vassar class day, and the students are employed for weeks in weaving the huge chain of dataies which is borne

AND HUSBAND WIFE Burdened by Debt and Years and Tortured by Memories of Lost

honor.

Fortune They Suicide, ST. LOUIS, March 28.-The dead bodies today, both having been asphyxiated by gas, according to their own prearrangeare supposed to have led them to commit suicide. They left a note saying they had found the dead body of their pet cat, which

had been chloroformed. St. Louis Commissioners Arrive.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The steamer Molike, which arrived today from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, had among its passengers Count Friedrich Wilhelm yon Limburg Stirum, German commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, Prof. Schley, Wilhelm Spielmann, and ten other heads of departments of the German government at St. Louis, twelve assistants and twenty others who will be connected with the German exhibits. Hans Peterka, Austrian commissioner to St. Louis, also was a passenger on the steamer which brought a large quantity of goods for exhibition at the exposition.

Among the second cabin passengers were Felix Masterson and family. Masterson is charged with forgery in California.

Dr. J. Lameda, H. Lameda and E. Amhard, Venrsuelan commissioners to the St. Louis exposition, arrived today on the steamer Cameas.

Operators Curry One Point. SPRINGFIELD, III., Murch 28.—At ay's session of the joint scale commit in the lilinois coal specutors and mir

Two Persons Missing at Grand Rap ds Believed to Be Drowned-

GREAT DANGER IN WORK OF RESCUE

Michigan and Missouri Points Report Worst Floods in Their History, with Much Loss of Property.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 28 .-Flood conditions in the Grand River valley have greatly improved in the past twentyfour hours, and unless there should be a fall of rain, which is threatened tonight, further danger from high water has passed. feet. Tonight the water is stationary. All the marooned inhabitants in this city have been properly cared for. School

being used for that purpose. Contrary to

all reports there has been no loss of life

in this city on account of the flood, The subway recently cut out under the court has refused the application for a Grand Trunk railroad tracks is now bewrit of habeas corpus in the case of seven | lieved to be responsible for the unprecedented flooding of the upper half of the west side. Heretofore the railroad embankment, twenty feet high, served as a dyke. BAY CITY, Mich., March 48.-Flood conditions tonight are very grave. The ice in the river started out this afternoon, going as far north as the Belinda street bridge, where it gorged, seriously damaging the plers or threatening to sweep the bridge 23 that the provincial election board has away. Below this point the river is filled with ice and the bay is still covered, allowing no relief for conditions in the Sagresult, therefore, was the election of five linaw river. Easements along the river front are filling and fire engines are endeavoring to keep the newspaper press rooms clear. A score of blocks in the ex-

treme south are under water Situation is Appalling. PETERSBURG, Ind., March 28.-The flood situation in this county is appalling. White river, above here, is thirteen miles wide in places and twenty feet deep in the

channel. Patoka river, which flows through the county's center, is three miles wide for nearly forty miles. Farms are under water, bridges and fences are gone, oned, is quite well. He is residing at the the soil washed away and much stock Baghbala palace, outside of Cabul. The drowned. The loss now reaches \$250,000. ameer's brother, Nasrullah Khan, in a The wheat is ruined. It is feared there will quarrel with a half brother, Mohammed be two more feet of water, which will

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 28.-White river continues to rise an inch an hour. The water works machinery was raised a foot today in an effort to prevent it from says the report that Germany intends to being drowned out. Fifteen inches rise make a naval demonstration against Venez- will close the plant. The worst is expected tomorrow. At Elnora, twelve miles north west end of the town is under water. The Evansville & Terre Haute railroad tracks are three feet under water in places.

Two Drown in Flood. DEFIANCE, O., March 28.-Leroy Car-

penter, 18 years of age, and Albert Moore, 21 years, were drowned in the Auglaize river, two miles south of here, their buggy being swept away by the swift current, while attempting to drive through the

to a bridge. fallen considerably. All the industrial tially submerged and 5,600 workmen are Idle. water. There is much suffering in Zilwaukee, where 1,300 people are living in upper stories with many domestic animals elevated with them. Only one life was reported lost, that of a Polish boy named Stephen Soltysiak, who was drowned be-

tween this city and Crow Island. Flood in Missouri.

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., March 28.-it is feared that the loss of stock resulting from the rise and overflow of Black river will be enormous. The river is six miles wide and thousands of acres of bottom from two to ten feet of water and many residents have been forced to abandon their homes. No lives have been lost. but there have been many narrow escapes.

At Williamsville, the water has driven the inhabitants from the village. rallroad telegraph operator wired: Water is up to operating table; will have leave. The bridge has been swept

The bridge was a 120-foot fron railroad bridge and was comparatively new. Conditions in Indiana.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 38.-The White and Wabash rivers continue to rise an inch an hour. Both rivers are now near the mark of 1896. All low lands are depopulated. Much suffering is reported. INDIANAPOLIS, March 28 - White river which last night overflowed West Indianapolls and covered the first floors of 1,000 houses, has receded rapidly today. The power houses of the street car company and the water works pumping station have resumed operations. The crest of the Waduring a certain portion of the outdoor bash river flood has passed Terre Haute festivities by the girls selected for this and is above Sullivan, where the waters are still rising. There 25,000 acres of farm land are under water. Westport has been totally abandoned, the inhabitants going to the high lands back of the valley. At Vincennes, on the lower Wabash, the leves have given away and all bridges across the river are closed. The river is twenty-one feet and rising. The crest of the flood expected to reach there tomorrow, when all records, it is believed, will be broken. The of John B. Altman, aged 68, and his wife, Hazelton trestle of the Evansville & Terre Julianna, aged 47, were found in their home | Haute railroad is being guarded by armed

Reports from cities on White river and Burdened by debt, advancing years its tributaries place the estimate of flood and the recollection of a fortune vanished, loss north of here at \$1,000,000. Ten thousand persons have had their homes in vaded by the flood. Great danger is feared taken their own lives. In the cellar was when the Wabash and White rivers join floods in southwestern Indiana, which will take place tonight.

High Water in New York.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., March 28.-The ice gorges and floods are causing considerable damage in this (Clinton) county. At Champiain the Chazy river rose feet there in as many minutes, flooding all the stores, hotels and many residences. Merchants had no time to remove goods from their cellars and many residents had to make their horses, cattle and other live stock swim from the barns to high ground. It was the highest water in eighteen years. At Cadyville iron bridges at Wood's mills were carried away and many rods of sidewalk and fences were torn up and smashed by the ice. Dynamite was used in attempts to break the ice fame to this city, but with very little success, and men are still at work. UTICA, N. Y., March M.-Aitheogh fixed ditions are very much better in the Ma-

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Retired Commander of Army Discusse Patriotism in Letter to Michigan Democrats.

WASHINGTON, March 28.-In a letter to Peter Doran, president of the Democratic thub of Grand Rapids, Mich., which was to ave been read at a hanquet of that club, extponed on account of the flood, General celson A. Miles, after pleading illness in his family as reason for his absence, says in part:

In part:
Having been invited to speak on the subject of patriotism, I should reply that patriotism comes nearest the heart of every true citizen of our republic. It is especially fitting to give it serious consideration at this time, when we are memored by serious evils—when we are approaching an important crisis in our political history—and the weal or woe of this republic will depend upon the intelligence and patriotism of the sovereign voters. Their action during the important event of the coming animum will biess or seriously embarrass the inture of this country. In fact, the perpetuity of our democratic government depends, not upon the presence of great armies, the will of a despot or the dictation of any ruler, but entirely upon the patriotism of our citizens. The opportunity and responsibility of the democratic citizens of Michigan and of the whole union are now greater and more important than they have been at any former period of our history. There are many vexed questions and problems in which there may be an horiest difference of opinion, but there is one transcendent privelple, far above all other questions, whether of economies or individuals and that is whether the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and of our constitution—in brief, a pure democracy—shal prevail or perish.

The change from oppression to liberty is houses, churches and the auditorium are

perish.

The change from oppression to liberty is wrought by riolence, but the change from democracy to despotism is quiet, insiduous, subtle and fatal.

DOES NOT DENY CRIMES IN CONGO. Are No Greater Than Else-

where, However, WASHINGTON: March 28 .- Chevaller de Cuvelier, secretary general of the state Cuveller, secretary general of the state department of Congo, in a recent note to the British government, pertaining to alleged onditions in the Congo Free State affectng the treatment of natives and trade, de clares that the manner in which the state is administered entalls a systematic regime 'of cruelty or of oppression," and that the principle of freedom of trade would cause modifications in the law proper as uni-

versally understood. He says that in the multitude of meetings, writings and speeches directed of late against the state always the same facts are affirmed, and the same evidence produced. Concerning the treatment of the natives, the note recites that the government of the state never has denied that crimes and offenses are committed in that it has been realized that these misdeeds "have been brought before the tribunals and their authors have been punished." The conclusion to be drawn from this, it is stated, is that the statefulfills its mission, and that if, as a matter of fact, some offenses have escaped over the vast Port Arthur." territory of the state the vigilance of judicial authorities, this circumstance would The authorities have severely punished persons convicted as salutory lessons to

Referring to the allegations that in a train proceeding from Leopoldville to Ma- This must ever be in his mind. today, although the Cass and Flint have of those represented to compose a convoy of slaves were militiamen being dispatched plants near the river in this city are par- from one district to another, and that the chained men were a party of persons "con-At the south end of the city 100 demned by the territorial tribunal at Bahouses are in from four to six feet of soko, and who came to work out their punishment in the central prison of Boma. Replying to allegations against the system of the state's administration, so far as concerns the taxes, the note says:

"At the bottom it is the contribution of the Congo native to the public expenses that is criticized, as if there existed a single country or a single colony where the inhabitant, under one form or another, did not bear his part in those expenses. A state without resources is inconceivable." Continuing the secretary general says that since 1898 the improvement of the lands, used for pasturing stock, are under general condition of the natives has prowater. The entire east side of the city is gressed and that schools and workshops are being multiplied. "Economically speak- are now entertained that the war will ing it would be deplorable," he says, "that | end in the complete ruin of Japan and in spite of rights regularly acquired by the whites, the domain lands should be so disposed of as to pass even temporarily ACCUSE CHINA OF PLAYING DOUBLE. into the hands of natives. It would be the return to their former state of abandonment, when the natives left them unpre

> ductive." In conclusion, it is asserted that the policy of the state has not, as has been ! created and fostered it.

HILL HAS MADE HIS PLANS Asks Holders of Northern Securities Stock to Send Proxies

Hurriedly.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 28.-The Dispatch today mays that James J. Hill has sent to St. Paul from New York, circulars and proxies to all local holders of North ern Securities stock. The circulars narrate the plan for closing up the affairs of the company and request the stockholders to an engagement March 23 which the Japasign the proxies and return them to New | nese infantry had with Cossacks between York at once, as it is desired to act

These circulars are said to disclose the etual amount of Northern Pacific and Great Northern stock, which the securities

company has held. Many estimates have been made as to the few know the actual amount. The circular cany held 19.2 per cent of all the stock of that company and that it also held 94.5 per cent of all Great Northern stock.

A report was current today to the effect that Mr. Harriman would refuse the tender of Great Northern stock in place of an equal amount of Northern Pacific stock. which he formerly held. Mr. Hill offered Mr. Harriman an amount of Great Northern stock, equal to one half the amount of Northern Pacific held by his antagonist, and if the latter refuses, it will place Mr. Hill in an embarrassing position

KNEW MRS. BOTKIN'S WRITING Letter Carrier Testifies at Murder Trial and Detective Tells of

Searching Defendant's Room.

EAN FRANCISCO, March 28 .- In the Butkin murder trial today O. A. Fester, a carrier, identified the handwriting of Mrs. Botkin. Captain of Detectives J. F. Seymour told of the search made of Mrs. Botkin's room in 1898 and Julius Fay testified that he had cashed money orders bearing Mrs. Botkin's signature. After several other witnesses had virtually repeated their former testimony. John P. hawk valley, it is still causing the railroads natur was called. He re-told the story of his relations with the defendant.

British Experts Give Him Oredit for Working Wonders with Navy-

JAPAN'S PROBLEM IS NOT NOW SO EASY

If Port Arthur Fleet Can Continue Waiting Game Until Reinforced Aspect of Affairs Will Be Entirely Changed,

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LONDON, March 29 -(New York Herald aplegram Special Telegram to The Bee.) -Vice Admiral Makharoff is working miracles, not only with Port Arthur, but in England. A month ago the English press and public were both equally sanguine of victory for Japan. The public talked airly of the capture of Port Arthur, Vladivoof a stok and of the Russians being driven out of Manchuria and back into the recesses of Siberia. Expert writers of the press, of course, knew that the task for the Japanese was a much more difficult one, but erally was inspired by the belief that in the end Japan would undoubtedly win. Russia, it was proclaimed without centradiction, had ceased to exist as a naval power in the far east. Its ships, cooped up in Port Arthur, were useless, even worse than useless. Vice Admiral Togo, in the words of one writer, "had swept the seas as clean as did that Dutch admiral who set up a broom at his masthead and sailed

down the English channel. Vice Admiral Makaro went out to Port Arthur, and now all this has changed. Makaroff has done wonders, and, as Fred T. Jane writes in the Daily Chronicle. 'Vice Admiral Togo has been credited with victories he never won, with werations that it is now getting clear he never attempted and presently he is likely to be unjustly blamed because no results are apparent.

"Togo and Makaroff," continues Mr. Jane 'are fairly matched in mental calibre, and though the latter has the weaker fleet everything points to his ability to play a walting game than which nothing is more likely to be fatal to the Japanese."

A statement of this sort a month ago would have been impossible in England.

Togo's Task Not So Easy. Another expert, Rear Admiral Ingles, who was very enthusiastic about Japanese prospects not so long ago, pipes in a much lower key today. In the Dally Telegraph this morning he pays tribute to the ener-Congo as "in every other country and in getic leadership of the new Russian comevery other colony." Further, it is stated mander at Port Arthur and says, "I think now that Admiral Makaroff has so many of his ships once more repaired and on the qui vive, and his torpedo flotilla apparently in working order, Vice Admiral Togo will probably not have another opportunity of blocking the entrance to

Rear Admiral Ingles points out that Togo has run the risk of being caught not be peculiar to the Congo Free State. between two fires. "While engaging Port Arthur a force of ships from Viadivostok Davis has captured enough votes to give might appear like Blucher,' 'he writes, ''to him 225 delegates in the state convention

SAGINAW, Mich., March 28.—There has guard of soldiers, the governor general is been no perceptible fall in Saginaw river quoted as saying that the great number cannot reach this. The standard that three instituted by followers of Wood. admirals laid down for English practice in 1889 was that the proportion should be five to three. The Japanese would like to go dozen counties to the state convention war are strictly limited.

"They have as much as they can do in reinforced their position at sea would be-

come most difficult." "We are getting mighty tired," says the Daily Telegraph, in one part of this morning's issue, "of the phrase, 'the might of Russla,' although it is an important factor." But in another portion of the newspaper it prints a Moscow dispatch which a month ago I think would have been edited out of its columns. In this the correspondent says the buoyant optimism which for the last few weeks has charac terized the leading advisers of his majesty is growing more intense and strong hope

Russians Believe Celestials Are Only Waiting Opportunity.

the hegemony of Russia in Asia.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, March 28. - (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram stated, killed trade, but on the contrary has to The Bee.)-The headquarters' staff reports that very unfavorable news concernng the action of the Chinese has come to hand.

> For some time the attitude of the Chi nese has caused misgivings. It is almost certain from information received here that the Chinese are inclined to play a treacherous role if they get the chance.

JAPS WIN, BUT LOSE PIFTY MEN

Infantry Has an Engagement Russian Cossacks. LONDON, March 29.- The Seoul corre-

spondent of the Daily Mail says that in Anju and Chong Ju, the Japanese were victorious, but lost fifty killed.

Say Boats Were Sunk.

TOKIO, March 28.-A telegram received from New Chwang this afternoon says that at 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Japaamount of Northern Pacific stock held, but | nese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor. A flotilia reviews the fact that the securities com- of destroyers conveyed the merchantmen. which were subsequently sunk and rescued the volunteer crews. Later the Japanese battleships bombarded the town and its

Sleged Ship is Released.

NAGASAKI, March 28.-The steamship Brisgavia was arrested at Moji on Friday last by the authorities, its manifest showing that among its cargo were seven field guns and 200 tons of ship building material When it was explained entisfactorily that this was consigned to Kien Chou, China the vessel was released. It left yesterday, the 27th inst., for Shanghai, its destination.

Britain Will Remove Gunbont. LONDON, March 3.-The under foreign

secretary. Earl Percy, announced in the Espiegle remain at New Chwang it had commander-in-chief of the China station, that it would be inadvisable to keep the vensel there.

British Steamers for New Chwang. CHE POO, March 28.-8 p. m .- Five Brit-

ish merchant steamers left Che Foo for law there by the Russians.

Rain in South and Rain or Snow in North Portion Tuesday and Probably Wednesday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. 5 a. m. . . . 30 1 p. 6 a. m. . . . 30 2 p. 2 p. m..... 7 n. m..... 29 8 n. m..... 31 5 p. m 47 5 p. m 40 7 p. m 45 8 p. m 43 9 p. m 42 9 n. m..... 34 10 n. m..... 37 11 n. m..... 40 12 m..... 42

CHICAGO WILL PAY ALL BILLS Assures Subcommittee of Republican National Committee that All

Obligations Will Be Met. CHICAGO, March 28.-The subcommittee of the republican national convention, having in charge arrangements for the republican national convention, in this city, met teday with the local committee to discuss the preparations, which have been made at the Collseum, where the convention is to The meeting was entirely harmonlous. All arrangements made by the local committee were approved by the members of the national committee and there was no friction at any time. Those present for the national committee were and port of New Chwang under martial Captain U. S. New of Indiana, R. B. Schnelder of Nebraska and Sergeant-atarms William F. Stone.

It was explained to the members of the national committee at the outset that Chicage had never promised to put up for the use of the national committee such a sum as \$15,000, nor had it promised to put up any sum of money at all. What it had promised was to pay all the bills of the

envention and this it would do. Mr. New suggested that there were some things for which the national committee would be compelled to pay and he thought it well if the local men would place a certain sum at the disposal of the national committee. This the local men agreed to do at once and the amount of \$5,000 was promptly arranged for. It was decided that all the bills for the convention are to be turned over to the local committee and

they will provide for their payment. None of them will be presented to the national committee, which will be under no obligations for any of the expenses attendant on the holding of the convention. In going over the arrangements made for seating, it was found that the total number of seats in the hall will be 8,428. Of these 500 are to be on the stage and 275 will be for the press; there will be 990 seats for delegates and the same number for alternates, leaving 5,673 for spectators.

BITTER STRUGGLE PROBABLE Davis Gets Enough Votes in Arkansas, but Contesting Delegates Will Go to Convention.

LITTLE BOCK, Ark., March 28 .- On the face of unofficial report Governor Jeff complete the action. Furthermore, he has that being the number necessary to seto keep one eye at least on the Baltic. cure the renomination. Judge Carroll D. Wood carried countles that give 162 votes which covered the roadway, leading of whom a dozen were chained, under the that for blockading they really need two yet certain. The vote will be canvassed

Indications are now that contesting delegations will be sent from at least half a one better, but their resources in men of which will be held in Hot Springs on the second Tuesday of June. In many of the counties apparently rried by Davis the the present circumstances to contain the county conventions that elect delegates to Port Arthur force, and if Russia should be the state convention are controlled by Wood men. This complicates the situation and renders a bitter struggle probable. Advices from the First congressional district show that Congressman Hugh A Dinsmore has been defeated for renomination by J. C. Floyd of Yellville

FLUCTUATION IN WAGE SCALES Cotton Mills Eeduce Pay, While Silk Weavers Secure an Advance.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 28 .- A reduc tion in wages carrying from 5 to 10 per cent went into effect at the Arlington cotton mills today. The change applies to 2,000 of the 4,000 operatives. Upwards of 500 worsted workers have been idle since March 22 on account of a strike which followed the posting of notices.

PATERSON, N. J., March 28.-The silk weavers employed in the mills of Johnson, Cowdin & Co. have been granted an increase of 10 per cent in their wages by the new scale to go into effect today.

Some time ago the employes demanded an increase of 20 per cent, and after a conference between the weavers and the bosses a 16 per cent increase was granted, with the promise that the other 10 per cent would be given in three months, if business continued good.

STRIKES DYNAMITE WITH PICK Four Killed and Six Injured by Accident in Pennsylvania Tunnel.

BROWNVILLE, Pa., March 28.-Cedar Hill tunnel, on the Connellsville Central railroad, two miles southeast of this place, was the scene yesterday of an explosio in which four workmen were killed outright and six others seriously injured. Three of the injured, it is feared, will die The workmen were all foreigners and went by numbers instead of names.

The tunnel is being constructed by Kellar and Crossan, contractors. The explosion was caused by one of the workmen striking a charge of dynamite with The dead workmen were terribly mangied. The injured were taken across the coun-

try to the Uniontown hospital

IN NEW To Defend "Scaled Letter" Bequest for \$50,000 in the Will of

Philo S. Bennett.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28 .- William J. Bryan will appear in the superior court tomerrow to prosecute his appeal from the House of Commons today that despite the decree of the probate court, excluding as British consul's request that the gunboat a part of the will the "sealed letter, in which Mrs. Grace Imogen Bennett is dibeen decided, after consultation with the rected to pay to Mr. Bryan \$5,000 mentioned in the will of Philo S. Bennett. Bryan is an executor under the will and the objection to the "sealed letter" on the ention that Mr. Bennett was unduly influenced in drawing up the document by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. Mrs. Bryan cams here were received of the declaration of martial having copied the will at Lincoln, for

CHILE IS TO SELL WARSHIPS FLOOD CONDITIONS WORSE LETTER OF GENERAL MILES ALL PRAISE FOR MAKAROFF NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST OCCUPY NEW CHWANG

Russians Have Placed Neutral City in Manchur a Under Martial Law.

ACTION IS REGARDED AS A CHALLENGE

Interferes with Consular Rights and Stops Trade at that Port.

NEUTRAL VESSELS CANNOT SHIP CARGOES

Foreign Warships Also Liable to Be Ordered from Port.

CONSULS ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

Step Practically an Appropriation of the Disputed Territory and a Defeat to American Aims in that Province.

NEW CHWANG, March 28.-The civil administrator late yesterday evening notified all the foreign consuls and residents of Viceroy Alexieff's order placing the city inw, explaining that it had been so ordered for the purpose of safeguarding the commercial interests of the port.

Pending the publication of the full text of Viceroy Alexieff's order the following regulations are ordered to be immediately operative:

First-The entire territory of the city and

First—The entire territory of the city and port, also all persons, without distinction of jurisdiction and nationality, resident in said territory, are subjected to special regulations regarding a state of war.

Second—All travelers arriving by sea and all cargoes entering the port are to be inspected both by naval officers and customs officials.

Third—The importation of arms and amminition is forbidden.

Fourth—The exportation of contraband of war is forbidden.

Firth—Fersons desiring to export contraband goods are required to deposit a sum equivalent to the value of the cargo. This deposit is to serve as a guaranty that the cargo is not to be forwarded from neutral ports, either to Japanese or Corea.

Sixth—The functions of the lightship and harbor guides in the river Liao are suspended.

Seventh—Contraband of war is to consist Seventh-Contraband of war is to consist

of such articles as are mentioned in the decree issued by the czar, February 28, de-fining contraband of war. A list of contraband goods then follows, This list includes beans and bean cakes

and other food stuffs. The interference with this traffic, together with the operation of article v, referred to above, will stop New Chwang's trade. Five ships, which arrrived outside today and are neutral, will be unable to ship cargoes, The opinion of leading foreign residents and officials is that, although the rights of neutrals remain unaltered by treaty, Rus-

rights, also consular jurisdiction and extra territoriality, rendering the position of foreign consuls untenable. in some quarters the order is regarded as an apparent challenge to neutral powers, especially to China, on account of the appropriation of its territory, and that renders the United States gunboat Helena

sia assumes the power to annul these

leave port. The consuls will await instructions from their respective governments, inasmuch as there is no law to guide the consuls' ac-

Annuls Consul's Powers.

The foreign consuls had a conference with

tions.

ready was annulled.

and the British cruiser liable to an order to

the civil administrator today. The latter informed them that the full intention of Russin's order of yesterday was to proclaim martial law and also to annul consular jurisdiction, and that the same al-

The British consul interpreted the order as not declaring martial law. The other consuls were unable yesterday to comprehend Russia's intention. The administrator agrees with the consuls

to suspend a rigid enforcement of said order

until the foreign governments act, in order lessen the complications. The Americans here call attention to the apparent defeat of American sins regarding placing censuls in Manchuria by the execuion of Russia's order. American and British flags were today removed by the Rus-

zens of American or British nationality. DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF ENGLAND.

St. Petersburg Papers Take Divergent

sian military from the property of the citi-

Views of Subject PETERSBURG, March 28 .- The papers are all discussing the possibility of better relations between Russia and Great Britain, through the intermediary of France, The Novosti continues to insist that the absence of conflicting interests is bound to bring Great Britain and Russia together, as their alliance would be of enormous advantage to both. The Novoe Vreyla, however, declines to bury the hatchet, still harping on pertificus Albion, and saying that Great Britain has been trying to fasten its interested friendship upon all the European nations in turn, but they all saw

through the game. The Bourse Gazette surcastically says that while Russia is strong, Great Britain will not move, British attitude toward Russia becoming more friendly in proportion as it receives news of the strengthening of the Baltic ports and the real forcement of the Russian army near the Indian frontier. General Kouropatkin has left his train

to the front for an inspection of the troops, his visit to Port Arthur being temporarily postponed. Reports from the general staff say the Japanese skirmishes are more enterprising and that more outpost affairs may be hence-

at Mukden and is proceeding to Liao Yang,

whence it is now believed he will proceed

forth expected.

CIVIL OFFICERS MUST NOT FLEE Stocasel Issues Order Telling Them to Stay at Posts.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28 .- Lieutenant General Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, has issued an order fort4dding civilian functionaries to desert their offices and seck places of safety during bombardments. General Stoessel sarcastically observes that he has not seen them at the batteries when the enemy was attacking In order that the Russian trooms shall not present a bright target for the enemy an order has been issued by the minister of war directing that gray instead of white shall be the color of the uniform during the summer season.

Captain William W. Judson of the engineer corps. U. S. A., who is to accompany the Russian army during hostilities, and Lieutenant Newton A. McCully, the United part of Mrs. Bennett is based on the alle- States naval attache to the Russian navy, will probably leave for the front April 1 United States Ambassador McCormick will present them to Foreign Minister Lams-New Chwang today, just before advices with her husband. She is to be a witness, dorff March 20. Captain Judson and Lieutenant McColly have been well psentyed the authorities and are being shown