STEAMSHIP NEW YORK

RUNS AGROUND AND IS

Bottom Somewhat Damaged by

Going Ashore Off Cherbourg,

Water Penetrating the Hold.

PROCEEDS IN HEAVY FOG

Runs Into a British Troopship

with Five Hundred Levies for

India on Board.

BOTH TO BE DRY DOCKED

Latter Nearly Sunk and Former's

Bow Is Badly Injured-Sea

Smooth, No Casualties.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20 .- The Amer-

ican line steamship New York, Captain

Young, from New York March 12, for

Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton,

met with two mishaps to-day, grounding

off Cape La Hague, France, in the early

morning, and later coming in collision in

the English channed with the Peninsular

and Oriental steamship Assaye, under con-

tract to the British government, and used

as a troopship, bound for Bombay with 500

ing Cherbourg at 2:30 o'clock this morning

during a fog. The sea was smooth, how-

ever, and the tide was on the flood, and

within an hour and a half the vessel was

floated without assistance. Her bottom

During the voyage up the channel a dense

fog descended. When off Hurst Castle, Eng-

land, the Assaye suddenly appeared, and it

was found impossible to avoid a collision.

and figurehead were carried away, and the

There was great excitement on both the

vessels. The boats of the Assave were low-

the bulkhead of the troopship saved her.

Both vessels were able to enter South-

ampton, and the New York was docked at

6:30 o'clock for temporary repairs. No-

age to the New York until she has bee

It will be impossible to estimate the dam-

James Sellers, a passenger on the New

Another troopship will replace the

was damaged, and there was water in t

holds, but she was able to proceed.

latter was smashed to fragments.

troops on board.

LATER IN A COLLISION

DEMOCRATS DESCRY A CLOUD OF EVIL OMEN IN THE HEARST BOOM

Conservatives of the Party Are Assuming an Attitude of "Anybody to Defeat Hearst."

SOUTH IS AGAINST HIM

But Recognizes the Fact that Bryan Will Have Much to Say in Naming the Candidate.

EFFECT OF POSTAL ROW

Will Be Found in Better Methods of Fixing Clerk Hire Allotments -Service in Philippines.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 20.-The conservatives among the Democratic leaders here are becoming alarmed over the progress of the Hearst boom. By conservatives is meant all Democrats who are trying to shake off the nightmare of Bryanism. Not a few of them live in the South. They are for anybody not wedded to Bry-They believe that Hearst stands for all that Bryan ever did, and that he is a radical of the Bryan stamp. How to shake off the Hearst movement is a puzzle to this element. From their point of view of the situation, it is now the field against Hearst, and any one of the candidates, Parker, Gorman or Gray, would be satisfactory. The letter written a few days ago by Senator Clay, of Georgia, is accepted here as representing the opinions of the younger element of the Democrats of the South. He says in so many words, "anybody but Hearst."

From one of the "conservative" Western Democrats here, one who denounced free sflver, but supported Bryan in 1896 and 1900, is obtained an expression of what is regarded in some quarters as the way matters are lining up for the Democratic convention: "Mr. Cleveland, or anybody who was connected in a prominent way with his administration, is out of the question. Such a nomination would split the Democratic party wider than it was after the Baltimore convention of 1860 Bryan is a controlling factor in the Democratic party. Col. Dodge Says Former Cashier He should not be nominated, but he will have much to say about the proceedings and the results of that convention. The nomination must be made by a two-thirds vote, and it is idle to suppose that Mr. Bryan's wishes will not be heeded, by one-third of the delegates. As to the platform, which requires only a majority, he may not be so potent an influence. It will be seen from these facts that Mr. Bryan will have so large an influence in the convention that any candidate who was net truly loyal in 1896 will not have the slightest chance of being nominated at the St. Louis convention. The delegates may tamper with the sacred principles of Brymust have the approving mark of the Ne-

The facts, as they are looked at, cause what Mr. Bryan is doing at his conferences day. with Hearst, and what effect these conferences may have on the delegation to be chosen in New York. If Bryan is to more witnesses to testify this morning, Colcontrol, will he not insist on having a line will hardly be put on the stand until candidate of the Hearst stamp-an ultra radical-which would mean that Parker could not secure the New York delegation. | trict Attorney La Follette stated last night One of the strongest points indicating what the conservatives are facing in this regard is the fact that the records show have prepared for presentation is concluded that at the elections in New York in 1900 they will put Collins on the stand. Attor-Mr. Bryan polled more votes than any Democrat ever received in that State. If this is any evidence of the Bryan power am convinced that Collins will tell the among the Democrats of the Empire State, whole truth in the case I will put him on it would seem to be idle for the party to the stand." The attorneys conducting the try for harmony and unification of the prosecution have thought that they have Democratic party on any candidate that sufficient evidence to convict Brodrick withis not wholly acceptable to the Bryan ele-

The flurry over the postal investigation | It is known that Collins, indignant at the undoubtedly had the effect to delay the methods of Brodrick's attorneys in atadjournment of Congress a few days. At | tempting to shift the entire blame of the least a week was lost on account of the bank's ruin upon his shoulders, is anxious debate over the various resolutions and to give testimony in the trial. Collins's reports which came up, and the final re- attorney, Colonel Dodge, of Elkhart, de- of Zion, alluded in the Mormon tabernacle port of the McCall special committee may clared last week that they would not sub- to-day of his confinement in the State Prisprovoke a debate of several days. Minority mit to Collins being made the scapegoat of on for polygamous cohabitation some years number of matters, including every point take the stand to protect himself from the prisoned for the testimony of Jesus." He relating to the postoffice investigation, must avalanche of unjust blame that is being said: be open to debate sufficient for the Demo- directed towards him. crats to present their side of the subjects. yet the expectation is general among the Republican leaders that Congress will ad- presentation of its evidence the attorneys fourn by the first of May, and possibly sooner. At no long session of Congress in recent years has there been such a systematic effort to bring about an early adpurnment by pressing the appropriation bills to the front early and constantly, to the exclusion of all other matters. The Senate leaders believe that an adjournment | night. can be secured by April 15, but they are counting on the desire which prevails on both sides in the Senate, not on the disposition for debate which is manifested by the Democrats in the House. The meeting of the Senate steering committee, which is the Republican committee named for the purpose of outlining the order of business, produced the impression that practically no new legislation of importance will be considered during the rest of the session. Never before in a long session were the appropriation bills so far advanced as they are at this time. It is the general desire among the leaders in both parties in the Senate to secure an early adjournment, and every effort will be made toward that re-

The postal investigation and the reports to Congress, with the airing which these subjects have received in the halls of Congress and in the press, will be productive of much good. It has developed that the intimate relations which the great Postoffice Department bears to the people were never fully understood by either the people or their representatives in Congress. One of the surprising things brought out was the fact that more than a million dollars is annually placed at the disposal of the department by the Congress for the purpose of paying clerk hire in the small post-offices throughout the country. In these small postoffices there is no stated allowance for clerk hire, and the law expressly provides for such clerk hire in the postoffices as is regularly paid. Moreover, it developed that according to departmental regulations certain allowances were made for clerk hire for separating mails in the small offices which were feeders for star postal routes, but nothing was allowed for such mail separation for rural free delivery routes. The third-class and fourth-class postmasters are expected to pay out their own salaries for such clerk hire as they may think they need, except what Laidy Cairns sailk in a few minutes. Her might be allowed for separating mails as stated. What was more interesting was the fact that the conditions with respect | Mona, which was much damaged, was as to the allowances for separating mails and the means whereby the department arrived at the amount which should be paid were secrets of the department. A postmaster might be entitled for years to clerk hire, but if he made no complaint he would never receive relief. It was in connection with such cases that the names of mem- by L. Tulloch, of Swansea.



W. L. COLLINS TO TESTIFY IN ELKHART BANK CASE

Will Protect Himself Against Avalanche of Blame.

W. L. Collins, late cashier of the defunct Indiana National Bank, of Elkhart, who pleaded guilty last Monday to all charges except that of embezzlement involved in the ruin of the bank, will be placed on the sand | to-day to testify in the trial of Justus L. Brodrick, who, as president of the wrecked bank, is charged with similar gross finananism, but the candidate to head the ticket | cial offenses. There has been some talk | been announced that the famous "Cuco" during the past week of Collins appearing as a witness in the case, but attorneys for especially vicious and gored two horses There are very few leaders of the Dem- the prosecution had not made up their early in the fight. When the time arrived ocrats here who would not indorse the minds as to the necessity of his testimony. for the death thrust "Cuco" stopped, ready, have been sent to southern Indiana cities points made by this Western conservative. However, they stated last night that Colthe Democratic leaders here to pender on lins will probably be called to appear to-

As the prosecution has a half-dozen or the latter part of the day. Assistant Disthat just as soon as the evidence they now ney Kealing said several days ago: "If I am convinced that Collins will tell the out Collins's testimony.

COLLINS IS ANXIOUS.

The trial of Brodrick will be resumed the Federal Court this morning at 9 o'clock. As soon as the prosecution concludes the for the defense will introduce their witnesses. Mr. Kealing said last night that he thought they would complete their prosecution by to-morrow night at the latest. The defense will consume two or three days, and probably another day will be consumed in argument. It is believed the trial will be ended about Thursday or Friday HUSBAND OF WEALTHY

It is stated that the defense will not introduce many witnesses and that in all probability Brodrick will not go upon the stand. However, the line of battle of the defense is being kept uncertain and it is not known what course it will take.

DR. M'KIM DISCUSSES A DEGENERATE AGE

my" with that of Mormons and Talks of Legislative "Graft."

WASHINGTON, March 20 .- "Some ugly features of our national life; and what to do about them," was the subject of

McKim, of the Epiphany Church.

on the "almost conscienceless extravagance and passion for display" that has "spread downward among the people. He drew a vivid picture of the "progressive polygamy" of society divorces as compared with the polygamy of the Mormons, and made a caustic allusion to the "graft from top to bottom of society." and even the dark and portentous shadow of the betrayal of public trust lying acress the legislative halls of the Nation."

SHIPS IN COLLISION: TWENTY-TWO DROWNED

DUBLIN, March 20 .- The German bark Mona collided with the English ship Lady Cairns off Dublin bay this morning. The crew of twenty-two were drowned. The sisted into Dublin harbor.

The Lady Cairns was a three-masted iron ship of 1,186 tons. She was commanded by Captain T. Evans and was bound from Liverpool for Timaru, New Zealand, She was built in Belfast in 1869 and was owned

bers of Congress became involved in the Bristow report. An effort will be made as Swarting and was last reported at Adres-

BULL FIGHTER KILLED IN THE RING AT JUAREZ

Thrust and Turned to Bow, When the Bull Gored Him.

PROSECUTOR'S ATTITUDE CHEERS BY SPECTATORS POSSE

EL PASO, Tex., March 20.-"Cuco," whose | Special to the Indianapolis Journal, real name is Antonio Fernandez, a matador, was killed to-day in the bull ring at Juarez

persons, two-thirds of whom were Americans, many women being present. It had the Indiana side of the river. The sheriff would kill the last bull. The animal was but his capture has not yet been reported. and when the bull advanced drove the and towns. sword to the heart. The bull fell. "Cuco' turned to bow to the judges and cheering crowd. The bull rose and bored him through and through. He died a few minutes after being carried from the arena A sandstorm was raging and this blinded "Cuco" so that he could not see the warn- | scription of him. ing signals of his associates, while the applause drowned out the terrified cries of the other fighters when they saw the bull SIX PERSONS INJURED about to gore the man. Many women fainted, while some of the men cheered when the matador was killed.

MORMON OFFICIAL IN GUISE OF A MARTYR

Angus Cannon Describes Himself as Having Been "Imprisoned for Testimony of Jesus."

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 20 .- President Angus M. Cannon, of the Salt Lake Stake ago, and described himself as being "im-

"When I was out there on the hill (at the penitentiary) for polygamous cohabitation imprisoned for the testimony of Jesus and testifying to the teachings of God, I wrote to the mothers of my children to teach them obedience to the will of God. I wrote them 'men cannot build walls so high nor prisons so deep as to shut out the spirit of

WIFE TO VISIT HOME

Robert Hunter Will Address So- Interesting Display to Be Made at Prof. Gayley Expresses His Indigcialists at Terre Haute, His Native City.

Compares "Progressive Polyga- FOUND BRIDE IN SLUMS IESSE

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. of the Anson Phelps Stokes family, Roblenten sermon to-night by the Rev. Dr. New York, will visit this city next month. He will address the Terre Haute Socialists, fessor George D. Herron, whose career while with Grinnell College, Iowa, brought here April 10. It is not known whether Mrs. Hunter will accompany him.

> TRADES UNIONS FOR WOMEN TO BE FORMED

> Meeting Held at Boston to Organize Feminine Workers Throughout the Country.

BOSTON, March 20 .- With the object of promoting women's trades unions in the United States, the executive board of the Women's National Trades Union League, at its annual meeting here to-day, voted to send a general organizer and secretary day, were 300 native Filipinos bound for throughout the country, who will act as a the St. Louis Exposition in charge of Dr. business agent, organize unions among vomen and investigate lockouts and strikes. Among the members of the board present Northern Luzon, and Mr. Healy. The party were Miss Jane Addams, of the Hull House | includes Vizcainos, Tingallas, Igorrotos of Chicago, vice president; Miss Gertrude (head hunters from the mountains of porth-Barnum, state secretary of the women's ern Luzon) and Negritos, with all their natrade unions of Illinois, and Miss Lillian | tive outfit. Three of the party were dying B. Wald, head worker of the college set- when they reached here, owing to the conlement of New York

MIDGET NEAR MADISON

Had Administered the Death Kentuckians' Diminutive Murderer Escapes Across the Ohio River Into Indiana.

MADISON, Ind., March 20 .- As the result of an altercation over exchanging toby a bull to which he had just administered | bacco Dick Crafton to-day shot and killed Henry Stucker, jr., a young mar-The builfight was attended by about 3,000 ried man, at Lee's Landing, Ky., a short distance below Madison, and escaped to and a posse are in pursuit of the murderer, Crafton is a diminutive man and he can easily be identified by descriptions which

> Crofton escaped into Indiana and is befleved to be heading for this city. The Indianapolis police have been asked to watch for the murderer and have received a de-

IN A GAS EXPLOSION

Restaurant Wrecked at Pittsburg, Kan.—Owner of the House Probably Fatally Hurt.

PITTSBURG, Kan., March 20 .- An explosion of a gas tank in a restaurant, owned by Cropper Brothers, in this city, to-night, injured six persons, three of them seriously. The injured are:

EUGENE CROPPER, crushed under falling timbers; probably fatal. JOE PEOPLES, seriously. MISS MAUD BLACKMAN, seriously.

J. H. THOMPSON, a waiter, cut and

WARD DE BAR, cut about the face. WILLIAM DE BAR, cut by flying glass. per and J. H. Thompson were the only per- first supposed that the outbreak was one of sons in the restaurant. Miss Blackman and Joe Peoples were walking in front of the restaurant, and were blown across the street by the force of the explosion. Ward and William De Bar were across the street. attending the patients, died on Friday.

YOUNG MAN SLAIN BY

PURSUIT

York, says that at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, while he was at luncheon, there was a grating noise, followed by a tremendous shock. Every one, he says, ran to the deck, and it was found that the New York's bow was firmly fixed in the side of the Assaye. Mr. Sellers was close enough to observe the marvelous discipline aboard the troopship. Not a second was lost, though there was no sign of a hurry, and while the boats were being prepared for launching the soldiers were mustered with the precision of an ordinary drill

body was injured.

hardly felt the shock.

"As the vessels parted," concluded Mr Sellers, "we saw a gaping hole in the As-saye, ten feet wide, and sticking on our stem was a portmanteau and other portable property. There was no panic on our boat. Had we struck the Assaye amidships she would have sunk.'

ASPHYXIATED BY GAS IN AN AKRON HOTEL

Man and Woman Are Believed to Have Made a Pact to Die Together.

AKRON, O., March 20 .- M. F. Spegial, aged fifty-five, and Mrs. Ethel Bennett, aged thirty-five, registered last night as man and wife and were found dead to-Spegial left a widow and five children. His wife recently sued for divorce, naming Mrs. Bennett in her petition. Mrs. Bennett's husband left her on account of her alleged infatuation for Spegial and is now serving in the army in the Philippines. The coroner returned a verdict of suicide in both cases. It is believed that they decided to die together.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN SOUTH AFRICAN CAMP

break of the Bubonic plague has occurred in the Indian coolies section. There have The building was wrecked. Eugene Crop- been thirty deaths since Thursday. It was pneumonia, but the plague is now officially recognized and the section has been cordoned. A plague camp has been opened at It is reported that Dr. Manis, who was

BURGLARS' "KITS" AND ONLY "GIGGLING GIRLS," ARMS ON EXHIBITION

the World's Fair of Tools of a Nefarious Trade.

JAMES'S

ST. LOUIS, March 20.-Installation has TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 20 .- For the begun on the exhibit of cracksmen's and first time since his marriage to the heiress burglars' tools at the world's fair. The dis- the English department, who has been play has been gathered from the museums given prominence recently on account of ert Hunter, the Terre Haute boy who met of the police departments of all the large his pronounced stand against co-educahis wife while doing settlement work in cities of the world and includes many in- tion, has taken his poetry class of 100 young teresting relics of men famous in the annals women severely to task. In his arraignwho have secured two prominent speakers of crime. There will be on exhibition skele- ment of the "co-eds" the professor said: Dr. Mckim made a direct, forcible attack | for next Sunday and Sunday, April 10. Pro- | ton keys, jimmles and dark lanterns of the latest style, besides the implements used by the modern safeblower when he attacks him into national prominence, will be here a steel strongbox. Among th unique fea- You are nothing but giggling girls. Half next Sunday and Robert Hunter will be tures is the pistol with which Jesse James created so much havoc at Independence,

The filling of Arrowhead lake with water at the world's fair grounds to-day marked the beginning of the completion, in its details, of the exposition. The body of water skirts the Philippine reservation on the east and north, and contains about 9,000,000 gallons of water. It is to be used for homes for the lake-dwelling tribes of the Philip-pines and will afford fire protection. This and other bodies of water will be supplied from the city mains.

FILIPINOS ARRIVE TO ATTEND WORLD'S FAIR

VICTORIA, B. C., March 20 .- On the steamer Shawmut, which arrived here to-Hunt, former Governor of the province of inement aboard ship.

AND DIDN'T LOVE POETRY

nation to a Class of "Co-Eds" in University of California

PISTOL ABRUPT END OF LESSON

20.-Professor Charles Mills Gayley, head of "If God Almighty or the Angel Gabriel wrote a poem it would not interest you of you ought to be made to pay tuition. The class is dismissed."

Professor Gayley was trying to tell the HAVOC WROUGHT : class about the glories of some new poetry. but they were apparently not interested. When Professor Gayley had delivered his admonition he tossed his books into a hand grip and left the class in a state of bewilderment. There is now great indignation among the co-eds.

FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF A COAST STEAMER

VICTORIA, B. C., March 20.-The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company to-day Fisheries, to send the Dominion government steamer Quadra to the west coast of Vancouver island to search for the steamer Queen City, now three days overdue. The company fears that disaster has overtaken the Queen City in the gales that have been raging on that coast. The Quadra left to-night to search for Queen City.



EMPRESS OF JAPAN HAS The New York grounded while approach-

Haro Ko Has Practical Knowledge of Hospital Training and She Aids Army.

The New York's bow crashed into the As-NURSES ARE BEST saye's starboard bow, tearing a great gap in that vessel. The New York's bowspri

TOKIO, March 20 .- Manifesting the indefatigable energy that has characterized all her efforts in the developing and improving ered and the troops were mustered, but of her country, the Empress of Japan is doing more than her part for the welfare and comfort of the Japanese army while the soldiers are fighting against Russia. Always intensely interested in hospital work and the care of the afflicted, her years of put into dry dock. It is believed that both vessels have been somewhat seriously inwork and devotion have made her knowledge of the greatest value to the country during its strife with the armed forces of When the New York grounded at Cape La Hague the passengers, who were asleep, the Czar. Under her trained eye hospital supplies and medicines are prepared to be sent to the front and the officers of the Mikado's army find in her an assistant the island. Thirty years ago the Empress ambulance nurses, and the early work of Japan's first woman has borne rich results in the organizing of the army hospital corps. Since that time she has profited from the experience of hospital workers in all the countries of Europe. It is claimed that no country turns out

vomen better qualified for nursing, more skilled, attentive to hygienical rule, or more tactful and kindly than those who were educated in the school founded by the Empress, and the highest praise has been bestowed upon her nurses by European Red Cross societies. While the home life of the Empress has been solitary she has taken advantage of her situation to carry out ideas far in advance of her surround-

Intense patriotism has been inherited by serves its country. Her brother, Captain Ichijo, is in command of a warship under Admiral Togo, and he is a plain, hardworking seaman, while her ancestors have always had the privilege of entering the courtyard of the sovereign's palace on horseback.

ACQUITTAL OF DEWEY AND TWO COWBOYS

day in their room at Glenn's Hotel. Jury Holds Them Not Guilty of Murder of Burchard Berry, After Long Deliberation.

> NORTON, Kan., March 20 .- Chauncey Dewey and his two cowboys, Clyde Wilson and William J. McBride, were acquitted last night of the charge of murdering Bur-

chard Berry. The jury was out twenty- Emperor then stepped to the front of the Chauncey Dewey, a young millionaire ranchman, went to Cheyenne county, Kan sas early in 1900 to manage the Dewey ranch. Soon after his arrival there he became involved in trouble with the Berry family. Trivial misunderstandings grew into serious differences which culminated in the killing of Burchard, Alpheus and Daniel Berry in June of 1903, at the home of Alpheus Berry, during a fight in which

Dewey and ten of his cowboys were pitted

on that of killing Burchard Berry. NEW ENGLAND FEELS AN EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

against all of the Berrys.

Some Damage Reported to Buildings in Augusta, Portland and Bangor.

BOSTON. March 21.-An earthquake this morning caused a tremor throughout the entire eastern part of New England. Beginning at St. John, N. B., the scismic vibrations traversed the State of Maine, caus-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, March ing some slight damage to buildings in Augusta, Bangor and Portland. The shock was felt plainly as far south as Taunton

Reports from Manchester, N. H., and Springfield, Mass., state that the vibrations were felt distinctly in those two cities. Observers at the Harvard University as tronomical observatory, in Cambridge, felt At Augusta, Me., lamp chimneys were broken and crcockery was smashed. The vibrations lasted several seconds, and in

nearly every instance occurred about four

minutes after 1 o'clock. BY PRAIRIE FIRES

Range Country in Nebraska Is Devastated by Flames and Much Property Is Destroyed.

HEMINGFORD, Neb., March 20 .- Disastrous prairie fires have swept the range country. The ground being dry, the fire burned the roots of the grass in the requested Captain Gaudin, representative ground, destroying it for grazing for three of the Dominion Department of Marine years. One strip burned is six miles wide and twelve miles long, another more than twenty miles long and very wide, while another strip, still burning north of the Niobrara river, seems to be even more ex-

> Ranch sheds, barns, groves on timber claims and property along the railroad has been destroyed. Several narrow es- may die capes from death are reported from the

EMPEROR OPENS THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE DIET IN PERSON

Ruler of Japan Appeals to Parliament for Funds with Which to Carry on the War.

IMPOSING MARCH PAST

Imperial Retinue Viewed by Thousands in Profound Silence as a Token of Respect.

HEARD BY BOTH HOUSES

Representatives Adopt a Reply, Pledging Support-Peers Will Take Action To-Day.

TOKIO, March 20 .- With stately ceremony the special session of Parliament convened to provide the money needed to wage the war against Russia was opened this morning. The Emperor, clad in the uniform of a generalissimo, rode in the great state coach from the palace to the Parliament House and personally read his address to the peers and commoners. For the first time, the Crown Prince attended the ceremony. He followed his father to the improvised throne in the peers' hall and stood close by his right side while he read his

appeal to his subjects. The Emperor left the palace at 10:20 o'clock, accompanied by a group of imprial princes, aids and members of the imperial household. His escort consisted of two troops of lancers, one preceding the other. Following came the coaches carrying the Emperor, princes and staff. The brilliant uniforms, coaches and pennant of red and white silk carried by each lancer made the imperial procession an attractive picture. Lines of police and gendarmes kept the streets clear and walled back the populace, which received its ruler in absolute silence-the highest mark of respect. Long before the Emperor reached the

peers' chamber, the members were in their places. The peers, all uniformed, occupied the right side of the chamber, and the commoners, all in evening dress, filled the left. The seats, which occupy rising tiers, had been removed and the members stood in semi-circles with the president and vice president of each house in advance of each main group. The members of the Cabluet, headed by Premier Katsura, occupied a position on the right platform, close to the

The diplomatic gallery was filled, nearly every legation and staff being present. Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, General Hamilton and Colonel Hume represented Great Britain. Minister Griscom, Colonel Wood, Commander Marsh and Secretaries Ferguson and Laughlin, of the United States legation, were also officially present. The other galleries were filled with Japanese officials and military and naval officers. No women were present.

THE EMPEROR'S ADDRESS. When the Emperor entered, the members of Parliament bowed low. The Emperor, advancing to the front of the platform. bowed to them and immediately ascended the throne. Premier Katsura advanced to the throne and handed the address to the Emperor. The latter read it in

low but firm, which carried to every corner of the chamber. The address follows: "We hereby open the imperial Diet and address each and all members of the House of the Peers and the House of Representatives. We announce with high satisfaction that our relations with the treaty powers are steadily growing in cordiality. the Empress, for the family of Harn Ko | Prompted by an earnest desire to maintain a permanent peace in the extreme East, our government, by our command, entered into negotiations with Russia, but we regret that, owing to an absence of sincerity on the part of Russia in her peaceful pro-fessions, we have been compelled to appeal to arms, and having taken that step, we

cannot hesitate until the object of the war is attained. "Our forces, in the presence of unwonted hardships and privations, are now displaying their steadfast loyalty and valor, and we hope that all our subjects will co-operate in perfect unity for the enhancement of the glory of the Empire. "We trust that you will, in compliance with our will, fulfill the duty incumbent upon you and give cordial consent to these budgets and bills, which are especially ur-

gent in connection with the situation, and which we have ordered the ministers of state to lay before you The members remained with bowed heads un.il the reading was concluded. The president of the House of Peers then ascended the platform, advanced to the throne and received the address from the Emperor. The

turned to the palace. REPLY OF THE HOUSE. In view of the extraordinary reply to the throne passed at the opening of the last session in December, wherein the House of Representatives condemned the policy of the Cabinet, which was declared to be incompatible with the progress of the Empire, the president appointed a committee to prepare a response. After the joint ses-

sion the committee met, prepared and pre-Dewey, McBride and Wilson were indicted sented the following: on three separate counts, this trial being "We, your Majesty's humble servants of the House of Representatives, respectfully express our gratitude for you Majesty's gracious action in opening the impedial Diet, and for the words addressed to us by

This empire has invariably endeavored to maintain peace in the far East, but Russia has violated its treaty with China and its repeated declarations to the powers. "We are extremely impressed with the fact that your Majesty has declared war. The executive arms at the front are repeatedly obtaining victories. This is solely due to your imperial Majesty's influence. "It shall be our constant endeavor to bring to the discharge of our executive functions the utmost care and circumspection, so that your Majesty's august instructions may be obeyed and the important trust reposed in us by the nation may be "With profound respect and humility, the

resident of the House of Representatives, Masahisa Matsuda, presents this." The peers will meet to-morrow to prepare a response to the speech from the throne, Russian Batteries Without Guns.

LONDON, March 21 .- A correspondent of the Times at Nieu-Chwang cables as fol-"According to information received here the reason the Vladivostok forts did not reply to the bombardment by the Japanese was because the batteries were not provided with guns. Since the bombardment parties

have been working night and day to place guns in position. The Russian losses were slight, because the batteries were deserted, The same conditions prevail at Vladivostok as at Port Arthur. The supply of provisions there is running short, and the population is panic-stricken. The ice is considered the only real protection.

POSSE AND NEGROES IN FATAL CONFLICT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala, March 20 .- A. C. McGiver, a negro, was killed, several more or less seriously injured and one white woman wounded in a fight between negroes and deputy sheriffs, about two miles west of Bessemer, last night. The seriously wounded are: Deputy Sheriff Newt Clemens, shot in breast and chin; Scaborn Cook, an old white man, shot in both arms, amputation necessary; Mrs. Willingham, white, struck in the head by a stray bullet and slightly wounded. Deputy sheriff Cook

There was considerable excitement in Bessemer, but there is no fear of lynching.