

## 200,000 MINERS QUIT AT MIDNIGHT

### LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY OF DISTRICTS SETTling DIFFERENCES IMMEDIATELY.

### IOWA OPERATORS READY TO GRANT RAISE ASKED

### Operations Will Be Suspended in This State Until Settlement is Reached—Steel Plants Short of Fuel and May Be Compelled to Close—Situation in Various Fields.

Indianapolis, March 31.—The 200,000 organized miners in the bituminous coal fields of the United States will strike at midnight tonight and stay away from the mines until the operators consent to pay an advance in wages of 5 cents a ton, according to announcement today from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America in this city.

President Lewis said this morning that he had no information that the miners and operators of any district would get together and that it is possible there will be a joint conference in the Indiana Hocking districts before night. Members of the executive board leave tonight for their respective districts to represent the national administration in the direction of the local strikes. Lewis will visit the Illinois fields tomorrow and does not expect to return to his office here until Saturday night.

### OUT IN ILLINOIS.

### Miners in All Fields Quit at 4:30 This Afternoon.

St. Louis, March 31.—The Illinois miners will leave the mines at 4:30 this afternoon and not re-enter them until a new wage scale is signed. A meeting of the joint scale committee of the operators and miners will be held Monday. The operators say they have enough coal on hand to last two months. The increase in wages demanded by the Illinois miners totals \$14,000,000.

### Factory Mines Operating.

Danville, Ill., March 31.—The Western Brick Company, of this city, which mines its own coal and employs several hundred men, received permission today from the United Mine Workers of Illinois to continue mining with the present force, pending the signing of the new wage contract.

The Hegeler plant at LaSalle also will be permitted to mine for its own consumption. The Bunsen Coal Company, controlled by the Illinois Steel Company, is endeavoring to obtain permission to continue operations. This company has not a pound of coal in reserve, and one of the officers stated that unless they secured permission to continue mining, the steel mills at South Chicago would be compelled to shut down.

### Thinks Strike Will Be Short.

Springfield, Ill., March 31.—Duncan McDonald, president of the Illinois miners, does not think the shut down of mines will be of long duration. A meeting with the operators will be held soon, when McDonald believes an agreement will be effected.

### IN PENNSYLVANIA.

### Forty Thousand in Pittsburgh District to Quit at Midnight.

Pittsburgh, March 31.—At midnight tonight 40,000 union miners will strike. At that time the wage contract expires and as yet no agreement has been signed. It is believed, however, the strike in this district will be of short duration.

### IOWA MAY GRANT RAISE.

### Operators Ready to Make Terms With Employees—All Will Suspend.

Des Moines, March 31.—The Iowa coal operators, it is stated, are ready to grant the increase of 5 cents asked by the mine workers. The operators at least have indicated to the state mine officials that they are willing to treat with the men upon favorable terms to the miners. Every mine in Iowa will suspend this afternoon, when the present wage scale expires.

President Lewis of the Iowa miners, arrived this morning and the state convention and conference with operators got down to business on the wage scale. It was announced, however, that it would take some time to go over all the items, and that the mines would practically all shut down tonight on the termination of the agreement in force.

Altho operators indicated they were willing to grant 5 per cent increase to men who care for properties during suspension, the workers do not seem willing to accede.

### Coal Shortage Closes Factory.

Lorain, O., March 31.—Thru the shutting down of a large part of the plant of the National Tube Company today, about 4,000 men were thrown out of work. The company says the shortage of coal is responsible for the enforced idleness.

### Playing a Waiting Game.

Saginaw, Mich., March 31.—Thomas W. Davis, commissioner for the coal mine operators, said today the Michigan operators were inclined to await the action of some of the larger districts. About 3,400 Michigan miners will quit work tonight.

### Carlisle Indians Receive Diplomas.

Carlisle, Pa., March 31.—The graduating class of the Indian school at Carlisle received diplomas today, from

the hands of Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine, who delivered an address to the class.

### AIRSHIP LINE TO LONDON.

### Utah Man Plans Route for Line of Aeroplanes.

Washington, March 31.—A line of airships of the Zepppelin type to ply between New York and London, via Peeking, is proposed by A. E. H. Peeking, who says he has been already negotiating with Count Zepppelin. His line has been proposed for the transit of passengers Broderick, written to Postmaster General, asking if the postoffice department has authority to transport mails by airships. He has been advised that it could not be done unless congress specify airships as a means of transportation. The principal stations on the proposed route will be New York, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Tokyo, Peking, Irkutsk, Omsk, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Paris and London.

### MRS KELLEHER SANE.

### Somersville Woman Must Stand Trial for Murder of Her Family.

Cambridge, Mass., March 31.—The sanity of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, who was established today by a commission and the Somersville woman must stand trial for murder in the first degree in six counts in connection with the death by arsenical poisoning of six members of her family. The trial is set for next Monday but may possibly be delayed as the government's side is seriously handicapped by the recent death of Assistant District Attorney Hardy.

### EXTRADITION FOR ARMOUR.

### Requisition Papers Filed by New Jersey Authorities With Governor Fort.

Trenton, N. J., March 31.—Requisition papers for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, recently indicted by the Hudson county grand jury, for conspiracy in controlling the price of meat products, were filed with Governor Fort today.

### FRANCE HIGHLY PLEASED

### Dinner Given to American Ambassador to Felicitate Over Settlement of Tariff Problems—Bacon Gives Dupuy Credit.

Paris, March 31.—Minister of Commerce Dupuy gave a luncheon today in celebration of the conclusion of the Franco-American tariff agreement. American Ambassador Bacon was a guest of honor. There were also present a number of prominent American and French officials.

Dupuy and Bacon made felicitous speeches. Dupuy voiced general satisfaction and French congratulations upon the conclusion of the accord, not only because the material interests of the two countries had been reciprocally and equally respected, but further because it means a reaffirmation of friendship more than the secular uniting of the two republics.

Bacon said that both France and the United States were open to congratulations upon the happy issue of these negotiations, and pointed out that their success was due especially to the efforts of Foreign Minister Dupuy and Ambassador Jusserand. He hailed the accord as strengthening the ties of sympathy, friendship and fraternity which bind the sister republics.

### CHURCH PARSONAGE BURNED.

### Fire at Manchester Destroys Home of Congregational Minister.

Manchester, March 31.—Fire at 9:15 this morning destroyed the Congregational parsonage, occupied by Rev. J. F. Moore. It started in the rear of the house from the kitchen stove and spread to the roof, which was practically destroyed. All the goods were removed. The loss is \$1,200, covered by insurance.

### FAY'S LOOT IN WEST

### His Arrest Recalls Operations in Southern California, Where He Got Away With \$50,000 in Stamps and Coin.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 31.—Burglaries in Los Angeles, Pasadena and San Diego which netted him nearly \$50,000 in stamps and coin, no part of which never has been recovered, are charged to "Eddy" Fay, now under arrest in New York accused of participating in the Richmond, Va., postoffice robbery. Fay was well known here several years ago, occupying sumptuous quarters in a hotel, entertaining lavishly and posing as a man of wealth and leisure. He suddenly disappeared in 1906, and the day of his disappearance the Nichi-Bel-Ginko, a Japanese bank, reported its safe dynamited and \$16,000 in gold and notes secured. Fay's resemblance to a photograph in the rogues' gallery directed suspicion toward him, and he was traced to Central America, but could not be extradited. A few days after the bank robbery, the San Diego postoffice lost \$10,778 in stamps and \$4,000 in gold. In 1907 the Pasadena postoffice was looted of \$13,000 in stamps.

### FIRE HORROR IN INDIA.

### Twenty-Five Women and Children Burned to Death.

Bombay, March 31.—Twenty-five women and children were burned to death in a fire that today destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhillwara.

### Mount Etna Active Again.

Catania, March 31.—The eruption of Mount Etna increased in intensity today. Lava is flowing in the direction of Borroello at the rate of 142 feet an hour.

## PINCHOT SHOWS UP; SAILED UNDER ALIAS

### FORMER FORESTER REACHES HAMBURG AND LEAVES FOR COPENHAGEN.

### EMBARKED AS "GAYLORD SMITH" TO AVOID REPORTERS

### Passengers With Whom He Converses Convinced He is Going to Meet Roosevelt—Side Trip to Denmark to See His Sister, Lady Alan Johnston, Who is Ill.

Hamburg, March 31.—Gifford Pinchot landed here yesterday and this morning he left for Copenhagen. Upon embarking at New York Pinchot was listed as "Gaylord Smith" in order that he might avoid reporters. He, however, once out of New York harbor, made no attempt to conceal his identity and conversed freely with the other passengers. He did not make known his definite intention of meeting with Roosevelt, but fellow passengers who were in close touch with him affirmed today that they had gained the impression that such meeting was proposed.

Pinchot received some mail and several telegrams here. His visit to Copenhagen is for the purpose of calling upon his sister, Lady Alan Johnston, wife of the British minister to Denmark, who is ill.

### COAL CLAIMS MAY BE PROBED.

### Committee May Make Direct Inquiry Into Guggenheim-Morgan Holdings.

Washington, March 31.—An order for further detailed documentary evidence issued yesterday by the Ballinger investigation committee indicates that the first apparent object of the investigation may sink into secondary importance and may be superseded in public interest by an actual, direct inquiry into the question whether the vast inestimable wealth of Alaska has fallen into the hands of the Guggenheims and Morgan.

The surprisingly contradictory statements which have developed regarding the status of agreement reached between Cunningham and his associates and the Morgan-Guggenheim interests so far remain unexplained.

The committee has before it the documentary evidence that on Dec. 7, 1907, Daniel Guggenheim accepted the terms of an agreement with Cunningham and his associates by which the Guggenheims should obtain a half interest in a \$5,000,000 stock company by the payment of \$250,000, and that the company should furnish the Guggenheims unlimited coal at \$2.50 a ton.

Another document which bears the date of March 6, 1908—three months later—contains the sworn statement of Clarence Cunningham that the Guggenheims no interest whatever, direct or indirect, in the so-called Cunningham claims in Alaska.

The discrepancy was pointed out when former Secretary Garfield was on the stand.

Representative James asked him: "When when he (Cunningham) swore that nothing like that existed, that was a stall, was it not?"

"I think so," replied Garfield. The Cunningham supporters contend that the Guggenheims failed to carry out certain provisions of the agreement and that it was abrogated for that reason. They also contend that Cunningham and the men who acted with him had no authority to act for the claimants.

The testimony of Stephen Birch, managing director and John N. Steves, counsel for the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate, showed that the syndicate controls all the steamships plying from Washington ports to Alaska and the only two railroads capable of running in the territory. In addition it was shown that the syndicate controls the only practicable gateways to the interior of Alaska.

The fact that in the beginning of the Alaska coal land investigation it was contended by several of those supposed to be interested, that the Guggenheims had no part in the coal land claims and the reverse is now openly admitted and shown by evidence, combined with the contradictory statements, is expected to lead deeper into the matter than was originally contemplated.

With the steamship lines, and the railroads in their possession, it is shown that the Guggenheims and Morgan sought to control the coal output. Many Alaskan authorities point out that with the control of the coal the syndicate would control practically the entire industry of the territory and in effect everybody in Alaska would be working directly or indirectly for the Guggenheims and J. P. Morgan.

### TO PROMOTE CANADIAN TRADE.

### Conference to Be Held Soon Between Taft and Laurier.

Ottawa, Ont., March 31.—While the time and place are yet to be definitely fixed, there soon will be a conference on better trade relations between Canada and the United States, according to a statement made by the Canadian prime minister's office today. It is probable the meeting will take place in May at Washington and be participated in by President Taft, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Minister of Finance Fielding.

### PICKETT SEES PRESIDENT.

### Taft Laboring in Behalf of His Conservation Bill.

Washington, March 31.—Representative Mondell of Wyoming; Pickett of Iowa; and Smith of California, had an extended talk with the president today regarding the conservation bill, which

gives to the president the definite right to withdraw public lands from entry pending legislation by congress. Taft expressed a hope that the bill would be passed at this session.

### TROPHIES TO NATIONAL MUSEUM

### Roosevelt's Specimens Not to Be Distributed Among Different Institutions.

Washington, March 31.—Roosevelt's African hunt trophies are intended for the Smithsonian Institution alone for exhibition in the national museum and will not be distributed among the museums of the country. Officials of the institution have just made such an announcement to correct an impression that prevailed throughout the country that specimens sent home by the expedition of which the former president was the head, would be for general distribution.

### JUDGE ROUTS BURGLAR

### Platt, of Waterloo, Finds Intruder in Home and Looks Into Muzzle of Gun, But Crook Took to His Heels.

Waterloo, March 31.—Burglars entered the home of Judge Franklin Platt, of the district court at 4 o'clock this morning by placing a sixteen-foot ladder to window of the maid's room on the second floor. Mrs. Platt saw a man at the foot of the bed and called the judge, who sprang up. The burglar drew a gun and warned him back. The judge backed the intruder out of the room and slammed the door. The burglar attempted to force the door and the judge asked his wife to bring his revolver, which she did. The burglar then passed into the room of the judge's daughter, who was awakened and was warned by the intruder to be still. His exit from the house was then made down the ladder. The maid being awakened, saw two men climb out thru the window. Nothing was stolen. The police were notified and arrived in two minutes. This was the second national burglary of a similar character in three days.

### EMPLOYEES TURN DOWN OFFER.

### Erie Railroad Company Would Compromise on 6 Per Cent Raise.

New York, March 31.—The Erie Railroad Company today offered all its employees now receiving under \$800 per month an increase of 6 per cent in wages provided the original demands made by the men be withdrawn. Representatives of the men refused the offer.

### TARIFF AGREEMENT.

### Canada Agrees to U. S. Intermediate Rate on Forty Articles of Export.

Washington, March 31.—President Taft late yesterday signed the proclamation according the minimum tariff rates to Canadian imports, and at the same time the basis of arrangement between the two governments was announced by Secretary of State Knox.

Canada accords to the United States the intermediate rate on thirteen numbers, including about forty articles of export from the United States, and the blanket clause imposing a rate of 17.5 per cent on commodities not otherwise enumerated in the Canadian tariff list. In addition, the United States proposes to take up later the question of reciprocal trade arrangements.

The intermediate rates conceded by Canada apply to commodities imported from the United States to the extent of \$5,000,000 and are the same as the rates of the Franco-Canadian agreement covering these articles. They are principally dried fruits, toilet soaps and perfumes, watch actions and movements, photographs, engravings, etc., artificial flowers and feathers, tableware of china and porcelain and leather goods.

In his statement issued simultaneously with the signing of the proclamation, Secretary Knox included an analysis of the concession obtained by the United States and the notes which passed between the state department and the Canadian ministers.

It is explained in the analysis that the 2 1/2 to 5 per cent reduction below the rate of the Franco-Canadian treaty, did not enter of itself into the negotiations. That reduction was extended to France in return for a similar reduction on Canadian imports to the country and the discrimination, because the United States offered no similar reduction in return.

But the same reduction was extended to other countries, notably Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Spain and Japan, which compete with the United States in Canadian markets under old treaties made with Great Britain, containing "most favored nation" clauses. By a process of elimination, the tariff conference decided on the list of products in which the United States competed with these countries, and in the final negotiations these products were accorded the same rate when imported from the United States that they are given when imported from Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Spain and Japan.

In addition, the United States will secure the benefit of the Canadian omnibus or basket clause of the tariff law, which will include all articles heretofore imported into Canada from the United States from 20 to 27 1/2 per cent ad valorem.

In connection with Secretary Knox's statement there was made public a letter written by the secretary to W. S. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, at the conclusion of the first conference at the instance of President Taft in which the president proposed negotiations looking toward the establishment of closer trade relations between Canada and the United States. The letter says, in part:

"I am gratified that the recent tendencies toward a more perfect understanding between our respective countries, manifested so conspicuously in the maturing adjustments of boundary waters, fisheries and the long standing differences which have not been affected by our failure to agree upon the tariff question.

"The president is confident that the policy of broader and closer commercial relations with Canada will receive the hearty support of the majority of the people of the United States and he has learned with much satisfaction of the experience of a similar sentiment in the dominion."

### RAIN STOPS FOREST FIRES.

### Destruction of Schofield, Wis., Prevented by Showers.

Wausau, Wis., March 31.—The nearly last night and the work of nearly 500 men prevented the destruction of Schofield by the forest fires, and today the fire was almost extinguished.

### FROST IN NEBRASKA.

### Southern Part of State Nipped—Damage to Fruit.

Lincoln, Neb., March 31.—A heavy frost visited the southern section of Nebraska today, damaging fruit.

## SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR JUSTICE BREWER

### UNOSTENTATIOUS SERVICE HELD IN WASHINGTON ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS.

### PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ATTENDED.

### Representatives of Congress Also Attended—Body Will Be Buried in Leavenworth, Kan., Next Saturday, Where Services Will Be Held in Congregational Church.

Washington, March 31.—Funeral services, simple and unostentatious, were held today for the late Justice Brewer, and an hour later the body was on the way for burial at Leavenworth, Kan. The president of the United States, members of the supreme court, except Moody, who is ill, and representatives from the house and senate acted as honorary pall bearers. Only members of the family and a few intimate friends were present beside them. All, with the exception of President Taft, went with the body to the special car at the station.

All classes in George Washington University, where the late justice was a lecturer, were abandoned and the university buildings were closed during the day.

The train will arrive in Leavenworth Saturday morning. Services will be held there in the First Congregational church and the body will be in Mount Muncie cemetery beside the graves of the justice's first wife and her daughter.

### REMAINS STEAM ROAD

### President Loring of Ft. Dodge and Des Moines Interurban in Boone—General Manager Blake Vigorously Denies That Road Seeks Control of Crooked Creek Line.

Special to Times-Republican. Boone, March 31.—President Homer Loring, of the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern Interurban, is here from Boston. His general manager, J. L. Blake, this morning denied that anything was to be done about the Crooked Creek proposition. "Absolutely nothing done," said Blake. "We are not trying to get this property, despite all reports to the contrary."

### THIS CORN SHOULD MATURE.

### Cass County Farmer Will Soon Be Cultivating Crop.

Special to Times-Republican. Creston, March 31.—John L. Ehlen, a prominent and successful farmer of Massena, planted a ten-acre field of corn, March 22 which is now showing above the ground. Seed, from the 1908 crop was used, and has germinated well, altho the time of planting is the earliest in the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." Mr. Ehlen planted his corn early last year, had a fine crop, and it matured early so he was enabled to gather it before the snowfall came. He expects to plant a large crop this year, and will follow up his first planting as rapidly as possible.

### JERNEGAN OUT AGAIN.

### Franklin County Having Four Cornered Fight for Sheriff.

Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, March 31.—Sheriff C. L. Jernegan, now serving his second term in this county, has duly announced his candidacy for re-election to that office. Mr. Jernegan declares that in again becoming a candidate he is not unmindful of his former declarations in regard to serving a third time, but says, "I have no right to say that the people shall or shall not support candidates whom they see fit." The other candidates for sheriff so far announced are J. M. Little, A. P. Millet, and John Wurtzer.

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### T.-R. BULLETIN

### Noticeable News of Today

### The Weather.

Sun rises April 1 at 5:44, sets at 6:25. Iowa—Fair tonight and Friday; warmer in the northwest tonight. Illinois—Fair tonight and Friday; cooler in the east and south tonight. Michigan—Partly tonight and Friday; moderate temperature. South Dakota—Fair tonight and Friday; warmer in the southeast tonight; cooler Friday.

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Markets and General: Gains in Wheat. Corn Sags After Strong Opening. Hogs in Better Tone. No Price Change in Cattle. Democrats Torn by Factionalism.

### FERRETS AFTER HULL

### Suceeded in Gaining Public Hearing on Claim For Taxes on \$40,000 Worth of Concealed Property.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, March 31.—Local tax ferrets today forced a public hearing in the matter of their claim for back taxes on concealed property valued at \$40,000 and belonging to Congressman Hull. The controversy also involves whether his residence is in Iowa or he can claim residence in Virginia. The members of the tax ferret firm are both staunch political supporters of Hull.

### ELEVATOR ORDERED MOVED.

### Court Makes Final Disposition of Merrill Property at Eldora.

Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, March 31.—Judge Lee, yesterday afternoon, handed down an opinion in the district court here, regarding the property of Daniel Merrill, notified that he has forty days in which to remove his elevator, coal sheds, weighing scales and other accessories from the Iowa Central property on which it is now located. If for any reason the elevator, together with the other property, is not removed within the forty days, the railroad company is given permission to remove the same. The case is the outgrowth of the Edgar Smith bankruptcy case. Smith owned the elevator, but before going bankrupt he transferred the elevator to a Daniel Merrill, who had owned it previously. When the case came for a hearing it was found that Smith did not have many assets and that the elevator belonged to Merrill. Then complications arose. Some time ago the elevator was offered at sheriff's sale, and was bid in by Merrill. As Merrill was the previous owner, it was found necessary to readvertise and hold another sheriff's sale. The case is quite complicated.

### SHERIFF SPOILED THE SHOW.

### Crowd of Sports Obligated to Forego Pleasure of Witnessing Cock Fight.

Special to Times-Republican. Creston, March 31.—A number of sports from Osceola and Des Moines, with a following from this city, making about fifty in all, met at the fair grounds, in this city Tuesday night, to enjoy a cock fight. They had about eighteen birds with them and plenty of refreshments, and just about the time the sport was to begin, the crowd were dismayed to see Sheriff Mason and deputy walk into their midst, and declare there must be "nothing doing." Consequently the affair was nipped "in the bud," and the sporting element obliged to seek another locality for their entertainment.

### BRAKEMAN FATALLY HURT.

### C. L. Thomas, of Perry, Badly Injured in Accident at Underwood.

Special to Times-Republican. Council Bluffs, March 31.—While attempting to board his train at Underwood late last night, C. L. Thomas, a brakeman on the Milwaukee road, whose home is in Perry, fell and was probably fatally hurt. He was hit upon the head by some object. Thomas was hurried to Council Bluffs and placed in a hospital.

### Veteran Northwestern Employee Dead.

### Clinton, Ill., March 31.—W. A. Cooper, foreman of the car department of the Chicago & Northwestern, died suddenly this afternoon while at work, aged 66 years.

### New Cabinet at Rome.

### Rome, March 31.—A new cabinet has been formed with Signor Luzzatti as premier and minister of the interior.

### Minneapolis Wheat.

### Minneapolis, March 31.—Cash wheat closed—No. 1 hard, 1.18 @ 1.17 1/2; No. 2 northern, 1.15 @ 1.14; No. 3 northern, 1.07 1/2 @ 1.07.

## UNCLE SAM SENDS CRUISER TO LIBERIA

### DISPATCHES VESSEL TO MONROVIA, THE CAPITAL, TO PROTECT AMERICANS.

### LIFE OF LITTLE REPUBLIC ENDANGERED BY TRIBESMEN

### Situation Critical and United States Seeks to Prevent Intervention by Some Other Power—English and French Ships on Way to Scene of Trouble.

Washington, March 31.—The situation in Liberia is causing apprehension here. The attack by native tribes upon the English factory and Liberian troops endangers the existence of the republic. In addition there is a state of practical demoralization at Monrovia, the capital, and the finances of the country are in desperate plight. These might easily serve as a pretext for intervention by some of the European powers. Such intervention usually leads to permanent domination, and the state department is resolved this shall not be. The cruiser Birmingham is on the way to protect American interests. Already British and French warships are on the way to the seat of trouble, so with some satisfaction the navy department today announced the sailing this morning from St. Vincent, C. V., of the swift scout cruiser Birmingham directed for Monrovia, where she should arrive by next Saturday evening.

Altho, American minister to Liberia is aboard the cruiser, with specific instructions from the state department to do what is necessary to be done to protect American interests in Liberia, and to help out the administration there as far as can properly be done.

### BOMB SHAKES TENEMENT.

### Police Attribute Explosion in New York Structure to "Black Hand."

New York, March 31.—The explosion of a bomb in the basement of an East Thirty-Ninth street tenement today shook the structure to its foundation, shattering every pane of glass in the building and created such a panic thru-out the entire block that it was necessary to call out the police reserves.

Traces of burned fuses found indicated it to be a fully prepared plot that the police attribute to "Black Hand" operators. There have been several explosions in this vicinity recently, but there are no clues to perpetrators.

### MILITARY TRAIN WRECKED.

### More Than 200 Men Injured in German Railway Horror.

Mulheim Am Rhein, Germany, March 31.—It appears today that upward of 200 persons were more or less seriously injured when an express train derailed and wrecked the military train bound for Strassburg yesterday. The dead total twenty-two. Six of the injured are dying. The victims were soldiers. Two signal men have been arrested charged with having given both trains the right of way at the same moment.

### CHICAGO SUBURB SCORCHED.

### Village of River Grove Suffers \$50,000 Loss by Fire.

Chicago, March 31.—The village of River Grove, eleven miles northwest of this city, was threatened with destruction by fire today, and it was only after a hard fight by firemen, assisted by others of nearby towns, that a majority of the buildings were saved. Six buildings were destroyed and the loss is estimated at over \$50,000.

### SAYLER MURDER TRIAL.

### Sister of Slain Man Testifies for the State.

Watseka, Ill., March 31.—The most important evidence in the Sayler case today was given by Mrs. Myrtle Green, sister of the murdered man, who declared Mrs. Sayler showed no sign of grief over the death of her husband and blamed him for the trouble. This caused Mrs. Green at the time to denounce Dr. Miller.

### BRITISH LINER GOES DOWN.

### Steamship Pericles Wrecked Off Australian Coast—Passengers Saved.

Perth, West Australia, March 31.—The British liner Pericles was wrecked six miles south of Cape Leeuwin, the southwest point of Australia, today. The passengers and crew took to the small boats and all were landed safely at Cape Leeuwin. Soon after being abandoned the steamer disappeared beneath the water.

### Killed by Policeman.