

Power company and to many other important concerns. It is feared

collapse of the great inventor. He has been in a state bordering on exhaustion through overwork.

FATAL FIERY BATH

**Men Caught in Flashing
Flames—Five Injured.**
HARON, Pa., March 13.—By the
bursting of flames from the door of an

late this afternoon five employees were frightfully burned. The injured are: John Strauss, burned out the face, arms and body; condition is thought to be serious. Emanuel

ns. Arthur Bailey, burned about the
ns. Thomas Boyd, slightly burned.
George Strom, slightly burned.
When the flames burst forth from the
nace the men who were standing

Strauss seemed to lose all reason, and began running through the mill, clothes all aflame. He was caught by the mill employees, and their quick

Governor's Family Afflicted.
LAURET, Del., March 13.—The con-
junction of Gov. Marvin is greatly im-
paired today. His only brother died
yesterday from paralysis. The gov-
ernor's favorite son and partner is
dangerously ill of pneumonia, and his
brother and secretary is convalescing
from an illness.

SHIPS AFTER FORMOSA.

WAR SHIPS MAKE A DESCENT
ON THE ISLANDS.

LAND WELL FORTIFIED.

Also Covet the Fisher Islands as a Base of Operations.

PARIS, March 12.—A dispatch received in this city from Shanghai says that the rumored Japanese interest upon the Fisher Islands has been accomplished fact. A Japanese squadron from Wei-Hai-Wei numbering sixteen vessels has been dispatched off the northern extremity of the island. That squadron is hovering around Kelung and Tamsin, which are strongest places the Chinese possess in Formosa. The garrisons there amount to 30,000 men. It is expected that these two towns, which are not far distant from each other, will be the first points of attack.

LONDON, March 14.—The Berlin Standard says that China will

ships, including Formosa, if France will give her consent, but that she will not concede an inch of territory to Mongolia. The correspondent further says that the Chinese envoy at St. Petersburg has, by means of secret concessions, secured the czar's promise to oppose any Japanese designs in Manchuria.

NEXT MOVE OF JAPS.

These Islands to Be Occupied as a Base of Operations.

LONDON, March 13.—The Times of to-morrow will publish a dispatch from Shanghai saying that it is reported there the Japanese intend to take the Fisher Islands, a group of islands between the island of Formosa and mainland of China, as the basis of their operations against Formosa and the south of China.

BAYARD AT A BANQUET.

Shoemakers Talk on American Commerce.

March 14.—Sir Albert George Rollitt, of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, presided tonight at a banquet given by that body, among those present were Hon. Charles F. E. Howard, American ambassador; James Brice, president of the board of trade; Lord Dunraven and the Marquis of Salisbury. Responding for the board of trade, Mr. Howard said the revival of Great Britain's trade with America, and said he ventured to think that Mr. Bayard on the evening of President Cleveland's inauguration in the tariff question. Continuing, he said:

"The trade with America is distinctively a revival trade. This is especially true in Yorkshire. There is reason to say that the impulse given there will be forwarded to other parts of the country. On the whole, therefore, the prospects are encouraging."

In replying Mr. Bayard said that the American people were anxious to hear an American than to hear English men the prosperity of their country.

use of commons affecting the Indian empire and the British navy, and on the approaching resignation of President Theodore Roosevelt, illustrated perfectly the uselessness of public service, and how he earned his commendation "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Mr. Bayard said that he had no mandate to speak on the effect of the German tariff bill. If it had helped to "united States," he would speak.

He recounted the history of the international negotiations to establish a "United States" in the sea, and referred to America's agreement to suspend action on the Washington decisions to enable England to come into the treaty with Japan.

On concluding, Mr. Bayard said that private property should be equally sacred on water and land, and that individual rights ought to be considered.

Parkhurst's Agents in Trouble.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Agents Whitney and Dnett, of the Parkhurst League, who were in London, were arrested today upon a

ives Jacobs and McManus. A warrant is also out for Samuel L. Cohen in the same charge. Jacobs and McManus were arrested two weeks ago, charged with receiving money from a man alleged to have acted as a double agent for Whitney and Dnett.

Sued Iron Hall Trustees. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 13.—Melver Falley, of the Iron Hall, has brought suit to quiet title in the receiver of the real estate here valued at \$30,000 to \$50,000. The defendants are the old trustees.