

## WAR NEWS IS LACKING.

No Information Can Be Gained of Army Movements in Africa.

## MAY BE SIGNIFICANCE

It is Believed That Secret Operations of an I. don Character Are in Prog. Not Likely to Overtake the Boers.

London, April 30.—The total absence of news from the seat of war in South Africa during the last thirty-six hours, it is presumed, indicates that operations are progressing which it is deemed prudent to keep secret.

So far as the situation in the southern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest dispatches, the main body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently holding Thabun Chu, Leeuw kop and Dewetsdorp, is retiring, probably with a view to joining in the neighborhood of Ladybrand the commandoes from the vicinity of Wepener, who, according to a dispatch from Alwal North, dated April 28, made good their retreat to Ladybrand. The main body of the Boers is being followed by Generals Hamilton, French Brabant and Hart, while General Rundle also is on the spot.

The British thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers if they succeed in overtaking them and bring them to bay.

It may be assumed that the Boers are to the eastward of a line drawn from Thabun Chu to Wepener. The retreat, it seems, is being carried out without fighting, which indicates that the Boers have a good start and the dispatches say that they are not hampered much by transport and leave no visible wheel tracks behind them on the veldt.

This militates against the probability of their being overtaken and forced to a decisive action. While it is possible that news of such a battle may come at any moment, the chance seems even that the retreating commandoes may get away without being forced to turn and fight.

It is within the range of possibilities that Lord Roberts without waiting for the outcome of these maneuvers may begin his advance northward. This may be the secret that the censor has been so jealously guarding. The outcome of this interesting situation cannot now be long delayed.

The news from other points is unimportant and uninteresting. Sniping and shelling continue about Warrenton, apparently ineffectually, as no casualties have been reported on either side.

A special dispatch from Beira, dated April 27, states that the dispatch of General Carrington's division to Rhodesia is proceeding as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Seven transports have already landed troops and stores.

A dispatch from Ladysmith under yesterday's date says there are only small parties of Boers in Tintina pass, but that some hundreds are guarding Van Reenan's and Olivershoek passes. Commandants Debeer and Vanniesker are in charge and their forces have been so disposed that the whole body can be massed at any pass the British may attempt to force.

A dispatch from Dewetsdorp, dated Friday, April 27, says residents of that place assert the strength of the Boer force which recently evacuated the place was 6,000 men, with six guns, under German officers.

## Wife of General Wilson Dead.

Havana, April 30.—The wife of Major General James H. Wilson, military governor of the department of Matanzas, Santa Clara, died Saturday afternoon from the effects of burns accidentally received Saturday morning, while driving with her daughter. While alighting from her carriage Mrs. Wilson stepped on a match, which ignited her dress. Great sympathy is expressed by every one, Cubans and Americans alike, for Wilson's family.

## Iowa Man Dead in Chicago.

Chicago, April 30.—After lying for two days in a lodging house at 154 Clark street, the dead body of L. R. Wierke, aged 45, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was discovered by Clerk McDonald. Death is supposed to have been due to natural causes. In the man's pocket were \$15 and three drafts for \$1,250 on a New York bank.

## Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Tifton, Ga., April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Five men were killed and three injured, one probably fatally, in a boiler explosion in a sawmill here today. The dead are Luther Clair, Hugh Chambers, Gus Nicholson, Jack Ostle and Will Houston, (colored). Many prominent turpentine and stock-brokers buildings in the vicinity of the mill were wrecked. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

## TO IMPEACH MINISTRY.

### Swedish Riksdag Thinks Ministry Has Violated Constitution.

Stockholm, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The constitutional committee in favor of the impeachment of the ministry for violation of the constitution in appointing a Norwegian, Dittén, to the highest departmental post in the foreign office.

## ACCIDENT AT PARIS FAIR.

### Six Killed and Many Hurt by Falling Bridge.

Paris, April 30.—The first fatal accident of the exposition was caused yesterday by the sudden falling of a bridge in the Avenue de Suffren.

Six persons were killed and a large number wounded, many of whom are likely to die.

Yesterday's accident was inevitable, as the government and exposition authorities have been so anxious to make a false show for political reasons and to save the cabinet that the deplorable loss of life is the result. It could have been avoided by careful precautions, but from a practical point of view, nearly all the buildings are unsafe and unprotected even in case of fire.

## Another Accident at Exposition.

Paris, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—There was another accident this afternoon at the exposition. A scaffolding collapsed in the Salles Des Fetes during the inauguration ceremony.

## CATTLE MEN ARE REJOICED.

### Range Herds Come Thru Winter in Excellent Shape.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 30.—W. F. Anderson, traveling live stock agent of the Santa Fe railway, passed thru Salt Lake City Saturday, en route from the annual meetings of the Range Cattle Growers' association of the Dakotas and Montana, just west of Miles City and Helena. These meetings directly and indirectly represent the cattle ranges of the entire northwest. He reports that a thorough canvass of these cattlemen develops a concurrence of opinion that the cattle thruout the entire range country, embracing the upper Missouri valley and its tributaries, including the Yellowstone and Milk river country, came thru the winter in excellent condition with only a nominal loss. Thruout the region mentioned the coming of grass will average from three weeks to a month earlier than usual. This condition of things exists equally favorable all along the line of pasture and ranges from the Rio Grande river to the northwest territory.

## GOV. PINGREE NOW A DEMOCRAT.

### Declares the Hope of the Country is in Bryan's Party.

Detroit, Mich., April 30.—Governor Pingree asserted in an interview yesterday that the hope of the people in this year's general elections is in the democratic party. The governor has always hitherto been an independent republican. Speaking of the increased power of trusts, Governor Pingree said:

"There is no use in hoping that the republican party will do anything with them.

"Are you preparing to announce your withdrawal from the republican party?" the governor was asked.

"There is no announcement about it. I only say what I have said all the while. You haven't heard me say anything against the democrats for some time. I believe that the hope of the people is in the democratic party this fall."

## MAY SETTLE BY ARBITRATION.

### New York Central Official to Confer With Striking Employes.

New York, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Commissioner DeLahanty, of the state board of mediation and arbitration, conferred with the Superintendent of Motive Power, A. M. Waitt, of the New York Central and Hudson river railroad at the latter's offices at the Grand Central station today, regarding the striking men at Buffalo who have asked for an increase of 10 per cent in pay. The conference lasted some time and at its close it was announced that Waitt expressed a desire to go to Buffalo to meet a committee of the striking employes, or would receive such a committee here if the men preferred. No decision was reached on the wage question.

## Woman Philanthropist Dead.

New York, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The death is announced of New Vernon, N. J., of Mrs. Jennie M. Drinkwater Conklin, widely known as a writer of books for girls. Her writings for the religious press are also numerous. Mrs. Conklin was the originator of an organization known as the "Shut In" society, which is a bureau of correspondence for invalids. It has extensive membership and publishes the "Open Window."

## Red Oak Merchant Robbed.

Red Oak, April 30.—Merchant R. J. Edmonds, of Hawthorne, was held up as he was closing his store, assaulted by an unknown man, who beat him on the head with a club, and robbed him of \$50 in silver. An effort to get Edmonds' pocketbook containing \$80 from an inside pocket was unsuccessful. The robber got away. Edmonds was severely hurt.

## Japanese Battleship Ashore.

Portsmouth, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The Japanese battleship Asahi is ashore off the South Sea. Much anxiety is expressed as to the extent of the damage. Her position is extremely hazardous.

## Prominent Stockman Dead.

Pasadena, Cal., April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Luther H. Titus, a prominent turpentine and stock-broker is dead at his home near this city. He had been ill for some time.

## ENDS HER LIFE

Girl Shoots Herself in the Palmer House in Chicago.

## OTTUMWA IS INTERESTED

Just Before Killing Herself Minnie M. Wray Writes a Letter to A. N. Ohler, Recently Agent of American Express Company in This City

The following account of the suicide of Minnie M. Wray in the Palmer house at Chicago last night, taken from the Chicago Tribune, is of especial interest to Ottumwa people, inasmuch as the man mentioned in the case, A. N. Ohler, of Moline, was recently a resident of Ottumwa and is well known in this city. Mr. Ohler was agent for the American Express company here for several months, and left in February for Moline, Ill., where he is now cashier in the office of the same company at that place. The story follows:

Standing and facing a mirror in which she saw the reflection of her own youth and more than ordinary beauty, Minnie M. Wray, 22 years old, shot herself in the temple in her room at the Palmer house, some time Saturday night, and instantly ended a life of which she had grown weary. Before doing so she took precautions to conceal her identity, but left in a waste basket fragments of a letter, a copy of which she is supposed to have sent to A. N. Ohler, cashier for the American Express company, at Moline, Ill. By piecing together these fragments, detectives gained at once a clue to her identity, and a hint of her reasons for self-destruction. It was learned later thru dispatches from Moline that Miss Wray's home was at or near Bedford, Ind.

The letter pieced together from the fragments in the waste-basket reads as follows:

"All my regret is that you will be sad. I have tried to muster the nerve to fight on, but it fails me. I have wrecked too many lives already and must cease. I cannot be happy with so many mistakes in my memory, nor can I ever forget them. The world has no room for me here now. I have no ambition, so end all. Remember my love you and if I fail in my attempt today, perhaps I shall forget, but hope to be successful in ending all. It may be some one will write you regarding me, as I have to put an address on my trunk, but I will send it to the American Express company, thereby avoiding embarrassment for you, if possible. Will send an order for it and the key to you."

The letter was written on the hotel stationery, and the writing was that apparently of an educated person. The young woman's appearance when she registered at the hotel as "L. Gray" on Friday afternoon indicated that she was a girl of good antecedents. Since that time she had not left the room on the sixth floor to which she was assigned.

Everything shows the suicide to have been deliberately planned. To hide her identity the young woman sent away all her former garments in her trunk. Her body when discovered was clad in a cheap black wrapper, evidently purchased for the occasion, and a small revolver was firmly grasped in her hand.

Besides the longer note, scraps of another were found, reading: "Will send trunk under assumed name as per enclosed order. Please do not write home about me. It will cause them sorrow." The name "Leona Graves" was signed to it. The enclosed order was to the American Express company and as follows:

"American Express Company, Moline, Ill.—Please deliver to M. Ohler a trunk addressed to you, from L. Graves, Chicago.

There was one letter which she did not attempt to destroy. It was for the management of the hotel, and was as follows:

"Am tired living. Do not make a fuss about me. Find money in purse to settle hotel bill. Dispose of body quietly. Do not try to locate friends or relations. Don't want them to know. Farewell. L. Gray.

The money she referred to amounted to \$5.00. She had in addition two diamond rings.

When she came to the hotel on Friday afternoon Miss Wray was dressed in a stylishly-made grey traveling suit, with hat to match. Clerk Campbell asked her what name he should register, and she said "L. Gray." Asked what place she was from, she hesitated a moment, and then said: "Oh, well, Chicago will do." But finally said, "Perhaps Monmouth."

Her body was not discovered till 1:30 p. m. The chambermaid, unable to get into the room, reported to the office, and House Officer Will Palmer went up to investigate.

The police were notified at once, and the body taken to Ralston's undertaking rooms at 22 Adams street. The bullet entered the right temple, and passed out at the top of the head. An inquest will be held today.

## Ohler Receives Letter and Trunk.

Moline, Ill., April 30.—The girl who committed suicide at the Palmer house was Minnie M. Wray, 22 years old, and her home is in Indiana. Yesterday morning, A. N. Ohler, cashier of the American Express company at this place, received a letter from Miss Wray, in which she said she was going to destroy herself and had shipped

her trunk to Ohler. He mounted his bicycle and rode to Davenport, where he called up Chicago by long distance telephone and vainly endeavored to ascertain whether the girl had carried out her threat. To a correspondent, Ohler said:

"Her name is Minnie M. Wray. She was visiting me for a week and left for Chicago last Thursday. I have known her nine or ten years, but do not know any of her folks, except one brother, a George Wray, who lives at Lincoln, Neb. I do not know just where her people reside, but she mentioned Bedford, Ind., and I believe it is somewhere near that place. She had lived at home since last December, but prior to that time had been traveling for two years or so in California and Mexico. I have kept company with her for several years, but know of no reason for her rash act."

Ohler refused to make public the contents of the letter he received from Miss Wray. He left for Chicago last night. He came to Moline on February 15 last, from Ottumwa, Ia., where he was agent for the American Express company.

The trunk arrived in Rock Island yesterday and Captain Collier requested the local police to return it to Chicago. Ohler refused to allow this, but finally gave an order to Police Sergeant Bisant for it, and it will be opened and an inventory of the contents furnished the Chicago authorities.

## TAWNEY'S RESOLUTION.

Ways and Means Committee Report it Adversely.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—In the house today Dullzell, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on ways and means, presented a report recommending that the Tawney resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information concerning the amount and character of the duties on the manufacture of oleomargarine by the manufacturers as shown by the duplicates in the possession of the internal revenue bureau, lie upon the table. Tawney and Dolliver presented a minority report recommending that the resolution be adopted. Action upon the report was postponed one week. Corliss, of Michigan, called for a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to disqualify polygamists for election as senators and representatives and prohibiting polygamy and polygamous cohabitation between the sexes. After a short debate it was referred to the committee on judiciary.

## Conferees Unable to Agree.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The conferees on the Porto Rican bill providing for the appointment of temporary officers in the islands here unable to agree today. They determined to report a complete disagreement.

## Kill Resolution of Sympathy.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The supreme court today refused to consider a resolution of sympathy with the Boers.

## Hawaiian Bill Signed.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The president signed the Hawaiian bill at noon today.

## CANNOT MAKE TRAINS STOP.

Supreme Court Says Limited Trains May Pass Up County Seats.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The supreme court today handed down an opinion by Justice Brown in the case of the Big Four Railroad vs. the State of Illinois. The case involved the constitutionality of the state law requiring all trains to stop at county seats. The proceedings originating in the form of a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel "the Big Four" to stop at all county seat stations. The case was decided in favor of the state by the Illinois supreme court, but today the opinion reversed that judgement on the grounds that the law in this case is a direct and unnecessary burden on interstate commerce.

## PREBYTERIANS CHANGE FAITH

Two Ministers Are Ordained as Episcopal Deacons.

Springfield, Ill., April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Rev. Charles B. Williams, late pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lexington, Ill., was today ordained a deacon of the Episcopal church of St. Paul's in this city by Bishop Seymour. The bishop has just returned from New York where he ordained Rev. Dewitt Lincoln Elton, late pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bloomington, as a deacon.

## MILLER IS SENTENCED.

The Franklin Syndicate Man Gets Ten Years in Prison.

New York, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—William E. Miller, manager of the "Franklin syndicate," who was recently convicted of grand larceny, was sentenced today to ten years in prison.

## President Is Indisposed.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—McKinley is suffering from a cold contracted on the trip to Canton. He is doing as much work as ever but to visitors it is apparent that he is considerably indisposed.

## Chief Johnson Resigns.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Claude M. Johnson, chief of the bureau of engraving and printing, has tendered his resignation to Secretary Gage.

## Kentucky Case Argued.

Washington, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The argument in the Kentucky case was begun in the United States supreme court today. The first presentation was made in behalf of Taylor by the attorney, Helm Bruce.

## FOREST FIRES.

They Rage Furiously in North of Michigan.

## TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

Town of Ames is Totally Destroyed, While Nathan and Fisher are in Great Danger—Country Dry—Fires Spread Fast.

Marquette, Wis., April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Forest fires raged furiously north of Fisher, Mich., along the Wisconsin and Michigan railway, Saturday and Sunday. The property damaged was large. Ames, Mich., was practically wiped out, entailing a loss of over \$30,000. A special train was sent up the lines Sunday and all the inhabitants of Ames and Nathan were taken to Pembina for safety. The passenger train which left here last night was unable to get further north than Fisher. The country is very dry and the fires spread rapidly. Fires are said to be burning along the right of way of the Milwaukee road north of Ellis Junction.

## Sensational Elopement.

Fort Dodge, April 30.—Something of a sensation was created here Saturday by the announcement of the elopement of Mrs. L. C. Cruceberry and Will Brown. Mrs. Cruceberry called at the home of her husband's mother Friday morning, leaving her two children, aged three and four years, while the couple were on their way. She did not return that evening and her disappearance was reported to the police. Saturday it developed that Will Brown, a young man about town, was also missing, and mutual friends have found that the two left the city together. This is the second time Mrs. Cruceberry has left her husband, having been taken back and forgiven on previous occasions.

## Meeting Was a Failure.

Des Moines, April 30.—The Iowa board of railway commissioners has returned from its trip to St. Louis, and the members pronounce the joint meeting of commissioners from Illinois, Missouri and Iowa a fiasco. The three boards met pursuant to request of the Southern railway, in St. Louis, Thursday morning, and had been together not more than ten minutes when the Illinois commissioners admitted that the meeting was called at the instigation of certain Illinois railroad interests, just as the Iowa commissioners had been led to believe before the meeting took place.

## Severe Ordeal for Tanner.

Chicago, April 30.—Governor Tanner returned to Springfield this morning. He was not permitted to see any visitors yesterday, under orders from his physicians, Drs. Senn and Fenger.

The diagram made by the X-rays shows the presence of gall-stones and it will be necessary for the governor to submit to an operation. Altho he is in an enfeebled condition, the attending physicians are satisfied that he will be able to undergo the operation within a few days.

## Boy Drowned in Des Moines.

Des Moines, April 30.—Fourteen-year-old Johnny Lyons was drowned at 1:30 Saturday just below the Center street dam. The boy in company with Joseph Haines started to walk across the dam to the east side of the river. When about half way across Johnny, who was in the lead, slipped in such a manner as to throw him forward. He tried to catch at some projecting rocks and board but failed in the attempt and went headlong into the water.

## Selish Spirit at Des Moines.

Des Moines, April 30.—Much trouble is being experienced in securing the necessary \$40,000 to buy the site for the proposed army post. There are several locations offered and the people approached for subscriptions are willing to give provided their favorite location be chosen. Those engaged in raising the money are ready to throw up the matter in disgust.

## Marston Receives Sentence.

Dubuque, April 30.—F. W. Marston, choir leader, evangelist, confidence man and swindler, pleaded guilty at Dubuque to two indictments returned against him by the federal grand jury charging use of the mails to defraud. Marston threw himself on the mercy of the court and got off with a thirteen months' sentence in the Anamosa penitentiary.

## Woman Scalded to Death.

Belmond, April 30.—Mrs. Van Ostren, wife of a prominent farmer living four miles west of the city, fell into a boiler of scalding water Friday night and was fatally burned. She stumbled and fell head first into the boiler, which she was carrying.

## Burglary at Waterloo.

Waterloo, April 30.—(Special.)—The dry goods store of Weisbar & Fassig was burglarized last night. The thieves secured \$2,000 worth of fine silks. No clue.

## BRECKENRIDGE IS SENTENCED.

Waterloo Embellisher Must Serve Five Years in Prison.

Waterloo, April 30.—A. I. Breckenridge, charged with embezzling \$19,354.71 in funds from the Perpetual Building and Loan association in this city, of which he is secretary, and who pleaded guilty to the charge, was Saturday afternoon sentenced by Blair to serve five years at hard labor in the Anamosa penitentiary.

The sentence is the limit for the crime under the laws. The attorneys for the prisoner entered pleas for clemency and before sentence was given introduced medical testimony to show that the prisoner was the victim of general paresis and not responsible for his acts.

## ESCAPED FROM STATE PRISON.

George Wrand Makes Sensational Escape From Anamosa.

Anamosa, April 30.—A sensational escape was made from the Anamosa penitentiary some time between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday morning. George Wrand, who was doing a six-year term for burglary, made his way from the dynamo room into the prison yard and in some manner scaled the walls. All efforts up to the present time to capture him have been futile. Wrand was a trusty about the place, and had been working in the electrical department. The electrician had placed the prisoner on his honor, saying that as yet he had never lost a man under him, and in view of the fact that he was about to sever his connections with the prison, he hoped to be able to continue his good record. The officials discovered Saturday that Wrand had contemplated making his escape for some time. He had prepared a bunch of skeleton keys and tried them in the doors. Friday night Wrand made another effort to get the keys perfected, and in so doing broke one of them in the lock. He reasoned that as soon as that fact became known to the officials he would lose his job in the dynamo room and be placed in the stone shed, where all opportunity for escape would be cut off. It was gone then or serve his full term, which would include about eight months of good time that was credited to him. While the guard was absent he fled a bar from the door and escaped.

## BOARD WILL VISIT ASYLUMS.

County, Kinne and Robinson Will Investigate County Institutions.

Des Moines, April 30.—The state board of control has decided to make the first visits to the county and private institutions which care for the insane. The law, as passed by the legislature, provides that the board may make the visit or employ any other person to do it. The board has decided that as it must formulate rules for the government of the institutions and the care of the inmates on the basis of the visits made to the institutions, it should make the visits itself. Therefore, the state will be divided into three districts and the members of the board will make the visits this summer. It is expected that the institution will all be visited and the rules formulated by fall. Subsequent visits may be made by other persons.

The board visited the Mitchellville institution on Saturday, getting up at 4 o'clock to make the visit during the forenoon. The institution is in excellent condition. The new heating plant was located.

## ARRESTED FOR ADULTERY.

M. H. Moore and Mrs. Ida Kersey in Custody at Nevada.

Nevada, April 30.—M. H. Moore, a Chicago and Northwestern operator at the block just west of Nevada, and Mrs. Ida Kersey have been arrested by the husband of the latter, a farmer, charging them with the crime of adultery. The preliminary hearing was in progress before Justice E. M. McCall Friday. Mr. Kersey states that he has been aware of irregularities in his wife's conduct for some time, and that he suspected that she had been spending nights in the block house with the operator when he was away from home. He accordingly laid his plans to get proof for his convictions, and says that he caught his wife in the act of committing adultery with the operator. The result of the trial is awaited with interest.

## Fort Madison Without Police.

Ft. Madison, April 30.—The city council held a special meeting Friday evening for the purpose of considering the recent resolution of Alderman Kinsley relative to the police force. At the opening of the meeting the mayor returned an unsigned resolution offered by Mr. Kinsley at a prior meeting dismissing the entire police force with the exception of the marshal and deputy. At the same time he stated his reasons for refusing to sign the resolution, saying in substance that he did not think it possible to police a city of 1,000 population with a marshal and deputy, and that he would suggest other legislation in the line of economics.

## Got Six-Year Concession.

Panama, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—A dispatch to the Star and Herald from Bogota today announces that the Panama canal company's concession has been extended six years commencing April, 1904.

## REJOICE TO SEE DEWEY

Chicago Welcomes Hero of Manila Bay With Open Arms.

## CROWDS CHEER ADMIRAL

Route of the Hero From Station to the Auditorium Thronged With People—Saluted by Artillery and Ships—A Grand Ball Tonight.

Chicago, April 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Amid the booming of cannon, and the cheers of hundreds of people, Dewey arrived in Chicago today. The special train bearing the admiral and Mrs. Dewey, Lieutenant Caldwell, his secretary, and Lieutenant Crawford, was met near South Chicago by a special train carrying the general executive committee of the Dewey celebration, including Mayor Harrison, president Charles A. Plamondon and the admiral's son, George Goodwin Dewey.

The admiral's train arrived at the grand central station, Fifth avenue and Harrison street, six minutes ahead of the schedule time, 11 o'clock. As the admiral alighted from the train prolonged cheers went up from the assembled crowds and headed by a platoon of police, the drive was begun to the auditorium annex where apartments had been reserved for Dewey. Jackson boulevard, along which the procession passed, was lined with people anxious to see the hero of Manila Bay and the admiral was kept busy lifting his hat in response to the cheers from the crowds. As the party reached the corner of Jackson Boulevard and Dearborn streets a signal man on the top of the great Northern hotel wiggled that fact to the land battery stationed in the Chicago, Rock-Island and Pacific railway yards and to the officers of the revenue cutter Morrill and the United States ship Michigan out in the harbor. Instantly the land battery roared out the admiral's salute of seventeen guns while the guns of the ships fired the twenty-one rounds of the naval salute. After a brief rest at the hotel, Dewey was escorted at 12:30 o'clock to an informal breakfast given to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey by the members of the woman's reception committee. At 2:30 o'clock the admiral was given a reception by the Canadian-American association which presented an invitation to him to visit Canada at his pleasure. The program tonight includes the illumination of the lake front at 7:30, a reception to the committee members at the Auditorium at 9 and a naval, military and civic ball in the Auditorium at 10 o'clock.

## The Patent is Exempt.

Dubuque, April 30.—Judge Shiras Saturday rendered a decision in the case of John McDonald in the bankruptcy from Wright county. When the defendant went into bankruptcy he had pending an application for patents and after becoming bankrupt the patent was granted. The question then arose as to whether this patent would become part of his assets. Judge Shiras, in his opinion, rules that the trustee in bankruptcy is not to take as part of the assets of the bankrupt's estate the latter's patent issued to the bankrupt after the date of adjudication, altho the application therefor had been filed in the patent office before filing of the petition in bankruptcy.

## Northwestern Brakeman Killed.

Whitten, April 30.—While train No. 21, C. & N. W., west-bound, was switching in the yards at this place Friday, Head Brakeman V. F. O'Dean met his death. The first two cars of the train passed over his left hip and leg, crushing them in such a manner that the unfortunate man bled to death before a physician who was called as soon as the accident occurred, could render assistance.

## Voted a Telephone Franchise.

Tipton, April 30.—The special election held here Friday to decide whether Hall Bros., of Cedar Rapids, should be granted a franchise to erect and maintain a telephone exchange resulted in a victory for Hall Bros. by a majority of 104 votes. There was a fight made by Tipton capitalists who wanted to put in a telephone system and who argued that the franchise should be given to home people.

## Refused to Apologize.

Des Moines, April 30.—Captain H. J. Morgan, for years an employe of the Mitchellville institution and who for five months has been in California resting and recuperating after twelve years of labor for the state of Iowa, has been notified by John Cowrie of the state board of control that if he will apologize for an interview in the Daily Capital on the Mitchellville riot he can have his place back again. The doughy captain refused. He maintained that the interview was correct.