## VOTED DOWN AMENDMENTS

House of Commons Adopts the Reply to the Queen's Speech.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY OF FOURTEEN

Government Questioned About Samoan Affairs-Brother Jonathan Has No Intention of Giving Up Pago Pago Harbor.

LONDON, Feb. 18.-Sir Thomas Edmunds anti-Parnellite, questioned the government in the House of Commons this afternoon or Samoan affairs. Sir Edward Grey said the United States claimed the exclusive right to occupy Pago Pago as a navel coaling station under the provisions of a treaty with Samon. There had ben no intimation by the United States of an Intention to surrender this claim. Therefore, no arrangement had effected for the reversion of the interests of the United States. Neither was there any truth in the report that Germany was about to annex Samoa. The government could not give any pledge that it would insist upon the maintainance of the independence of Samoa, The country was in an unsteeled state, but the last reports from there did not make any mention of any hastilities being in progress. Proposals for the more effective prevention of the importation of arms into Samoa were under the consideration of England, the

United States and Germany.

When the debate on the address replying the queen's speech was resumed, Sr illiam Vernon Harcourt said that the speech made by Herbert Asquith had tor-pedced Mr. Chamberlain's amendment. Mr. Chamberlain had described the government as tottering to its fall, but within ten days i had received three votes of confidence. This belated abortion of an amendment had been moved by a supporter of discstablishment. Why, the opposition fight under their own flag. Sir William denied that the government or the House of Commons was called upon to consider whether the House of Lords would sanction any bill the government proposed to introduce. Such a doctrine was on a par with the argument that a government with a majority ought to resign in

favor of the party in the minority.

A division was then taken on the amendment, which was defeated by a vote of 297 to 283. The result was greeted with cheers by the supporters of the government.

The chancellor of the exchequer then moved

closure, which was adopted by a vote of 279 to 271. The oppositon cheered when the reduced government majority was announced. The address was then adopted without di-

#### KAISER RECEIVES THE FARMERS,

Asks that They Repose Trust in Him and

the Government. BERLIN, Feb. 18 .- The emperor has entirely recovered from the cold from which has was suffering on Saturday, and today gave audience to the deputation of the agriculturists union, whose reception had been set for Saturday last, but was deferred owing to the fact that the emperor remained in his apartments that day.

The deputation presented an address to his majesty on behalf of 200,000 farmers, begging him to direct his attention to the condition of husbandry.

After receiving the address the emperor said that the fact that he had granted them nce showed his deep concern for the welfare of the peasantry. The agitation of gitimate, grieved his paternal heart, but the act of the Agrarian league in sending a deputation to lay their grivances before him had healed that wound. He trusted that something beneficial would accrue to husbandry from the deliberations of the council of state. The emperor said: "I beg you, gentlemen, to abitain from unconstitutiona Let us pray to God to grant that the efforts of the council of state shall be at tended by beneficial results."

After the deputation had called upon Em-peror William, it attended a meeting of the Agrarian league, which is now sitting here who was one of the deputation, made a report said that the emperor had expressed his wish that the agricultural classes would repos trust in him. The report was received with the greatest enthusiasm and cheers for emperor. All those present sang: "Hell die Slegrkranz."

### ARCHDUKE ALBERT DEAD.

Emperor Franz Josef's Great Uncle Suc cumbs to Congestion of the Lungs. VIENNA Feb. 18.-Archduke Albert died

today at Arco, South Tyrol, of congestion of the lungs. He was in his 78th year. Archduke Albert was the oldest son o Archduke Charles, a brother of the grandfather of Emperor Francis Joseph and Princess Henrietta of Nassau-Weilburg. In 1844 he was married to Princess Hilde gard of Bavaria, who died in 1864. He entered the army at an early age, commanded a division in Italy in 1849, took an important part in the battle of Novada, received the command of the Third army corps at the end of the campaign, and was subsequently appointed governor general of Hunat the end of the campaign, and was subsequently appointed governor general of Hungary. In 1861 he was appointed to the command of the Austrian troops in Lom-bardy and Venetia. He gained a victory over the Italian troops at Custozza during the the Austrian army, which title he retained until March, 1869, when he exchanged it for that of inspector general of the army. A work on "Responsibility in War," which he published in 1869, was translated into French by a captain of the French artillery and into English by an English captain.

In ously disappeared, and no trace of him can day to go to Tacoma and attend his trial in the United States court on the charge of obtaining naturalization papers by fraud, but did not go, as he learned that his trial was continued. Hunt's friends say he has field to avoid trial.

### BROKE LOOSE FROM THE TUG.

Disabled Cotton Steamer Adrift Off the

French Coast. LONDON, Feb. 18.-The British steamer Ganges, Captain Roberts, which sailed from | str New Orleans January 6 for Havre, arrived at is expected. proceeded on her voyage, but soon broke her propeller and was towed back to Corcubion. She started from there in low for Havre, and when off the island of Ushant, about twenty-five miles from Brest, she broke adrift from the tug towing her and has not been seen since. The Ganges has a cargo of cotton valued at £60,000. Her crew numbered thirty men. seen since. The Ganges has a cargo of ton valued at £60,000. Her crew numbered

Parmers Called on the Minister

PARIS, Feb. 18 .- A deputation representing the farmers in the departments of Pas de Calais and Nord visited M. Gadaud, minister of agriculture, today and pointed out to him the grave danger of infection to French cattle arising from the importation of American cattle suffering from contagious diseases.

M. Gadaud informed the delegation that the danger to which it referred had been submitted to a committee of experts on cattle diseases and their decision would shortly be given. After leaving M. Gadaud the delega-tion called upon M. Ribot, the prime min-ister, and submitted their grievance to him. M. Ribot premised that he would take the matter under consideration.

Minister Douby's Aid Invoked

TIEN-TSIN, Feb. 18.-The Tsung Li Yamen, the Chinese foreign office, has requested Mr. Donby, United States minister to this country, to suggest to the government

Chinese envoys. The Chinese government has requested Mr. John W. Foster, who was selected to assist the Chinese envoys in the peace negotiations, to meet Li Hung Chang at Tien-Tsin, Mr. Fester, who is now at Shanghai, will probably leave there for Tien-His Statement Concerning the Taylor De Tsin as soon as communication between the two places is opened.

Mexico and Guatemala Ready to Settle. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 18 .- From the best possible source it is learned that a setlement between Mexico and Guatemala will be reached in a few days. The assertion of certain correspondents that Minister Mariscal had said that the question of the amount of indemnity being discussed between De Leon and himself is settled, is denied. This ques-tion has only been touched upon so far. The amount due Mexico is hereafter to be settled.

Eibe Body on the Kentish Coast. LONDON, Feb. 18.-The body of Walter Schull, who was a cabin passenger on the North German Lloyd steamer Elbe, was recovered today in the English channel off the headland of Dungeness, county of Kent. A reward of \$1,000 had been offered by the friends of Mr. Schull for the recovery of his

To Revive Olympian Games.

LONDON, Feb. 18.-A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says that the committee on the revival of the Olympian games intends to invite the chief corporate bodies of Europe and America to witness or partake in the games of 1986. The heroditary prince of Saxe-Meinengen will attend and offer a prize. Satisfied Herr Von Levitzow.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- A dispatch from Ber-

lin to the Standard says that in view of the adoption by the Reichstag of the motion giving increased disciplinary power to the president over that body during the sittings. Herr Von Levitzow has decided to retain the presidency.

Protests of the Pope.

has sent a protest to the Russian minister at the arrest of thirty Catholic priests in Poland, who are accused of anti-dynastic tendencies

Valuable Manuscript Found. LONDON, Feb. 18.-A dispatch to th Times from Paris says that an opera bouffe by Bizzet, entitled "Don Procopio," has been discovered among the manuscripts left by Auber.

NAVIGATION COMPANY ANSWERS.

Asks that the Road Ue Taken Out of the Receiver's Hands, PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.-The Oregon Railway & Navigation company today filed its answer to the complaint of the Farmits answer to the complaint of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, under which McNeill was appointed receiver of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The answer alleges that Receiver McNeill has not controlled or operated the lines and properties in the interest of the defendant or for its benefit, and further, that Receiver McNeill, for the express purpose of preventing the earnings and receipt of sufficient revenues with which to meet and pay off all the interest requirements and the coupons now due on the mortgage of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, has diverted the freight and passenger business originating at Portland and destined to Portland, and which cught properly to be transported over the whole line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, to a connection with other lines at LaCrosse junction, and other points in the state of Washington and elsewhere. This allegation refers to the traffic arrangements between McNeill and the Gréat Northern, under which a considerable amount of through business comes via Spokane instead of Huntington. The defendant further alleges that notwithstanding the diversion of business from the main line by Receiver McNeill, he has received and now has in his possession sufficient revenues not subject to lien or prior demand to meet and pay off all the interest of the coupons of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company mortgage; that this should be done and that the road should be returned to the corporate officers of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. Defendant asks that the complaint be dismissed with costs. ers' Loan and Trust company, under which

dismissed with costs. Raided an Alleged Mining Exchange. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.-The Washington Mining Stock exchange, a concern that does business with a tape marked with

does business with a tape marked with quotations the night before, was raided by the police tolay, considerable money seized, and those interested charged with running a gambling resort. E. H. Stear, the manager, and his assistants were taken into custody. They were released in bonds of \$100 each to await trial.

Edwin H. Spear, the manager of the Washington stock Exchange, when seen after his arrest, declared that he was not running a gambling resort, but was conducting a mining exchange in a legitimate way. He said that the companies listed with the exchange were all duly organducting a mining exchange in a legitimate way. He said that the companies listed with the exchange were all duly organized and incorporated under the laws of California. The names of the companies are: The Alban, the Beta, the Copperthe Dalta and the Essex Gold and Silver Mining company, and each one of them is based upon good claims in the Monte Cristo mining district in the state of Washington, so Manager Spears asserts. They were organized in 1893, each having a set of officers and a board of directors. According to the manager, J. R. Wiley is president, and E. H. Spear secretary and treasurer of all the companies.

Greenhut Appeared in Court. CHICAGO, Feb. 18 .- J. B. Greenhut appeared in Judge Grosscup's court today answer the rule asking him to account for answer the rule asking him to account for his actions during his brief term as receiver for the Whisky trust. His attorney read an answer prepared by the respondent. Attor-neys representing other interests said they had not been given an opportunity to in-spect the defense, and asked for time to read the document. The court continued further proceedings under the rule until the afternoon.

Scattle Short a Fire Chief. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18 .- A. B. Hunt chief of the fire department, has mysteri-

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.-The tenth annual convention of the National Electric Light association begins in Cleveland to morrow. Five hundred delegates are expected, comprising some of the most prominent electric men in the country. The New York delegation will come in a body, 125 strong. Nicola Tesla, the electrical genius, is expected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18-Richard S Banker, who swindled the A. O. U. W., ou of about \$2,000 by feigning death, today pleaded guilty to the charge in the crimina court and was sentenced to five years' im-prisonment in the peritentiary. Mrs. Banke, and Harry Hunter are held as accomplices

Mine Workers Convention Adjourns. COLUMBUS, Feb. 18.-The convention of the United Mine workers adjourned sine die. On recommendation of the scale com-mittee action on the wage question was deferred. The present agreement does not expire until May 1.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 18. York.
New York—Arrived—La Bourgogne,
Havre.
Queenstown—Arrived—Aruania, from
York for Liverpool.
Liverpool—Arrived—Carlton, from NorDerwentholm, from Galveston; Tripoli,
Galveston.

of Japan that the peace envoys appointed by the two countries meet at Port Arthur, or some place near Tien-Tsin, in order to suit the convenience of Li Hung Chang, one of the New Orleans.

At Hawre-Arrived-Hungary, from the convenience of Li Hung Chang, one of the New Orleans.

falcation Very Unsatisfactory.

CONFLICT WITH RECORD EVIDENCE

Fugitive Ex-Treasurer of South Dakota Admits Through His Attorney that He is Ready to Treat for a Compromise.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Ruth investigating committee that the forcing of counties to pay money the failure of a number of banks.

Commissioner Lockhart appeared before the ommittee in an informal way and informed hem that the methods of bookkeeping under Ruth were exceedingly irregular and careless and that the office had been largely neglected during his predecessor's term.

The committee wired Ruth to be in attendince Wednesday morning, and he will at that time be subjected to a close and thorough examination. He testified three weeks ago that at no time since 1882 had he \$1 of state money in his bank at Desmet. The jublic examiner has furnished the com-mittee with a certificate from the cashier of

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from militee with a certificate from the cashier of Ruth's bank, dated last April, stating that here was then on deposit \$15,000 due the state. There are other serious conflicts of estim ny, making it look somewhat dark for Ruth The committee has instructed Colonel Jolly

f Vermillion to take the testimony of certain people in that city regarding the famous letter which Ruth is alleged to have written to Taylor and sent by mistake to the treasurer of Clay county. C. T. McCoy, who admitted that he was Taylor's attorney, representing the defaulting treasurer, and bondsmen here, also admitted that he was pre-pared to treat with the state for compromise In the house this afternoon the reliroad committee reported back Wheeler's maximum rate bill and asked that it be referred to the judiciary committee. The populists endeav ored to secure a report from the latter to morrow, but the railroad men postponed the matter until Wednesday, which is the last day for the introducing of new bills. Thus when the house rejects the bill, as it is expected to do, there will be no opportunity, except by a two-thirds vote, to put in another measure.

The supreme court rendered a decision to the effect that while the constitution required the taking of the census this year, there was no way of compelling the legislature to en-force the provision, and should it refuse to do so the old apportionment bill would hold

In the senate the bill locating the Asylum for the Blind at Gary, in Deuel county,

Fiftieth Ballot and No Break in Sight. DOVER, Del., Feb. 18 .- The fiftieth ballot of the senatorial fight was taken today. It resulted as follows: Higgins, republican, 8; Addicks, republican, 5; Massey, republican, 4; Wolcott, democrat, 7; Tunnell, democrat, 4. It will be five weeks tomorrow since the senatorial fight resolved itself into a deadlock and there appears to be no immediate pros pect of it being broken.

been made to both Addicks and Higgins by the republican committee to withdraw in favor of a third party, acceptable to both candidates, but the rumor is not confirmed.

Will Test Louisville's Sunday Law. LOUISVILLE, Feb. 18.-As a result of th police investigation the names of 2,500 violators of the Sunday observance law were reported to Chief of Police Taylor today. The authorities held a conference and decided to make test cases in the various lines of business, next Thursday being the day set for the hearing of the first batch. Prominent among those for whom warrants will be issued are Munager Smith of the Western Union Telegraph company, D. E. Sullivan Sunday critic of the Louisville Courier-Journal, Manager Clifford of the Telephone company and many others. Mr. Sullivan is also a member of the Board of Public Safety. police investigation the names of 2,500 vio-

GUTHRIE, Okl., Feb. 18.—Representative Spencer caused a sensation in the territorial egislature today by introducing in the hous. legislature today by introducing in the house a resolution calling for the investigation of the Oklahoma insane isylum at Jackson-ville, Ill., where Oklahoma's insane are kept under contract. The 'resolution alleged a death rate at the Illinois institution of nearly 50 per cent of its patients; that no person sent there was ever discharged, and that information has just reached him (Representative Spencer) that Oklahoma patients were kept in a wooden building without fire were kept in a wooden building without fire

Missogri Contestants Want the Salary. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18 .- I. N. Watson, ttorney for five of the republican contestants, has asked the circuit court for testants, has asked the circuit court for an injunction to prevent County Clerk Crittenden, Circuit Clerk Stonestreet, Sheriff O'Neill, Collector McCurdy and Coroner Bedford from receiving the salaries of the office until the contests now pending are settled. The petitions will allege that these gentlemen now holding office are insolvent and that if judgment is finally entered against them the republican candidates will be unable to recover the salaries which rightly belong to them.

Stock Yards Get a Clean Bill. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.-The subcommit of the house appointed to investigate the Kansas City stock yards has completed its Kansas City stock yards has completed its work so far as evidence is concerned, and will make its report in the near future. Acting Chairman Painter of the committee, talking today on the investigation, said nothing was found on which to base the allegations of overcharges and other irregularities. "The records of the stock yards," said he, "reveal honorable and straightforward methods of dealing."

Dolph Opponents Unite on Williams. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—There was no material change in the senatorial vote to-•lay. All of the anti-Delph republicans united on George H. Williams; Dolph, 38; Hare, 19; Hale, 6; Weatherford, 1; Williams, 27; absent, 6.

One Sweet Man Absent. BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—There was one Sweet man absent today, and the vote for United States senator was as Shoup, 20; Sweet, 18; Claggett, 15.

Hocking Valley Miners Destitute. CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.—Word from Buckingham and other points in the Hocking valley today stated that the destitu-tion was such that the sufferers were betion was such that the sufferers were coming desperate, Governor McKinley dered immediate necessities purchased Buckingham, and the bill sent to he The Cincinnati relief committee later a carload of supplies and Congresse Paul J. Sorg of Middletown will send other carload on his own account as a as he can have the shipment made.

Wants Damages for Stopping His Speech. EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Feb. 18.-William E. Butler, who was an independent candidate for congress in the last campaign, sued eight men for \$10,000 damages. He claims that while he was standing on a table making a speech in democratic head-quarters in this city election night the defendants tipped over the table and otherwise used him roughly, and he fell and broke his leg. The defendants include a grocer and seven saloon keepers, all prominent locally.

Elgin Butter Market. ELGIN. Bi., Feb. 18.—BUTTER—Firm; sales, 20,829 hbs. at 23c.

Was Jealous of the l'ug. NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 18 - Because his wife allowed her pug dog to kiss her few transactions in gold today at % per cent and would not permit him the same privi-

lege, Peter Bowman assaulted her. Two sons attacked him with clubs and frac-tured his skull. The boys were arrested and placed in jail to wait the result of his injuries, which are serious.

NO TRACE OF GENTRY.

Murderer of Madge Yorke Still at Large-His Weapon Found. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Nothing has been

heard of Actor J. B. Gentry, who last night murdered Miss Madge Yorke at Zeiss' hotel, The police are guarding every depot In the city closely and if the murderer has not already made his escape from town it will be almost impossible for him to do so. Detective Geyer is of the opinion that Gentry caught the 10 o'clock train on the Pennsylvania road for New York last night. The revolver with which the murder was gram.)—The Ruth investigating committee committed was found today in a snow bank was heard today. Secretary of State Thorson at Eighth and Locust, which is but half a was incorrect. Thorson said he merely expressed an opinion in casual conversation that the forcing of counties to pay money that the forcing of counties to pay money coming out just back of her right ear. Miss they had would, during the panic, result in Clark, who was a close friend of the dead actress and who was in the room at the time of the shooting, can give no reason for the murder, as she had never heard of any

the murder, as she had never heard of any quarrel between the lovers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Robert S. Drysdale, the father of Madge Yorke, who was murdered last night in a Philadelphia hotel by J. B. Genry, went to that city today to bring the bedy of his daughter home. Mrs. Drysdale and her remaining children are completely prostrated with grief. Madge was the older, of four children two horse and two eldest of four children, two boys and two girls, three of whom were born in Scotland. The family came to this country about eighteen years ago. For the past seven years Mr. Drysdale has been a traveling sales-man for Jaffe & Pinkus, linen importers of 89 Leonard street.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD.

A. F. Allen, an Old Resident of Elkhorn, Commits Saicide.

ELKHORN, Neb., Feb. 18.-(Special.)-A. F. Allen, one of Elkhorn's oldest citizens and settlers, ended his life this morning by shooting himself in the head. Mr. Allen was in his 72d year, and for several weeks past he had been bedridden with an attack of pneumonia. He was in the last stages of the disease and his dissolution was a question of but a week or so, at the furthest. For several days he had been unconscious, and his wife had been with him ministering to his wants night and day. This morning at about 4:30 Mr. Allen scemed to be sleeping and Mrs. Allen left his bedside a few moments. She had not been absent but a short time until she was startled by a pistol shot. Rushing into the sick man's room she beheld her husband weltering in his own blood, the smoking revolver still in his hand.

The pistel used had lain for several months

in the bed between the mattress and springs. Medical aid was summoned at once, and the ball located in the back of the victim's head, where it had lodged.

In the past Mr. Allen has frequently told his wife that rather than be confined to a sick bed and suffer he would take his own

QUARANTINED FOR SMALLPOX. Steamer City of Sydney Held at San Fran

cisco for Five Days.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The steamer City of Sydney arrived from Panama and way ports this morning and was ordered into Quarantine by Dr. Lawler, the quarantine officer, because of a case of smallpox hortly after leaving Pane passers named James Brophy was taken sick, and though he showed symptoms of smallpox, the real nature of his disease was no known until Acapulco was reached. There he was taken ashore, and the quarantine offi cer of the Mexican port, Dr. G. Costellana assisted by Surgeon Hibbett of the United States steamship Bennington, and Voisard of the steamer, nated all the passengers on and every member of the cre crew. It was nine days ago when the sick man was taken ashere, and since then no sign of the disease has become apparent. As it usually takes fourteen days for the disease to manifest itself, Dr. Lawler decided that it would e safer to hold the vessel in quarantine for five days more, to make up the fourteen days since the last contact with the contagion on the steamer, and make certain that the disease would not be landed in the city without the proper precautions having been taken,

FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES.

everal More Contestants to the Will of Andrew J. Davis.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18 .- The suprem court decided today that Harriett Sheffleld and Erwin Davis, niece and brother of Andrew J Davis, the Butte millionaire, may contesthe will on the ground that it was a forgery and was revoked by other wills. Root and Maria Cummings contested the will n 1891, and after a six weeks trial at Butte the jury disagreed. The Root contest was set for hearing July 24, 1893. On that day the case was continued by agreement and the Sheffield-Davis case called. These con-

n the case against George M. Irwin for false pretenses was opened this morning. It found the discretionary pool operator not guilty of the offense charged, but ordered

present waiting for the case to be called, but shortly after noon Chancellor McGill an-nounced that there had been no appearance of the interested people, and the case went over. The chancellor stated that the case might be called tomorrow in the chancery

chambers at Trenton. Gold Transactions at New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.-There have been a

ELEVEN COAL MINERS KILLED

Froke Through Into an Old Breast Filled with Gas.

FIRE CUT CFF ALL CHANCE OF ESCAPE

Some of the Dead Burned Almost Beyond Recognition - Mine Still on Fire and is Being Floodeda

ASHLAND, Pa., Feb. 18.-An explosion of gas which probably will result in the death of at least eleven miners occurred at 10:30 was heard today. Secretary of State Thorson at Eighth and Locust, which is out that a swore that the testimony of Chief Clerk Bowman to the effect that Thorson advised the holding up of state money and that he had importuned Bowman not to send it out.

Ald to Destitute Veterans.

LINCOLN, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—
Showing that Gentry had fired three shots at the unfortunate actress, only one of which had importuned Bowman not to send it out. dead are:

> PETER KLINE. JOSEPH PITTS, THOMAS DURKIN. BERNARD REED. PETER GRENBACK.

The seriously injured are. William Min-nich, William Goff, Anthony Myers, Edward Davis, John Laney, William Davis. Besides these several other miners were badly burned, but it is hoped that they will recover. A gang of men were engaged in driving an air course when they broke through into a breast containing a large volume of gas. This was immediately ignited by their lamps and an explosion followed. The timbers in the air course caught fire and all means of escape were cut off. Some of the dead men were burned almost beyond recognition. The mine is still on fire and an effort is being made to extinguish the flames by means of a hose from the water

METHODIST HOSPITAL BURNED.

Thirty Patients Safely Removed from the Blazing Building.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18 .- Fire broke out in Asbury hospital, a Methodist institution, this morning. There were about thirty patients in the hospital at the time, and all were safely removed to St. Barnabas hospital just across the street.

The force of laundresses and nurses on the top floor were rescued with difficulty. The flames were extinguished before the building had been seriously damaged. Serious results for some patients are feared.

Spice Manufactory Burned ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 18 .- The two upper stories of the six-story stone building owned by W. W. Mack and occupied by the R. T. French company, spice manufacturers, has been gutted by fire. The stock and fix-

tures were damaged to the extent of \$20,000, and the building \$10,000. Both losses are covered by insurance. While two firemen were standing on the extension ladder holding a line of hose the truck which supports the ladder fell over, throwing the men to the ground, a distance of 100 feet. One of them, Patrick Conley, received injuries which may result fatally, The other, Wil-liam Nelan, was quite seriously hurt.

Buffalo Music Ball Scorched. BUFFALO, Feb. 18.-The north wing of

Music hall was damaged by fire today to the extent of about \$50,000. " The rooms occupled by the Sargobund society were gutted, the 1 brary of the German Young Men's association, which owns the structure, was damaged by smoke and fire and the concert hall was water soaked. The total loss will reach \$70,000. The cause of the fire is thought to have been escaping gas.

Published Translations Had Exaggerated Its Importance. ST. PAUL, Feb. 18.-The recent encyclical letter of the pope was read yesterday at the morning service at the cathedral. Elsewhere it was read several weeks ago, and there was a great deal of discussion over the provisions of the letter and their interpretations by the clerics who communicated the diocese, however, nothing was done or said formally until yesterday, when Father Woods read the letter. Roman Catholics who had been looking forward to it were agreeably surprised, for the translation as read was not as drastic with relation to the attitude of the church toward secret societies as many anticipated. This anticipation was based upon the published reports of the letter sent out from the east. The translation read at the cathedral yesterday was very mild. It merely advised the young men of the church to keep out of secret societies not endorsed by the church, leaving it to their own discretion. There was nothing manda-tory; the tenor was simply advisory and the

letter was read without comment. IS UNDOUBTEDLY FROZEN TO DEATH. Fate of Joseph Rander, an Old Frenchman

is No Longer in Doubt. HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—An old Frenchman by the name of Joseph Rander, 79 years of age. started to walk from Cascade to Hot Springs Sunday night, a week ago, when the Sheffield-Davis case called. These contestants were not ready for trial and their case was dismissed. A motion to set reide the default was overruled and an appeal was taken. The supreme court holds this was an error, as sufficient showing of excisable neglect was made. The case was remanded with instructions to restore the contest. This again opens the question as to the validity of the will under which John A. Davis claimed the whole estate of \$8,000,000.

GEORGE M. IRWIN NOT GUILTY.

Discretionary Pool Swindler Gets Out of the False Fretense t harge.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 18.—The sealed verdict in the case against George M. Irwin for false the thermometer was 30 degrees below

Dundy on the Timber Law.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 18.—(Special.) guilty of the offense charged, but ordered him to pay the costs of the case. There are a several other charges hanging over Mr. Irwin's head, but it is not known whether failure to convict him on the false pretense charge will cause the other cases to be abandened. Mr. Irwin says that he will give up the blind pool operations, but will continue speculation for himself and friends.

ENGINE JUMPED THE THACK.

One Man Killed and a Lady Dying—Wreck in West Virginia.

HUNTINGTON, V. Va., Feb. 18.—A serious week occurred on the Norfolk & Western road at 4 o'clock this morning, seven miles at hour when the engine jumped the track, followed by the two coaches. John Adkins was running at a rate of thirty-five miles at hour when the engine jumped the track, followed by the two coaches. John Adkins was killed outright; an unknown lady from Port Huron, Mich. was strick on the head and is dying, and Engineer Jackson and Fireman Ginz, were seriously injured. The track is torn up badly and traffic impeded.

Drayton Case Pat Off.

Serious Research of the case to be called, but shortly after noon Chancellor McGilli announced that there had been no appearance of the interested people, and the case went over. The chancellor statel the canery was might be called tomorrow in the chancery of the chancery of the same to another state, there to be used. Neither can any person wantonly cut the timber and per -Judge Dundy, who is presiding at the Deadwood term of United States court, has

Suing for His Wife's Affection SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 18.—(Special.)
-Word has been received here of a \$30,000 damage sult which has been brought in the common pleas court of Ohio by a farmer named Sample C. George against George D. Saxton, a wealthy man and brother-in-law of Governor McKinley.

affections of George's wife, and that while Mrs. George was in Stoux Falls securing her divorce she was supported by Saxton. Mrs. George while in this city lived in a manner indicative of wealth. She was a beautiful and fascinating woman.

Black Bil's Stockman Missing. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 18.—(Special.) -Charlie Rua, a big rancher in the Belle Fourche valley, has apparently skipped out for parts unknown, thereby forfeiting his bond of \$1,000 which he is under for attempting to criminally assault a 9-year-old child residing at Crook City. The authorities have been looking for him for the past week without success. His father, together with several prominent cattlemen of the Black Hills, are on his bond. The grand jury is in session and it is thought that he will be indicted as there is little question as to his guilt,

GRAND ARMY RELIEF DEPARTMENT. Card to the Public Issued on the Subject of

issued: Comrades, at the eighteenth annual encampment, department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Hastings, Neb, February I3 and I4, 1825, Past Department Commander General A. V. Cole offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, "Department Commander, I move you that a committee consisting of Commander Church Howe, as chairman, together with Comrades T. S. Chirkson and A. M. Trimble be appointed to take charge of all relief matters in this department, and conduct the same as in their judgment seems best, and report their action to the next department encampment."

In compliance with the above, the committee has organized for work, Comrade Clarkson uniting with me in the selection of Comrade A. M. Trimble of Lincoln as secretion with Grand Army relief work in this department should be addressed, Yours in F. C. and L. CHURCH HOWE, Comrades, at the eighteenth annual en-

In the meantime Commander Adams has issued the following general order to the com-rades of Nebraska:

rades of Nebraska:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 16, 1895.—General Orders No. 1.—Having been elected and installed as commander of the Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, and after a careful consideration and full realization of the great responsibility of this important trust, I hereby assume command and enter on the datles of my office, with headquarters in the state house in the city of Lincoln.

Comrade A. M. Trimble will be continued assistant adjutant general until further or-

Comrade A. M. Trimble will be continued assistant adjutant general until further orders. Comrade Brad P. Cook of Lucoln is hereby appointed acting assistant adjutant general; Comrade I. A. Arneld of Kearney, assistant quartermaster general; Comrade Cash D. Fuller of Imperial, assistant inspector; Comrade M. B. C. True of Tecumsch, judge advocate; Comrade B. R. Ball of Omaha, mustering officer; Comrade J. H. Stickel of Hebron, chief of staff, and they will be obeyed accordingly. Other members of my staff will be named hereafter.

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Comrades, there is a great responsibility resting upon each one of us in this time of great distress. Comrades Church Howe, T. S. Clarkson and A. M. Trimble are appointed a committee on relief, and have kindly consented to assist in the work of the hour, and as soon as due consideration can be given a plan for organizing the relief work of the department it will be promulgated. work of the department it will be promulgated.

In the meantime every comrade in this department is appointed a committee of one to seek out the needy comrades in his vicinity and report to the post commander. All contributions for relief should be forwarded to the department headquarters, where an accurate accounting and a speedy distribution can be made of the same.

Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, I am yours in F., C. and L.

Department Commander,

A. M. TRIMBLE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SCHEME FAILED TO WORK. Clever Effort to Swindle Kansas Banks with Bogus Drafts.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.-A special to the Times from Emporia, Kan., says A clever scheme to swindle Kansas banks by bogus drafts was discovered here today and the would-be forger arrested. gives the name of Hartwell P. Heath, and claims to hail from Pasadena, Cal., papers found on him indicate he is Frank H. Truesdale, and that he was formerly connected with New York and San Francisco papers. He refuses to talk. Some days ago the Citizens bank here received a letter from Pasadena, Cal., purporting to be from the cashier of the First National bank of that place, introducing Hartwell P. Heath. Today a man giving that name presented a draft from the Pasadena bank for \$350 on the Nashua bank of New York. The cashier was suspicious and made investigation. It resuited in showing the signature of the California cashier was a forgery and that each of the other Emporia banks had received similar letters. The man was arrested and held until word was received from California pronouncing all the letters forgeries. On being searched, fraudulent drafts amounting to several thousands of dollars were found on his person. Letters, cards, newspaper clippings and railroad passes also were found in his pockets, and indicate the prisoner's real name is Frank H. Truesdale, and that he was formerly managing editor of the Elmira, N. Y.. Telegram, and letely had been connected with the San Francisco Chronicle. He had a receipt for dues in the San Francisco Chronicle. The prisoner is genitle manly in all his actions. He has a black moustache, brown eyes, and is of the average height. He refuses to say a word, especially to reporters, referring all questioners to his lawyers, whom he immediately retained after being taken into custody.

Telegrams received here from Wichita state letters of introduction similar to those presented at the Citizens bank today had been received by several of the banks there.

INSURANCE MEN DISCHARGED. connected with New York and San Francisco papers. He refuses to talk. Some

officers of the State Mutual Company

Illinois Come Out Winners. CHICAGO, Feb. 18.-The conspiracy case against S. M. Biddison, secretary of the State Mutual Insurance company of Illinois, and A. N. Howland, an agent of the com-pany, was today dismissed by Justice Bradwell, there being no evidence upon which to hold the defendants. The arrest of Bidto hold the defendants. The arrest of Biddison and Howland was made at the instance of H. H. Mansfield, who charged them with conspiring to defraud him. The transaction had for its basis certain annuity contracts, which Mansfield had obtained, and on which he had, it is said, failed to pay the premiums. The case is important, as it is a step toward the escape of the company from a number of attachments upon it within the year past, one of which was the indictment of ex-Governor Beveridge, president, and the other officers of the company by the federal grand jury for violation of the lottery laws on account of a certain clause in its investment plan. This case is now being adjusted between the government and the company.

"CALIFORNIA JACK" INDICTED charged with Swearing Falsely in Applying

for a Mexican War Pension. DEADWOOD, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)-The United States grand jury returned an indictment against J. A. Nelson, charged with having committed perjury in swearing falsely when making application for a pension as a veteran of the Mexican army. Nelson, "California Jack," is a well known character in the west, and his case is attracting considerable attention, it being claimed that this is a peculiar case of mistaken identity. tion, it being claimed that this is a peculiar case of mistaken identity.

John Lance, a full blooded Sloux, was cleared on trial for the murder of Her Good Horse and her 7-year-old sen on the Rose-bud reservation several morths ugo.

The hospital building at Fort Meade was discovered to on fire this morning, and despite the efforts of the garrison's fire department, was completely destroyed. The patients, who were in the building at the time the fire was discovered, were removed to a place of safety, and the surgeon in charge says will not suffer from the exposure. Loss will be \$5,000.

Last Blissing Steamer Reported Safe. NEW YORK, Feb. 18. The steamer City of St. Augustine, Captain Gaskill, which sailed from Jacksonville on January 2 for New York, arrived at Bermuda today.

# TO TAKE UP SILVER

White Metal Advocates Win a Decided Victory in the Senate.

JONES BILL WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vote on the Question of Taking it Up Stood Thirty to Twenty-Seven.

MAY BE PUT ON FINAL PASSAGE TODAY

Its Friends Will Ask the Senate to Sit Unti it is Disposed Of.

BOND SALE UP FOR DISCUSSION AGAIN

Senator Gray Defends the Administration-Sherman Says the Bonds of the Government Must Be Paid in Gold-Method of Sale Criticised.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-By a bold par-

immentary move the silver men of the senate. under the leadership of Senator Jones of Arkansas, forced aside all other pending bustness, including appropriation bills, and by a vote of 30 to 27 made the bill for the unrestricted colnage of silver unfinished business before the senate. Having succeeded in this, Mr. Jones gave notice that the silver bill would be kept before the senate until & final vote was secured before adjournment tomorrow. From the strength shown by the silver men on the vote today, there was little doubt of Mr. Jones' ability to secure the vote tomorrow unless obstructive tactics or a test of physical endurance are inaugurated, which is regarded as unlikely. The move of the silver men came as the climax of an exciting day in the senate. For two hours at the opening of the session there was a renewal of the attack and defense, the charges and countercharges concerning the course of the president and the secretary of the treasury, in negotiating the recent bond contract with foreign bankers. The two notable speeches of the day were made by Mr. Gray of Delaware, whose relations with the administration are such that his remarks in defense of the president and secretary were regarded as reflecting the attitude of the executive branch, and by Mr. Sherman of Ohlo, whose financial views are always received with marked attention. Mr. Sherman's criticisms of the bond contract were none the less severe because of the calm and dispassionate manner in which he set forth what he termed "its hard and impolitie" features and the "excassive" rate of interest allowed on thirty; year bonds. Mr. Sherman declared that no bonds should be ssued except to be taken by the people of the United States, and he asserted the abundant ability of Americans to furnish all the gold necessary. The Ohio senator did not, however, question the president's position in favor of gold payments, but presented the facts of all bonds issued since 1869, showing that the government had always received gold for its bonds, and was them. The agricultural appropriation was

finally passed. STEWART OPENS THE FIGHT. Mr. Stewart, populist of Nevada, was the first to continue the criticisms of the bond contract. His resolution was called up declaring that the government had no legal authority to buy gold coin in preference to silver coin for any cause whatever. Stewart spoke of the humiliating position of the United States in being held by the throat

Mr. Gray said he would fully consider that

Proceeding with the president's message the senator read the specific statement that the law did not provide for bonds payable in gold. At that time Mr. Lodge had not complained of the conditions clearly set forth by the president, but had waited until now to present a scathing denunciation.
"Having thus applied to congress,"

thued Mr. Gray, "having thus presented the situation to both branches of congress-in

appeals almost pathetic in their carnestness-the president was left alone to struggle with the condition and to meet it."

The senator told of the tremendous drains of gold from the treasury, running up to \$7,000,000 in one week, shortly before this contract was made. From December 1 last up to the time of the contract \$17,000,000 was withdrawn, and of this only one-half was experted, showing that the other half

was hoarded at home. "Has the senator lost sight of the fact," asked Mr. Wolcott, "that the secretary of the treasury has reported to us that he had used \$105,000,000 of that gold for current ex-This did not divert Mr. Gray from his line of argument as to the gold withdrawals for export and for hearding at home. "Right

here I want to ask," said Mr. Peffer, "i there any law which compels the secretar of the treasury to pay demand notes in gold instead of in silver?" HILL STANDS BY WOLCOTT. "I have not said there was any such law," replied Mr. Gray. "I know of no such law, But the obligation to maintain the parity between the metals makes it absolutely in-cumbent to treat these metals equally." Mr. Hill rose at this point to say that the question of Mr. Wolcott should not go unanswered. The secretary of the treasury had reported to the senate that he had used \$105,000,000 of the gold for current expenses.

Mr. Teiler wanted to read the sccretary's report, but Mr. Gray would not yield.

"And this drain of gold continued," resumed Mr. Gray, "until the subtreasury at New York reported that they could not hold out another day. Then came the great question, Was the country to go to a sliver basis between sundown and sinup, or was it to secure the gold absolutely necessary to maintain the parity and exchangeability between the two metals? What would you have said if the president had not met that