There is High Hope

of Game.

guides having located several fresh warns

The mail was unusually heavy today and

Secretary Loeb and the two stenographers

SINGLE COPY THREE CENTS.

Committee of General Agents Calls Upon Governor Higgins at Albany.

MR. BOWES REVIEWS HISTORY OF SOCIETY

Says Assets Are Property of Policyholders and Have Always Been So Regarded.

THREATENED REVERSAL OF PROCEDURE

Society Endangered by Officers Who Would Use Surplus for Stockholders.

SUIT FOR RECEIVER FILED IN CHICAGO

Policyholder Alleges that Officers Are Violating Provisions of the Charter and Demands an Accounting.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 'B .- The crisis in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance society was laid before Governor Higgins at the executive chamber this afternoon by the committee of thirty-five of the managing agents of the society, which earlier in the day, at Syracuse, had made the same appeal for mutualization of the society to Superintendent Hendricks of the state insurance department. The views of the agents were presented to the governor by Joseph Bowes, manager for the Equitable at Baltimore, as chief spokesman, and he was seconded by Edward A. New York and Reginald T. Naist of London. The agents also presented to the New York City.

Governor Higgins made very evident his preciation of the great seriousness of situation in the Equitable society. His ply to the speecies was greeted with apprause. He said:

1 realize fully that this is a very serious taik. I realize fully that the policyhoiders may been led to believe that it was mutual in its character. I would be glad to do anything within reason.

There are those in the legal profession who are inclined to believe that you cannot by act or the legislature compel the stockholders of the Equitable Life Assurance society to accept mutualization on broagest lines without their consent. That I give you simply as an opinion as at I give you simply as an opinion as

That I give you simply as an opinion as it comes to me.

I do not feel at the present moment that I can assure you as to whether the time will come in the immediate future when it will seem to me wise to communicate with the legislature and ask it to pass any particular bill in reference to the Equitable life; but I can say to you this, with the utmost frankness and sincerity that at all times I shall be interested more largely in the interests of the policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance society than in the interests of any other person or party within it. And if I come to the conclusion that I can further the interests of those policyholders—If I should come to that conclusion, you can rest assured that no act will be left undone by me that will bring about better conditions for that society.

Bowen Reviews History of Society. Bowes told the governor that the commistee represented managers and agents | from all over the world, and was closer than anyone else could be to the great of far more importance, the ultimate dam-age of this great company and all that tions set forth in the information filed by that means to hundreds of thousands of the attorney general and at the same tim

policyholders throughout the world. Mr. Bowes declared that from its inception by "its great founder, Henry B. the Equitable had been intended to be truly a mutual concern, and that the agents had gone up and down the world proclaiming and leading policyholders to slieve that the only part of the assets of the society that could be paid to stockholders was \$7,000 per annum, or 7 per cent interest on the \$100,000 of stock. Of the 500,000 or 600,000 policies issued by the society, nearly 90 per cent have the distinct and specific provision that each shall be entitled to the information and writ therein to its full distributive share of the surplus at the ends of periods specified. Mr. Bowes continued:

During the administration of the affairs of the society by the elder Alexander and by the founder, Henry B. Hyde, faith to the utmost was kept with policyholders. No question was ever raised about the ownership of the surplus.

We have fallen on evil days, in which claims are being made and questions raised which point to a reversal of the entire tusiness methods of the society, which cast distinct doubt upon the representations we have made to policyholders and which constitutes a menace of the most terrible character to the interest of all who hold contracts with the society.

It is manifes, to us and the policyholders that the time has come for a change and such a change as will rescue it from being regarded as the patrimony of any individual or the instrument in the hands of one man, to enable him to promote selfich interests or subserve ends entirely foreign to the designs of the founder of the company.

Ownership of Assets. During the administration of the af-fairs of the society by the elder Alexander

Ownership of Assets.

The policyholders are the real owners of the assets of the company, yet the Equitable company, with nearly 600,000 policyholders, with outstanding assurance of \$1,500,000,000, with a trust fund of \$413,000,000, its assets yearly increasing by \$50,000,000, the policyholders have no voice in the administration of the society. policyholders have no voice in the administration of the society.

The policyholders could see their interests made subscrylent to personal interests and speculative recklessness, but they were helpless in the hands of one man whose control of the stock was such that he could make and unmake directors by a simple entry in the stock transfer book.

We appeal to you and to the legislature who appeal to you and to the legislature of your office to promote the movement for the amendment of the charter so as to secure immediate and complete mutualizations.

secure immediate and complete mutualiza-tion of the society. Our appeal is made in the name of the policyholders, officers, managers and agents of this company throughout the entire world.

AGENTS SEE SUPT. HENDRICKS

Insurance Official Urged to Approve

Plan of Mutualization. SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 21.-Preferably mutualization, the turning over of subburden of the request made of Superintendent 'of Insurance Francis Hendricks by the committee of general agents who laid their wishes before him here today. About forty members of the special committee of seventy-two, appointed at the meeting of general agents recently held in held at noon in Superintendent Hendricks office at the State Bank of Syracuse, of which he is the president. Among the prominent agents present were, E. Wardell. H. Ramey, Little Bock, C. E. Townsend, Boston; Wyman Ellis, Helena, Mont.; H. Neely, Omaha, W. S. Howen, Albuque, N. M.; H. Allenberg, Spokane; L. D. Wiggins, Des Moines, and J. S. Ken-

drick, St. Louis. Joseph W. Bowes of Baltimore was

(Continued on Second Page.)

CRISIS IN EQUITABLE ITALIAN STRIKE AT AN END FOURTEEN DIE IN FLAMES PRESIDENT RESUMES HIS HUNT SENATOR PLATT IS DEAD

Railroad Men Force Premier to Grant Scheme for Arbitration of Differences.

ROME, April 21.-The railroad strike may considered to have ended. A committee SMOKE HOLDS CHILDREN IN THRALL of social deputies has obtained from Premier Fortis a promise to study a scheme for arbitration to be adopted in the case of differences between railroad min and the government. In future the latter will consult the representatives of the railroad organizations with the view to ascertaining their requirements and prop-

It was also agreed that if the strike ends promptly there will be no dismissal, transfer or other punishment of strikers. After this understanding with the government telegrams were sent to the rallroad men ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, and throughout Italy notifying them to be ready to resume their various employ- nuns were so severely burned that it is

The senate today passed the government's rallway bill. work and the rallway service has been fatally burned in their efforts to save the

CRUISER SENT TO SANTO DOMINGO

Tacoma Given Rush Orders to Proceed to Capital of Island Republic. PENSACOLA, Fla., April 31 -Rush orders for the cruiser Tacoma to proceed to Santo Domingo were received late this afternoon. That vessel began to coal immediately, moving down to the navy yard. where fuel and stores were taken on board, and it is expected that she will get away Woods of Pittsburg, Archibald C. Haynes from port before daylight. It is stated here that a number of warships have been ordered to Santo Domingo by the Italian governor the resolutions adopted earlier government, and as trouble is anticipated, in the week by the agents' convention in the Tacoma was ordered there to protect American Interests.

Governor of Warsaw Resigns. WARSAW, April 21 -- 11:40 p. m.-A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that General Maximovitch has resigned the governor generalship of Warsaw owing to differences with the committee of ministers regarding Polish concessions. The report appears to be well founded and if by the villagers, but the fire had gained packers. Over a score of clerks and other they both had lifelong adherence. At the true it will seriously affect the situation in

New Governor for Yakon. VICTORIA, B. C., April 21.-Private advices from Ottawa, state that W. W. B. McInnes, member of the British Columbia legislature for Alberni has been appointed governor of the Yukon Territory, with residence at Dawson, Alaska at a salary

Secretary Hay Recovers Health. GENOA, Italy, April 21.-Secretary Hay left Genoa today for Badnauhein by way of Milan. The secretary is in the best of spirits, declaring that the air of Italy has quite recovered his health.

WOULD STRIKE "TRUST" PLEAS

Attorney General of Missouri Says Aptures to Information Are Not Proper.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 21.-A m governor that a condition of things ex- tion was filed in the supreme court today isted in the society as a result of which by Attorney General Hadley to strike out our policy holders are in a state of ut- the pleadings filed by the Standard Oil most apprehension and alarm, which, if company and the Republic Oil company to continued, will result in not only disaster his information alleging combination to to the managers and agents, but what is control the supply and price of oils in this attack the constitutionality of the antitrust law.

Attorney General Hadley, in his motion, ontends that such pleadings cannot be filed in the supreme court and bases this contention on decisions in the case of former Attorney General Crow versus fire insurance companies several years ago. The motion closes at follows:

And informant further moves the strike out the whole of said return and answer and every line thereof, and render ent of ouster against respondents following resolutions: First-Because the same is not responsive Second—Because the same is insufficient in that it is neither a plea nor a justifica-tion nor a disclaimer.

CASH FOR WESTERN PACIFIC New York Paper Announces Comple-

tion of Plans for Financing

Gould Line.

NEW YORK, April 21.-Plans have been empleted in Wall street, according to the Herald, by which funds for the construction of the Western Pacific railroad are ab solutely assured. A syndicate of street BUILDING banking houses is said to have agreed to buy \$50,000,000 worth of bonds from a com- New York Employers and Workmen pany, the proceeds of the sale of which will complete a line from Salt Lake City to

Three banking houses, it is understood, will participate in the issue. On its completion the Western Pacine will become an integral six, consisting of three employers and three part of the Gould system from the Atlantic to the Pacific and will complete the first line across the United States under one the management.

FIRE RECORD.

Horses at Yankton. YANKTON, S. D., April 21 - (Special.)ire late this afternoon destroyed the barn the idjoining the Joseph Milliken blacksmith shop, on the ground of the Germania ho-Two saddle horses were burned, with saddles on. They were the property of Frank Frick and Charles Van Epps. A trades. high wind was blowing, making it impossible to save the horses or to do more than check the spread of the flames, which were breaking out in the adjoining buildings

Dwelling at McCook. M'COOK, Neb., April 2i.-(Special Telegram.)-The C. B. Sawyer dwelling was

destroyed by fire last night about midnight. Loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$900. The stantial control of the policy-holders, or dwelling was occupied by Foreman C. L. some other remedy to relieve the em- Walker of the Burlington paint gang. Most house of the Illinois legislature today. Rebarassing situation in the affairs of the of his household goods were removed, versing all precedent members of the house Equitable Life Assurance society, was the Spontaneous combustion is the probable unanimously remained seated while the

Will Try Macaroni Wheat. PIERRE, S. D., April 21 .- (Special.)- Reports in the papers published at different points west of the Missouri river indicate that macaroni wheat will be given a New York, were present at the conference thorough test this season, most of the new ejected by his constituents. Invariably on a settlers trying a small acreage of it as a previous occasions members taking the sod crop. The corn acreage will also be outh have done so in the presence of all targely increased from that of last year, members standing. the success in that line being such that a crop is considered a certainty.

Probing Cont Combine

Catholic Convent in Quebec Burns and Inmates and Students Perish.

Lack of Fire-Fighting Facilities Responsible for Loss of Life and Buildings Despite Heroic Work.

MONTREAL April 21 .- The little village of St. Genieve is in mourning tonight over the loss of fourteen lives in a fire which destroyed the convent of St. Anne there four women perished in the flames. Two feared they will die.

In their grief of the catastrophe the nuns take some comfort in relating the heroism The strikers' committee of agitation has displayed by Sister Marie Arjuteur, who officially decided to stop the railway strike. gave up her life, and Sister Marie Therese Many employes have already returned to and Marie Robertine, who were perhaps practically resumed as it was before the lives of the children and helpless old wo-

men in their charge. The dead:
SISTER MARIE ADJUTEUR, music |
mistress, 22 years of age.
AMANDA GARAUD of St. Genevieve. BERTMA TESSIER of Isle Bizara, 18

ears of age, EGLANTINE PROULX of Montreal, 11 ture, ears of age.

MRS. MICHAEL LALANDE of St.
lenevieve, 32 years of age.

MRS. CARDINAL of St. Genevieve, 80

MARGARET POITVIN of St. MRS. ROBERT of St. Genevieve, 88 years Injured: Sister Marie Therese. Sister Marie Robertine, both probably

Miss Tessier's parents are in California. Herole Work of Nun. Bucket brigades were hurriedly formed such headway that it was soon apparent that there was no chance to save the building from destruction. Notwithstand- industry. ing all efforts unfortunately there was a deploraable loss of life. Sister Rageterra children in her charge succumbed to the smoke and flames. The pupils who per-ished were in a portion of the building

some in appearance, massive in character and with the church it formed a central feature of the pretty little village.

Hamburg-American Liner Pennsyl vania Brings 3.086 People to America from Europe.

in its third-class quarters.

ever passed in quarantine in one day. It was impossible to handle the great throng in one day and at least 4,000 wouldbe citizens had to remain over night aboard the ships on which they arrived, as 6,000 is the limit of Ellis Island's clearing capacity. Until last night 62,700 immigrants had been landed this month, compared with 42,447 to the same date in April last year.

CONFER TRADES Get Together on Agree. ment for Year.

NEW YORK, April II .- A committee of labor representatives appointed at a convention of the joint arbitration board of the building trader' association, has met to consider amendments for the arbitration year beginning May 1.

All the amendments were favorably eceived. It is anticipated that they will be accepted by the convention and that the new agreement will ensure one of most prosperous building seasons this city has seen in many years. The labor delegates will sign on behalf of 100,000 skilled workers, while the employers will sign for 1,000 employers in the building

COMERFORD AGAIN IN OFFICE Expelled Illinois Assemblyman Takes Onth While Other Members Retain Their Seats.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 21 -- A pe culiar spectacle was witnessed in the lower ath of office was administered anew to Representative Frank D. Comerford, recently expelled because of failure on his part to substantiate charges which he made alleging corruption on the part of fellow members of the legislature.

Comerford after his expulsion was re-

Sprecher Not Guilty of Libel. ombine prices hisase); to a bedpost during the trial.

Connecticut Member of Upper House Passes Away Suddenly.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., April IL-After a day's enforced rest the president's hunting party started out bright and early odny. The snow that had fallen obliterated all old tracks and the party ; to get close to a bear by nightfal

out in most of the time in disposing of it. In spite of the fact that Secretary Lock rode twenty-five miles from the president's camp yesterday, he spent several hours in the saddle today after disposing of an unearly today. One nun, nine children, self so that he can make the next trip tisually heavy mail. He is preparing himwith greater case. A large bundle of newspapers was taken to the camp by Elmer Chapman, the courier, Many of the papers contained fake stories of the president's hunt. The members of the hunting party were greatly displeased when they learned of the character of some of the stories printed by several papers having correspondents at Newcastle. The correondents located there have no facilities for getting news and they are entirely out of touch with Secretary Lock.

Preparations are under way here to give President Roosevelt a royal welcome on May 14, when he will arrive from Redstone to spend the night before returning to MARIELINE VILLEMAIRE of Mon- Washington. The pelt of the bear killed treal. If years of age.

IRENE BERTRAND of St. Genevieve, II by the president is being mounted as a run. The skin of the head will be drawn years of age.

ADELE LOBITAILLE of St. Genevieve, over a papier mache form, but natural PARMELLA DUGAS of St. Genevieve, 14 teeth will be used. The skull is to be added to the collection of C. Hart Merriam. ears of age.

LEONI RAOUST of Isle Bizara, 15 biologist of the Department of Agricul-

> MEAT PACKERS RAISE A POINT Contention that Use of Secret Service Men in Connection with Investi-

gation is Irregular. jury which is investigating the business of the personal side of his long relations affairs of the meat packers resumed today with General Hawley, rather than of the their probing into the details of the sau- political battles they had fought with

secret service bureau, who is in Chicago thrown on him by the recent death of in heroic efforts to save the lives of the en route to the Philippines, said today that Senator Hoar. he had learned that certain packers and their attorneys had questioned the right after the latter's death as chairman of track of them. ished were in a portion of the beliding of the United States secret service men the judiciary committee of the United where the fire had obtained too much to make an investigation in conjunction States senate. Later he was made chairheadway before the alarm was given to with the federal grand jury. The packers, man of the special committee of the senenable those who responded to effect their Chief Wilkie said, contended that the secret ate appointed to conduct the Swayne imservice department is under the charge of peachment trial and this was followed by The fire started about midnight. An ef- the United States Treasury department his appointment as presiding officer of the fort was made to get Pont Eclaire by and that the funds provided by congress senate, sitting as a court during the imtelephone, so that assistance could be had cannot be used in a special investigation peachment trial. That was his last high from Montreal, but for some reason yet because the secret service is really only public duty before returning to his native to be exciained no response was received for the suppression of counterfeiting. In from Pont Eclaire. The fire started in the old ladies' hospice and the smoke was that the special detail of men connected that the children on the floor with the investigation of the packing inbuilding was a gray stone structure, hand- kept on the case as long as they were 1903.

BREAKS PASSENGER RECORD Advisory Board Considers Plan for Old Age Pensions for Society

Members.

CLEVELAND, April 21.-The Advisory Board of the National Association of Let- senate and to the country at large is the stand under the fire of cross-examination NEW YORK, April 21 .- When the Ham- ter Carriers today took up the recomburg-American line steamer Pennsylvania mendations of the retirement board rela- men. By President Roosevelt it will be Nan Patterson will hereafter occupy a arrived today from Hamburg it had on tive to a plan to provide annunity for car- especially felt, as the senator was a fre- cell with her sister, Mrs. J. Morgan Smith. board the largest number of passengers riers when they reach a certtain age and quent visitor at the White House and at all This arrangement was made today by ever brought to this port on a single wish to give up their duties. The plan is steamer. The whole number, including to arrange for annulties ranging all the portant matters of state in and out of con- in the new hospital ward in the women's cabin and steerage, was 3,066. Of these way from \$100 to \$500, according to the gress were under discussion. 2.880 were in the steerage. Only once in wishes of the men and their ability to meet the past was this number of steerage pas- the cost. It is to be on the idea of oldsengers exceeded; that was about two time insurance and is believed by the proyears ago, when the steamer Bulgaria of jectors to be a solution to the problem the same line brought in 2,890 passengers of providing support for carriers when they become unfit for work. The consideration Four trans-Atlantic steamers which ar- of the question took up a good share of rived at this port today brought 9,675 the day. No definite action has as yet been steerage passengers, the largest number taken. Colorado Springs has not been selected officially as the site for the proposed mail carriers home, as stated vesterday, although that point will probably be recommended by the committee.

The choice of location must, it is said, necessarily come before the national convention at Portland, Ore., in September,

AUTOMOBILE ON THE TRACKS Inspection Car of Novel Design is Being Tried on the Great Northern.

ST. PAUL, April 21 -- A practical test of the railroad automobile as an inspection car has been made by Assistant General Superintendent Brown of the Great Northern road, Chief Engineer Davis, Superintendent Jenks of the road's northern vision and Division Roadmaster Lockland, They traversed the northern division with a car, which is now in the St. Paul Union agreement to be in effect during the labor depot yards. The new means, of trans portation enables the inspectors to view the tracks and roadbeds at close range, to yary the speed of the car on short no tice and to look with equal case in all di-

rections. So satisfactory was the test that Assistant Superintendent Brown will henceforth se the car during all his inspection trips Four persons can be accommodated on the car. It can make much more than thirty miles an hour, although that rate is considered best for practical purposes. It can travel 100 miles on three gallons of gaso-

SUES FOR RETURN OF GALLOWS Montana County Wants Hanging Paraphernalia from a Contractor Who Took It.

LEWISTON, Mont., April II .- A remarkable civil action has just been instituted by ers, contractors

It grows out of the sale of the old county jail, which was bought in by the contractors for \$10,000. According to their understaining they were to have all the old timber in the jail yard and so they carried away the gallows used for the is left to the saloon keepers themselves, held in the university chapel tonight. Kanexecution of William Calder, the murderer, This week the sheriff of Meagher county applied to Sheriff Slater for the use of the on Sunday they may remain open, but the justified in demanding the closed shop." gallows for the execution of H. H. Metz- first intimation of disorder shall be good. The negative side of the question was pre-SCHUYLER. Neb., April II .- (Special Tel. ger. It was then discovered that the gal. cause for closing the saloon concerned. "I sented for lows by George Schoeman, I egram)-The jury in the Sprecher libet lows was missing. Tubis Brothers assert am determined East St. Louis shall not be- E. Kelly and C. W. Ramsey. CLEVELAND. April II—Subposess were seeming returned a verdist of they took the hanging apparatus, believing come a dumping ground for the disorderly local coal dealers to appear before the grand jury Monday in connection with an investigation into the charge that combine known as the Cleveland Retail combine known as the clease the property of they took the banging apparatus, believing the trail combine case this evening apparatus, believing the trail combine case that the disorderly to the disorderly they took the disorderly to the disorderly they are combine combined to dispute this, and instructed the Movements of Ocean Vessels April 21.

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LONG PROMINENT IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A teeffines to the Senate cours Ago and Served on Many Important Committees.

WASHINGTON, Conn., April 21.-United States Senator Orville Hitchcock Platt of Connecticut, died at his summer home in this, his native town, at 8:53 tonight from pneumonia. The end came almost unexpectedly, the immediate cause being the breaking of the abscess which had formed in the right lung and which produced strangulation. Only a few minutes before, Dr. Ford, the family physician, had prepared a bulletin from the sick room to the effect that if the patient did not have | Hour. another sinking spell, such as had come to him during the forenoon, he would probably live through the night.

The funeral will probably be held next Tuesday, though the date has not been 10 a. m. 43 conclusively fixed. The service will be [1] a. m 47 held in the Congregational church, which 12 m 50 stands in the center of the village. The Rev. Robert Carter, pastor of the church, will conduct the services, which will be of a simple character, in keeping with the taste of Senator Platt and the wishes of Mrs. Platt.

By both temperament and feeling Senator Platt was peculiarly the representative of New England ideas and of the old Puritan integrity and conscience.

Platt's Last Public Etterance. Senator Platt's last public utierance was body lay in state in the corridor below. He spoke as if from a heart that was overflowing with grief and in words that CHICAGO, April 21 .- The federal grand touched deeply all who heard him, telling sage casing business as carried on by the varying fortune for the party to which employes of the packers told the jury what time it was noticed that Senator Platt they knew of this branch of the packing seemed to be of impaired health and this was attributed to his arduous labors in Chief John E. Wilkie of the United States the senate and added responsibilities

Senator Platt succeeded Senator Hoar state to assist in paying honor to the

Honored at Washington. of Senator Platt is a distinct loss to the Levy, "and I do not know how he would

unanimously expressed opinion of public but his story impresses me.

years the senator has taken an active part | the women inmates of the prison. in the proceedings of the upper branch of Today being Good Friday they attended congress, has filled many important com- services in the Presbyterian chapel. After his capacity in handling and discussing her father called. questions of national interest. He was addition a member of the committee on Cuban relations, finance and revolutionary claims. He took a leading part in arranging our relations to Cuba. Senator Platt frequently was called to the chair to pre side temporarily over the sessions of the senate, and during the Swayne impeachment trial at the last session sat throughjudge of the court.

mittee from the house of representatives. the office.

GOVERNOR MICKEY IN TEXAS arrived in Washington today. Executives of Nebraska and Jowa Attend Meeting of Northern Settlers' Congress,

GALVESTON, Tex., April 21.-Several thousand people are in the city from the middle, western and eastern sections of Northern Settlers' congress:

T. J. Anderson, and Hon. Walter Gresham restless. ham, and after the responses and appointment of committees the convention ad-Governor Cummins and Secretary of State

braska and a number of delegates from air damp, heavy rains falling at intervals. that state are also present. SALOONS IN EAST ST. LOUIS

County Attorney Ares against Tubbs Broth | Mayor Cook Says They May Remain Open on Sunday as Long as There is No Disorder,

necording to a ruling of Mayor Crook. o'clock in the morning.

. THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forceast for Nebraska-Fatr and Warmer Saturday. Sunday Showers.

- 1 Suit for Receiver for Equitable, Thirteen People Perish in Fire. Senator Platt of Connecticut Dead. France Answers Japan's Protest.
- 2 General Teamsters' Strike Likely 3 News from All Parts of Nebraska. 4 New Russian Board is Reactionary
- History of Some Turkish Troubles. 5 Affairs at South Omaha. 6 Good Friday Services at Churches.
- 7 Miss Mac Wood Revisits Omaha. Rain Helps the Winter Wheat.
- S Tragedy Marks a Great Fortune. 9 New Lighting Plant for the City.
- County Court House Needs Fixing 10 Editorial.
- 11 Great Northern's New Line. 12 Sporting Events of the Day.
- 13 Financial and Commercial. May Day Demonstration Feared. 15 Council Bluffs and Iowa News.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. . . . 40 6 a. m. . . 38 7 a. m. . . 37 1 p. m 51 3 p. m 55 4 p. m..... 5 p. m..... 6 p. m..... 7 p. m.....

CLAIMS PART OF FAIR ESTATE

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Frank Smith of Topeka Suddenly Dis. covers that He is Brother of Wife of Millionaire.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 21.-Another claimant for the Charles Fair estate appeared here today in the person of Frank Smith, at the state capitol on March 21, when chef at the Santa Fe railrond hospital. before the general assembly he delivered Smith says he is a brother to Mrs. Charles the eulogy over General Hawley, whose Fair, who, with her husband, was killed on August 14, 1902, in an automobile acciedge of the relationship came through reading an Associated Press dispatch in a newspaper a day or two ago of the death last Sunday in Newmarket, N. J., of Mrs. Hannah E. Nelson, mother of Mrs. Fair. Smith at once recognized the name as that of his mother. On telegraphing to Newmarket, he found he was correct. Mrs. Nelson had been buried by the time the telegram reached him, and he was therefore unable to attend the funeral. Smith left New Jersey in 1877 and has been in Kansas since then. He has not corresponded with his family for years and had lost all

Smith said tonight he was certain of his relationship with Mrs. Fair. He has retained attorneys who will look after his interests in connection with the Fair for-

Man Who Claims to Have Seen Caesar Young Kill Himself is Wanted.

berg, who said he saw Caesar Young kill Senator Platt was born here July 19, 1827, himself. Mr. Levy was informed in reply and was nearly 78 years of age. Proud of that Eisenberg told a convincing story and MAIL CARRIERS ARE BUSY his strength and activity, it had been his was willing to come to New York to tesambition, so his friends say, of becoming tify to it. Mr. Levy said it tallied with the "father of the senate," in point of that told by the witness Hazelton of Oneonta, N. Y., who testified for the WASHINGTON, April 21,-That the death man does not speak English," said Mr.

> times consulted by the president when im- Warden Fiynn of the Tombs. The cell is to present it to the council of ministers. It section. The two women will occupy this was as a result of this presentation to the During his long service of twenty-six cell so long as no illness breaks out among council that M. Rouvier persuaded M. Del-

chairman of the judiciary committee and in SIDNEY KEEPS LAND OFFICE Senator Millard Secures Promise from Secretary Hitch-

cock. (From a Staff Correspondent.) out the trial as the presiding officer or gram.) Senator Millard today called on three departments of the government, Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner namely, naval, colonial and foreign, a con-Both branches of congress will honor the Richards relative to continuing the Sidney, senator's memory by a targe representa- Neb., landoffice. He was successful in se- leading representatives of each departtion at his funeral. Sergeant-at-Arms curing the promise of the department that ment. This brought about a clear under-Ransdell tonight communicated with Vice the Sidney office should remain undisturbed standing for the maintenance of neutral-President Fairbanks with a view to the for at least another year. The Sidney ity of Indo-Chinese waters, and orders were appointment of a committee of senators, office has fallen below the statutory re- sent to Governor General Beau to speci-Sergeant-at-Arms Casson of the house, quirements as to the number of acres of healty report the exact location of the who is in New York, it is presumed will public land yet remaining within its terri- Russian Pacific squadron and whether it communicate with Speaker Cannon and ar- tory and also as to cost of maintaining the had or had not withdrawn from French range for the appointment of a like com- office, and it had been decided to abolish waters

N. W. Wells and wife of Schuyler, Neb.,

JOE JEFFERSON IS WORSE Venerable Actor is Again Unable to Retain Nourishment and Be-

comes Restless.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fin., April 21 -the United States in attendance upon the At 11 o'clock tonight Dr. Potter said that Joseph Jefferson's condition was less fa-The convention was called to order by vorable. He seemed to be growing more At- patient before tomorrow morning at 8 torney General R. V. Davidson of Texas o'clock unless the condition should change welcomed the delegates for Governor Lan- for the worse. Mr. Jefferson has not been able to retain nourishment today and much uneasiness is felt by the family and friends who are at his bedside. Weather conditions today for the first time since Martin are here at the head of the delega- Mr. Jefferson's illness have been unfavtion from Iowa. Governor Mickey of Ne- orable. The day has been cloudy and the

> KANSAS WINS FROM IOWA University Inter-Debate at Lawrence Results in Victory for Kaw Students.

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 21.-Kansas de-EAST ST. LOUIS, April 21.-Whether or feated lows in the first annual debate benot saloons are left open here on Sunday tween the two universities, which was time it is anticipated that some such repsas had the affirmative of the question, He decided that if they maintained order "Resolved, That the trades unions are

At Havre-Arrived: La Touraine, from

DELCASSE MAY QUIT

Complications in Japanese Affairs Lead to Resignation of French Premier.

MINISTERS INSIST HE RETAIN PORTFOLIO

He Agrees to Reconsider and Will Make Final Answer Today.

NEUTRALITY SITUATION BECOMES ACUTE

Orders Sent to Governor of Indo China to

Report Location of Russians. BRINGS PRESSURE UPON RUSSIAN CABINET

At Instance of France War Minister Sends an Order to Rojestvensky to Keep Out of Neutral Waters.

PARIS, April 21.-After a notable service of nearly eight years in the direction of foreign affairs, Theophile Delcasse today informed President of the Council Rouvier of his desire and intention to resign.

This announcement came as a surprise and shock to M. Delcasse's colleagues of the cabinet, who immediately took steps to endeavor to secure a reconsideration of his determination. A cabinet council was held this afternoon at which M. Rouvier, in the absence of M. Delcasse, inid the situation before the ministers. It was the unanimous determination of the council that the interest of this particular time required that M. Delcasse retain the portfolio of foreign affairs. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the council M. Rouvier proceeded to the Qual D'Orsay, where he held an extended conference with the minister of foreign affairs. The president of the council dent at Evereaux, France. Smith's knowl- voicing the wishes of President Loubet and the ministers, earnestly besought M. Del-

casse to retain his presence in the Cabinet, It is evident that M. Rouvier's earnest appeal caused M. Deleasse to waver in his determination. When the president of the council came from the interview he stated to his colleagues that he bore a favorable impression of its results. M. Delcasse, he said, had given no final answer, but had promised to reserve his determination until tomorrow, when a final answer will be given. It is believed that M. Delcasse will yield to the insistence of President Loubet

and the president of the council.

The motive leading up to M. Delcasse's udden determination to retire from the cabinet are primarly attributed to controversies over the Moreccan question; and this to some extent has been accentuated CHICAGO WITNESS IS CALLED by similar controversies over richer has by similar controversies over French neubeen quick to seize upon both questions, and, aided by socialists and nationalists, have directed their criticisms against M. Delcasse. The socialist criticisms have so thick that the children on the floor above were unable to get down.

The convent was called Ste. Annes and with the purpose of pushing the investigation and the purpose of pushing the five purpose of Ste. Annes of Lachine. The last re-election was in the case as long as they were the case as long as th care in detail the story of Samuel Elsen- halled in Germany as a German triumph. leading M. Rouvier to earnestly appeal to M. Delcasse to remain in the Foreign office, The news of M. Delcasse's intentions made a profound impression in the Chamber of Deputies, where it was first treated with incredulity. Later, however, when defense in Nan Patterson's last trial. "The M. Deloncie, republican, questioned the government upon the neutrality question and M. Rouvier replied instead of M. Delcasse, it was realized that the report had solid foundation. Several deputies stated that M. Delcasse had sent a letter of recignation to the president of the council this morning, but that M. Rouvier had declined to accept it, saying that he would be obliged

> casse to withhold his final decision until tomorrow. mittee assignments and has demonstrated services Miss Patterson's counsel and Neutrality Situation Becomes Acute. The announcement concerning M. Delcasse's intention to resign was but one of many incidents in a day of many anxieties throughout official quarters. Following close upon the heels of the complications with Germany over Morocco, the Franco-Japanese incidents suddenly assumed serious proportions, and unusual energy was shown in preventing its embrolling France in complications in the far east. In order WASHINGTON, April 21.-(Special Tele- to secure definite co-operation between ference was held this afternoon between

> > Communications with St. Petersburg led to orders being transmitted by the sian government to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to vigorously respect the neutrality of French waters. It was even stated that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf would carry the question before Emperor Nicholas in order to assure complete respect of the

neutrality of the ally of Russia. Probably the most significant develop ment from the energetic measures adopted outside the receipt of a dispatch from Suigon, saying that imperative orders had been given for the disarmament of the Russian cruiser Diana, which sought refuge Dr. Potter will not see his in the harbor of Salgon eight months ago for purposes of repairing. The main portion of the Diana's machinery must be handed over to the French naval au-

thorities at Saigon. The anticipated debate in the Chamber of Deputies over the question of neutrality was postponed on account of the Delcasse announcement. The only reference to the subject was the inquiry by Deputy Deloncie and the brief reply from Premier Rouvier, who said: "Formal, precise and repeated orders have been given our agents in Indo-China to assure the absoute neutrality of France in Indo-Chinese

No Action by Great Britain. It was stated at the foreign office late

this afternoon that no representations of any kind had been presented by Great Britain concerning neutrality. At the same resentations will be made. The fact that the British ambassador, Sir Francis Bertie, has given up his Easter holidays and will return to Paris tonight, after a conference with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, pears to support this view. However, the pordial relations existing between France wounding to France, which relies on the