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## COAST DEFENSE PLAN

President Sends Special Message to Congress with Report of Joint Board.

SAYS COMPLETE SYSTEM IS NEEDED

Increased Wealth of Country Offers Inducements to Attack.

JAPAN THE EXAMPLE OF

Great Victory of Navy Due to Fact that It Was Free to Take Offensive.

NSULAR POSSESSIONS ARE IN DANGER

Message Says They Cannot Be Aeglected Longer if the United States Desires to Retain

Them.

Roosevelt sent a message to congress to- good reason to know that the proceeding day accompanying plans for coast defense prepared by a joint board of army and that Clark was not a bona fide purchaser. many officers, in which he emphasized the but that the court below, including the necessity for further defenses and reviews court of appeals, took a contrary view. the history of the defensive works in this holding that the issuance of patents had country. The president calls especial at- the effect of converting his purchase of an tention to the recommendation of the board equity into a purchase of title. The printed that the entrance to Chesapeake bay be record in the case covered 7,000 pages. added to the list of places in the United In his opinion Justice Holmes said

The president's message concludes. The necessity for a complete and adequate system of coast defense is greater today than twenty years ago, for the increased wealth of the country offers more tempting inducements to attack and a hostlife fleet can reach our coast in a much shorter period of time. The fact that we now have a navy does not in any wise diminish the importance of east detenses, on the contrary, that fact emphasizes their value and necessity for their construction. It is an accepted naval maxim that a navy can be used to strategic advantage only when acting on the onensive and it can be free to so operate, only when our coast defense is reasonably secure and so recognized by the country.

It was due to the accurely defended condition of the Japanese ports that the Japanese feet was tree to seek out and watch its proper objective the Russian fleet without fear of interruption or recall to guard its home ports against raids by the Vadivostok squadron. This, one of the most valuable lessons of the late war in the cast, is worthy of serious consucration by our country with its extensive coast line, its many important harbors and its many weathy manutacturing coast cities.

cities.

The security and protection of our laterests require the completion of the defenses of our coast and the accompanying pan merits and should receive the generous support of the congress.

Will Cost Fifty Millions. in his letter transmitting the report of the board to the president, Secretary Taft says the board estimates the cost of completing the defenses at \$50,879,339, or \$22.-895,000 less than the sum proposed by the Endicott board. The secretary says the growth of the country, the improvements of the ordnance and the increase of the 1886 is not comparable with the scheme as General Andreit exists today.

#### HOUSE RULES ARE ATTACKED PARIS, March 5 .- Minister of the Colon-Mr. Shackleford Says Speaker's Power

Is Absolute. inquiry as to whether any criminal prosecutions have been begun against individuals has asked for aid. in the Northern Securities company furnished the text for a speech of criticism by Mr. Williams, the democratic leader directed against the administration. Brief Wisconsin and Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio. Mr. Jenkins showed that the statute of limitamight be taken in this case and that any effort at prosecution would be hopcless.

Fault was found with the rules of the house and the concentration of power in Princess Makes Change Wednesday the speaker by Mr. Shackleford of Missouri, who took occasion to address the house upon a bridge bill.

Mr. Shackleford expressed great personal was, he said, no man in Europe more absolute in his jurisdiction. He had read San Sebastian. only the other day that the speaker had 'packed" the ways and means committee ith ten men who would "stand pat" as men of stone against any and every at tempt to amend the turiff. This Mr. Shackleford accepted as true and complained bitterly. If the "stand patters" would come out in the open he declared would be found they had less than a

corporal's guard. Another instance of the absolutism of statehood bill. On this point he read a is good. He will be received by King lengthy speech purporting to be by Mr. Adams (Wis.), denouncing the rules.

Bills were passed increasing from \$50,000 to \$200,080 the sum available to supply metal for the coinage of nickels and pennies and providing that these coins may hereafter has been sentenced to eight years' imprisbe made in the mints at Denver. San onment for printing an insulting dispatch Francisco and New Orleans, as well as at concerning King Alfonso. present in Philadelphia, Also providing for a delegate to congress from Alaska.

By unanimous consent the house today authorized printed in the Congressional Record the memorial address of George D. Perkins at the funeral of the late Speaker five others are unaccounted for. The total David B. Henderson. The memorial was loss of life is estimated at fifty. presented by Mr. Lacey (Ia.), who churac terized it as beautiful and historical in

### STATEHOOD BILL IN THE SENATE Mr. Nelson trges Passage of Measure

as It Came from House. WASHINGTON, March 5.-In the senate of the statehood bill, urging the passage of

The remainder of the session was dealundar, among them being one providing selection of officers in the revenue

Mr. Culberson reported favorably from the committee of judiciary a bill dividing (Continued on Second Page.)

Senator from Montana Has Perfect Title to Land Bought of

Entrymen.

WASHINGTON, March 5.- United States Senator Chark of Montana today won the PROPOSITION MEETS WITH FAVOR case against him in the supreme court of the United States in which the government sought to have canceled patents to 11,400 French, British, Spanish and Portuacres of public lands in Montana which were ted to have been fraudulently se-cure the opinion in the case was de-lived Justice Holmes, and upheld the Justice Holmes, and upheld the deci Z of the circuit court of appeals for the Z h circuit. Justices Harlan and h circuit. Justices Harlan and

Bro Issented. Ti as a civil proceeding instituted by the rument against Senator Clark of Most to secure the cancellation of vig vo patents to land issued under the sor and stone act.

large made by the government in its of complaint was that the patents were audulently secured, and it was further set forth that about eighty of the patentees are now under indictment in the Montana courts. It was asserted that Senator Clark had entered into a contract WASHINGTON, March 5. - President were granted and that he knew or had was fraudulent. The government charged

added to the list of places in the United Brates to be defended. He says the insular possessions cannot be longer neglected if the United States desires to hold them.

Defenses are recommended for Manila bay, Pearl harbor, Guantanamo, Guam, San Juan and Honolulu, because of their strategic locations. Defenses are also recommended for entrances to the Panama canal.

Complete System Needed.

The president's message concludes:

The necessity for a complete and adequate system of coast defense is greater today than twenty years ago, for the increased wealth of the country ofters more tempting inducements to attack and a hostile fact can reach our coast in a nauch shorter period of time. The fact that we how have a navy does not in any wise diminish the importance of coast defenses; on the contrary, that fact cuphastzes their value and necessity for their construction.

The Inited States is attempting to upset a legal title in order to de that it must charge Clark with notice of the original frauds. The fact that Cank with notice of the original against the government, held it subject to any defect which it might have, whether he knew it or not was not equivalent to he act of March 3, 1891, that there may be a borna fide purchase? before the part of Clark is concerned both the courts below found in explicit terms that the proof failed. We perceive no sufficient reason for departing from the rule that except in a very clear case where both courts have concurred we do not disturb their findings of fact. There is nothing sufficient to show that Clark had actual knowledge of the arrangement by which Cobban (the man through whom Clark made his purchase) got the land.

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The constitutionality of the Illinois farm drainage law was today sustained by the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Bailway company versus the state of Illinois, involving the right of the state authorities to compel the railroad company to remove obstruction to the drainage of lands under the law. The opinion was delivered by Justice Harlan and the law was upheld as in accordance within the police power of the state.

### MAJOR CUIGNET IS ANGRY French Officer Intimates that Trickery

is Being Planned in Dreyfus Case.

PARIS. March &-Major Cuignet has written an open letter denouncing the de- assent and who shall become Moorish offilay in the Dreyfus case before the court of cassation and intimating that the delay is due to official manipulation of the se- joint Spanish and French control, arguing

Major Cuignet is the officer who discovered the Henry forgery while he was examining the Dreyfus documents at the navy in the last twenty years have brought time M. Calvignae was minister of war about a rearrangement of, and additions and who had a duel with the late War to the list of parts made by the Endicott. Minister Andre about some of the papers board. The changes that have taken place. He recently was placed under thirty days' in the system of defence have been so rad- arrest owing to the publication of a letter leal, he says, "that the one proposed in in which he brought grave tharges against

ics Clementel has received a cable messuge confirming the press reports that the French establishment Oceania was devas WASHINGTON, March 5.-Legislation by tated by a cyclone and tidal wave Feb of the rules occupied the attention of the affected. Three hundred and twentyhouse today and resulted in the passage seven houses at Papeete were destroyed of several bills, some of considerable im- Two relief ships sent to the scene of the portance. The adoption of a resolution of disaster from the Tuamotu islands have not returned. The governor of the colony

King Meets "Has Beens."

PARIS. March 5-King Edward today gave a dinner at the British embassy to answers were made by Mr. Jenkins of former President Loubet and former Foreign Minister Delcasse. The presence of the latter is considered a graceful actions had run against any action that knowledgment of M. Delcasse's services in connection with the Anglo-French agree-

PARIS, March 5.-Princess Ena of Bat tenberg, the future wife of King Alfonso of Spain, will be received into the Roman Catholic church Wednesday at San admiration for Speaker Cannon, but there Sebastian, Spain. King Edward will accompany Princess Ena from Biarritz to

Fishermen on Floating Ice. CRONSTADT, Russia, March &-A block of ice from the gulf of Finiand with about 150 fishermen on it has been driven ashorhere. The ice breaker Yermak has gone to the rescue of the remainder of

Morgan Has a Cold. ROME. March 5 -J. Pierpont Morgan who arrived here yesterday, is suffering the speaker was in the passage of the from a slight cold, but generally his health

fishermen.

Victor Emmanuel shortly.

Spanish Editor in Trouble. BARCELONA. Spain. March 5.-The editor of El Divulivo, a local daily paper

Loss of Life in Norway. TRONDHJEM, Norway, March 5.-Be sides eleven fishing boats already reported missing as a result of the recent storic

### MAY SELL WABASH RAILROADS Clearing House Committee Offers

Property to Eastern Syndicate for \$27,000,000.

CHICAGO, March 5.-The committee ap pointed by the Chicago clearing house for today Mr. Nelson continued the discussion the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the Chicago National bank, of which John the measure as reported from the commit- R. Waish was president, offered to sell the Southern Indiana and Chicago Southern rallways, which are the principal part of voted to the passage of the bills on the Mr. Walsh's assets for \$27,500,000. The offer was made to a committee of eastern railcompulsory education in the District road men who have lately been inspecting of Columbia and another regulating the the properties. If the price is accepted it will pay off all the obligations assumed by the Chicago clearing house, meet the book value of the Chicago National bank, which was \$342 per share, and leave Mr. \$3,500.000. The offer has been taken advisement.

Scheme for French and Spanish Control of Morocco Patrols Submitted.

guese Delegates at Once Express Their Concurrence with This View.

ALGECTRAS. Spain. March 5 .- This afternoon's sitting of the conference on Morocean reforms was marked by an unexpected and important move on the part of the Russian delegates, who laid before the conference an exposition of the police question. The document, which minutely goes over the existing situation in Morocco and analyzes the position of the various powers, concludes with an argument for the proposition that Prance and Spain are the most fit to be entrusted with the task of controlling the police force which is about to be created. The British, Spanish to purchase the land before the patents and Portuguese delegates expressed their concurrence in the Russian views. Italy, however, though inclined to favor the scheme, reserved final approval.

Count von Tattenbach, the junior German delegate; Henry White, the chief of the American delegation, and the delegates of the several neutral powers did not ex press their views.

Discussion of definite police proposals was postponed until Thursday, as the bank project will be argued on Wednesday. The French and British delegates to the conference regard the expressions from the Mediterranean powers as not likely to exert great influence on the final vote of the neutrals relative to the policing of Mo-

Attitude of Germany, An official communication shows that Herr von Radowitz, the first German delegate, also joined in the discussion of the police question and admitted that of necesas Baron Bacheracht, the second Russian fective action by the powers in Morocco are still lying beneath the debris. had been proved by the unsuccessful operations of the international sanitary comtion to control the Moorish lements, which of themselves. eventually must form the main body of

M. Ravoll, the senior French delegate, the Russian suggestion, following on with source will now be accounted the proposal that the police force shall consist of 2,000 Moors, distributed at eight ports, each having four European noncommissioned officers and the whole being under command of sixteen French and Spanish officers selected with the sultan's cinta

The Spanish delegates strongly support from the point of view that the proximity whose equality of rights, however, will not be affected thereby.

## GERMANY'S POSITION DEFENDED

Baron Sternberg Says Emperor Is Contending for Great Principle. WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Criticism of have been current in Washington for some to car the well. time, received an emphatic reply this afterunanimous consent and under suspension ruary 7 and 8. Tahiti was particularly German embassador, who discussed them in course of conversation with a correspendent of the Associated press. The embas-

sadore said: "The time has come for plain speech. Enough has been poured into America from European sources about Germany's intentions."

The embassador then proceeded to deny Germany wanted war. He continued: It was for the specific object of reaching

It was for the specific object of reaching a peaceable arrangement that my government urged the conference at Algedras. Important as is the German trade with Morocco, and I shall later indicate this in statistics, the commercial side of the question is of secodnary consideration. Germany's policy has been and is to preserve the status quo ip all countries whose rights rest on the laws of nations. It is this policy alone which has enabled Emperor William to maintain peace in Germany since the to maintain peace in Germany since the time he became the leader of Germany nincteen years ago and keep it out of the wars in which the great powers have since

been engaged.

That Germany stands for the open door in Morooco is clearly shown by the proposals it made regarding the international police system and the international bank many believes that if the control of the bank is placed in the hands of France the equality of economic rights will be forfeited and the open door will soon be closed. Af-rica today shows enough examples of the assurances given by civilized nations which have gradually vanished beavior to the have gradually vanished, leaving in their

assurances given by civilized nations which have gradually vanished, leaving in their places a European protectorate.

The position of Germany and the other signatory powers is on the defensive. Germany has already recognized that France has a preferential position in its frontier regions in spite of the specific provision of the treaty of Madrid stipulating that all the powers shall have equal rights in Morocco. This concession by Germany was only made because of its carnest desire to do everything consistent with the national honor to brink about a peaceful arrangement of the question and is another evidence of Germany's desire for an agreement. Should Germany now recede further it would appear in the eyes of the world as weak, but what is of paramount importance—it would be buying peace at the cost of a great international principle, which in the future would prove to be poor economy.

What power can accept the contention that a nation must sacrifice its interests outright simply because they lie in the way of another nation. The greatest good to the greatest number is a law among nations as among individuals.

In 126 German ships containing 156,600 tons registered entered the ports of Morocco against 625 French ships containing 18,000 tons. About forty German commercial houses of some importance are scattered over the country at important places.

ouses of some importance are sca ver the country at important places. over the country at important places. Important, however, as are trade questions, the main question at Algeeras is that of equal rights for all and of the open door. In a few words it is possible to give a synopsis of the German contention on these points as presented at Algeeras. Germany proposes that the sultan shall organize the police in Morocco, that the money for this purpose shall be furnished him by the Bank of Morocco, and that to a force of international police, composed of offithe Bank of Morocco, and that to a force of international police, composed of officers chosen from the minor powers, such as Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, shall be entrusted the organization and drill of the entire police force. The police would be under the supervision of the diplomatic corps at Tangier and an officer of high rank should be appointed whose duty would be to watch the development of the new force and report upon its efficiency to the diplomatic corps. The acceptance of this proposal would give to the police a distinctly international character and make it impossible for any power to exercise special advantages. Moreover, organization of

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# CLARK WINS ANOTHER CASE RUSSIA OFFERS POLICE PLAN DOCTOR FOR DOWIE PATIENT MARKEL REITERATES DENIAL NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Chicago Health Department Sends Physician to Treat Woman Prayer Failed to Relieve.

CHICAGO, March 5.-The city health department is justified in forcibly interferng in cases of extreme sickness where the services of a physician are refused, according to an opinion residered today by Corporation Counsel Lewis. Since the advent of John Alexander Dowie in Chicago much; cases of this nature have been brought to the notice of the city authorities, but no definite action has ever been taken in such cases until today, when prayer instead of medicine was being used in the treatment | Markel of Omaha, whose commissary conof Mrs. Elia Turner, who is a believer in tract with the Isthmian Canal commission Dowle's teachings. The woman had been suffering for over twenty-four hours and ats committee on interoceanic canals today. her life was in imminent peril, as her con- He repeated denials previously made that dition called for an immediate operation. he had the benefit of sample menus pre-Instead of calling a physician the woman's husband and relatives appealed to Overseer Voliva of Zion City, who sent one of his deacons to pray for her. The woman's Mr. Markel admitted that he had seen pain increased so much that her cries at- Churman Shonts of the Canal commission tracted the attention of a neighbor, who and William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for reported the case to the police. The police the Panama Railroad company, and had at once placed the matter in the hands of discussed his testimony with these gentlethe health department, and was referred men, but only in a general way. to Corporation Counsel Lewis, who expressed the opinion that the health department was justified in interfering in such extreme cases. A physician was at once sent to attend the woman and her suffering was stopped.

### CONVICTS WORK ON RUINS Friends of Missing Men Fear that Bodies Are in Meridian

Rains. of gangs of convicts, both from the state how it was that he had received the confarm at Rankin and from the city prisons, tract in the face of the showing made. as well as thousands of citizens, in clear-Ing away the debris of the tornado of gins & Dumas and Mr. Taliaferro read the Friday night continued all last night with names of several persons given by the out interruption, a cordon of soldiers being firm as references. Among these was the thrown around the places where the work president of the United States. sity the police force must be organized was going on to prevent the crowds from by the sultan, but he claimed that there interfering with the progress of operations. should be participation by all the powers. The main efforts of a majority of the ferro, represented at the conference. The Ger- workers were confined to the ruins of the "It man delegates' contention, therefore, is di- Meyer-Neville Hardware company's store, rectly opposed to the Russian suggestion, where several dend bedies have been taken out in the last two days. The relatives of delegatte, argued that inefficiency of col- several missing people fear their level ones

Offers of assistance and drafts for finanmittee at Tangier. He pointed out that mittee so rapidly that refusal was hardly Prench officers' experience with Mussul- possible. It is again announced that money men's und Spanish officers experience with is not needed for relief purposes, the people Riffians had placed them in the best posi- of Meridian being amply able to take care

The list of casualties as a result of Frithe police by which the security of for- day evening's tornado remains unchanged. eigners is to be assured and commerce fa- twenty-six dead and forty-six injured. The suffering among the poorer classes has been found to be much greater than at first expressed France's willingness to accept supposed, and contributions from whatever nted.

#### GAS WELL STILL ROARING Attempts to Extinguish Flames in the Indian Territory Meets with Failure

Territory, that has been burning since of those countries to Morocco gave them February 23, when it was struck by other legislative matters have been disgreater interests than the other powers, lightning, continued to roar today with unabated fury. The flames, forced 150 feet into the air, were visible forty miles away the worst of its kind gas men have ever be heard. had to combat.

An attempt to extinguish the flame with steam having falled, an effort to drop an immense iron cap over the well Germany's course at Algeciras and charg: was made, but without success. This cap, that the German emperor is seeking there weighing 3,000 pounds, was turned to an excuse for trouble with France rather white heat when within twenty feet of than an agreement about Morocco, which the well. Another attempt will be made

W. W. Barr, an official of the Caney Gas noon from Baron Speck Von Sternberg, the company, says that the waste gas would supply a city with a population of 300,000. From a spectacular point of view the flaming, flery tongue, reaching more than 100 feet in the air, is proving a great at- & traction. It is estimated that ten thousand persons have come from the surrounding country in the past twenty-four hours to view the sight.

## in the most emphatic terms the charge that NAMES ARE NOT PRESENTED

Attorney Morrison Cannot Find List of Witnesses Furnished by Commissioner Garfield.

CHICAGO, March 5 .- A call was made in the packers' case today upon District Attorney Morrison for the list of 200 witnesses turned over to the Department of Justice by Commissioner Garfield. District Attorney Morrison said he had been unable to find the list. The attorneys for the packers protested that there had been plenty of time, and unless the names

were soon produced the purpose of their use will be defeated. The district attorney said he would continue the search with all possible vigilance. George W. Brown took up the cross-

examination of Special Agent Durand for Nelson Morris & Co. When he had finished Attorney Miller for Armour & Co. examined the witness.

### GREEN LOSES ANOTHER POINT Jury Must Pass on Case Wherein

He is Accused of Conspiracy. WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Justice Gould, n criminal court No. I, today overruled

the motion made by counsel for the defense in the case of George E. Green of Binghamton, N. Y., on trial for conspir acy in connection with the sale of supplies to the Postoffice department, to instruct the jury to acquit the defendant, and the defense proceeded with the submission of

In reply to a question from the court counsel for defense suggested that they might get through with their testimony .oday.

#### TAMMANY SACHEMS INSTALLED Representative W. Bourke Cockens Succeeds Justice O'Gorman as Head of Order.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- In the presence of the largest gathering of braves assembled in years at an annual meeting, the thirteen sachems of the Society of Tammany or the Columbian order, were duly installed tonight in the One Hundred and Fortyeighth street wigwam. The interesting and ancient ceremony was held behind closed doors, none but members of the order in good standing being admitted. Representagood standing being admitted. Representa-tive W. Bourke Cockran was installed as grand sachem, in place of Supreme Court, buttles O'Gorman who restrand results. Justice O'Gorman, who resigned recently today.

Omaha Man Says He Had No Political Aid

in Securing Panama Contract. MR. TALIAFERRO SUBMITS A STATEMENT

It Says that Hutchins & Dumas' Bid Was 8001,000 Below Market Bid for Entire Five

Years.

WASHINGTON, March 5. - Jacob E. was cancelled, was again before the senpared by Hudgins and Dumas of New York in making his bid for the commis-

Mr. Tallaferro put into the record a state ment prepared by his clerk showing that under the Hudgins and Dumas contract the receipts for the first year would have been \$39,600 less than under the Markel contract. and in five years \$651,200 less. It was shown further by Mr. Taliaferro that if all the canal employes came under the commissary contracts the receipts under Hudgins & Duman' bid would be \$552,000 less than under the Markel bid for the first year. The figures for the Markel statement had been at the session based on the prospect of feeding 300 men on the gold roll and 1,000 on the silver roll. witness said he had no knowledge of Hud-

"Do you not think this indicates the firm to be a reputable one?" asked Mr. Talia-

"It indicates that it was after politica influence anyway." retorted the witness. Mr. Taliaferro usked Mr. Markel if he meant to imply that because a firm gave as reference the president of the United States he was seeking "political influence." "I was asked what political influence had cial aid have been reaching the relief com- aided me and I replied 'absolutely none,' said the witness.

Mr. Taliaferro did not pursue the inquiry on that line. "Do you not desire to change your testimony where you say the men on the

isthmus were fed like hogs, the only difference being that the food was passed out on tin plates?" asked Mr. Taliaferro. The witness said he was willing to let his statement stand as made on Friday. The witness was then excused.

Senator Morgan had put on file for future disposition a resolution declaring that the contract with Markel was without legal authority and the payment of \$10.715 to him did not constitute a proper charge against the government of the United

Mr. Murgun moved to amend the proceedings of the committee on Saturday to CANEY, Kan., March 5.-The great gas permit the recall of William Nelson Cromwell at the instance of any member of the mittee after the type of canal and posed of. The committee accepted the suggestion and the proceedings were amended accordingly. The committee adjourned unlast night. The fire probably is one of til tomorrow, when Chairman Shonts wil

## AMERICAN RECORDS DAMAGED

Cyclone in Tahiti Causes Loss of Property to the United States.

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- The State department today received the following message from W. F. Doty, American consul at Tahiti, dated February 17, and sent by

way of San Francisco: Cyclone destroyed the consulate February Records saved, but damaged. stationery and consular forms lost ernor solicits subscriptions. E ernor solicits subscriptions, Es nade loss in French Occania \$2,000,00 The State department may find some difficulty in re-establishing the consulate at

Tabiti, which is the most important point in that quarter of the world, owing to the failure of congress to allow the appropria tion for \$30,000 sought to be included to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill to provide against such emergencies as this.

#### RURAL ROUTES IN OPERATION Statement by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Covering Work of the Service.

WASHINGTON, March 4.-The operations of the rural free delivery service up to March I, 1905, are shown in a statement issued today by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw. Up to that tim 52,227 petitions had been received and referred. Of these 13,772 were acted upon adversely. The number of routes in operation March 1 was 35,031, leaving 3,424 petitions still pending, of which 294 have been assigned for establishment.

in connection with these figures the statement is made that notwithstanding the development of the service there is as unexpended balance on hand to the credit of new establishment of \$905,306 from the appropriation of \$2,376,696 which became available July 1 of last year.

#### WRECK ON THE SANTA FE Mrs. Paul Morton's Private Car Was in Train but Did Not Leave Rails.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 5-Santa Fe passenger train No. 1, westbound, was wrecked at Toltec, N. M., today ninety miles west of here. Eleven persons were injured, several seriously. Five cars, including one tourist car, left the rails The private car of Mrs. Paul Morton. wife of the president of the Equitable Insurance company, was in the train, but it did not leave the rails, and Mrs. Morton escaped with a severe shaking up. J. A. Summers of Albuquerque may die. The others injured were Mexicans. Spread lng rails caused the accident.

Eighth Infantry Off for Mantle SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The United states army transport Logan salled today or the Philippines. In addition to a numher of cabin passengers it carried Eighth infantry and two troops of Third cavalry it also took back atowaways who arrived here on the Bu The transport Lawton went to the Mare Island navy yards today.

Sherrick on Trial.

Fair Tuesday and Wednesday Except Snow Tuesday in Southern Portion

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## KANSAS MINERS TO MEET

Conference Representing Fifty Thou sand Men Will Convene at Pittsburg Today.

PITTSPURG, Kas., Match 5.-The officers of the three southwestern districts of the PUBLIC BUILDING BILL TO BE REPORTED United Mine Workers of America, representing 50, 50 miners of Kansas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas, were in conference in this city today. It is expected that Chris Evans, a personal representative of President John Mitchell, will arrive here tonight and leave with district leaders for Kansas City, where a conference with the

operators will be held. The conference today was behind closed doors and no statements were given out as Norris is back again in harness, after the to its purpose, but it is known that one of bereavement which he has suffered by reathe objects of the conference was to pre- son of the death of his two infant boys and pare for the approaching conference with the serious Bluess of his wife, who is hap-

INDIANAPOLIS. March 5.- The United Norris introduced a bill that, if passed, will Mine Workers international executive board solve the question of land leases in Nehas been called to meet here March 14. braska. His bill provides that so much of President Mitchell will be back to preside the public lands of the United States within

NEW YORK, March 5.-A meeting of the the homestead laws shall be granted to operator's committee of seven to consider the state for the support of the common MERIDIAN, Miss., March 5.-The work Mr. Taliaferro asked Mr. Markel to state the demands of the anthracite miners has schools, under the same conditions and subbeen called for tomorrow afternoon.

#### LABOR COUNCIL IS TO MEET President Compers Issues Call for Meeting to Be Held March 19.

ecutive council here March 19. The matters to be discussed have not nember of the council, will be present, lends color to the belief that the coal question will be considered. President Gompers has gone to Philadelphia and

# organization.

Superintendent Credit for \$25,000 on Account.

PEORIA, III., March 5.-The school board onight adopted resolutions providing for the dropping of all litigation against the of the Sixth Nebraska district. Peoria National bank and the school treasurers and their bonismen. Tis action makes it certain that no proceedings for the recovery of te school funds will be undertaken except against former Superintendent

Dougherty. The board tonight accepted from the Dougherty estate property with a face value of \$300,000 and gave Dougherty credit on account for \$250,000.

### HEPBURN BILL WILL PASS Measure Must Go Through Inamended

or There Will Be an Extra

Session of Congress.

cial session of congress," said Congresstoday to attend the Eighth district con- tend. gressional convention, which will meet in this city temorrow. The Eighth district is the new Kansas district made by dividing the old Seventh district, which Congressman Murdock now represents. He will' probably be the first republican nominee

#### MANIFOLD COMPANY FAILS Concern at Franklin, Pa., Has Been Doing Business at a Loss and

for the Eighth district.

.Owes \$900,000. ized at \$4,000,000 and employs 200 men. General Miller claims the plant has never operated at a profit, and has an indebtedness

### CHICAGO RAISES SALOON FEE Council Advances Cost of Licenses from \$500 to \$1,000 by Vote

of 40 to 28, CHICAGO, March 5.-As a step toward stamping out crime in Chicago, the city regimental post, preferably for field artilcouncil tonight passed an ordinance incréasing the price of saloon licenses from in the bill as passed the house, the quarter-\$500 to \$1,000. Unless Mayor Dunne vetoes master having estimated \$101,500 for new the ordinance it will go into effect May I. buildings for that post. With the licenses costing \$500, Chicago has The war department now has an eye on 7.017 saloons. The saloon element put up reservations having a large area, where a bitter fight against the high license plan, troops can be given all kinds of exercise but the ordinance carried by a vote of 40

#### HYDE TO RETURN IF WANTED Former Equitable Official Signs Promise to Return at Jerome's Demand.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- It became known today that James H. Hyde, formerly vice shaw, Norris Brown, attorney general of president of the Equitable Life Assurance Nebruska, and M. F. Stanley of Aurora. society, as well as Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, before salling for Europe States. Immediately following his admissome time ago, made a written promise to District Attorney Jerome to return to this country any time his presence is desired.

#### HONORS TO DEAD GENERAL Body of General Schoffeld Sent to Washington for Interment at Arlington.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Pla., March 5,-The body of Lieutenant General John M. Schofield was tonight sent to Washington for sand pages of typewritten matter. interment at Artington. Brief burial serv-States Senator Cullom and Brigadier Gen-

# LAND FOR THE STATE

Congressman Norris Introduces Bill Donating Nebraska Public Lands.

PROCEEDS FOR BENEFIT OF SCHOOL FUND

Fifth District Member Believes This Would Settle the Leasing Question.

HOUSE CONSIDERS ELECTION OF SENATORS

Likely to Report Bill for Direct Election of Members of Upper House.

Several Nebraska Towns Come in for Appropriations, Both for Buildings and Sites-Money for

Army Posts.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March &-Congressman pily on the road to recovery. Today Mr. Nebraska as have not been entered under ject to the same limitations as the government granted its public lands to Nebraska for school purposes under the enabling act Mr. Norris' idea is to settle the public

land question in Nebraska. The bill gives to the state the unoccupied public lands within its boundaries, taking away from the government control of the lands in question. It does not affect lands already WASHINGTON. March 5.-President taken, and therefore, as might be pre-Gompers of the American Federation of sumed, would not discontinue the land of-Labor, has called a meeting of the ex- fices in the state. The laws of Nebraska governing the school lands would apply to the lands taken over under the Norris bill. been disclosed, but the fact that President and the proceeds of these lands, whether Mitchell of the mine workers, who is a from sale or lease, would go to the comand the proceeds of these lands, whether mon school fund, which, according to At torney General Norris Brown's brief flied today in the supreme court in the tax cases coming up from the circuit court of New York on matters connected with the Nebraska, is greatly in need of funds to carry on work of education in many countles of the state. It is Congressman Nor-TAKES DOUGHERTY ESTATE ris opinion that if some such a bill could Peoria School Board Gives Defaulting for a land leasing proposition at the hands of the government would be entirely done away with, and that the proper state au-

### which particularly interests the cattlemen Senatorial Election Bill Up.

thorities, together with the legislature,

could intelligently legislate on this question,

Congressman Norris at the beginning of the present session introduced a bill providing for the election of senators by the people, which bill was referred to the committee on election of president and vice president. Owing to the demands made upon several members of the committee by other seemingly more important committees, the committee to which Judge Norris bill was referred has not held a meeting until today. Among the first measures considered was Judge Norris' bill and one of the liveliest meetings held by that committee in a number of years grew out of its consideration. Judge Norris was unable to attend the meeting, but it is be-WICHITA, Kan., March 5 .- "Either the lieved that had he been present the com-Hepburn bill will go through congress as mittee would have voted to report the bill passed the house or there will be a spe- favorably. Out of courtesy to their colleague the committee passed over final conman Victor Murdock, who arrived here sideration until Judge Norris is able to at-

## Public Building Bill Coming.

The sub-committee on public buildings and grounds, charged with preparing a public building bill, has about completed its labors and it is expected that a tentative bill will be reported to the full committee at its meeting this week. Out of the number of bills introduced for sites and buildings by the Nebraska delegation, it is thought Judge Norris, who is a member of the subcommittee, will urge an appropriation for public buildings at Grand Island and York, sites for which having already been purchased by the government. In addition it FRANKLIN, Pa., March 5. - General is expected that he will recommend so far Charles Miller today filed an application as Nebraska goes the purchase of sites for for a receiver for the General Manifold Kearney, Columbus and Plattsmouth company, makers of carbons and manifold Should this prognostication prove true papers. Judge Criswell will act on the ap- five of the congressional districts will plication tomorrow. The plant is capital- be taken care of either by a public building or a site. It is understood Mr. mated to the members of the Nebraska delegation and particularly to the members of over \$900,000, of which \$251,000 is due from that state on public buildings and grounds committee, that his district is not a candidate for either building or site, lead-

#### ing towns in the second district being provided with public buildings.

Improvements at Army Posts. Senator Burkett today introduced in the senate an amendment to the army appropriation bill, asking \$200,000 with which to begin the building of Fort Niobrara as a lery. Fort Robinson is already provided for

incident to war. Fort Niobrara has \$6,000 acres, one of the largest in the country and Fort Robinson has 23,000 acres, which is large as compared with many others. Further, it is asserted that mounted troops can be maintained at Fort Robinson cheaper than at any other post in the country, with

#### Niobrara a close second. Tax Case Presented.

Upon the motion of Representative Hin-Neb., were today admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United sion Attorney General Brown submitted a motion praying for the advancement of the Nebraska tax case, officially known as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company against F. C. Babcock, treasurer of Adams county, Nebraska. The court took the motion under advisement. It is expected, however, that the court will take no cognizance of this case until October of this year. In connection with this case Attorney General Brown has filed with the court a volumnious brief of several thou-

Attorney General Brown and Mr. Stanloss were conducted at the late residence. ley, after completing their business before The honorary pallbearers included United the supreme court, started on a tour about the capitol, calling upon senators and reperais W. M. Wherry and William Ennis, resentatives from Nebraska. They took General Schofield's former staff officers. luncheon with Representatives Hinsham.