LORD ROBERTS' ADVANCE FROM THE RHENOSTER RIVER WILL BE DELAYED

BOERS DESTROY ALL BRIDGES

FREE STATERS COMPLAIN OF THE WANTON ACTS OF THEIR TRANSVAAL ALLIES

BOER PLANS ARE UNKNOWN

Embargo Upon News From Pretoria Has Been Complete of Late-Supplies Entering Mafeking by Rail.

LONDON, May 25 .- Lord Roberts' infantry advance is delayed at the Rhenoster river, for a day or two, by the depth of the stream, which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge constructions are under way. The railway has not been damaged to any great extent between Kroonstad and

The Transvaalers have offended the Free Staters by destroying their splendid bridges when retiring to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on the retreat to Rhenoster, but they are destroying the railway and bridges almost completely north of the Rhenoster. The British troops are in the form of a crescent with norns thirty miles apart, with Gen. French's cavalry on the left, within twenty-three miles of the Vaal, and Gen. Ian Hamilton's mounted men on the right, within thirty miles of the Vaal. The center of the crescent is apparently forty miles from the Vaal. Seventy or eighty miles to the left Lord Methuen is advancing up the Vaal. Boer telegrams say that 7,000 British with forty guns are near Vreydeford, which is close to the Vaal, and near Heilbron.

The Free Staters are pictured as "bolt ing like hares" at the first sight of the British. The latter, according to one writer, do not even find women and children, as the fleeing farmers take their families with them, in consequence of the reports current among the Transvaalers that the British kidnap all children over twelve years of age. The Boer rear guard was composed of

Russians, to whom was committed the task of destroying the bridges. They also

BOER PLANS A MYSTERY.

What the Boers are doing is an absolute mystery. The embargo of news out of Pretoria for the last twenty-four hours has been complete. Such shreds of information as the correspondents at Lour enzo Marques have picked up do no illuminate the Boer designs and disposition further than that the movement towards Lydenberg continues and the the war goes on among the Boer fighting men. It may be a fortnight before the results of this singular vote are finally before the Transvaal government. If the view of Boer discouragement is one half right, the Boers will vote to quit.

cupied Mt. Prospect Monday. Lord Dundonald's cavalry is at Firmstones, near Ingogo. His infantry rests at Schoens hoogte. The names are all of fateful memory in the first Boer war. The Brit-ish face Laing's Nek, where the Boers, the march across the Biggarsberg

at Waschbank. Trains now go to Dun-dee. Gen. Buller said the best way to celebrate the queen's birthday was to re-pair the railway to Newcastle, and every

man was put to work.

Earl de la Warr, who was supposed to have been captured at the time of the disaster that befell the squadron of Bethuen's horse, contrived to escape. He laid all night, with a wounded leg, behind ar ant-heap, reaching the camp next day.

As the railway is now open north of
Mafeking an abundance of provisions is
entering the town, plenty of four and
meat, and a few luxuries. The telegraph messages will probably come from Mafe

South Africa has another infliction. An Indian from the bubonic plague. government has put into force the most stringent preventive measures, but fears are expressed that the pestilence may get

The Transvaal national bank has sus pended gold payments under authoriza-tion from the government, requiring the acceptance of bank notes. The institution has large assets, apparently, in London. One hundred and fifty thousand pounds were selzed at Cape Town and £25,000 at Durban. Mr. Lucan, chairman of the London committee of the bank,

hands on every ounce of gold it can find in the country. The government has ested in many ways, principally whethe the Transvaal I. O. U's will be redeemed. pretty close touch with the colonial of

will be ordered as soon as Lord Roberts obtains an additional success. The gov-ernment will present to the country what it wishes to do with the conquered re

At a stop the war meeting in London this evening William Stead remarked that the Boer delegates now in the United States told him they were prepared to account peace on any terms compatible with cept peace on any terms compatible with independence, and asked if it was any good attempting to see Lord Salisbury, ed to surrender their independence; so the delegates proceeded to America, "where they have met with so much coldness in officialdom as to excite the exultathrottle the little states to death."

LITTLE RESISTATCE EXPECTED. Gen. French has reached Prespect Sta-tion, about five miles north of Rhenoster river. The Boers are retreating straight dated Wednesday, May 23, 7:45 p. m.,

"The general opinion is that we will arrive at Pretoria as fast as we can

ne countryside that they intended to ght to the death." Gen. Ian Hamilton is co-operating in

the advance on the right. Thus Lord Roberts, who, presumably, is a few miles behind Gen French, will reach the Vaal

before the end of the week. Natives report that the Boers have buried two guns in the Rhenoster river.

In Natal Gen. Buller's forces have crossed the Transvaal near Ingogo, but are still held at bay at Laing's Nek, where the Boers are intrenching themselves. With the exception of this bass Natal is clear of Boers. They have a big gun posted, but it is doubtful if they will be able to hold the position when threatened by a flanking movement from the forces that have crossed the Ingogo river.

dispatch from Pretoria announces A dispatch from Pretoria announces that the first train north entered Mafeking May 22, and that the first train south is expected next week. It is said that the relief of Mafeking was due to a blunder of one of the federal officers, by which Gen. Delarey was foiled in his plan to cut off the relief force, after driving them away from the Melore driving them away from the Molopo river. It is added that the federals have resolved to make a determined defense of the city of Johannesburg. Klimke, the state mining engineer, has been given six months' leave of absence, presumably for protesting against the proposition to for protesting against the proposition to

blow up the mines.

A special dispatch from Newcastle, Natal, says the Russian ambulance corps A special tall, says the Russian ambulance corps tal, says the Russian ambulance corps with the Boers is disgusted with their conduct, and has requested the czar to

ANOTHER PEACE RUMOR. Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednes-

of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, says:

"According to a private letter smuggled through from Pretoria, President Kruger now favors surrender on the ground that continuation of the war would ruin the property of the burghers. He has thrown upon the commandants the onus of what course to pursue.

"Civillan prisoners released at Pretoria

"Civilian prisoners released at Pretoria report extraordinary activity during the last two weeks on the railway from Pretoria to Pietersburg. As many as twenty trains are running daily, and it is possi-ble that a large portion of them are being used to move supplies northward The Daily Express continues its al-

leged exposures of Dr. Leyds' use of the Transvaal secret service fund. The paper's Brussels correspondent asserts that numerous continental newspapers were bribed to the estent of £20 to £25 a

PRETORIA ADVICES. PRETORIA, May 23 .- An official bulletin

PRETORIA, May 23.—An official bulletin issued here today says:
"Sixty British cavalry came into collision, on May 30, with eighty of the Swaziland commando, at Schoeper's Nek. The fighting lasted an hour. The British lost twenty-seven killed, twenty-five wounded and eleven were taken prisoners. Twenty-five horses, two Maxims and a quantity of ammunition were also captured. The federals lost one killed and one wounded. They assisted to remove the wounded and bury the dead. The advance guard at Heilbron retired

Boers resisted weakly for half an hour, then bolted, leaving their wagons, tents and impedimentia. Coi. Baden-Powell and impedimentia. Col. Baden-Powell gave the garrison an opportunity of reverging themselves, using the relief force as a reserve, and in the town men and women swarmed on the house tops, and Lady Wilson, on a bicycle, accompanied the troops to the Boer laager. here was immense enthusiasm over the

BRITISH CROSS THE BUFFALO. BOER CAMP, VOLKSRUST, May 22 .-The Birtish crossed the Buffalo river and were within sight of our position yester-day. They are busy emplacing heavy cannon at Schuinshovgte, near the scene of the battle on the Ingogo river in 1881. It is reported that fighting occurred at Botha's Nek yesterday

Chris Botha, brother of the commanderin-chief, has been appointed assistant to the commander-in-chief, and has given great satisfaction. He revived the fight-ing spirit in many of the federals. In an ambush between Ngutu and Mt. Prospect eight British were killed and

BOERS MEANT TO FIGHT. KROONSTAD, May 24.-Although the Boers retreated without a shot their late position showed they meant to fight. All the steep sides of the south bank were cunningly laid rifle pits, resembling the defenses of Paardeburg. These pits extended for ten miles. A number of gun emplacements had been blasted in the rocks, and at several spots the grass had been burned in patches with a view of marking the range. President Steyn is telling the Free Staters that Lord Roberts' proclamation has been rescind-

GETTING OUT THE GOLD. CAPE TOWN, May 24.—Bar gold to the value of \$705,000 has been sent by rail from Pretoria to Lourenzo Marques. Secretary Reitz traveled on the

same train. PRESIDENT KRUGER DEFIANT. CAPE TOWN, May 24.—President Kruger, it is announced here, has issued a proclamation saying he will defend Jo-Boers to fight to the bitter end.

CHAIR MEN ORGANIZE.

Association Formed at Cincinnati

and Officers Elected. CINCINNATI, O., May 24.—The Central Chair Manufacturing association has been organized here by twenty-five men who represented 90 per cent of the chair manufacturers in the territory including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and all the Southern equitable railroad rates and have so understanding ir regard to breakage. The new association elected officers as fol-lows: President, D. J. Grafton, Marietta, O.; vice president, F. Weikel, Louisvi.le, Ky.; secretary, F. Stark, Aurora, Ind.; treasurer, R. E. Cornelius, Indianapolis. An executive committee was also named. C. C. Cosgrove, of Cambridge, O., was appointed traveling secretary. The asso

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

ciation adjourned subject to the call of

Five Sawmill Men Dead and Plant Wrecked.

COVINGTON, Tenn., May 24.-Today, ten miles west of here, a boiler at Mc-Ferrin's saw mill exploded, killing five men and completely wrecking the plant. The dear are: Capt. James A. McFer-rin, Moses Huntley, — Burkett, march, though the Boers announced to all | York and an unknown negro.

FAILURE OF THE WELL KNOWN COMMISSION HOUSE OF PRICE, M'CORMICK & CO.

COTTON EXCHANGE EXCITED

UNFORTUNATE FIRM HAD BEEN LEADING BULLS IN THAT STA-PLE UNTIL CRASH

OTHER STOCKS ARE AFFECTED

Panicky Feeling Developed All Around, Though No Other Failures Were Announced as a Result of Big One.

NEW YORK, May 24.-Price, McCormick & Co., one of the largest commission houses in the city, today failed, with liabilities estimated at \$13,000,000. The firm is a member of the Stock, Cotton and Produce exchanges, and a member of the Chicago Stock exchange, and has branches in about thirty cities throughout the United States.

The failure is ascribed to the fact that the firm was long in face of a fast falling in some cases the balances are due to market. A notice on the doors of the market. A notice on the doors of the company referred all inquirers to W. J. Curtis and M. N. Cromwell, assignees. Mr. Cromwell said late this afternoon that it was impossible to make any statement at this hour concerning the condition of the firm; that its business is very extensive, and covers several branch agencies. The total liabilities, he said, are about \$13,000,000, all of which was se cured. He added that a statement would be submitted to creditors at the earliest possible date.

The firm is composed of Theodore H. Price, William McCormick, R. G. M. Stewart-Wortley and Walter W. Price, with George Crocker, of San Francisco, a special partner on an investment of \$500,-000. Mr. McCormick is of the well-known Chicago family of agricultural implement fame, and Mr. Stewart-Wortley is a sonin-law of Rear Admiral Schley.

The firm was organized Jan. 7, 1897.

trade. The firm's bullish attitude was surmised on the cotton market, and it was thought to stimulate the recent cotton bearing.

PANIC ENSUES

Following the failure the cotton market became panicstricken and broke 10 to 13 points. The decline from the highest point when the bull movement culminated was 122 points. Later the market steadied, but continued with a very weak undertone, under favorable crop reports. The market at 1:45 p. m. showed a net oss of 10 to 14 points, having recovered

Early in the day rumors were current some outside troubles. By the time the failure had been announced from the restrum of the stock exchange the members were prepared for the news. Nevertheless it had its effect. There was a rush to sell that carried, prices down sharpiy. There was a decline of about 1 per cent in the standard railroad shares, and from 2 to 24 per cent in the belance of the 2 to 21/2 per cent in the balance of the

the produce exchange, the effect there was almost wholly sentimental. According to the rule of the exchange, the suspension caused the closing out of all the contracts of the firm on the floor of the

Assignees William G. Curtis and William Nelson Cromwell make the following announcement regarding the failure: "To the creditors of Price, McCormick & Co.: Price, McCormick & Co. have been compelled to temporarily suspend payment. We ask and advise that creditors holding stocks, bonds and other payment. We ask and advise that creditors holding stocks, bonds and other collateral and loans, already well margined, hold the loans until reasonable opportunity be afforded the assignees to deal with the same, that unnecessary loss thereby may be avoided."

tensive wire service, and at times were ness as any firm on the exchange. of the business was in ton, and its senior partner and organizer was formerly a member of the firm of most of the Southern stock business, and has been active at times in stock favored Southern operators, although this trade has been less in volume than wire trade business secured from other

CAUSED PANIC IN COTTON.

One of the Immediate Results of the Big Failure.

NEW YORK, May 24.-The wildest excitement prevailed at the cotton exchange today, with phenomenal activity and unprecedented liquidation of long cotton, supplemented by heavy sales for short account, the latter in good part orders from the South

on orders from the South.

The market opened steady, with July of the list from unchanged to nine points lower. The selling movement was not so marked on the opening call, and some of the local traders prepared a little upward movement, but they soon saw their mistake, when an avalanche of long cotton came on the market, and ca the smaller traders off their feet. was evident that some house or houses had reached the distress point, but it was not until 12:34 p. m. that the prime factor of weakness was definitely known, although pretty generally suspected. Atthat hour the failure of "Price, McCor-

mick & Co." was announced. This suspension was not wholly unex-pected, nevertheless it threw the market into a panic, and for a time pande-monium prevailed on the exchange. Au. gust contracts, which this concern originally undertook to advance to 10 cents, and did advance to 9.60, sold off to 8.35, this being a decline of 25 points from the top of the bull movement, and a decline of 19 points from the closing price of vesterday, May contracts, in which this

concern also had a heavy interest, broke 78 points, or more than %c for the day. Rumors of other failures were rife, but later it was announced that no more

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It was thought on change that while the failure of Price, McCormick & Co. had crippled some New York parties, the public, who had indulged on the score of margins, had no fear of further apprehension

The greatest decline of the day was 10@78 points. The market closed irregular at a net decline of 11@78 points, having falled to recover from the extreme depression of the day. In addition to the heavy loss on May, July went off

The fact that the English market was closed, on account of the queen's birth-day, added to the activity of the local market, the enormous selling orders to protect accounts having been sent over from Liverpool and elsewhere in Great Britain. Continental selling orders were also a factor.

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While there is no official record of the sales of cotton futures today, and there are no means of knowing the exact extent of the transactions, it is known that the volume of business reached something like 1,000,000 bales, if not exceeding that enormous total not exceeding that enormous total

CHICAGOANS NOT HURT.

Price-McCormick Failure Not Felt There.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Chicago is not heavily interested in cotton speculation, hence the Price, McCormick & Co. failure today was of comparatively little importance here. As far as can be ascertained, almost all the Chicago business In cotton was transacted by this New York house, but the amounts involved at present are understood to be small, and

SHERIFF FOILED A MOB

EFFORT MADE TO LYNCH CHARLES GARDINER AT ATHENS, O. .

ATHENS, O., May 24 .- At midnight a mob attacked the jail where Charles Gardiner is confined. Sheriff Porter outwitted the mob, and Sheriff Porter outwitted the mob, and spirited the negro Gardiner away in a carriage. No one knows which way to pursue. The mob understands that it has been folled, and is now dispersing. The

mob was composed largely of men working in the mines. ROYAL ARCANUM OFFICERS.

Change in Minnesota Membership.

wounded and eleven were taken prisoners. Twenty-five horses, two Maxims and a quantity of ammunition were also captured. The federals lost one killed and one wounded. They assisted to remove the wounded and bury the dead. The advance guard at Heilbron retired on the main body at the northern border.

"According to Free State advices, the British yesterday were at Grayling's Drift, on the Vaal river, twenty-five miles from Wolmeranstad, with a large force. On Sunday Kalbe engaged the British between Heilbron and Lindley. The federals had to retire before an overwhelming force, losing one killed and seven wounded."

"COLONIALS GET THE PRAISE.

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Of the partners Mr. Crocker is now in Europe, and Mr. Stewart-Wortley is on his way back from Europe.

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Backus, of Merriam Park, Minn., on the committee on council work.

Asheville, N. C., was selected as the our great cities. The speaker declared

meeting place in 1901.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

It Was Fittingly Observed Throughout Great Britain.

LONDON, May 24.-Under the stimulus of the relief of Mafeking and Lord Rob-erts' rapid and successful progress the queen's birthday has been celebrated throughout the empire with unique and almost unprecedented exercises. The two-fold nature of the celebration gave

the affair unusual brilliancy.

Among the incidents of the day was the presentation by William Waldorf Astor to the town of Maidenhead of a polished five-pounder, to be placed in the park. The weapon was drawn to the park today, in the presence of 5,000 people, where it was formally accepted by the mayor on behalf of the town, after which a

Queen Victoria has replied to President McKinley's congratulations in a gracious message of thanks.

NEW YORK, May 24.-The Canadian Society of New York held its fourth annual dinner or celebration of the birth-More than 170 persons were present. At the guests' tables sat Sir Percy Sander-son, consul general; Gen. W. Ross, premier of Ontario; M. I. Southard, of the Ohio society, and Robert C. Ogden, of the Pennsylvania society. Letters of regret were received from President Mc-Kinley, Gov. Roosevelt, Lord Pauncefote, Sir Wilfred Laurier, the members of the Dominion cabinet, Postmaster General Smith, Secretary Elihu Root, Mayor Van Wyck, Richard Olney, President Schurman, of Cornell; Whitelaw Reid, S. R. Calloway and Andrew Carnegie. The lowing cablegram was sent to Queen Vic-

'Congratulations. Canadian Society of New York, in banquet assembled, in celebrating your birthday."

NEWS FROM THE ORIENT. Northern Pacific Liner Glenoble

Makes a Fast Run. VICTORIA, B. C., May 24.—The Northern Pacific liner Glenoble reached here yesterday morning, having defeated the Victoria, of the same line, in a race across the Pacific. She brings news that Russia is continuing her aggressions in Korea and reports published in in Korea, and reports published in Hong Kong that during the maneuvers there a Russian warship fired a shot at

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.



BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY Weather Forecast for St. Paul.

Fair. I-British Troops Pushing On. Price-McCormick Failure.

St. Paul's Murder Sensation, 2-McCardy Gains More Votes.

Supt. Smith in It. Auditor Dunn on Taxes. 3-Minneapolis Matters. Northwest News.

4-Editorial Page. Whipple-Sherman Controversy. Proceedings of the Conferences.

Line on Democratic Platform

5-Sporting News. Winnebago Chiefs Want Blood 6-News of the Railroads.

Doings of Congress. Popular Wants. 7-Markets of the World. Chicago July Wheat, 67 I-Sc. Bar Silver, 60-61c.

8-St. Paul Social.

Stocks Panicky.

News of the Courts.

CHINA FINALLY WARNED

MUST SUPPRESS BOXERS OR BE SUPPRESSED.

SHANGHAI, May 24.—The members of the Chinese secret society, known as the "Boxers," are now openly drilling at Pekin, and many high Manchus, including explained and the murderer punished. members of the imperial clan, are joining the movement, which is becoming so threatening that the diplomatic representatives are about to take action.

B. J. De Cologan, the Spanish minister, and doyen of the diplomatic corps, has made a demand upon the tsung li yamen (Chinese foreign office) couched

in the strongest terms, for the immediate suppression of the "Boxers," threatening that otherwise all the powers concerned will land troops in China Advices received here from Korea say that Russian troops now occupy Fashampo and will prevent all commerce with that part of the territory of Korea claim-

LONDON, May 25 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tien Tsin, dated Thursday, says:
"The massacre of seventy native Catho-

lics at Keo Lau Tsung on May 14 is as-cribed to the loose attitude of Fakahs, the virtual governor of the province of Pe Chi Li, who is accused of favoring 'It is reported that Gen. Faung Lao Tu,

who was sent by the viceroy with troops against the Boxers, was murdered at an interview with their leaders." BAPTIST MISSION WORK.

Vigorous Utterances of the Rev. Dr. Villieras

DETROIT, May 24 .- "These are critical days, because they are criminal in their tendencies," said Rev. Dr. Villiers, betions will be the hand that shapes the fu-He traced immigration to this country

that what could and would unify "hyphenated Americans" and fuse all these different foreign-born Americans is God's love. Rev. Villiers quoted figures to show the great numbers of Poles and Hungarizan who have implicanted and Hungarians who have immigrated this country in resent years,

'But vicious as they are, no mission of ours is any more promising than the one among the Slavs in Pennsylvania. It is God's opportunity

being done among the Italians and Swedes. There were two addresses on the negro problem. Prof. J. H. Hope, of Georgia, spoke on a higher education of the negro, and Mrs. William Scott, colored,

nade "A Plea for My Pe ple."

Philadelphia and Springfield, Mass., are candidates for next year's anniversary meeting. Minneapolis has asked for them in 1902. A delegation is coming from Kansas City to urge its claims ised that the 1901 session would be held

CUBA POSTAL SCANDAL.

Talk of Trying Neely in the New

York Courts. NEW YORK, May 24.-Edward K. Jones, the special representative of Attorney General Griggs, in the prosecution of the Neely case, today had a talk with Judge Lacombe as to the Cuban postal scandal. Mr. Jones said that the papers which were said to have left Washington had not reached him yet, but they are expected this afternoon. Mr. Jones said that as soon as the documentary proof procured by the war department concerning the issue of stamps which were ordered destroyed comes into his possesadditional action will be taken

District Attorney Henry L. Burnett appear before Gov. Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay, in support of the application for a and tried to ban'sh from his mind what requisition for Neely's removal to Cuba. The next day he pur-If the requisition in the Neely case is refused by Gov. Roosevelt, Assistant District Attorney Baldwin believes that under the federal statutes Neely can be tried in this district.

WORK OF GERRY SOCIETY.

Three Japanese Children Are Taken in Charge.

NEW YORK, May 24.-Three Japanese children, a girl and two boys, were taken into custody today by the Gerry society, was sent from the treasury department at Vancouver, and the Gerry agents found the children in the possession of several Japanese men, who were training

CHICAGO, May 24.—The convention of the National Electric Light association completed its work today. The new officers of the association were chosen as follows: President, James Cohoon, of Syracuse, N. Y.; first vice president, Louis A. Ferguson, of Chicago; second vice president, W. W. Worth Dean, of St. Joseph, Mich.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 24.—The Travelers' Protective association devoted most of the day on the subject of electing officers and the selection of a place for the next meeting will take place tomorrow. Kansas City will probably be

Edward Erickson Arrested for a Crime Committed in February, 1894.

DECATUR STREET'S LONG MYSTERY

New Light Thrown on the Murder by Gustav Wall, Who Says He Saw Martin P. Erickson Right After He Had Been Shot.

Through information given personally | he returned to St. Paul for a short seato Gov. John Lind yesterday, Edward son. He met his old companions, passed Erickson was placed under arrest on the reluctantly through the streets near where charge of murdering his brother, and the the crime was committed, and hearkened officials at the sheriff's office, who are making investigations, believe that the him tell the whole story. But fear was atrocious murder of Martin P. Erickson, explained and the murderer punished.

The murder of Martin Erickson was the cause of a sensation at the time. It was committed as a finale to a long list of bold crimes by highwaymen and robbers who invested the city at that time, and the futile efforts of a weak and vascillating police force that failed to unearth and punish other offenders were not strong enough to grasp any other view than that the crime was committed by robbers, who made their

SWEAT BOX INVESTIGATION. After an incomplete investigation Edward Erickson was arrested, put through the sweat box at the Central police station and given a preliminary hearing in the police court. There was no evidence of even an incriminating nature against him, and he was not held. No effort to secure indictment by the grand jury was ever made, and the case

went by default. Now, six years and four months after the crime was committed, the only eye witness to the bloody deed comes forward and makes a statement that apparently makes retribution sure. Along with the revelation made by the eye witness come developments to show that the murder was practically the work of two men. While Edward Erickson stands accused of having fired the pistol shot that caused death, it is claimed that

at that time. The truth of the adage that murder will and suffered the tortures of a disturbwith the vision of the murder. Waking relate his story. This is what he says or asleep, the knowledge buried in his happened yesterday: mind conjured the figure of a man with whose features and personality he was familiar, standing over the body of a prostrate brother, a smoking revolver graspmalevolence distorting his features.

CONSCIENCE WORRIED HIM. son, Wall was employed cleaning passen-& St. Louis railroad. He lived with his for me to be at home at 3 o'clock. Nofamily on Magnolia street and worked body can tell what I have suffered from at night. On the night of the murder he had been summoned home from his was was more than any man could work at 8 o'clock and returned by way stand. of Decatur street about 9 o'clock. As SUFFERED UNTOLD TORTURES. he passed the little one-story frame building, No. 540 Decatur street, which the shop was located, he heard a and I could not get my sleep. I feel struck. He noticed the disturbance because he knew the Erickson brothers and their place of business.

He had not gone more than fifty feet past the shop when he turned back, resolved to learn what was the cause of the disturbance. As he stopped to look through the window a pistol shot rang out and he heard a noise as if a heavy

Peering through the window he saw what has haunted him through six long years. Fearing that harm might come to him, he ran rapidly down the street and tried to banish from his mind what posely avoided the newspapers and resolutely abstained from making inquiries

been held and Edward Erickson had been released. Wall opened his ears enough to admit information that was "Ed, the county attorney wants to see the talk of all of his Swedish friends. you. Come along with me down town." He heard that Martin Erickson had been murdered by robbers and, fearing shop," said Erickson to say anything that would re-open the case against Edward Erickson, he buried wait. You had better come along with upon the belief that they were either kidnaped or bought in Japan and sent to this country. A notice of their arrival his daily toil. But conscience made a the secret in his bosom and went about me." during the hours in which he should have slept. At work, the vision came up before him and made him absent- door of the jail Deputy Robert took a minded and neglectful. His foreman half Nelson hold on his prisoner and found fault with his work and he was

threatened with discharge. He became morose and melancholy at his home, and his wife was unable to wring from him a confession as to what was upon his mind. Fearful that he might become involved in difficulty he resigned his position and, leaving home, sought employment in a small Wisconsin town. It was then he discovered that he had shouldered a burden more Travellers' Protective Association. tenactous and cumbersome than that of Sinbad, the sailor, told in the Arabian

> SECRET TROUBLED HIM. After three years of absence from home

a moment to his conscience that still bade stronger than conscience or judgment, and he resolved to travel far away, hoping that a great distance in a new country would serve to eliminate the picture that burned like fire on his brain. He went to the coast and took ship for Alaska in

Landing at Skaguay he tried to interest himself in new employment and a change of surroundings. But it was futile. There was nothing in the new country that would obliterate the scene in the butcher shop back in St. Paul. After three months he returned, and after a short stay with his family, went again into the West, traveling about the mining camps of Montana and Idaho. At length he secured lucrative employment in the great Ben Lomond mine, at Marysville,

For a short period, two years ago, he says, he forgot about the matter to some extent, and was in his normal condition. But the terror returned with increased vigor, and a thousand and one times he made up his mind to tell the whole story. Twice he returned to St. Paul for no other purpose, but his courage failed him, and he returned to his work without unburdening his mind. Then he concluded to write a letter to the authorities, but later decided he would wait until he could summon sufficient courage to tell his story without fear,

and to face the accused. DREADED TO TELL ALL,

Two weeks ago he injured his hand while at work in the mine operating a fore the Baptist society today, "and the hand that shapes the next few genera- murdered man, his brother and a third work in the mine operating a drill. The injury compelled him to cease murdered man, his brother and a third work until the hurt healed, and he came party on the afternoon of the day of the nurder, and that threats of vengeance his return to this city his conscience against the murdered man were made again became loud in its demand for satisfaction, and the most horrible dreams awakened him at all hours of the night. out is demonstrated in the strange story He became haggard and feverish, and told by Gustave Wall, the eye witness, his wife became alarmed at his condiwho preserved a silence of over six years tion. At length, recognizing that his secret was undermining his health and ed conscience during the whole of the that his duty to his family was greater time. According to his own statements than any other consideration, he made up his mind to see the authorities and

> "It got so I could not stand it any longer, so this morning I went first to see John Bodin, the druggist, at Seventh and Pine streets. I told him about it, and he said he would go and see the governor. We went to the capitol about 11 o'clock this morning and was there some At the time of the murder of Erick- time before we could see him. When he found out what it was he told me they would send for me in the afternoon and keeping this to myself all this time. It

> > "I have seen this thing all over again in in my dreams every night for six years, better since I told about it, and all I want now is to get back to my work in

Montana, as I don't want to have anything more to say about the case, and have done my duty." sheriff's office of the case was at noon, when Gov. Lind's messenger called with word from the governor that he would like to see Sheriff Wagener at the executive office. Sheriff Wagener had gone to St. Cloud with a prisoner, and the mes-Robert, who was in charge of the of fice. In company with Assistant County

the governor's office at 2 o'clock in the

Attorney Zollman, Deputy Robert visited

ERICKSON IN CUSTODY. The governor told them substantially what had been told him by Wall, and or displaying any knowledge of the af- after taking the necessary preliminary steps they went to Edward Erickson's After the preliminary examination had butcher shop, on Decatur street, and placed him under arrest. Deputy Robert said to him:

"Well, it's important, and he can't

coward of him. His rest was disturbed manner and accompanied the deputy on the car. They walked up Cedar street, and at the walk leading to the front

> "Erickson, I've got to put you in jail. It is the old case against you up again, and I've got to put you where you will not be disturbed for a few days. Erickson turned pale as a ghost, fal-tered in his steps and after several attempts succeeded in swallowing a lump in his throat and stammered out: "Great God, I thought that old thing tempts succeeded in swallowing

> was all settled and would never come up any more. But it is all right, I'll go along with you." Once in the jail Erickson recovered composure somewhat and asked the jailer to send for Stan Donnelly, the at-

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