

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN EPI TOMI DIGEST OF THE NEWS WORTH TELLING CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS.

Washington. The senate has confirmed the nomi nations of Horace G. Knowles to be minister to Roumania and Servia, and Arthur F. Statter to be assistant sec retary of the treasury.

Secretary Hitchcock has withdrawn 665,000 acres of alienated public lands in Western Colorado from all forms of disposal under the public land laws for an addition to the Uncompahgre re serve.

The American Red Cross has re ceived cable news from Mr. Ellis, who, at the request of the Christian Herald, made a trip into the famine district of China, that he finds famine condi tions worse than reported. He states that \$3,000,000 must be sent within five months.

George B. Cortelyou has been con firmed as secretary of the treasury. At the same time James R. Garfield was confirmed to be secretary of the interior, George von L. Meyer to be postmaster general and Herbert Knox Smith to be commissioner of corpora tions to succeed Mr. Garfield.

Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor, has directed that Marian Zartarian, his fifteen year-old girl, who arrived at Boston last April, be allowed to land. When she arrived the girl was found to be afflicted with trachoma, but a recent examination developed that the dis ease had disappeared.

People Talked About. James Stillman, the American bank er, has been decorated as a chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

J. Lirzee Snelling, late United States appraiser of the port of Boston, and for many years a well known railroad man, died at his home in Newton, Mass.

Edgar E. Robinson of the University of Wisconsin won the first prize of \$100 in the fourth annual prize oration contest of the Hamilton club of Chi cago.

Jimmy Britt, the prize fighter, is en gaged to be married to Miss Neva Ay mar, the actress. This is a knockout blow to Young Corbett, who it was thought Miss Aymar would marry.

Ernest W. Brown, professor of mathematics at Haverford college, has been awarded a gold medal by the Royal Astronomical society in recog nition of his researches into the lunar theory.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee, who com manded the battleship Maine when that vessel was blown up in the harbor of Havana, in April, 1898, has been transferred to the retired list on ac count of age.

Dr. F. E. J. Lloyd, for four years rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church at Uniontown, Pa., has left the Epis copal ministry and will become a mis sionary to non-Catholics, under the au thority of the Catholic church.

Criminal. Gov. Higgins of Rhode Island has of fered a reward for the murderers of Samuel Slater, who was shot and killed at Taylorville.

George H. Moreland, a farmer, sud denly became insane at Geneva, Ohio, and killed his two sons, aged seven and nine, respectively, by slashing their throats with a razor.

Stuart Millsap, a rural mail carrier of Webster City, Iowa, charged with the serious crime of violating the per son of a pretty fifteen-year-old girl, has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared.

J. E. Shoemaker, the dispatcher in Topoka, and John Lynes, the operator in Volland, Kan., are both held in a measure responsible for the Rock Is land wreck near Volland Jan. 7, in which thirty-two persons were killed, by the coroner's jury.

Violation of the Sherman act pre venting combinations in restraint of trade is charged in a suit against sev eral steamship companies and their New York agents brought in the United States circuit court in New York by Thomas & Co., exporters. The plaintiff seeks redress in the amount of \$46,680, three times the amount of damages alleged.

Casualty. John Weaver, a farmer, was struck and instantly killed by a Milwaukee train at Tama, Iowa.

Warren Heath, a gasmaker for the Clear Lake, Iowa, Gas company, was found unconscious in a room over the plant where he had gone to sleep after filling the tanks with gas the night before.

One Italian workman was killed and another badly injured by the explosion of a ton of dynamite in the South Shore Stone company's quarry at Mon roe, Mich.

The sawmill of Dupese & Hale of Ellis Junction, Wis., near Menominee, Mich., was completely destroyed by fire. The loss was \$8,000; partly cov ered by insurance.

In a dash to reach the bedside of his ill wife in Richmond, Va., on a light engine tendered him by the company for the purpose, James Greer, an en gineer, killed two men.

Landslides along Elk river destroyed gas mains and Charleston, W. Va., may be without gas for three days. Every industry is paralyzed, street cars and newspapers suspended and people are hungry and cold. Because no printing can be done the legislature probably will adjourn.

The first hunting fatality of the new year is reported from Luce county, Michigan. Thomas Young, aged twenty-three, a newcomer from England, was the victim. He was shot and mortally wounded by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

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URGENT NEED OF SUPPLIES— ENGLAND AND AMERICA PLAN TO SEND AID.

Kingston, the beautiful capital of the island of Jamaica, was devastated by an earthquake Monday afternoon, Jan. 11. Fire quickly followed the shock and practically completed the work of destruction.

In its disastrous effects, both to life and property, the disaster is as great as the calamity of San Francisco and Valparaiso.

The destruction of all cable com munication made it impossible to get accurate details of the disaster for several days, but as reports come in they add to the awful horror of the calamity.

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Thousands of persons were on the streets of Kingston at the time, and great numbers of them were crushed. Many Americans in Kingston were killed and have been buried.

Part of the town of Port Royal has been sunk and two men were drowned. The batteries sunk eight feet, killing a sapper. In several places the water is spouting through the debris.

Port Antonio, on the north of the

has increased and with it stalks the spectre of pestilence. There is urgent need for supplies of all kinds and en ergetic efforts are being made in this country and England to send aid.

The business section of the city has been wiped out, and the estimates of the damage range from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

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Find Boy Badly Injured. Bemidji, Jan. 20.—Earl Warner nine years old, was found lying along side the road with a wound in his head which may have fatal results. It is believed that the boy was kicked by one of the horses he was attempting to capture.

Brainerd Youth Is Killed. Brainerd, Minn., Jan. 29.—Ernest Dunlop, eighteen years old, of this city, was accidentally shot at Tam rack while hunting.

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE A Calm View of the Present Situa tion.

To the Editor: I am devoting such por tion of my time as I can command this winter to correspondence, and in the liter ature, and it seems to me that the situa tion is one which makes it the duty of thoughtful men who feel that they can fairly and impartially consider the re lation which the railroads occupy to wards the people to speak for the public interests. For nearly half a century I have followed the history of the railroads, and the development of the great Northwest. I have never in my life owned a share of railroad stock, and in the employ of a railroad or other corporation to advance their interests, either in accord or op pose to the popular sentiment, and still modestly claiming to some extent that I occupy the position of a publicist. I feel as a sense of duty the importance to the public to urge a thoughtful consideration of the present situation. I make no claim to speak for the railroads, but I do feel that as one who for nearly fifty years has sincerely and honestly written and spoken to advance and care for the public wel fare that I have some right to express my views without my motives being im pugned. The railroads are very far from perfect. They are not conducted with an eye single to the public welfare, and they have rights and there are two sides to the question of their control and the public, and you cannot cripple or damage them without crippling or damaging your self.

Mr. J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, addressed the St. Paul Westerners' association at Minneapolis a few days ago, and certainly gave some thoughts for serious consideration. He made a statement that there really are two sides. I ask permission to quote some of the views he has ex pressed.

Among other things Mr. Hill said: "But I want to ask your most earnest attention, and I want to ask upon you simply a condition, and not a theory. And that condition is that the lumber without delay from the Pacific coast, for the long distance, and the cost of moving the cars. There are cars going to-day, instead of the twenty-four, one or two hours out of the twenty-four, one day to move a great deal more lumber than you are able to handle. It is not a matter of terminal facilities. It cannot be moved, and it will be a matter of terminal facilities until these facilities and appliances are furnished, and your business, and the business of everybody else's business will have to suffer and will have to pay."

"You can all help, and the help that you can render is by taking a more intelli gent view of the situation. To so understand the situation that you can say to your neighbors, 'There are two sides to this question. Let us be fair. Let us establish confidence.'"

"The people who build the railroads are the people who have small invest ments. Now, take the Great Northern, for example. They have 3,200 shareholders, and their holdings are comparatively small—less than 7 per cent. And there are 1,000,000 owners of our list of shareholders. And when the people's property is held up as something to be advanced, the public taken away from them—something that is branded with the brand of unpopularity, at that time is the going industry, and the contention being that they shall not put their money into their own busi ness, to furnish the facilities that they are honestly bound from every stand point to furnish."

"Before these questions will be settled in this country there must be clearer and better understanding and better ap preciation on the part of everybody as to what is to be done. The shareholders, what do they get? They get their dividend, but the company earns it. Speaking for our own company, our shareholders get the same dividend they have received for years. It is the same rate. But if we cannot handle our business, and if we cannot raise the money to create facilities, unless we are to handle our business, not only the railroads must suffer but you must suffer with them."

Mr. Hill pleaded for a spirit of con ciliation and fair play, saying: "I want to ask you to be rational and reasonable men, to consider your own interests, and to consider the interests of the country. See how the situation may be remedied. Ask yourselves: Is any man able, who can drive a horse to the limit, to make him drink after he gets him to the well? Now, we have both got to come together; our interests are got to come together; and we have got to depend on each other. We are got to depend on you, and you have to depend on us. Then we can get along very, very much better. What we have to do is to find a way to make these improvements. I want to say to you that there has not been a time since 1881 when it has been so difficult to raise money for railway pur poses as it is at present."

"The speaker said the money necessary to furnish relief must be forthcoming within five years, a colossal and an enormous task. The money markets of the old world had been fastened upon us and there were no more fish there. It had become the fashion for politicians of a certain class, men whose own characters would not bear the flash of inquiry, to charge the railroads with the fact that they were always willing to discuss affairs of trans portation in a fair spirit."

"An Eastern railway, whose securities were sold by a large banking house for years, had issued notes, three-year notes, what collateral they could raise, and their promise to pay. They asked one of the men why they didn't sell some bonds. He said they had exhausted the entire list of names in the directory for security, and the only thing they had left was to raise money on their promissory notes."

"The people are not encouraged to put their money into railroads unless there is a reasonable chance that it is secure. You can answer that just as well as I can, and your opinion will be just as good as mine."

Freight Rates. On the question of freight rates Mr. Hill said: "When we compare them with the rates in Europe they are less than half as much as in Europe. The average rate in Great Britain is \$2.34 for hauling a ton of freight a hundred miles; in Russia it is about \$1.25, and in the United States it is 75 cents. These figures are official. Those are the average rates. It is true that our average is a little more than one-third less than 40 per cent of the average of Europe, and we pay a higher scale of wages. They pay less than we do. We pay 90 cents to \$1.25 a day. We pay \$4 and a crew will be paying in the neighborhood of \$5 within a week. (Laughter.)"

"And all down the list. You know the difficulty of getting good labor at any price. If the railroad systems of the United States can be put on a par with an average cost of less than half that charged all over the continent of Europe, as you know, practically all the railroads are owned by the state, with the exception of a few. In Germany, they are paying here, our system cannot be a failure and accomplish that result."

"It is not a matter of terminal facilities, from Austria, from Russia and from Japan to now how it is done. They come to find out, if they can, how we can furnish 300 service at a rate so much lower than they are compelled to pay. Now, unless the situation changes very materially, un less the facilities for handling the business are very materially increased, your interests are going to suffer, do what you can do all you can."

"Now, you gentlemen from Iowa: A few years ago time goes rapidly, and might be eight or ten years ago, as called to the office of the railway commission of Minnesota. They wanted to reduce the rate on grain. I said, 'Would you be satisfied to have us put the rate on grain as low as it is from western Iowa to Chicago?' Why, yes, they would. It would be all right. I could give them the Iowa tariff. I looked it up, and found that our rate was about 25 to 30 per cent lower than it was from western Iowa to Chicago."

"Let me ask you again to consider the question as it affects you, and as it af fects the railroads, and see if it is not worth while to give both parties their fair share."

Love makes the parlor dark and the heart light.

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TERRIBLE TO RECALL. Five Weeks in Bed With Intensely Painful Kidney Trouble.

Mrs. Mary Wagner, of 1367 Kossuth Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., says: "I was so weak and generally run down with kidney disease that for a long time I could not do my work and was five weeks in bed. There was continual bearing down pain, terrible headaches, dizziness and

at times dizzy spells when everything was a blur before me. The passages of the kidney secretions were irreg ular and painful, and there was con siderable sediment and odor. I don't know what I would have done but for Doan's Kidney Pills. I could see an improvement from the first box, and five boxes brought a final cure."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Nothing Easier. Prospective Purchaser—Is there any way to get rid of the odor of an automobile?

Doan's—Certainly, sir. Always run the machine at a rate of speed suffi cient to keep ahead of it.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Remedy.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe his perfectly reliable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WALTER R. BROWN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Bound to Walk, Anyway. "I'd hate to have your job," said the friend of a newly appointed district foreman of the White Wings, "just walking the streets all the time."

"Well," replied the man, "I'd sure be walking the streets if I didn't have 'the job.'"

Panthers and Grizzly Bears. Ship Fur, Hides, Pelts, McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis. Write for prices.