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# KING MEETS KAISER VISITORS AT OYSTER

Conference of Rulers of Sweden and Germany Attracts Attention.

RUMOR OF ALLEGED ALLIANCE DENIED

Berlin Fereign Office Says Subject is Not Under Consideration.

If Matter Was Discussed by Sovereigns ference at Portsmouth, N. H. Ministers Are Not Informed.

BANISH RULER FOR NORWAY PROBABLE

5 Cabinet at Copenhagen Advises that Prince Charles Accept Throne If King Osear Consents.

BERLIN, July 14.-The substance of the statement made at Stockholm yesterday to the effect that a German-Swedish alliance was seriously contemplated was submitted to the foreign effice here today and the authoritative statement was made that the question of an alliance between Germany and Sweden had never come before the foreign office, nor had it been discussed to the sughtest extent. Of course the foreign office could not deny that Emperor William and King Oscar had not spoken of an alliance during their interview at Geffe yesterday because the subjects of their conversation are not known here.

Professor Kondrad Bornbak, an authority on international law, discussing the question whether King Oscar is still King of Norway or not, says a definite reply cannot be given. He is still king of Norwoy according to the constitution of Sweden, but according to the constitution of Norway he has ceased to be king of Norway, but there of Henry VI. Emperor Francis Joseph today, as the Austrian coinage shows, calls ministrative details to be worked out by himself king of Lombardy and Venice, although he is a friend of King Victor Emmanuel, and king of Jerusalem, without Turkey having objected. The Russian emperor names-himself duke of Schleswig-Holstein and duke of Oldenburg without offending Germany. The Russian emperor also calls himself the heir of the king of Norway.

No indication of the result of the meeting between Emperor William and King Oscar yesterday has reached Berlin, nor is any report of their conversation likely to be made public, as it is explained here that this was a strictly private visit of one sovereign to another. The initiative will probably come from this side as the emperor desired to have first hand knowledge the Norwegian-Swedish situation. The clated Press is informed, is one of complets aloufness-almost of indifference. It is expected here that as a result of the meeting yesterday Emperor William and Germany will be described in some countries as taking undue interest in Scandinavian affairs and is seeking for a way to influence a settlement. Such an idea is disavowed in advance.

KIEL, July 14.-Emperor William has appointed King Oscar a grand admiral in the derman navy.

Unanimous for Danish Ruler. COPENHAGEN. July 14 .- At today's cabinet meeting it developed that the ministers were in full agreement that Prince Charles of Denmark should accept the the south and statements appearing in the other courts most nearly concerned pressed their approval. King Christian and bacco were being manipulated in the interhe other members of the Danish royal family are also favorable to Prince Charles becoming king of Norway.

#### WILL FIGHT THEATER TRUST Announcement of a New Combination of Actors and Play Houses Headed by the Shuberts.

a new combination of actors in America action Mr. Hyde, the chief statistician. against what is known as the Theatrical said was in deference to the sentiment trust, was made today by Lee Shubert of whit had been engendered that the de-S. S. Shubert and Lee Shubert. The lead- partment's figures were wholly incorrect. ing companies in the new combination are those headed by David Belasco and Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske. Lee Shubert will be concluded within two or three weeks. manage the line of theaters which will be

The new combine will back fifteen com-

Earah Bernhardt, Ada Rehan, Jefferson De Angelis, Henry Miller, Lillian Russeil, Galland, Robert Hilliard, Mrs. Fiske. Bertha Kalisch and Mrs. Leslie Carter. These actors, under the new management expect within another week to have a sufficient number of theaters on their own ctrcuit in America and England to play in the houses year round. Mr. Shubert announced today that his company now has fourteen play houses under its control including theaters in New York, Phil-Chicago, St. Louis and London, England, and that he would within a week be able to open half a dozen more theaters to his attractions, among them a house in Boston. Besides these places the new combination is counting on the support of in dependent houses all over the country,

#### EDITOR IS SUED FOR LIBEL Comptroller Grout Files Objections to Article Charging Him with Swindling City.

NEW YORK, July 14.-Arthur Brisbane, 11:25 for Chicago. editor of the New York Evening Journal, was placed under arrest this evening on a charge of criminal libel preferred by City bane went voluntarily to court to answer the charge. A hearing in the case was set for Monday at I p. m., in order that Mr. Grout might be heard before his departure for Europe on Tuesday next. The editor ial complained of by Mr. Grout was headed: "Straining at a Set of False Teeth and Jury against John W. Hill, former chief of Swallowing a Theater."

It all ged that Mr. Grout had refused to audit a bill for \$40 for false teeth bought forged instrument, falsification of records at District Attorney Jerome's order for and concurring in the falsification of Dodge, the principal witness for the prosecution in the criminal proceedings growing out of the Dodge-Morse divorce case, but that he had approved the sale of the Montank theater in Brooklyn to the city. The heater building was needed to carry out

President Receives Japanese Minister and Canal Officials at His Summer Home.

OYSTER BAY, L. L. July 14 .- President the Japanese minister, and Theodore P. Shorts and John F. Stevens respectively the chairman and chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission. Mr. Takahira made an engagement several days ago to see the president today. It was his desire to discuss with Mr. Roosevelt not only the NO REPORT OF CONVERSATION GIVEN arrangements for the reception of the peace plenipotentiaries at Sagamore Hill, but also to consider some details of the peace con-

> Chairman Shonts and Chief Enginee Stevens are here to consult the president generally in relation to canar matters. The president had not met Mr. Stevens since h's appointment to succeed Mr. Wallace as, chief engineer.

Minister Takahira said the object of his guage in the transaction of railway busivisit, the first he has made to the president at his summer home, was to consider some details of the peace conference. He said he had no new or important advices from his government to convey to the president. He expressed gratification at bombs and force passports was continued in the appointment of M. Witte as the prin- a house near the Fontankal canal last cipal peace envoy of Russia, adding that night, M. Witte was a most able man and would lend confidence and weight to the con- the direction of General Trepoff has been clusions of the conference. He said he revived with all its pristine vigor. A thought Baron Komura would reach New blanket order has been issued prohibiting

be held on August 1.

Chairman Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens conferred with the president some time after the departure of M. Takahira. This was the first opportunity the president had to discuss canal matters with Mr. Khazanev to the captain to demand double Stevens and they went over the subject pay, double rations, better food and the pretty thoroughly. As both Mr. Shonts and Mr. Stevens expect to sail for Panama drew a revolver and shot Khazanov dead. on the 20th instant, the president desired As the demands were persisted in, troops to consult with them before their departure. were summoned and the Cossucks were It is not likely that Mr. Stevens will be seized and imprisoned in the fortress. made, in the near future, a member of the executive committee of the Panama Canal commission, a position occupied by his preis no coubt as to the propriety of King decessor, Mr. Wallace. It can be said that Presence of British Sallors Adds to Oscar styling himself king of Sweden and Mr. Stevens has been given practically a Norway. James II, after he had been free hand to do construction work. He deposed as king of England, and while a has his own ideas about the methods to be gnest of Louis XIV of France continued to pursued and will not be interfered with in call himself king of France as well as the the work of his department. His desire is king of England, although France had been to dig the canal and to that great underlost to the British crown since the time taking he will devote all his energy and

> the commission. Chairman Shonts was asked whether he transfer of the isthmian canal commission

the State department. "I think," he replied, "you would better no difference whether the canal affairs cers was further indicative of the Anglowere directed by Secretary Taft or by Secfor the work. The transfer is all administrative matter with which I have nothing to do."

of the Norwegian-Swedish situation. The his home in Brooklyn, talked with the pres- of the municipality and the theaters will briefly about the conditions in Porto Rico. He is a warm personal friend of the president and undertook the work in Porto Rico at the solicitation of Mr. Roosevelt, because of the president's confidence in him. He will return shortly to San Juan.

#### PROBES TOBACCO STATISTICS Secretary Wilson Starts Investigation Into Another Branch of His

Department.

WASHINGTON, July 14.-Through the receipt of numerous communications from crown of Norway if King Oscar and the press at various times that the statistics of the Department of Agriculture on toest of the so-called Tobacco trust, Secre tary Wilson has begun an inquiry into the subject. Pending the investigation the publication of the tobacco statistics of the several districts will be held up, although the regular monthly figures by states will be given out on Monday next.

It was stated at the department today that special agents have been sent to the dark tobacco districts of Tennessee and Kentucky for the purpose of verifying or NEW YORK, July 14-Announcement of correcting the department's figures. This Mr. Hyde has been given direct charge of the investigation, which it is expected will Richard Cheatham, secretary of the placed at the disposal of Mr. Belasco, Mrs. Southern Cotton association, today was in lengthy conference with District Aftorney Beach and Mr. Moran, acting chief of the panies on the road, and such actors as secret service bureau, regarding the recent cotton investigation. Mr. Cheatham proposes to remain here for some time and David Warfield, Blanche Bates, Bertha will assist in the preparation of evidence upon which possible criminal prosecution may be based.

#### LAWSON AT ALBERT Trust Buster is Presented with an Elaborate Souvenir of His Visit to Minnesota City.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., July 14,-Between 4,000 and 5,000 people gathered from Albert Lea and the surrounding country to hear Thomas W. Lawson at the chautauqua meeting this afternoon. Mr. Lawson's ad company and the leading life insurance in-The audience was enthusiastic tereste. and applauded the speaker liberally. At the close of his speech, the financier was presented with an elaborate souvenir, given as a token of esteem by the citizens of this city. After a dinner held in his honor by the Commercial club, Mr. Lawson was tendered a public reception and left at

#### INDICTMENT AT PHILADELPHIA Comptroller Edward M. Grout Mr. Bris- Former City Official Must Answer to Court on Charge of

Formery. PHILADELPHIA, July 14 .- Two bills of indictment were found today by the grand the filtration bureau. The indictments charged him with forgery, uttering a

Mr. Hill recently resigned from the off of chief of the flitration bureau, which had a salary of \$17,000 a year, the highest salary Aid society. Mrs. McKinney's trial on the received by any city official. A few days after his resignation he was arrested and street widening plan. The sale was held in \$10,000 bail charged with forgery. the editorial as "swind- Mr. Hill's arrest was one result of Mayor Weaver's crusade for good government.

# BAY TROOPS JOIN REVOLUTION

Russian Regiment in a Village of Caucasus Murders Its Officers.

Roosevelt has as visitors Kogora Takahira, RAILROAD EMPLOYES TO SPEAK POLISH

Reach Agreement to Use Vernacular in Poland and to Quit Work if Punished for Innovation.

TIFLIS, Caucasia, July 14.-A regiment of Russian sappers, stationed at a small village in the mountains near here, has murdered all its officers and it is rumored has oined the revolutionists.

WARSAW, July 14.-The employes of the Vienna, Lodz & Kalisz rallways have decided to use from tomorrow the Polish lanness. If anyone is punished for so doing all the employes will resign. Find Terrorist Plant.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.-A band of terrorists fully equipped to manufacture The government conscription now under

York on the 29th or 30th inst., in which the publication of news relating to strikes event his reception by the president would disorders or revolutionary action. Mutlay Among Cossacks. WARSAW, July 14 .- At the cotton milling center of Zigiers, near Lodg, a number of Cossacks declined to eat what they considered bad food and sent a delegate named

payment of arrears. In reply the captain

## FRENCH HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED Attraction of the Annual

Celebration.

PARIS, July 14.-The French national holiday was celebrated today. The boulevards were thronged with merrymakers elaborately decorated.

Chairman Shonts, Governor Magoon and There was a brilliant review at Longhamp, which was attended by President and Madame Loubet, the cabinet officers, could say anything regarding the proposed the diplomatic corps and a vast throng of bulance surgeons, but scores of others less and its affairs from the War department to the maneuvers. A notable feature of the by friends. review was the presence of 128 officers from the British naval squadron at Brest, all in can say, however, that no definite con- sion for an enthusiastic reception, the band arrested. clusion yet has been reached. So far as playing the British national anthem. The I personally am concerned, it would make popular ovation accorded to the British offi-French understanding. President Loubet retary Root. Both are equipped admirably gave a luncheon to the British officers and to a number of French military and naval men in the blayer palace at noon.

Auditor Hynes, who is on leave visiting in all the public places under the control give free performances

BREST, July 14 -The British squadron the French holiday. Later the crews of the various festivities.

#### ORANGEMEN TO UNITE IRISH Independent Section of Ulster Society Appeals to All to Lay Aside Prejudices.

BELFAST, July 14 .- An independent secon of Ulster Orangemen, headed by Comnoner Sloan, has issued a striking manifesto to the country appealing for the burial of sectarianism, which now is dividing Protestants and Catholics and invoking the co-operation of all secular forces in the promotion of the national welfare.

The manifesto expresses distrust of Eng lish parties, which, it says, will continue the future, as in the past, to play off Protestants and Catholics against each other to the prejudice of the country's higher claims. The country, too, long has een neglected in the strife of party and reed, the manifesto continues, and there now is room for a patriotic party having the policy to rid Ireland of the dor of impracticable creeds and organized byrannies and to secure the desired redress.

### NEW STANDARDS FOR FOODS State Officers in Convention Denounce

Those of Agriculture Department as lundequate.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14.-At the final ession of State Dairy and Food departit was unanimously determined to break away from the food standards of the Department of Agriculture and to formulate new standards for the dominaon of the acts of the association. This remarkable move, which is probably the most startling innovation that has ever been introduced in the fight for pure food, means the separation of the state and government interests which have heretoforworked in unison to perfect food standards. At today's session the standards of the government were declared wholly inciation of State Dairy and Food departments had been hindered by the officials of the government.

#### DEFENDANT MAY BE INSANE Chicago Lawyer Desires to Know Condition of Woman Charged

with Crime. CHICAGO, July 14.-State's Attorney Graham of Mercer county, lilinois, has served upon Dr. Sanger Brown of Chicago a demand for information concerning the mental condition of wealthy Mrs. Mary Mc-Kinney of Aledo, Ill., who is alleged to have been privately removed from her home two weeks ago to Dr. Brown's sanitarium at Kenelworth, an exclusive real-

dence suburb of this city. Mrs. McKinney, with her husband, in nder indictment upon the charge of torturing Stella Grandy, a child turned over to her by the Illinois Children's Home and ndictment is set for August 28. State's Attorney Graham claims to have asked for nect Congressman Williamson with meetthe privilege of sending specialists to ex- ings and conversations in which some of the value of \$30,000 has been taken. Other quest, he says, was refused.

### RACE RIOT IN NEW YORK Police Reserves in Four Precincts

Called to Amsterdam Avenue and Sixty-Second Street.

NEW YORK, July 14 .- 'San Juan bill,' the district bounded by Amsterdam and West End avenues and Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, so called because of its notoriety as a battleground, was a scene tonight of a flerce race riot, which required 350 policemen to quell, after many shots had been fired and several persons had been seriously injured.

The trouble began shortly after 9 o'clock when a policeman arrested Edward Connelly for attacking Henry Williams, a negro, and was pursued to the station house with his prisoner by a mob of Connelly's friends, hurling showers of stones and other missiles. When the station house reserves turned out, the whole neighborhood was in an uproar and whites and blacks engaged in desperate struggles in the streets. Torrents of missiles were hurled from roofs and windows. Within and women, black and white, were engaged in a furious combat.

The worst of the fighting was in Sixtysecond street, where from every window and roof rained missiles, while hundreds of shots were fired. Roundsman Patrick Walsh was knocked down by Joseph B. Smith, a negro, who leaped upon him from a stoop, and after attempting to shoot him, struck him repeatedly with the butt of his revolver. Waish was finally rescued by his comrades.

Inspector McLaughlin arrived shortly be fore 9 o'clock and realizing how widespread was the danger, sent hurry calls for reserves from as far north as One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and as far south as Leonard street, from the East Side and from the West Side. In all, there were more than 250 men under command of the inspector within twenty minutes. The rioting spread down to Fifty-seventh

street and up to Sixty-eighth street, although the hardest battles we're fought between Sixty-first and Sixty hird streets. For more than half an ho m cars on the Amsterdam avenue line wer follocked Colored men pursued by white took refuge on cars as they passed, and were followed by showers of bricks and stones as they fled. Every window in many cars was broken and passengers took shelter in neighboring houses. Corductors and motormen hid under seats, leaving their ability, leaving the executive and ad- and all the leading thoroughfares were cars to the mercy of the mob. Several passengers were slightly hurt by stones and broken glass.

In all, seven whites and two negroes had their injuries attended to by the ampeople. About 20,000 troops participated in seriously hurt were taken to their homes

Five whites and six negroes, among them get that information from the president. full uniform. Their arrival was the occa- bore traces of conflict with the police, were women of both races, almost all of whom

### CHANGES IN THE EQUITABLE Twelve New Directors Elected and

Some Resignations Are Accepted by Board.

NEW YORK, July 14.-Twelve new direc-Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, Congressman Charles E. Littlefield dressed with bunting and flags, fired a sa- of Maine, and Newada N. Stranahan, colleclute of twenty-one guns today in honor of | tor of the port of New York, were chosen and the resignations of two old directors British ships, headed by their bands, went and one recently elected were accepted by ashore, where they were accorded an en- the board of directors of the Equitable life thusiastic reception and participated in Assurance society today. The directors who resigned were General Louis Fitzgerald, former president of the Mercantile Trust company, Horace Deming, who now is president of that institution and Frederick Bourn who was chosen at the last meet. ing of the board. The Mercantile Trust company is controlled by the Equitable society. Mr. Bourn was known as a policy holder's director, he having been elected upon recommendation of the board of trustees, which is headed by Former President Cleveland. He gave as the reason for his resignation press of personal business All of the new directors chosen today had been scommended by the board of trustees after correspondence and consultation with policyholders. The full list of the new directors follows:

To fill vacancies in the term expiring December 31, 1906, Wallace L. Pierce of Boston, Daniel A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. Thomas Spratt, Ogdensburg, N. Y., Louis Stern, New York, Frank S. Witherbee, New York, James McMahon, New

York. For term to expire December 21, 1906. Willard F. McCook, Philadelphia, Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, Rockland,

For term to expire December 31, 1907 Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port of New York; D. Cady Herrick, Albany. For term to expire December 31, 1908. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbus university, Charles H. Zhnder, Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of the meeting it wa specifically stated that no action looking to a reorganization of the executive committee was taken.

#### WILLIAMSON BEGINS DEFENSE Dr. Van Gesner Says He Loaned Money to Holders of Homesteads, but

Had No Contract to Buy Land.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14 .- Dr. Van Gesner, co-defendant with Congressman John Newton Williamson and United States Comadequate. The climax to the fight of the missioner Biggs in the trial for subornation opposition came when Dr. N. E. Eaton of of perjury, supplemented by the testimony dress dealt with the United States Steel | Llinois, state chemist, delivered an address of two minor witnesses, presented the first on "State Versus National Standards," in evidence for the defense before Judge De which he told of the insufficiency of the Haven in the circuit court today. The other standards of the Department of Agriculture Witnesses were M. E. Brink and Isom Cleek, and how the work of the National asso- the latter a saloonkeeper, both of Prince ville. The substance of their testimony was that they had heard two or three of the entrymen say they had no contract

with Van Gesner and Williamson Van Gesner testified that he had been driven from his leased ranges by the sheep war and had been forced to other pastures. He had consulted with Attorney Biggs and Barnes and was assured by them. that he had a perfect right to loan money on timber claims. He then made known his desire to acquire more range and offered to loan money on claims, taking a mortgage without interest, so long as he was allowed

to use the range for his sheep. Dr. Van Gesner averred again and again with reference to various entrymen whose names were mentioned that he loaned them money, but that he had in no way made or entered into any contract, agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, to purchase any of their claims upon their nibal, Mo., and Clinton, Ia. going to patent. He wanted the range, he said, and loaned the money and took a piortgage to secure it.

smine into her mental condition. This re-

# TENTHOUSAND MORE NEEDED NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST PLEASED WITH W

Y. M. C. A. Fund is Shy Just One Good Big Subscription.

FRIDAY'S WORK ENCOURAGES SOLICITORS

More Than Twelve Thousand Dollars Raised During Day-Campaign Will Be Pushed Barder

Total
Subscribed yesterday 12,505.04
Yet to raine 10,640.46
Big subscriptions yesterday: New
York Life Insurance company, 41,000;
Omaha Electric Light and Power
company, \$1,000; Omaha Gas com-
pany, \$1,000; W. T. Page, \$500.

Than Ever.

Ten thousand six hundred and forty dollars must be raised by midnight in order to ten minutes not less than 1,000 men, boys complete the \$100,000 building fund of the Young Men's Christian association and hold the \$16,000 conditional subscription to recover from each of these roads \$10,000, made by Guy C. Barton. Any gift, no mat- as these railroads admitted they falsified ter how small, will be particularly welcome on this last day of the campaign. The state in the year 1902. Bemis Bag company's siren will hoot again today every time \$1,000 is subscribed.

The sum of \$12,505.04 was secured Friday, making the total of \$89,359.54 and leaving \$10,840.46 yet to raise. Yesterday's success makes the hustlers very hopeful for today. Workers for the fund are pleased with the spirit of generosity which prevails. Four little newsboys walked into headquarters after they had sold their papers last evening and said they wanted to have a share in the new building. Each gave a penny of his earnings to the secretary at

Yesterday W. T. Page, local manager of the American Smelting and Refining company walked into headquarters unsolicited and put down his name for \$500. The yells and whistles of applause that were called forth by this act were deafening.

"If we had \$60 more we could make the whistle howl again," yelled F. L. Willis, "I have it in my pocket," said a worker, who had been on the street after subscriptions. "Here it is."

A few seconds later the shrill hoot of the steam siren at the plant of the Bemis Bag company announced throughout the city that another \$1,000 had been added to the building fund.

A man who had not been canyassed came in at noon and pledged himself to give \$100. John A. McCall Helps.

John A. McCall, in behalf of the New York Life Insurance company, gave \$1,000 by telegraph. The Omaha Electric Light and Power company of Omaha and the Omaha Gas company each gave \$1,000. Browning, King & Co. gave \$250 and G. E. Shukert \$250.

As an illustration of the enthusiasm which is displayed in some quarters, and especially among the railroad men, is raising the funds, a clerk in the Union Pacific headquarters who receives \$35 per month put his name down for a \$10 subscription when the committee called on him Thursday. This, in connection with the \$500 given by Traffic Manager Monroe, shows that the railroad men, in both high ne are enthus work

One subscription came all the way from Louisiana. It was given by L. E. Chaffee, a former resident of Omaha. For two hours Friday morning the Tri City band played about the city in the interests of the building fund. The band wagon was drawn by horses from the Palace livery stable. Both the use of the horses and the services of the band were

Friday night there came to the head quarters the following letter from a little girl, enclosing \$1: Please you will find \$1 in this letter which is of my own money. I am sorry I haven't got any more money just now. I told mother that I would like to give my dollar to the Young Men's Christian association and she said I could do it if I want to. Yours truly. ROSE RICHARDSON,

2411 North Nineteenth Street.

donated.

#### FATAL WRECK IN ILLINOIS Passenger Train Crushes Into Sub urban Train and Three Persons Are Dead.

CHICAGO, July 14 -- A passenger train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway leaving St. Louis at 11:30 last night collided to day with a suburban train at Stelger. III. thirty miles from Chicago. Three persons were killed and sixteen injured. Some of the injured may die. The engines of both trains were demolished and the first coach on the suburban train was smashed.

JAMES LYKE, engineer of suburban GEORGE EPSTEIN, Chicago. CHARLES HORN, Crete, Ill. The seriously injured:

John Miller, Chicago Heights, Ill., back James Crooks, Chicago, back injured. Ferdinand Hoyn, Chicago, back and

Dwight I. Wood, brakeman on suburbar rain, leg broken and side bruised. train, leg broken and side bruised.

A. Gilmore, engineer on St. Louis train, shoulder dislocated and internal injuries.

F. H. Ross, Chicago, shoulder injured, arm broken and internal injuries.

That the switch which caused the wreck was opened by someone either carelessly or with malicious intent, is the theory of the officials. Bearch is being made for s laborer at Steger upon whom suspicion rests. The man disappeared soon after the wreck. A warrant has been sworn out for his arrest.

#### FIND ORGANIZED SILK THIEVES Chicago Thinks it Has Uncarthed Society with Agents in Many Places,

CHICAGO, July 14.-That a band of silk thieves, whose operations have resulted in plunder valued at \$25,000, is making Chi cago its headquarters and that stolen silks are being systematically sold through a "fence" in this city, is the belief of the police. The burgiaries believed to have been committed by the gang have occurred within a radius of 300 miles of Chicago principally in Wisconsin, Illinois and In Telegrams from the ponce of many

towns have been received telling of burglaries committed in country stores and department stores of larger cities, in day. which valuable silks have been stolen. The police of the following places among others have within the last few days notified the Chicago authorities regarding operations of the band supposed to headquarters here: Bloomington, Ill.: Han-SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 14.-Officers have arrested eleven men charged with being implicated in wholesale robberies of cars on the Grand Trunk railroad near New Att York. Van Gesner's memory failed to con- cars on the Grand Trunk railroad near

Valparaiso.

Fair in East, Showers and Cooler in West Portion Saturday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: four. Deg. 5 a. m..... 70 Hour. 6 n. m..... 70 7 n. m..... 71 3 p. m ..... 8 n. m. .... 4 p. m..... 5 p. m..... n. m..... 78 10 n. m..... 80 11 n. m..... 84 7 p. m ..... 12 m..... 85

#### STATE WINS PENALTY CASES Wisconsin Gets Judgment for \$10,000

0 p. m.....

Each Against Railways that Made False Reports. MADISON, Wis., July 14.-The state wor

the penalty cases against the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste, Marie railroads today. The court finds that the state is entitled

their reports of gross earnings made to the The state still has an action against these same railroads to recover penalties upon the reports of earnings which they made for the year 1903. The state has penalty suits also against the Wisconsin Central, the Green Bay & Western, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Illinois Cen-

tral. On the basis of the decision today, and on what is known of the reports of the sarnings of the various roads which have been filed with the state for the years 1902 and 1903, upon which these railroads pay license fees for the years 1903 and 1904, the state would be entitled to recover in penalties a total of \$100,000.

These recoveries of penalties total in the above amount is only a small amount of what the railroads will be compelled to pay to the state. On gross earnings wrongfully withheld they still owe to the state 4 per cent upon the total amount of gross sarnings, which will amount to more than

The railway companies will appeal.

#### FOUR MEN KILLED IN WRECK Engines of Iowa Central Preight Train Jump the Track.

RICHLAND, Is., July 14.-(Special Telegram.-)While running at full speed this afternoon a westbound extra fast freight on the Iowa Central, drawn by two engines. jumped the track at a sharp curve just going onto the bridge and piled up, killing

four trainmen. The dead are: JESSE LONG, engineer, Oskaloosa, Ia. WILLIAM WEST, fireman, Oskaloosa, SAM FOLZEY, brakeman, Orkaloosa, CAL WILLIAMS, engineer, Oskaloosa.

Injured: W. L. McMahan, fireman, Oskaloosa, The train was running at a high speed down a long hill, at the bottom of which jumped the track, the second piled upon it and six cars were heaped upon top of the two engines, burying the four victims of the accident under the debris. One of the cars was an oil-tank car, which caught fire and exploded, and all of the victims were more of less burned. Three of the victima West, Folzey and Williams, died of their injuries after being taken out of the wreck. Williams was horribly scalded. The track was blockaded and trains are running over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy line from Hedrick to Brighton.

#### WEAVER FIRES FIFTY MEN

Philadelphia's Mayor Finds More Use less Employes on Water Bureau Pay Roll.

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.-The efforts f Mayor Weaver to place the city administration on an economical basis resulted today in the dismissal of fifty more men. They were employed in the Bureau of Water.

The new director of public works today awarded the contract for the collection of garbage next year to a local firm. The bid of the successful firm was \$399,575, a reduction over the contract price for this year of \$160,425.

#### PAUL JONES' BODY DUE JULY 22 Authorities of Naval Academy Receive Word Regarding Probable Arrival of Squadron.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 14.-The Naval icademy authorities have been notified that the squadron escorting the remains of Admiral Paul Jones to this country will arrive off Annapolis July 22, unless there is mishap. The remains of Admiral Jones will on that day be deposited in the temporary vault with full military honors and will be placed in the new chapel, their final resting place, as soon as it is completed.

#### DETENTION STATION San Francisco to Have Institution Modeled on Immigration Sta-

tion at Ellis Island,

BAN FRANCISCO, July 14.-Modeled after the plans of the big immigrant staion on Ellis island, in New York harbor, San Francisco is to have a detention station that will be adequate in equipment to accommodate the large volume of immigration coming into this port. The station is to be built on Angel Island, land for that

#### purpose having been already set aside. CONDITIONS ARE NOW BETTER Weather Still Hot in New York, but Humidity is Not So

Great.

NEW YORK, July 14.-With the temperature 3 degrees below the 80 mark at 11 clock tonight, promise of relief for sweltering New York dissolved. Four fatalities due to the heat and humidity were reported today with twenty-one prostrations. The mercury reached a maximum of 86 to-The humidity decreased from 86

Movements of Ocean Vessels July 14. Havre-Arrived: LaGascogne from mouth-Arrived: Bluecher from Liverpool-Arrived: Westernland from Hamburg-Arrived: Pretoria from York. York. Copenhagen—Salled: Hellig Olav from York. Marsellies—Salled: Roma from New Glasgow-Sailed: Laurentian for At Moville-Sailed: Tunisian for Mon-

Russian Press Hails with Delight Appointment of Minister as Plenipotentiary.

INSURES SUCCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS

His Appointment Will Inspire Confidence in Russian Intentions.

CZAR YIELDS ONLY TO STRONG PRESSURE

Appointment Urged by Influences in Favor of Ending Conflict.

LAMSDORFF AND WITTE CLOSELY ALLIED

Official Notice of Change in Persons nel of Delegation Says it Was Due to Illness ! of Murayleff.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14-M. Witte's apppointment as chief Russian peace plenpotentiary was announced today in the Official Messenger in the following words: Official Messenger in the following words:
Owing to the serious illness which overtook M. Muravier on his arrival in St. Petersburg which made it impossible for him
to familiarize himself at short notice with
the considerable material connected with
the negotiations, his majesty the emperor
has been pleased to appoint President of the
Committee of Ministers Wittle 10 post of
chief plenipotentiary.

Spontaeously all the parites recognize that M. Witte's selection makes for a successful termination of the peace negotiations. The nere fact that the emperor at last yielded to the pressure for Witte's appointment is accepted as being a complete assurance that his majesty is sincerely determined to end the conflict and make peace if a possible basis is obtainable. Every influence which championed M. Witte was for peace. while on the contrary in every instance those who opposed him were for a prolongation of the struggle. France, through Ambassador Neediloff, strongly urged him for the post, but the main credit for M. Witte's selection belongs to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who never ceased to press for his selection.

Witte and Lamsdorff Allied. Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte are now in close alliance and when M. Boulligin retires from the ministry of the interior all the ministers will at least be in harmony, especially should Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, as rumor today intimates, return to

the head of the ministry of the interior. The papers here generally were not aware last night that M. Witte's appointment was an accomplished fact, but with one voice those in the secret hall his selection with intense satisfaction. Even the Novoe Vreyma, which has not believed that an honorable peace is possible seems willing to trust the issue in M. Witte's hands. The St. Petersburg Gazette dwells especially upon the confidence with which his appointment will inspire the Tokio government where M. Witte's opposition to the whole policy of commercial and military was a large bridge. The front engine adveture in Manchuria and Corea is well known. The paper reviews his steady struggle against the influences which precipitated the war and moreover points out that M. Witte's selection insures harmony among the Russian plenipotentiaries and delegates, as Baron Rosen shares M. Witte's views and M. Pokotiloff and M. Shipoff were trained under him while he was minister of finance and belong distinctively to the Witte school. In conclusion, the St. Petersburg Gazette says: "There is nothing so important during

the negotiations as complete unity of opin-M. Muravieff has already departed from Rome to resume his post as ambassador.

Confers with the Canr. M. Witte had a prolonged audience of the emperor at Peterhof this afternoon, at which the whole subject of the peace negotiations was gone over in detail. The difficulties of the situation were freely discussed and indications were given that his majesty is more apt personally to govern M. Witte's course than the formal instructions which have been given him. M. Witte will leave St. Petersburg next

announced, from Cherbourg July 26 on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse, Mme. Witte will accompany her husband as far as Paris, where she will remain for the present, though she may possibly join M. Witte later in the United States. At M. Witte's personal solicitation M.

Wednesday for Paris, sailing, as previously

Korotovitz, one of the ablest young diplomate who formerly was secretary of the Russian legation at Peking, will be attached to the Russian mission Japan May Demand Sakhalin. Prices rose on the Bourse upon the im-

provement in Russian securities abroad due to M. Witte's appointment as chief peace plenipotentiary. According to information received here Japan Intends to claim the island of Sakhalin by right of conquest and its formal cession will be one of its unalterable de-

mands. The government has issued another \$5,000, 600 in paper roubles, the whole outstanding paper obligations being \$496,000,000, against

\$547,000,000 in gold. Rumor of Frieties. July 15 .- 2:20 a. m .- M. Witte, after hts audience of the emperor at Peterhof, returned last evening to St. Petersburg and drove directly to the Foreign office, he was closeted for three hours with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff.

A sensational report was current early this morning that M. Witte might not go to Washington after all. According to the story his audience of the emperor was anything but smooth, his majesty rather resenting M. Witte's plain spoken ideas and indicating that under the circum stances he would prefer that Baron Rosen should act as chief plenipotentiary. The emperor is even said to have intimated that Count Lamsdorff exceeded his authority in officially announcing to the Washington government that M. Witte

would occupy the first position. M. Witte is said to have left the emperor in an ugly frame of mind and to have frankly informed Count Lamsdorff that it would be impossible for him to undertake the mission. It was only by the greatest effort, the story says, that the foreign minister succeeded in persuading him not to flatly refuse, and the question as to whether he will go to Washington is said

o be still open Although the Associated Press heard this story from a high personage, its informant was not prepared to vouch for it, and there is no confirmation of it from other quarters up to this hour. It is therefore sent under great reserve, as it may prove to be an

invention. OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 14.-President. Roosevelt has been notified officially by the Russian government of the appointment of M. Witte to the position of principal envoy of Russia to the forthcoming peace conference,