verge of starvation and the island is full of bands of robbers who are pillaging the towns of the vicinity.

The Cretans are bombarding the fortress of Spinalonga. The garrison is still resisting. Several conflicts between Mussulmans and Christians have occurred in the village of Archanes.

The Times correspondent at Constantinople states that news of bloodshed at Everek, a village near Kaiserich, has been received by the Porte and the foreign embassies. As yet details are lacking, but all reports go to show that the situation in those regions is most lamentable.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Yalta, in the Crimean, reports that a sanguine encounter has taken place there between Russians and Turks. Many shops were demolished. A number of the wounded men have been arrested.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

How Serious Trouble May Be Averted—King George May Abdicate.

ATHENS, March 12.—In spite of the repeated assertions made in the different capitals of Europe that the powers are acting in concert towards Greece, it is remarked here that if this were the case the threatened coercion of Greece would have been an accomplished fact long before this. There seems to be but three ways out of the present difficulty. The most peculiar is that the powers must accept the offers of Greece to withdraw her fleet from Cretan waters and allow her army of occupation to remain nominally under the control of a foreign officer outranking Colonel Vassos, to be used for the pacification of the island, and when that is accomplished a plebiscite shall decide whether the Cretans prefer annexation to autonomy.

The second suggested solution is the coercion, real or seeming, of Greece by the blockade of the Creek coasts as well as the island of Crete. This would be a dangerous and difficult task. In the first place, it would require an immense fleet of vessels owing to the almost innumerable islands composing the Grecian archipelago, to make such a blockade effective. Besides, Greece's reply to this proposition would probably be the lighting of the fires of war in Macedonia, the beginning of a conflagration which might spread all over Europe. The most dangerous spot on the map of Europe at present is the frontier of Thessaly. If Greece is coerced or if she does not obtain the substance of her demands she is liable to force the hands of the powers, and this might be done in more ways than one, as by crossing the border, trying to raise the Balkans and possibly bringing about the long contemplated dismemberment of the Turkish empire.

The third solution of this dangerous and difficult problem is contained in the renewed rumors that King George may abdicate in favor of his eldest son, Crown Prince Constantine, Duke of Sparta, whose wife is the Princess Sophia, of Prussia, sister of Emperor William of Germany. There are many people who believe that the King's abdication would be the best means of clearing up the situation. While the stand taken by King George in the present crisis has undoubtedly improved his position among the Greeks, his abdication would be a popular step, as the populace has never quite forgiven the King for being a foreigner, while his sons, who were born in Greece, are regarded as being one with themselves. The crown princess is known to be a trifle jealous of Prince George, the sailor prince, second son of the King, whom Prince Constantine always allows to be bracketed as equal with himself. The princess, it should be added, is said to be furious at Emperor William for having sided with the Turks against her adopted people, her husband is much admired and respected, but he is a man of silent, retiring disposition, and is disposed to ignore the shouts of the populace. Prince George, who is of a different temperament, is the popular idol, and many would prefer him to his elder brother as King of Greece.

There is no cessation of military activity here or at Salonica. On both frontiers troops have occupied strategic positions, and reinforcements are being pushed forward night and day. The armed peasants on both sides are the most dangerous factors on the frontiers. A conflict there may occur at any moment, and then it may be beyond human power to stem the tide of war which has been sullenly rising for a long time past. The firing on the insurgents by the foreign war ships and the later conflicts between the foreign marines and the insurgents have had a very bad effect among the people here, irritating them to a great degree against everything in the shape of foreign intervention in the affairs of Greece. The calmer minds are counseling prudence, but the situation is almost as grave as it could be, and Greece is prepared to make the greatest sacrifices if driven to desperation.

SEVEN PROPOSITIONS

Which the Powers Are Considering, but Have Not Yet Agreed On.

PARIS, March 12.—The following semi-official announcement was made this afternoon: The powers, while united in principle, have not yet been able to reach a solution of the Cretan question. Proposals and objections are being exchanged hourly. The programme drawn up by the admirals in Cretan waters is as follows:

First, a blockade of the island of Crete.

Second, a blockade of the Piraeus and some of the other Greek ports.

Third, the seizure by a detachment of the fleet of the telegraph offices at Syra.

Fourth, ary Greek war ships encountered are to be taken to the Island of Milo and kept there.

Fifth, any Greek war ships firing on any foreign war ships are to be sunk and the act to be considered casus belli.

Sixth, any Greek torpedo boat nearing a foreign war ship is to be fired at.

Seventh, as the blockade of Greece will require all the crews of the foreign war ships each power is to send to Crete a battalion of infantry not exceeding 600 men in number.

Each of the foreign admirals telegraphed a copy of these proposals to his government. Germany immediately telegraphed to the powers that she would accept the proposals down to the seventh and that she would accept the seventh in principle, but she had not a battalion available. Austria wired the powers that she would accept the whole of the proposals of the admirals, but as Emperor Francis Joseph was at Camp Martin he must have time to consult with his Majesty. Italy telegraphed her acceptance of all the proposals of the admirals, but it was added they must be submitted to the Cabinet Council, which would be done within three days.

Russia, Great Britain and France were silent for a time and then Great Britain proposed that a gendarmerie be organized in Crete by utilizing the Greek troops, not using the Greek flag and not using the Greek officers in this connection. Russia eventually answered that as the powers had presented their ultimatum to Greece and as Greece had yielded by offering to withdraw her fleet, the answer was conciliatory and partly satisfactory. Therefore, Russia proposed a further collective note, demanding the withdrawal of the Greek troops from Crete. France seconded the reply of Russia.

During the pourparlers a general agreement was suggested in that the powers should each advance a certain sum for the pay of the gendarmerie and for the expense of organizing the autonomous government of Greece. This was immediately objected to by Germany on the ground that she was not willing to spend a pfennig for this purpose. France this afternoon proposed to the British Foreign Office that the powers proceed immediately to organize the gendarmerie, naming a governor of Crete from Holland, Belgium or perhaps Switzerland. Several names were suggested and considered. Great Britain pointed out, the semi-official announcement concludes, that the members of the previous Cretan gendarmerie ran away and mutinied and that the Greek troops were the best available for this purpose. Consequently this proposal will probably be a modus vivendi by which the situation will be solved, as there is no doubt the Greeks will accept it.

A Threatening Feature.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 12.—The opinion obtains here that the pourparlers between the powers on the reply of Greece to the Cretan ultimatum will be protracted. In the meanwhile another threatening feature has been added to the situation. Renewed outbreaks are threatened in Anatolia. The British embassador, Sir Philip Currie, has drawn the attention of the Turkish government to the condition of this district of Asia Minor, and has requested that immediate steps be taken to avert another catastrophe. It appears that the condition of the Christians there is deplorable. They are the victims of constant oppression, outrage and murder, and the situation at Paayas is so critical that another Sassoun massacre is feared.

Advices received here from Erzeroum say that large forces of Russian troops are concentrating on the Armenian frontier in the direction of Sarikamysh, in the district of Kars.

Waiting the Signal to Advance.

PARIS, March 12.—A dispatch to the Journal of this city from Larissa says that at the Turkish headquarters at Elassona there are 18,000 troops, but, the dispatch adds, both officers and men are destitute and have scarcely clothes enough to cover them, and there have been numerous desertions. The Greek troops, it is further announced, are in excellent condition, and so full of enthusiasm that their officers have difficulty in keeping them quiet. The frontiers, it appears, are covered with 15,000 insurgents, who are only awaiting the signal to advance. It is estimated that in another week's time there will be 80,000 Greeks concentrated on the frontier. The Gaulois says that the blockade must be postponed until the powers have formally taken possession of Crete in order to organize an autonomous government.

Protest Against Coercion.

LONDON, March 12.—A great meeting was held this evening at St. James Hall, to protest against the proposal of the powers to apply coercion to Greece. Resolutions denouncing this policy were adopted with enthusiasm after strong speeches by Herbert Gladstone, John Dillon, Henry Labouchere and others. Mr. Gladstone wired from Cannes to the meeting: "God help your efforts."

Who Is Selling Our War Ships?

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 12.—In semi-official circles here it is positively asserted that the administration of the Sultan's civil list is negotiating with the United States government for the purchase of two or three ironclads which have already been completed in the United States, and it is added that the sum of $200,000 has already been paid on account.

Arms for the People of Chios.

BERLIN, March 12.—A dispatch received in this city from Constantinople says that large quantities of Gras rifles and cartridges are being smuggled from Greece into the Turkish island of Chios, off the west coast of Asia Minor, via Smyrna, and that they are being sold to the inhabitants of Chios at low prices.

Socialists Sympathize with Greece.

PARIS, March 12.—In spite of the opposition of the prefect of the Seine, the Municipal Council has adopted a Socialist motion to send the Greek government a message of encouragement.

THE FUNERAL IN BOATS

FLOOD STILL STANDS SEVERAL FEET IN STREETS OF SHOALS.

Five Now Reported Lost in the Hazelton Washout Accident—Trains on the B. & O. S. W.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MITCHELL, Ind., March 12.—Some idea of the extent of the high waters in Shoals, Ind., may be obtained from the fact that small boats are plying through different parts of the town and as this is the only means of travel, it is proving a lucrative business to those engaged in the work. William Wiles, a pioneer of Shoals, was buried to-day and the only means of reaching the cemetery was by water and it was an unusual and sad funeral cortege, consisting of a few small boats slowly and solemnly plying their way through the streets of the town to the graveyard on the hillside beyond. The water is now said to be rapidly receding, and it is thought White river will be within its banks in forty-eight hours. Work on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern is being pushed rapidly. A washout bridge has just been completed at Ironton, a few miles east of Shoals. Hundreds of men are laying track in two and three feet of water. The officials of the road hope to have train service restored between St. Louis and Cincinnati to-morrow.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

Dr. Efting, of Chicago, Lost in the E. & T. H. Wreck at Hazelton.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 12.—It is now believed that at least five lives were lost in the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad disaster at White river, near Decker. They were: Conductor Sears, Fireman Boleman, Herbert Allen, of Evansville; William H. Lang, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dr. William F. Efting, of No. 6425 South Halstead street, Chicago. Dr. Efting left home on that train for Winterhaven, Fla., and has never been heard from. John Hoffenkamp, vice president of the Holland Republican Club, and Derk Meenge, both of Chicago, arrived here this evening in search of Dr. Efting. Though it is known that he was on that train no man answering his description was among the saved. The crevasse is now eight hundred feet wide and is enlarging every hour. A force of 250 men is at work, but the readbed is being steadily swept away.

First Through Train on B. & O. S. W.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SEYMOUR, Ind., March 12.—Business on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad was resumed this morning. Passenger train No. 10 was the first to go from Cincinnati to St. Louis in the past eight days. The work of repairing the washouts has been going on day and night, four hundred men being employed.

One Railroad to Evansville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 12.—Evansville is almost water bound, a result of the floods. The Louisville & Nashville is the only line now entering the city without interruption and that road is threatened with high water. The P., D. & E. road is now blocked by back water from Black river.

STETSON TRICKED HER.

The Theater Manager's Marriage with Adah Richmond Probably a Sham.

BOSTON, Mass., March 12.—Sensational testimony was introduced in the Stetson will case early to-day. The first witness was A. P. Mason, the former foreman in the printing office of which John Stetson was proprietor. He stated that in December, 1879, Mr. Stetson desired to have something written to appear in his paper to convey the impression that he and Adah Richmond were married and yet not to make it appear as a fact. Mr. Stetson explained its necessity by saying that there was too much talk about his living with Adah, and that he had to have a sham marriage. "And you know," said he, "I'm married too much already." Marie Mauluff, a domestic, testified that Miss Richmond told her on one occasion that she had a husband in New York.

The marriage certificate between John Stetson and Katherine Stokes was then offered and admitted although objected to by counsel for Miss Richmond. The rest of the day was spent in the introduction of a large number of deeds signed by John Stetson and Katherine Stokes Stetson. One deed, however, dated 1874, was signed by John Stetson alone, as an unmarried man. The hearing will be continued on Monday.

THEATER MEN IN TROUBLE.

People Who Posted "Tornado Warnings" to Be Prosecuted.

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—Dr. Frankenfeld, observer of the local weather bureau, has received orders from the Washington officials to prosecute all persons engaged in the distribution of the fictitious but alarming "tornado warnings" that were posted throughout the city early in the week to call attention to a melodrama to appear at a theater here. Dr. Frankenfeld called at the Four Courts to-day and asked the city attorney to issue summons against the offenders, charging them with disturbing the peace. The city attorney asked the co-operation of Police Capain O'Kelly and the latter instructed his officers to learn the names of all the men who distributed the signs. As soon as these names have been handed to the city attorney he will summon them to appear before Judge Peabody. Ever since May 27, 1896, when the terrible tornado killed so many people and wrought such extensive damage in this vicinity the people have been very nervous at the approach of a storm and the posting of these advertisements caused great alarm and apprehension among them.

Movements of Steamers.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Arrived: Massachusetts, from London; Havel, from Bremen; Nomadic and Germanic, from Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, March 12.—Arrived: Umbria, from New York for Liverpool. Sailed: Carinthia, for Boston.

LIVERPOOL, March 12.—Arrived: Britannic and Tauric, from New York.

BROWHEAD, March 12.—Passed: Umbria, from New York for Liverpool.

STETTIN, March 9.—Arrived: Patria, from Philadelphia.

HAMBURG, March 12.—Arrived: Prussia, from New York.

GENOA, March 12.—Arrived: Ems, from New York.

MINERS GET TOGETHER

ILLINOIS AND INDIANA DIGGERS TO FORM AN ASSOCIATION.

Sensational Evidence in the Van Hoorebeke Murder Trial at Anderson—State News.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 12.—At a joint conference of representatives of the miners of Illinois and Indiana it was decided to submit two propositions to the men of the two States for plans under which they can act unitedly in securing better wages. The Illinois miners were represented by President Carson, Secretary Ryan and Vice President Hunter, and Indiana by President Knight and Secretary Kennedy and D. W. Lackey, of Sullivan county. The plans are to be submitted to organized and unorganized miners alike. One is for a joint board which is to consider wage scales and submit them to the men. If Indiana should desire to accept a certain price it could do so only with the consent of the men of Illinois and vice versa. Under this plan the two state organizations are to be maintained. The other plan is for consolidating the two organizations. The miners are to vote on these propositions and make return by March 28 and the decision is to be by the popular vote of the two States. After the annual convention of the Indiana organization April 20, there is to be a joint convention of the two States to put into effect the will of the miners as expressed by the popular vote.

THE VAN HOOREBEKE MURDER.

An Eyewitness Heard Van Hoorebeke Say He Struck His Wife.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 12.—To-day has been most important in the Van Hoorebeke wife murder case. The mysterious eyewitness, the prosecution claimed it would produce, was put on the stand. He is an old soldier named Corsaut. He was in the neighborhood and happened to go in the Van Hoorebeke home just as the blow was dealt. He entered the room just as they were lifting the unconscious woman from the floor. She was bleeding and was helpless. According to his evidence Van Hoorebeke said, "I am sorry I hit her so hard." Van Hoorebeke was greatly excited, said the witness.

Miss Mattie Pritz, who has been passing as Van Hoorebeke's wife in the same house when Mrs. Van Hoorebeke was made to represent herself as her husband's sister, spent six or three hours and again made a complete denial of her sworn testimony before the grand jury on which Van Hoorebeke was arrested and charged with murder. Mart McCarty, a neighbor, came next. He had gone to the house just after the blow was struck. Van Hoorebeke was very much excited. As to all other neighbors Van Hoorebeke told them that Mrs. Van Hoorebeke was his sister and Miss Pritz was his wife. He said the woman he is charged with murdering had been lost in Belgium when a girl and he had traced her to Green Bay. She had gone insane, he claimed, because she had murdered her husband. She had previously made a contract to leave all her estate to him at her death. Medical expert testimony was given all afternoon.

ONE DAY MORE OF LACKEY'S SALE.

Eighty-Seven High-Class Horses Yesterday Brought $10,500.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., March 12.—At the Lackey horse sale to-day eighty-seven head brought $10,500, averaging $125. Following are some of the bignest sales:

Coastman, b. s., pacing record of 2:08½, by Bourbon Wilkes, consigned by the Bosh stock farm, Warsaw, Ind., sold to J. Latterett, Marion, Ind., for $1,290.

Madge D., blk. m., by Rasydale, of Cincinnati, to J. W. Cross, Cincinnati, $340.

Larene B., b. m., pacer, 2:17 1-3, trial of 2:12, consigned by Fagan & Davis, Greensfork, to M. Young, Greensfork, $450.

Red Fax, ch. g., trotting trial 2:25, by J. S. Lackey, to J. H. Smale, Pittsburg, $310.

Kitty Van, s. m., pacer, record 2:19¾, consigned by William Christie, of this city, to Barney Demarest, of Baltimore, $675.

Odd Fellow, blk. s., 2:30, by J. W. White, Adams, Ind., to William Long, of Pittsburg, $375.

Bright Light, br. g., trotter, 2:19¼, by H. W. Marshall, of Lafayette, to Barney Demarest, $410.

Red Bee, b. g., trial trot in 2:19, by J. S. Lackey, to A. A. Scott, of Lima, $500.

Floe Spencer, b. m., trial 2:24, by Curt Gossnell, of this city, to J. Kendrick, of Pittsburg, $300.

The sales closes to-morrow.

Mennonite Ministerial Appointments.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 12.—The fourteenth annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ closed this afternoon. The following ministerial assignments were made:

Ohio—New Carlisle, Union Chapel and Stringtown, A. Good, assisted by C. Huffman; Organia, Morrow, Rochester and tabernacle work, J. E. Hall, assisted by Emma Lockhart; Harshman and Pleasant Grove, N. Waltman; Georgetown and Phillipsburg, W. J. Huffman; Lightsville and Bloomer, Joseph Shellhouse; Gettysburg, Wolf Creek, Fort Jefferson and Harrisburg, G. Waltman.

Michigan—Berlemonte, F. C. Rudy; Pleasant Hill and Fawn River, W. Truax.

Indiana—Goshen, H. S. Cressman; Elkhart, Jamestown, Bethel and Union Grove, L. Kreider, assistant, E. McDaniel; Wakarusa, Southwest and Swoveland, S. Longnecker; Nappanee, J. J. Hosteler; West Union, Ager schoolhouse and Zion, D. Hygema, assistant, C. S. Caser.

Illinois—Gibson City, S. Pontius.

West Pennsylvania—John Shirk.

Evangelists—A. Culp, S. Lambert, J. Swank, A. Peffly.

Mission Workers—Phoebe Brenneman, Della Freeze, C. Scott, Olive Scott, under direction of Presiding Elder J. Sando.

Indiana Tabernacle Work—J. Heath and J. Shock.

Irvington Burglars Plead Guilty.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 12.—Sergeant Kruger and Patrolmen Streit and Ware and Detectives Thornton and Kinney came down from Indianapolis to-day with the quartet of desperate burglars, Paul Gene Revere, Charles Smith, Harry Roberts and Harry White. When arraigned the three first-named entered a plea of guilty. Sergeant Kruger and Detectives Thornton and Kinney were placed on the stand and enlightened the court as to the characters of the men and gave the story of their arrest. The kit of burglars' tools captured was also displayed. Judge Miller gave the men seven years apiece. Harry White, the youngest of the gang, pleaded not guilty, and his trial is yet to be held. The three men convicted will be held at Indianapolis to testify in White's behalf.

Delhaye Cannot Be Extradited.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 12.—John C. Greisheimer has returned from Montreal, where he went on an unsuccessful mission to get Philipe Delhaye, who left here ten days ago after borrowing $300 from him for a few hours' use in the saloon business. Delhaye was placed in jail there, but the Canadian government considers the crime a breach of trust, and the man could not be required to return with him. Delhaye is a Belgian glass blower, aged sixty-five, and came here from Hartford City, where, it is alleged, his place of business was burned. He owned a saloon here and Greisheimer held a mortgage on it.

Columbus Wants 1898 Encampment.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 12.—The Isham Keith Post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps of this city held an enthusiastic meeting at the City Hall last night and decided to send a large delegation to the State G. A. R. encampment to be held at Richmond in May to work for securing the 1898 encampment for this city. They present a strong claim, as the encampment has not been held in southern Indiana for some years, and this is the best located city south of Indianapolis. The post here and the citizens are determined to secure it and will make a strong fight.

Scheme to Sell Real Estate.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 12.—Chicago parties are the promoters of an enterprise to build a new town to be called New Chicago, which will be built as soon as spring opens. The land secured is known as the Morrison tract, about a mile north of Liverpool. It is claimed contracts have already been closed for the American Electric Vehicle Company, the Great Western Brewing Association and the Excelsior Carbon Company. Several other companies are negotiating for sites. The promoters will erect one hundred dwellings during the summer.

Eaton Elopers Wedded at Muncie.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 12.—Abajiah Anderson and Miss Lou Lambert eloped from Eaton to Muncie last evening and attempted to get married, but the groom could not get the marriage license. When he told the anxious girl she said, "We will try it again to-morrow." To-day their efforts were more successful, and this morning the wedding took place. To-night the happy couple departed for Eaton, willing to face the storm that will be raised by the bride's parents.

Gas Company's Office Blown Up.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 12.—At an early hour this morning an explosion occurred at the Indianapolis Gas Company's office one mile north of this city. A small pipe beneath the building sprung a leak and the gas became ignited. The noise was heard for a quarter of a mile. The building was totally wrecked and afterwards burned. Jacob Stoner, the night watchman, was on duty and in the house at the time, but escaped without injury.

Ex-Treasurer Fair Arrested.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WATERLOO, Ind., March 12.—Ex-Treasurer David W. Fair was arrested to-day and released on bail. He is charged with embezzlement. It was his office which was in default of $12,000, due to the organized ring of courthouse robbers. By the amounts turned over to the county by those who have been sent to the penitentiary the amount of Fair's shortage is reduced about one-half.

Suicide of an Aged Mason.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LIGONIER, Ind., March 12.—William H. Cox, a well-known citizen of Kendallville, committed suicide to-day. He had been sick for a long time. He was eighty-two years old, and a prominent Mason.

De Pauw President Has a Baby.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 12.—A daughter was born yesterday afternoon to President and Mrs. H. A. Gobin, of De Pauw University.

Indiana Deaths.

LIBERTY, Ind., March 12.—Mrs. Laura E. Stivers, wife of Charles W. Stivers, of the Liberty Herald, died at her home in Liberty Thursday morning, aged forty-nine years and eleven months. A husband, two sons and a daughter survive her. The funeral is to be held at the M. E. Church Saturday, Presiding Elder C. C. Edwards, of Connersville, preaching the sermon. The services will be in charge of Duvall Corps, No. 60, of the Women's Relief Corps, and interment in West Point Cemetery.

SEYMOUR, Ind., March 12.—Miss Maud Deputy, aged twenty-six, died while visiting in Jennings county of brain fever. Miss Deputy was a compositor on the Seymour Republican.

YORKTOWN, Ind., March 12.—Mrs. Samuel W. Miller, nee McCabe, formerly of Greenville, O., died yesterday, aged fifty-three. She was an invalid fourteen years.

Indiana Notes.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, widow of the late Alfred Johnson, died at Plymouth, Thursday, aged about eighty years.

Rev. E. G. Shouse, of Thorntown, was voted a unanimous call to the Kokomo Baptist Church Thursday night. It is understood that Rev. Shouse will accept. He is thirty-four years old, a graduate of Fairmount, (Ky.) College, and of the Southern Theological School of Louisville.

HE WANTED THE TRUTH

SCENE CREATED BY "LABBY" AT THE TRANSVAAL RAID INQUIRY.

Sir Graham Bower, an Important Witness, Accused by the Editor of Telling Falsehoods.

LONDON, March 12.—The inquiry of the parliamentary committee into the Transvaal raid was resumed again to-day in Westminster Hall. There was an exciting scene during the examination of Sir Graham Bower, the imperial secretary and accountant to the high commissioner of South Africa. Henry Labouchere, replying to an objection on the part of the chairman to one of his questions, said: "I consider that Sir Graham is not telling the truth, and I claim the right to examine this gentleman. If the committee wishes to stop me it can do so." Mr. Joseph Chamberlain said he thought the committee was bound to protect the witness from insult, and Mr. Labouchere insisted he was convinced that Sir Graham was untruthful. Thereupon the chairman said that Mr. Labouchere was out of order. The latter remarked: "Then I will clear the room on exception. I am going to see whether this committee is a sham or not."

After further fencing Mr. Labouchere reiterated that Sir Graham Bower's story was an extraordinary one, and asked: "Do you still hold to the doctrine that, though you are the high commissioner's secretary, you are bound by your promise of silence not to reveal the intimation of the proposed raid given you by Mr. Rhodes?"

Sir Graham Bower lifted a volume from the table and said: "You are going rather beyond the inquiry, but I should like to quote a historic precedent. When William of Orange landed in England, upon what we may call a 'Jameson raid' ..."

There Sir William Vernon Harcourt sharply interposed, saying: "I am surprised that such a parallel should be drawn by an official of Sir Graham Bower's position, and I think the committee is entitled to ask for an explanation upon what ground he considers the Jameson raid to be an historic parallel."

This caused Sir Graham Bower to exclaim: "I beg your pardon. I withdraw it." Finally the portions of his remarks relating to the "parallel" were expunged from the record.

The Queen a Troublesome Woman.

BLEMFONTEIN, Orange Free State, March 12.—President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, has arrived here with the view of arranging for a closer union between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. He was entertained at a public luncheon and in replying to the eulogistic toasts of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, he said he was not there to controvert the Queen's rights. Time, he added, would show he had always defended her Majesty (cheers) and he had told his people to respect her. He expressed the hope that the two republics would form indissoluble ties. He never, however, had any idea of the Free State being absorbed by the Transvaal. Continuing, President Kruger said he knew he had to abide by the London convention. The Queen was a troublesome woman and it was therefore necessary to deal with the question of the union with utmost caution. He hoped some day to see a union of the whole of Africa.

Uruguay's National Guard Called Out.

MONTEVIDEO, March 12.—The National Guard has been ordered to mobilize. A detachment of the national troops on the northwest frontier has defeated the provincial police who mutinied. It is reported that Uruguay is negotiating with Chili for an offensive and defensive alliance on the ground that Argentina has given aid to the revolutionary movements.

Cable Notes.

Queen Victoria arrived at Cimiez yesterday and was accorded the usual reception.

The Cannes international regatta opened yesterday. Alisa and Britannia started over a twenty-four-mile course, thrice around a triangle, Britannia was three minutes ahead at the end of the first round. Britannia won, finishing ten minutes ahead of Alisa.

The Reichstag yesterday referred to the budget committee the bill to erect a memorial hall in honor of the German soldiers who fell during the war of 1870-71. Only the Socialists opposed the measure, and they did so on the ground that they did not approve of this means of rendering honor.

Obituary.

BOSTON, March 12.—Walter S. Burnham, grand treasurer of the Knights of Honor, died at his home in Dorchester to-day of typhoid pneumonia. He had filled the position of grand treasurer for nineteen years.

MEDIA, Pa., March 12.—Capt. Stephen Decatur Hibbert, a retired naval officer, is dead.

BOLD RAID BY CUBANS

SPANIARDS ATTACKED IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL.

Some of Weyler's Soldiers Captured and Storehouses Looted—The Three Friends Filibustering Again.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A special to the Press from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Cuban leader Acosta made a raid on the suburbs of Havana, within half a mile of the two blockhouses Wednesday night, capturing thirty-five Spanish soldiers and two officers. The attack was made on the turnpike or military road, as it is called, one of the best fortified roadways on the island. The point of attack was a little hamlet where there were two large storehouses containing considerable ammunition, and also clothing for the Spanish forces. The two blockhouses were located within half a mile of the place. The Cubans dashed in, looted the storehouses and then set fire to them. They then retreated rapidly to the right and came in the rear of the Isabella blockhouse. The troops in this, seeing the burning buildings, rushed out, leaving only a small guard behind. The insurgents, perceiving this, managed to break in the blockhouse door, and in ten minutes were in full possession. Knowing that they could not retain them, they looted the building of all equipments that would be valuable to them, consisting of two stand of arms and considerable ammunition. They spiked the small field pieces and setting fire to the house inside dashed off rapidly. The Spanish pursued them within half an hour, but came back two hours later and reported that the rebels could not be found. The only report made in Havana regarding this engagement was that a force of rebels had been dispersed, but the main facts are now known all over town.

Mrs. Ruiz Calls on Sherman.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Mrs. Ruiz, widow of the dentist who was found dead in his cell at Guanabacoa, Cuba, called at the State Department to-day and met Secretary Sherman. The meeting had been previously arranged by a female friend of the widow. Mrs. Ruiz was accompanied by her friend, who acted as interpreter, and by her five children, all dressed in the deepest mourning. Secretary Sherman received the party in his private office and listened with sympathetic interest to Mrs. Ruiz's representations. She did not go far into the details of her husband's death; indeed, she was unable to do so for want of more than hearsay evidence herself as to the main points. It was, however, her purpose to have all of the facts officially disclosed, and in this she sought the good offices of the State Department. She also expressed her intention of preferring a claim on the Spanish government or indemnity for the killing of her husband. Secretary Sherman listened for fifteen minutes to the statements of Mrs. Ruiz, and then, without committing himself, suggested that she reduce her statement to writing and submit it to the department, which might thus use it as a basis for an investigation.

The Three Friends Steals Away.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 12.—The steamer Three Friends is reported to have left Rodriguez key, ninety miles south of Miami, to-day with a large expedition for Cuba. The Three Friends has a deputy marshal on board, or did have, and unless he has left the steamer he has been taken along. The tug O. C. Williams is also connected with the expedition, having transported the supplies from Miami. Several Jacksonville citizens who are known to be connected with Cuban affairs arrived at Miami yesterday and left this morning on the tug Williams, and this gave publicity to the expedition.

La Lucha Pleased.

HAVANA, March 12.—La Lucha, in a leading editorial, says that President McKinley's inaugural address, seconded, as it is, by Secretary Sherman, proves the firmness with which the United States will follow the policy of absolute neutrality. "Both governments," says La Lucha, "will aim to make firmer the relations between them, one by not allowing any violation of neutrality and the other by making commercial concessions."

HESING FOR MAYOR.

Chicago's Postmaster Nominated by a Nonpartisan Convention.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 12.—The mayoralty contest in Chicago was made a four-cornered fight to-night by the formal nomination of Washington Hesing at a nonpartisan convention held at Battery D. A complete city ticket, which will go on the official ballot under the caption "Business Administration of Municipal Affairs," was nominated. It is as follows: Mayor, Washington Hesing; city clerk, John T. Dickinson; city treasurer, Charles F. Gunther; city attorney, Walpole Woods.

The opening plank of the platform reads: "This is a campaign of municipal reform, and not a contest involving national issues. For this reason the delegates here assembled are opposed to the discussion of any question during the campaign except such as pertains to the business of local government." The platform severely arraigns the regular parties for their subserviency to ring rule and appeals to voters to cast aside party feelings and elect men pledged to municipal reforms. It favors a rigid enforcement of the civil-service laws.

The Kentucky Senatorship.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 12.—Nearly all the members of the Legislature are here to attend the special session which convenes to-morrow. The tension of the senatorial situation was somewhat relieved to-night by the announcement by Lieutenant Governor Worthington that he would rule, when the joint session is held, that no ballot for United States senator could be taken until the second Tuesday after the session began. There is considerable opposition among the Republican leaders to this ruling, as many of them want balloting to begin to-morrow.

The Republican legislative caucus to-night was attended by sixty-two members, eight being absent. No ballot was taken that in any way indicates the relative strength of the candidates. It was decided to select four men from which the party's senatorial candidate is to be chosen, and adjourn until to-morrow morning. The four names decided upon are Dr. W. G. Hunter, St. John Boyle, Judge Holt and John W. Lewis.

WILL NOT SELL "SPIDERS."

President F. De Haas Robison Declines a Cash Offer of $100,000.

NEW YORK, March 12.—President F. de Haas Robison, of the Cleveland Baseball Club, at present in this city, told a reporter to-day that he had positively refused the offer made to him by the representatives of the Brooklyn Baseball Club yesterday. President C. H. Byrne and F. A. Bell made a cash offer of $100,000 for the franchise and players of the Cleveland club. The Brooklyn officials, according to Mr. Robison, offered $56,000 for five of his players during the recent National League meeting at Baltimore and having refused this Mr. Robison sees no reason why he should accept $44,000 more for all of his players and the forfeiture of his franchise. Unless some better offer is made Mr. Robison is more than inclined to face all his difficulties in playing his club on certain days and retain the franchise and players in Cleveland.

Adjourned After Forty Moves.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The tenth game of the match at chess between Pillsbury and Showalter was played at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn, to-night. It was the general opinion that the Kentuckian would adhere to his favorite Ruy Lopez attack, including his own continuation, at his sixth move, of BR4, it having proved so effective in the sixth and eighth games of the match, but to the complete surprise of all Showalter played 3, PB3, after developing his king's knight, and for the first time in the match a pozinl made its appearance. The second surprise of the game was at Pillsbury's fourth move, BQ2, which sacrificed a pawn, black applying to the pozinl for the first time in serious match play, somewhat similar tactics to those employed in the well-known variation of the knight's defense. The game was exciting, fierce and after forty moves was adjourned, standing somewhat in Showalter's favor.

Wood Still in the Lead.

CLEVELAND, O., March 12.—Wood and Dench gained three laps on the others in the six-day bicycle race to-night, one on a sprint and two on a fall, in which the other four men went down. To-morrow the thirty-six hours' riding will be completed by a ride of nine hours and a half. The scores: Wood, 562 miles 5 laps; Schoch, 562 miles; Gimm, 561 miles 13 laps; Gifford, 561 miles 9 laps; Ashinger, 560 miles 5 laps; Dench, 549 miles 11 laps.

LEARNED A LESSON.

Members of the Government Steel Inspection Commission Injured.

PITTSBURG, March 12.—Three members of the commission appointed by the government to inspect the steel plants of the country, with a view of obtaining information regarding the iron industries, met with an accident at the Carbon Steel Company's plant yesterday afternoon. The commission, together with several members of the Carbon Company, were inspecting the plant and came to a furnace from which the fires had been drawn so that the furnace could cool. The party was standing at the furnace when one member struck a match and placed it inside the furnace door so they could see inside. The furnace was filled with gas and an explosion followed. Three members of the commission had their faces and hands burned, and their hair and mustache singed. The coat of one of the men caught fire, and the clothing of the others caught fire in several places. The injured men were removed to the company's office and the company's doctor sent for. He attended to the injuries, and last night the members of the commission left for Boston. The names of the injured were not given out. One of them is a captain in the United States navy and another a lieutenant. A strong effort was made to keep the accident a secret, but it leaked out, too late, however, to secure the names.

BIG FOUR MAY TAKE IT.

Mr. Ingalls, It Is Said, Is After the Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The Times-Herald this morning says: "It is announced upon the best of authority that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad will soon pass into the hands of the Big Four. Owners of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois have placed their price on the property and the Big Four has agreed to pay it. All that now remains to be done is to settle minor details. When this is accomplished public announcement of the transfer will be made. The control of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois trackage will give to the Big Four an entrance of its own into Chicago, will open to it an important new territory and greatly facilitate the transaction of through business to West, Northwest and Southwest."

MISS DOTY WILL RECOVER.

The Presence of Her Sweetheart Yesterday Gave Her New Life.

Miss Jennie Doty, the young woman who shot herself at the Grand Hotel, is improving at the hospital. Unless inflammation sets in Superintendent Ferguson says she will be well enough to go home in three or four days. She regained consciousness yesterday morning, but would not talk of her act. She was probably advised not to do so by Oliver Cousins, who was at her bedside when she awoke yesterday morning. He is the young man who is in some way connected with her trip to this city and her attempt at suicide. He refused to tell in what way he is responsible, if at all. He admitted that he is engaged to marry her.

When Miss Doty became conscious yesterday morning and her eyes fell upon Cousins her face brightened and she greeted him affectionately. She had not yet realized where she was or that she was so ill. Then suddenly she seemed to remember and there was a look of pain on her beautiful face for just a moment. It then vanished and during the time the physicians thought it safe for her to be allowed to talk she and Cousins held an interested conversation. She told the physicians afterward that she was to go home just as soon as she was able to travel.