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SPANISH VERY CAUTIOUS.

The President's Proposal May Yet Result in Cuba's Good.

HOME RULE IS PROBABLE.

The Government May Make Concessions to the Island if the Spanish and the Insurgents Will Only Agree to Abide by Them.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A special to the World from Madrid says: "Although no definite official exchange of views has yet taken place between the Madrid government and President Cleveland, nevertheless Mr. Cleveland has been extra-officially informed of the disposition of the Madrid government and the extent to which it could go in meeting the advances Mr. Cleveland might harbor an intention of making as mediator between Spain and the Cuban insurgents. Both governments evidently are feeling their way cautiously and warily to find a path to an amicable solution. Both seem disposed to take all the time necessary to prepare public opinion in both countries for an arrangement compatible with the patriotic susceptibilities of the Spanish people and with their material interests. Those interests are gravely affected by indefinite prolongation of the struggle, which is ruinous, not only for Spain but for Cuba, and for all the foreign countries interested in the commerce and agriculture of the Spanish West Indies.

"The keynote of the whole question seems to be how far public opinion in Spain will allow the government to go in concessions of political and administrative autonomy and in tariff reforms for Cuba and Porto Rico, and how far President Cleveland as mediator could go in guaranteeing that the Cuban insurgents would accept said concessions and how far he could agree that the American citizens and the Cuban refugees would cease to assist the rebellion. When once that is clearly understood, Spain, to insure the prompt pacification of Cuba, will go to any length in the way of concessions short of independence. That Spain will never assent to without an appeal to war, in which she would risk her last soldier and last dollar."

TILLMAN AT WICHITA.

Speaks to a vast audience on the Present Political Issues.

WICHITA, Kan., April 17.—An immense audience greeted Senator Tillman in the circus tent of Bond brothers after the show was over. Ex-Governor Lewelling introduced the speaker, who made the reddest and hottest speech ever made here. He said that the republicans who voted for Cleveland for a change jumped from the frying pan into the fire, and that it was the hottest fire they ever saw. He said Cleveland was a tin god and an animal with a cloven foot.

He said that Carlisle was so deep in infamy that he did not want to speak about him. The people fairly went wild when he said that no man could be appointed to the supreme court unless he was known to be friendly to the corporations. He said that if the democratic convention did not declare for free silver that he would pick up his hat and leave the party. He was especially bitter against the lawyers in congress and did not hesitate to say that while many of them were paid by the people they were paid better by the corporations. They served those who paid them best. He made a daring, courageous, and very bitter speech, and he was applauded vociferously. At the end of his speech every man in the audience raised his right hand to indicate that he was for free silver at a ratio of 10 to 1.

Held for Lamborn's Murder.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 21.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Justice Bond rendered his decision binding Thomas Davenport over to the July term of the district court for the murder of J. T. Lamborn February 17 at his home near Fall Leaf, and holding Charles and Annie Lamborn, children of the murdered man, as accessories.

Contests Delay Organization.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 21.—The democratic state convention assembled here at noon, but will not perfect a permanent organization until night, on account of contests.

An Affidavit.

This is to certify that on May 11, I walked to Meick's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

Spent and subscribed to before me on August 10, 1894.—Walter Shipman, J. P. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Ennis & Walker.

GOLD COIN CONTRACTS.

A Nebraska Judge Rules That They Are Illegal and Void.

OMAHA, Neb., April 18.—The question of the legality of what are known as "gold coin contracts" was raised for the first time in this county yesterday. It came up in an action to collect payment of a \$2,000 mortgage note, on which a default in interest had occurred. Attorneys for the defaulter raised the point in the district court as to the effect of inserting in a note or contract the words "to pay in gold coin," or the words "to pay in gold coin or its equivalent," and argued that in either form the note would be illegal, being in violation of the legal tender law and contrary to public policy. It was further argued by the defense that if not avoiding the invalidating the note entirely, the section requiring the payment in gold was void. During the argument the court said that it would not enforce the part of the note contracting to pay in gold; that if it came to a question of holding that the note was payable in gold or the contract was illegal and void, the court would hold that it was illegal and void.

GREAT SECRECY PREVAILED.

Bill Taylor is Visited by Relatives and Holds a Quiet Interview.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 21.—Bill Taylor's wife and mother came to Kansas City last evening and went to the jail at eight o'clock this morning and spent the entire forenoon with him. The two women were dressed in black. They sat close together in chairs facing each other outside the bars of Bill's cell. When they were first shown up to the cell each kissed Bill through the bars. No tears were shed. The women then sat down and for four hours talked to Bill in whispers. Two deputy marshals, who stood one on each side of the women all through the interview, did not hear a word that was spoken.

POPULIST FOR CONGRESS.

The Friends of ex-Gov. Lewelling Anxious to Have Him Nominated.

WICHITA, Kan., April 22.—Judge McKay, of Harper county, denies that he will be a candidate for the populist nomination for congress in the Seventh district. Populist leaders here say that Kingman, Pratt, Harper and Barber counties will send Lewelling delegates if Sedgwick county will give the assurance that Lewelling will accept the nomination. Lewelling has not assented, but his friends say he would rather have the nomination for congress than for governor, but does not want to be put in the position of fighting Jerry Simpson.

A NATIONAL BANK CLOSED.

Resignation Caused by Dissension Among the Directors of a Denver Concern.

DENVER, Col., April 22.—The American national bank failed to open this morning, and a notice was placed on the door that the directors had decided to liquidate. The step was taken on account of internal dissension. It is said all depositors will be paid in full. The assets amount to \$2,245,173, and it is claimed that but little trouble will be experienced in realizing on them.

A Receiver for the Topeka Capital.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 22.—Judge Williams, of the federal court, stated from the bench that he would appoint a receiver for the Topeka Daily Capital in a day or two. Maj. Hudson expressed surprise and said he felt certain that the Mulvane management would so arrange the business as to dispense with a receiver.

Saw Mill and Salt Plant Burned.

SAGINAW, Mich., April 22.—The extensive saw mill and salt plant of Wall & Weber, located west of the city, were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$13,000.

Very poor shooting was the result of the State Sportsmen's association on their first day's meeting at Omaha, Neb. Not a straight was made.

Temperance Meeting Program.

The following is the programme for the Union Temperance meeting at the Methodist church, April 28, 1896:

- Song.....Congregation
- Prayer.....Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Clark
- Scripture Reading.....
- Recitation.....Ollie Hany
- Recitation.....W. J. Booth and G. E. Shook
- Song.....Congregation
- Recitation.....Nellie Hartman
- Song.....Congregation
- Recitation.....Alfred King
- Recitation.....Miss May Webber
- Recitation.....Frank Rice
- Recitation.....Frankie Brown
- Address.....Rev. Joseph Shanksford
- Song.....Congregation

Teachers' Association Programme.

Programme of the Teachers' association to be held at the high school building in Goodland, Saturday, May 2, at one o'clock p. m.

- Song.....Association
- "How to Teach Longitude and Time".....W. J. Booth and G. E. Shook
- Recitation.....Miss Murphy
- Song.....Association
- Recitation.....Miss Stewart's pupils
- Recitation.....Miss Kibb and Mrs. Iricose
- "Question Box for Difficult Questions".....Miss McNeil
- Recitation.....Miss Webber

Pastorage.

Now that the grass is good stop feeding your stock and put them out to pasture. My pasture is in fine condition and ready for stock.

P. L. LANGASTER.

To Rent—If you wish to rent any of the American Investment Co's. land or McKinley & Lanning's for 1896 you can do so now.—M. Robinson, Agent.

VEToes TWO PENSION BILLS.

President Cleveland Declares Himself Against Private Pension Measures.

GREER COUNTY OFFICERS.

The Old Officials to Remain in Charge Until Their Successors Are Elected—Mississippi River Improvement—Sound Money Democrats.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The senate proceedings opened this morning by the presentation of the presidential vetoes of two private pension bills. The messages were referred to the committee on pensions. Petitions from Baptist churches in relation to the arrest of Bishop Diaz, a naturalized citizen, in Cuba, were presented and referred, and a resolution asking information on the same subject from the state department was agreed to. Mr. Mitchell addressed the senate in favor of a bill extending the act of July 27, 1892, which grants pensions to the survivors of those who served in various other wars from 1817 to 1865. The bill also includes the widows of survivors. Under objection the bill remains on the calendar. The Indian appropriation bill was then taken up and the amendment offered by Mr. Cookrell allowing the contract Indian schools to be continued until 1899 in cases where the children could not be educated in government schools, but prohibiting it absolutely after July 1898, was agreed to by a vote of 38 to 24.

The first business of the house was to declare Albert T. Goodwin (pop.) entitled to a seat from Alabama and he was sworn in. The bill of Mr. Cookrell, of Texas, providing that in Greer county, formerly of Texas, now a part of Oklahoma, the same officers in charge when the supreme court rendered its decision should remain in office until their successors should be elected next November, was passed. The supplemental land bill, also for Greer county, was also passed.

Mississippi River Improvement.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—In the senate committee on commerce yesterday the appropriations for the Mississippi river in the rivers and harbors bill was reached. Senator Vest took a determined stand against the appropriations made for levees. He declared himself in favor of using all the money available for the improvement of the channel by the new dredging process. Senators Berry and Caffrey spoke in favor of the levee work. The result of the discussion was that the committee decided to make no material alteration in the levee appropriations. It is more than likely, however, that in regard to that portion of the river on which Missouri borders Senator Vest will be allowed to have his way, and that the use of all the money appropriated for the Mississippi improvement between St. Louis and Cairo will be confined to dredging the channel. This is what the St. Louis merchants are fighting for. Some of the appropriations made for levee work above St. Louis will probably be stricken out and the sums named added to the amount made available for channel improvement.

Hopes of Sound Money Democrats.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Reports of a surprising and encouraging character are reaching the democratic sound money headquarters, recently established in Washington. They are made by democrats upon whose judgment the managers of the bureau declare reliance can be placed. Basing their estimates on these reports, the sound money democrats claim that they will elect 29 sound money delegates from Ohio, 12 from Indiana and 16 from Illinois. Until now the sound money men have in their estimates of probable strength in the convention conceded Illinois and Indiana entire to the free silver side. One of the most interesting bits of information given out by the sound money men is that four of the Missouri district delegates elected at Sedalia are not of the radical sixteen to one order, but are conservative, and will be ready to meet the sound money side in a compromise.

What Senator Brice Thinks.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Senator Brice has changed his mind. He is going to the Chicago convention. He will go there full of fight and will neither expect nor take quarter. Speaking on the subject, he said: "In my opinion, there will be a good deal of talk about a free coinage platform until about the middle of June or the last of July, but after that it will disappear. There will be no free coinage plank in the Chicago platform, and there will be no free silver candidate nominated. It is possible that there may be a majority of silver men in the convention, but you mark my word, there will be no free coinage plank. The democratic party will not commit hari-kari this year."

Must Pay the Insurance.

St. Louis, April 22.—The court of appeals has affirmed the case of Mrs. Emelia Zepp against the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The trial court granted Mrs. Zepp judgment for \$3,000 and interest on a benefit certificate taken out by her husband, the late Philip H. Zepp, for many years circuit clerk. The defense was that Zepp, contrary to the terms of his application for insurance, bought an interest in a saloon, after he had taken the order.

MISSOURI KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The Grand Lodge Convened at St. Louis with 100 Delegates in Attendance.

St. Louis, April 22.—The Missouri grand lodge of the Knights of Honor convened in 18th biennial session in the Odd Fellows' building yesterday morning. There were over 100 delegates in attendance. The meeting was opened by Grand Director Louis Bencke, with William F. Pfister acting grand reporter. Grand Director Bencke reviewed the progress of the organization during the past two years, and referred to several reports showing the financial standing of the state organization. The grand director was of the opinion that women might be admitted to membership, but that the question of their admission should be left optional to the respective lodges.

HOMIOPATHS MEET.

The Session Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the School.

St. Louis, April 22.—The 30th annual session of the Missouri Institute of Homoeopathy was opened yesterday at the Southern hotel to last for three days. The session also celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the school of homoeopathy. In Missouri the institute is asking for official recognition in the administration of state medical affairs, and the slight effort already made has secured for homoeopathy a chair in the state university. It is believed that further insistence will result in the establishing of a state insane asylum to be conducted by homoeopaths.

LOUISIANA ELECTION.

Reform Ticket Carries New Orleans—Trebble Promised Over the Governorship.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The election in this state yesterday passed off very quietly, especially in Opelousas, where the "regulars" did not offer the slightest opposition to any voters. In this city, despite the existence of one of the strongest rings in the country, the citizens' league won by an average majority of 10,000. Foster, democrat, probably carried the state by 10,000, although Pharr, his opponent, claims election and says he will be inaugurated.

A Federal Penitentiary.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Mr. Broderick reported favorably from the house judiciary committee the bill providing for a federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. It locates the proposed penitentiary and authorizes Warden French to put convicts to work getting out the stone, making the bricks and preparing the heavy timbers which are to be taken from the forest on the reservation. As the bill is drawn it provides that congress shall appropriate \$150,000, one-third of which is to be spent each year, but if the \$50,000 for this year should not be appropriated by this congress, the warden may go ahead working the convicts and getting the preliminary work out of the way. Warden French says that the convicts can do \$500,000 worth of work, so that for \$150,000 from the government we can get a \$500,000 penitentiary.

Bloody Battle with Bandits.

EUFAULA, I. T., April 22.—Deputy Marshal Mark Moore, of Eufaula, and two possees of men ran across the three remaining outlaws who robbed a trunk of \$5,000 at Calvin, I. T., about two weeks ago, and it resulted in the killing of one bandit and the capture of the other two. The band consisted, at the time of the robbery, of six men. Deputy Moore took his prisoners to Fort Smith by way of Muskogee yesterday.

Wants the Populist State Convention.

SEDALIA, Mo., April 22.—Sedalia is working to have the state populist convention held here next July, in connection with the annual meeting of the State Reform Press association, and will send a strong delegation to Marshall on the 24th inst. to lay the city's claims before the populist state central committee.

Fairly Curious Affair.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 22.—Last night Ben Wade cut a wound that is fatal. A cut two inches long and deep, penetrating the windpipe, was inflicted.

A Missouri Pioneer Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 22.—United States Marshal Shelby received word this morning that Judge Draffen had just died of pneumonia at his home at Boonville, Mo. Judge Draffen was a pioneer citizen of Missouri. Far back in the '30s he was associated with Senator George G. Vest and Joseph Stephens, father of State Treasurer Lou V. Stephens, in the practice of law at Boonville.

Can See the Action of Your Heart.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Nicola Tesla, the electrician and inventor, in a communication to the Electrical Review, announces that by the use of a new type of fluorescent screen, devised in his laboratory, he has been able to greatly increase the sharpness of the outlines in shadow on the screen and to actually see the human heart.

Thought Him Too Frisky.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—After an all day and a night session the Bay conference of Congregational ministers and laymen voted—49 to 25—to suspend Rev. C. O. Hrows, pastor of the First Congregational church, on the charge of ungentlemanly and unministerial conduct.

A \$1,000,000 club house is to be erected by present and prospective mine owners of Cripple Creek mines.

PALMA'S CUBAN ADDRESS.

The President of the Cuban Junta Makes a Statement in Regard to Cuba.

THE ISLAND MUST BE FREE.

A Firm Resolve to Listen to No Compromise and to Treat with Spain Only on the Basis of Absolute Independence for Cuba.

NEW YORK, April 22.—T. Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban revolutionary junta, gave out the following address to the people of the United States last night:

The persistence with which the American press has, during the last few days, been treating of supposed administrative reforms to be introduced in Cuba by the government of Spain compels me to request the publication of the following declaration which I make in behalf of my government, of the Army of Liberation of Cuba and of the Cuban revolutionary party:

The question of the supposed reforms is not a matter which at all concerns those who have already established an independent government in Cuba and have resolved to stick to no sacrifice of property or life in order to emancipate the island from the Spanish yoke. If the Spaniards resident in the island, who are favored by the Spanish government with all sorts of privileges and monopolies, and if the handful of Cubans, too pusillanimous or too proud to acknowledge their error, or a few fortune hunters, who are guided only by selfish interests, are satisfied that Cuba should remain under Spanish domination, we, who militate under the flag of the solitary star, who are already constituting the republic of Cuba and being a free people with its own government and its laws, are firmly resolved to listen to no compromise and to treat with Spain only on the basis of absolute independence for Cuba.

WAS IT GEORGE TAYLOR?

The Home of a Relative Closely Watched and Searched by Officers.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., April 22.—The police of this city and a force from the office of County Marshal Keshlar, of Kansas City, Mo., spent all of last night watching the home of Frank Florence, 650 South Second street, Ar-mourdale, and searched the house thoroughly at daylight this morning for George Taylor, but found not even a sign that the escaped murderer had been there. Mrs. Belle Florence, wife of Frank, is a cousin of Bill and George Taylor. A woman who lives near Mrs. Florence, and who used to live near the Taylors in Brownling and knew them well, said she had met George Taylor Sunday night near the Florence home and had talked to him. The wife and mother of Bill, who is now in jail in Kansas City, Mo., arrived in this city last evening on a visit to him and spent the night at the Florence home.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATS.

Only Silverites Will Be Allowed to Go to the Chicago Convention.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 22.—The democratic state convention was called to order by Chairman Knox of the state committee. Five hundred and four delegates were enrolled. Mr. Clarke will go before the convention and will have about 170 votes recorded for him and the sound money principles, for which he has contended. The Johnston men are determined to go the full length and have agreed to adopt a platform in favor of free coinage of silver at sixteen to one and instruct the delegation to Chicago on the same line. The delegation slated for the state at large to Chicago is as follows: Senators Morgan and Pugh, Congressman Bankhead and Gen. Pettus. The districts will be permitted to elect their delegates, but they will be turned down under the unite rule.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE.

Its Anniversary Commemorated by a Flower Festival and the Firing of Salutes.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 22.—The annual flower festival, in commemoration of the battle of San Jacinto and the independence of Texas, took place here yesterday evening and was witnessed by fully 25,000 people. Several hundred vehicles, beautifully decorated with flowers and gaily attired women, men and children, participated in the battles. The battle was preceded with a parade, in which the United States Fifth cavalry, stationed here, and many local civic organizations were in line. The battle occurred in front of the historic Alamo and lasted for two hours. During the firing of a salute at Fort Sam Houston an accident occurred which resulted in the loss of one man's life and the wounding of two others, all United States soldiers.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Scott Jackson is being tried at Newport, Ky., for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

A call has been issued for a negro state convention to meet at Sedalia, Mo., May 7.

The Methodist women lost their fight for recognition in the general conference.

The German reichstag has unanimously adopted measures to prevent dueling in Germany.

Political trouble caused the death of A. H. Goss and S. C. Hyde, two prominent citizens of Tangipahoa, La.

A meeting of the Missouri delegates to the democratic national convention will be held in St. Louis on the 25th inst.

The chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., will cause the arrest of all drivers of beer wagons delivering beer on Sunday.

Frank B. Vrooman is creating a furore in religious circles in Chicago. It is claimed by some that he is a heretic.

Thomas H. Bain, a lawyer of Topeka, Kan., has been arrested by the federal authorities for violating the anti-lottery law.

Wesley Dawes and C. S. Givens, of Jefferson county, Tenn., have been lodged in jail charged with murdering the latter's wife.

The starting machine for use at race tracks is proving a great success at Chicago and will undoubtedly be adopted at every track of importance in the country.

Bob Kennedy, sheriff of Dallas county, Ala., tried to kill two brothers named Wood, residents of Selma. The sheriff charges them with meddling with his domestic affairs.

The troops ordered to St. John, Kan., to quell the rioting circumstances, were too late to make any arrests. Everything was quiet and the show had been stolen away to Dodge City.

Gov. A. J. Smith, of the national soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kan., who has been charged with misconduct of his office, demands a thorough and searching investigation.

The New York Bar association presented President Cleveland with the memorial recently adopted by that association, recommending the creation of an international court of arbitration.

A petition is being circulated in Chicago protesting against limiting arbitration treaties to England alone, but should include all nations, to the end that further war may be forever averted.

An effort is being made by Health Officer Duffield, of Detroit, Mich., to have the government recall all paper money and thereby avert the danger of spreading small-pox all over the country.

A meeting of the democratic state committee of Missouri has been called to meet in Kansas City April 29 to take action on the resignation of the chairman and to consider other matters of importance.

St. Louis business men are preparing a complete directory of all delegates to the conventions to be held in that city in June and July, and are desirous that all information be sent them as soon as possible.

At the Oklahoma presbytery, in session at Ponca City, an effort was made to consolidate with Congregational churches in places where the congregations were weak, but it seems a hard question to decide.

BULWYON'S FENILOUS CONDITION.

The Natives Keep the White Citizens Constantly Gossiping.

CAPETOWN, April 22.—According to reliable advices from Bulwaton, 5,000 Matabele have left their camp on some secret expedition, while 15,000 hostiles are still about the town and are within three miles of the outskirts, constantly threatening the place, while 2,000 natives in the town cause additional worry. Three hundred men with a Maxim gun are now guarding the main pass to Mafeking, through which the relief forces must pass. In the engagements which have hitherto taken place between the whites and the natives, the latter have almost invariably been beaten with severe loss. In fact, it is said that fully 1,200 Matabele have already been killed. The rinderpest, which is delaying the advances of the relief corps and provision and ammunition trains, is also playing havoc with the cattle of the natives.

PADEREWSKI IS PROGRESSIVE.

The Greatest Living Pianist Will Encourage Art in America.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Paderewski, the pianist, has placed in the hands of William Steiny and Dr. William Mason, of this city, and Col. R. T. Higginson, of Boston, as trustees, \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing the following triennial prizes for composers of American birth: First, \$500 for the best orchestral work in symphonic form; second, \$300 for the best composition for solo instrument with orchestra; third, \$200 for the best chamber music work.

Wants to Be Under Russia's Wing.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, April 22.—In addition to the loan of \$3,000,000 that Korea has been negotiating for Russia, giving Hong Kong, the northern province of Korea as security, the Korean envoy has been instructed to request that Russian troops be detailed to guard the Korean palace and also that Russia appoint advisers to the Korean government and military instructors for the Korean army.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS BURN.

The Soldiers' at St. Louis Lose Most of Their Personal Effects.

FUGITIVES KNOCKED OUT.

At a Prize Fight Both Men Were Carried Off Incomatose—A Machine Shop Burned—A \$200 Overcoat—Drugs and Dry Goods Destroyed.

St. Louis, April 22.—Between two and four o'clock this morning the large brick barracks building, 300 feet long, at Jefferson barracks, was totally destroyed by fire. A considerable quantity of furniture and clothing was also consumed and 10,000 cartridges exploded. The soldiers also lost most of their personal effects. The total loss is about \$50,000. The fire department at South St. Louis went to the barracks, but when the flames arrived it was too late to save the building.

Both Fighters Knocked Incomatose.

CHICAGO, April 22.—In the presence of about 300 men of sporting proclivities a prize fight was brought off last night. The ring was pitched in one of the rooms occupied by the Madison Social club, at May and Madison streets. The fight was between Ed Hagen, of Chicago, and George Sealy, of a small town in Indiana. The men contested for a purse of \$300. The fight lasted 16 rounds and in this hour's time was consumed. At the close of the 16th round neither had the advantage, both were covered with blood, and both were carried insensible from the room. The purse was divided.

Mechanics Made Idle by a Fire.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 22.—Early this morning the machine department, blacksmith and boiler shops and engine rooms of the Seaboard Air Line railway's main shops here were entirely destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the wooden roof near the chimney stack and in a few minutes the entire building was on fire. The firemen saved the roundhouse and the oil and supply houses adjoining, containing the fire to one building. One hundred and twenty-five men are thrown out of employment.

A \$100 Overcoat.

CINCINNATI, April 22.—A \$100 overcoat, containing five soldiers and a civilian, was overturned in the Ohio river opposite Fort Thomas about 7 o'clock last night and two soldiers were drowned. James Bateman, a fireman, saw the accident from the shore and started in a boat after the struggling men and succeeded in rescuing all but the two drowned.

Drugs and Dry Goods Destroyed.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 22.—Fire at Okaloosa this morning destroyed the Green & Bently drug store; loss \$25,000; insurance \$30,000. Harry Struburner's dry goods store was also burned; loss \$50,000; fully insured.

TO TAX IMPURE BEER.

A Bill Before Congress of Interest to Drinkers of the Beverage.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—In line with the recent legislation against adulteration of food and drinks, Congressman Cooper, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill in the house, which is of special interest to the manufacturers and consumers of beer. The committee on ways and means will have charge of the bill. It is a measure which provides for the defining of beer as an article manufactured of malt, hops and water solely, and additional taxes are imposed on any article sold as beer, in the composition of which glucose, fructose or drugs appear. Manufacturers of pure beer are said to be in favor of the legislation, believing it would be beneficial to the trade in honest goods.

General Service Pension Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The invalid pension committee of the house has begun the consideration of a general service pension for all soldiers of the late war. The committee has secured data showing that a pension of \$9 a month to all soldiers who served 90 days or longer and who have reached the age of 61 years will increase the annual budget by from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for a few years, when the amount will decrease as a result of death.

Poison by Wholesaler.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 22.—During the past 48 hours 35 persons in this city have been poisoned by eating impure food and sweetmeats. Thirteen of the victims were boarders at a fashionable private hostelry in Hazelwood, while the remainder live on the south side. Fortunately, all have recovered. The cause of the poisonings at Hazelwood has not been determined. In the case of the south side families, it is ascribed to chocolate cake purchased at a bakery.