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STATE PRISON FIRE

Penitentiary at Lincoln, Ne-

braska, Burning,

of Precaution-At a Late Hour the Fire Was Not Under Control.

tarted in the state penitentiary last night seems certain to destroy the entire main building together with the cellhouse and ther buildings. Just after 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning a telephone message came, saying the room in which the tele-phone instrument was located was in flames, and must be vacated. This cuts off the only means of immediate communication with the prison, which is nearly four miles from the business district of the city. Between 1 and 2 o'clock, however, a member of the Lincoln Fire De-partment telephoned that the penitentiary proper was doomed, and that the fire was spreading. Before the flames had gained great headway. Warden Davis gave or-ders to release the convicts from the cells and march them to the prison yard under double guard. The remova. was accom-plished without disorder.

tution all set to work with the small firefrom the city fire department was called for. A short time after midnight Warden Davis said he did not have the fire under control, but he could not tell how bad it was burning in the upper story, and at the front of the building its spread was Later the report came that the

headway, however, and the firemen remote buildings.

lice Hoagland sent all available policemen to aid in preserving order. Later, as an additional measure of safety, Lieutent-Governor Savage ordered out the local company of state militia. Captain Rin-

rent in England. LONDON, March 1.-The Daily News

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> that neither the War, Foreign or Colonial Office has any information confirming the report. The War Secretary, Mr. Brod. erick, announced in the House of Com-mons this afternoon that he had no of-ficial information of the surrender.

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 28.-The Evening Mail says General Botha formally surrendered to General Kitchenes

Dewet's Movements.

wet's men have succeeded in crossing the Orange River, General Dewet, ex-President Steyn and the bulk of their force, including Hertzog's command, are camped on the South Balk awalting an opportunity to cross. According to in-habitants who reside alongside the river, this will be impossible for at least four The indications are that Dewet intends moving eastward, with the obje of crossing the line between Norvalspon and Nanuwpoort Thorneycroft is push-ing from the west, while several columns are ready to meet the Boers in every lirection. Last night there was a terriwide area, and it is expected that the river will again rise

OUDTSCHORN, Cape Colony, Feb. 28 General Dewet, it is officially asserted, having failed to cross the Orange River at Daltorspoort, is hurrying to Roentfontein. The Orange River is falling fast.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.-The London corespondent of the Tribune says: The total cost of the Boer war has been concealed by various devices, but it will exceed £130,000,000. A prominent Libcould be closed at once. For this reason

The "Kaffir circus" shares are rising day by day, owing to Lord Kitchener's success, and there is evidence of a marked revival of speculative activity. The operators are forecasting a great boom in South African stocks as a sequel to tac war, but they are assuming that the mineowners will not be heavily taxed for the benefit of British taxpayers. But Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has a sharp eye fixed on the only available assets of South Africa. The Kaffir circus may be in less festive mood after the budget speech

Plague at the Cape CAPE TOWN, Feb. 28 -- One fresh case of busonic plague has developed here and three at Somerset West. They are

Governor Beckham Denounced. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.-Strong tatements made by Governor Beckham in indorsing the pardon he granted Tuesday to Ed Alvy, convicted in the criminal court of Louisville of setting up a game of chance and given two years in the Penitentiary, had an extremely sensa-tional aftermath in the criminal court

one of the attorneys who prosecuted Alvey, and the verdict was the subject of a long address to the grand jury by the Judge of the court. Alvey was convicted on state's evidence by three men indicted with him and pardoned by the Governor W. M. EVARTS DEAD

DEATH CAUSED BY PNEUMONIA

LONDON, Feb. 28.-The continuous dene in Scotch pig iron prices, having Funeral Will Occur Saturday, and reached a ruinous level, is said to be the result of the formation of the steel trust in the United States. It is claimed that Interment Will Be at Windsor, Vt.-His Career as a Lawyer the makers are alarmed at the prospects. Replying to Sir Howard Vincent, Con-servative, the Chancellor of the Exche-

Ex-Secretary of State Passed

Away in New York.

and a Statesman.

quer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, said he was aware that the exports of the United States in iron and steel amounted last year to \$145,000,000, over double the value of similar experts in 1899. He altogether NEW YORK, Feb. 28.-William M. Evarts died at his home in this city todemurred, however, at the statement that the greater portion was not required in America, and was sent to the United Kingdom. As a matter of fact, for the year ending June 13, 1839, the proportion will be under \$20,000,000 out of a total of \$106,000,000. The Chancellor of the Ex-chequer added that Sir Howard Vincent,

as that on the Berdeel mortgage upo as that on the Berdeel mortgage upon the Boston, Hartford & Eric Rallroad. The firm of Everts, Choate & Beaman, of which he was senior partner, has among its clients many of the prominent merchants and bankers of New York City. In 1877 he was the advocate of the Republican party before the Electoral Commission, and during the administration of President Hayes he was Secre-tary of State. His administration of the State Department was marked by a judicious and dignified treatment of diplo-metic questions, and especially by the introduction of a higher standard of efficiency in the consular service, and the rubilication of consular reports on eco-nomic and commercial conditions in foreign countries. In 1881, after the con-clusion of his term of service in the Cabinet, he went to Paris as delegate of the United States to the International monetary conference. March 4, 1885, he took his seat in the United States Sen ate for a term expiring March 3, 1891, having been elected as a Republican to day. Mr. Evarts was St years of age.
His death was caused by pneumonia. For from New York. Mr. Evarts was known several years past he had been without as a brilliant speaker at convivial gath-

test over the will of Mrs. Gardner, mother of the widow of President Tyler. His services were often sought in cases in which large corporations were parties, and he received in some instances fees of \$5,000 or \$50,000 for an opinion, such as that on the Berdeel mortgage upon DRYDOCK IN FAVOR

> bers of the Legislature and of the Port of Portland Commission. Wednesday, re-ported to Chairman H. W. Corbett yesterday, sustaining the position taken by Commissioner Ellis G. Hughes and over-ruling the position of T. B. Wilcox, president of the commission. The committee declared that the Commission. The committee declared that the Commission has no authority under the law of 1896 to issue bonds for a dredge built prior to the enactment of the law, and reimburse the fund from which the money was drawn to build the dredge. Mr. Wilcox makes no complaint against the decision, but adheres to the statement he made at Wednesday's meeting that he can not see his way clear to continue his connec-tion with the commission, as he is not enabled to do justice to himself and the If Mr. Wilcox's position had been sustained, the act of 1898 would be better for the port, always leaving the drydock out of consideration, than the bill of 1991, in that it would provide a larger operat-ing fund. Under his construction of the law of 1899, the commission could issue bonds for about \$73,000 to pay for the

dredge and other appliances connected with its operation. The committee's ruling to the contrary makes the working fund exactly the same under the bill of 1901 as under the act of 1899. So far as oncerns the operating account, nothing as Mr. Hughes has explained, would be gained by veto of the bill now before overnor Geer. One important difference between the two measures is the author-ization of a drydock by the bill of 1901. Mr. Wilcox says deep channels are more important than a drydock at this time, William M. Ladd is opposed to a dry-dock. The majority of those who attended the conference, want the drydock. The fight has been between the friends and opponents of the drydock and the friends have won,
A brief statement of the action

nmittee was telephoned to Governor Geer yesterday afternoon, and he was lit-formed that those who petitioned for the yeto of the bill were evidently laboring under a false impression. Chairman Cor-bett will call a meeting today of those who attended the conference at Preni-dent Mohler's office, Wednesday. There appears to be little doubt that the recom-mendation to the governor will be that he recent the bell to become a law. permit the bill to become a law. Senator Alex. Sweek and Representative John McCraken, of the investigating committee, met in the Port of Portland

office yesterday morning. H. W. Scott, ent. Commissioner Hughes attended, by invitation, and stated his case. During the morning session the committee exthe morning session the committee ex-amined the books and accounts of the commission. Mr. Wilcox and ex-United States Attorney-General George H. Williams were invited to the afternoon sest sion. To expedite matters, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilcox agreed upon a statement of facts to the effect that the dredge in question was built and paid for prior to the law of 1890, which authorizes the issuance of bonds for the construction of dredges and dredge appliances. The question of whether the commission could, under the law of 1829, issue bonds to reimburse the general fund for the cost of a dredge built prior to the enactment of the law, was then referred to Judge Williams for a ruling. He said no. Senator Sweek and Representative Mc-Craken concuring in the opinion and the following report which they sent to Chairman Corbett:

Your committee to whom was referred the atter as to whether or not the Port of Port and had authority and power under the act of 1809 to sell bonds and reimburse the general fund for the purpose of building a dredge, beg says to submit the following report:

leave to submit the following report:
We find that prior to the act of 1899 the Port of Portland had no authority to build a dredge out of the moneys derived from the sale of bonds; that the dredge was built, and paid for out of moneys belonging to the general fund out of moneys becoming to the acceptage prior to the passage of said act.

That in section 6 of the act of 1899 the Port of Portland is granted power as follows: "And no funds derived from the sale of its bonds shall be expended other than in making improvements of a permanent nature to the chan-nel of the rivers aforesaid and in the construc-tion of dredges and dredge appliances." This act is not retroactive, and, there being no exess authority given to sell bonds for the

purpose of reimbursing the general fund, we do not believe that the Port of Portland would have authority under the law as it now stands to sell bends for this purpose. The Board of Trade, at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon, went on second in favor of the Port of Portland bill, and sent Governor Geer a telegram asking him to let the bill become a law.

FIGHTING BLACK DAMP.

No More Bodies Recovered From the Diamondville Mine.

DIAMONDVILLE, Wyo., Feb. 28.-No. effort has been made to open up No. 6 level. Superintendent Sneddon, accompanied by Superintendent Thomas Young and ex-Inspector Parks, entered the mine and unscaled the sixth entry. Room 38 had been reached. It will be impossible to take out any bodies until room 45 is reached, which will be reached some time after midnight. About 30 experienced men are engaged in the search. The only uble seems to be in pushing the black damp back. To do this every room will be sealed and as the entrance from the eventh level to the sixth level is beyoud the place where the fire occurred, it is the purpose of the relief gang to take the hodies out from the sixth level into the seventh level. The investigaheld until more bodies have been recovered. Tonight only two bodies, those of the Roni brothers, remain in the morgue, all others having been buried or hipped away. The inquest will not be held until more bodies have been recov-

Italy Seeks No Territory. ROME, Feb. 28.-An official note issued day denies the report that the Italian Government contemplates territorial oc-cupation of the Bay of Nimrod, an im-

portant harbor south of Ning Po Prov-



THE LATE WILLIAM M. EVARTS.

home. Up to the time of death he was the nominal head of the law firm of Evarts, Choate & Beaman, although for many years he had not been in active

Soon after 4 e'clock this morning Mr. Evarts suffered a relapse which caused him to sink rapidly. At 6 o'clock he re-lapsed into unconsciousness and grew weaker until at \$:10 o'clock, without regaining consciousness, he expired. From the time he became unconscious the dy-ing man's wife and children were with Illinois militiamen will escort Shenkle from Springfield to Carrollton to pre-vent mob violence. Page 5. ing man's wife and chindren we with him in the room. There are four daugh-ters and a like number of sons. The latter are Allen, Sherman, Rey, Dr. Pres-cott and Maxwell Evarts, and the daugh-ters are Miss Mary Evarts, Mrs. Beaman,

pallbearers will not be chosen until to-(William Maxwell Evarts was born in

Boston, February 8, 1818. He was pre-pared for college in the Boston Latin School, graduated at Yale in 1837, and while in college, with four of his class-mates, he founded the Yale Literary Mag-azine. Choosing the profession of law, studied in Harvard law school, and in the office of Daniel Lord, of New York City, and was admitted to the bar in New York in 18ti. He soon established a reputation for learning and acumen, and was often consulted by older lawyers. In 1849-53 he was Assistant District Attorney in New York City, and in 1851 successfully in New York City, and in itsi successfully conducted the prosecution of the Cuban fillbusters concerned in the Cleopatra ex-pedition. The same year he was elected to argue in favor of the constitutionality of the metropolitan police act. In 1857 and 1860 he was retained by the State of New York to argue the Lemmon slave case against Charles O'Conor, the coun-sel for the State of Virginia, before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, He became an active and prominent member of the Republican party, was chairman of the New York delegation in the Republican National Convention of 1860, and proposed the name of William H. Seward for the Presidency. In 1861 he and Hor ace Greeley were rival candidates for the United States Senatorship before the New York Legislature, but finally name was withdrawn to enable his sup-porters to secure the election of Ira Har In 1862 he conducted the case of the Government to establish in the Su-preme Court the right of the United States in the Civil War to treat captured vessels as maritime prizes, accord-ing to the laws of war. In 1865 and 1866 maintained with success before the courts the unconstitutionality of state laws taking United States bonds or National bank stock without the authoriza-tion of Congress. In 1868, President John-son chose him as chief counsel in the impeachment trial before the Senate, and from July 15, 1868, till the end of President Johnson's administration, he filled office of Attorney-General of the United States. He acted in 1872 as coun-sel for the United States before the tribunal of arbitration on the Alabama

were the Parrish will case and the con- papers,

ant occasions he delivered addresses, several of which have been published. Among his public addresses the the eulogy on Phief Justice Chase, at Dartmouth Col-lege, in June, 1873; the Centennial ora-tion, in Philadelphia, in 1878, and the speeches at the unveiling of the statues of William H. Seward and Daniel Web-ster, in New York, and of Bartholdi's

PORTUGAL AND BRAZIL.

statue of liberty.)

American Government Recalls Its Oporto Consul.

LISBON, Feb. 28.-The Brazilian Government has ordered its Consul at Oporto to return immediately to Brazil with his family. Numerous workmen employed in a to

bacco manufactory here joined a crowd this evening that was demonstrating against the Jesuits, marching to the paiace of Jose Pestana, who is accused of belonging to the group that attempted to abduct the daughter of the Brazilian Vice-Consul, breaking the windows and setting fire to the blinds. Another body of demonstrators stoned a house occupied by a Catholic association.

Senor Sagasta's Views.

MADRID, Feb. 28 .- Senor Sagasta had a conference lasting an hour with the Queen Regent today. He presented his views to Her Majesty in writing. They were not communicated to the press. It is believed he pointed out that there is room for a change in the government's policy from the Liberal standpoint, but if the Queen judges it advisable, the present Chambers would vote the budget for 1961, and Senor Silvela would form a Cabinet if supported by the majority. The Queen Regent conferred also with Senor de Armijo, who said subsequently that any opinion relative to the solution of the crisis would be premature. In political circles, it is considered that, in case Parliament is dissolved, Senor Sagasta or Senor Silvela will be appointed to the Presidency of the Cabinet

To Repress Macedonian Agitators.

VIENNA, Feb. 28.-The Bulgarian pa pers announce that the Bulgarian Min of Justice has issued a circular urging Public Prosecutors and Judges throughout Bulgaria to be active in the repression of the Macedonian revolutionary committee and other agents of agitation.

LONDON, March 1,-"An imperial trade orders the concentration of 5000 Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier, near Kustendil." says the Constantinople corre spondent of the Daily Mail. "Prince Ferdinand opposes the operations of the Macedonian committee, but is believed to be powerless to stop them, and there is doubt that sympathizers in Buigaria are providing the promoters of the revolution with arms."

Demonstration in Vienna

VIENNA, Feb. 28 .- A mob of 1500 unemtion this afternoon against the young Czechs and Radicals in front of the Reichsrath building. The session of the able to the United States were to a large extent based. In 1875 he was senior counsel for Henry Ward Beecher in the trial with obstructive speeches by the Czechs. of the suit against him in Brooklyn. For Then the President ordered a secret ses-many years his reputation had been National, and he had been engaged in a had been objected to. These referred to large number of cases involving great in-terests, among the most famous of which to the confiscation of anti-Catholic news-

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ernor on affidavits which the Governor thought established that Alvey was a subject of discrimination. In brief, Governor Beckham charged that Alvey was convicted to suppress competition in gambling in Louisville. DUE TO THE STEEL TRUST. CONVICTS SAFELY REMOVED Scotch Iron Prices Reach a Ruinous

Level.

In asking the government to take steps to secure such fiscal treatment for these

and other competing foreign manufac-tured imports amounting to \$500,000,000 as shall establish an equality of foreign

goods with British goods in British markets, and place upon the foreigner a portion of the pecuniary burden of the Boer War, merely expressed an opinion with which he did

not agree. Sir Howard Vincent also asked a ques-

tion about the United States steel corporation, and the president of the Board of Trade, Gerald Balfour, replied that

he understood such a combination was in course of formation, but he was not in-

clined to adopt Sir Howard Vincent's

statement that the main object of the combine was to destroy the iron and

steel industries of Great Britain. He did not think any action on the part of the

government could be usefully taken.

The discontent regarding the treatment of the Commons at the opening of

Parliament again cropped up in the House this evening, when it began the discus-

sion of the civil service supplementary estimates. After being subjected to viru-lent criticism, the government succeeded

in carrying the vote for the maintenance of the Parliament buildings by a meager

Referring to the Newfoundland shore question, Lord Cranbourne said no nego-

tlations were at present proceeding on the subject with France, but the government

had intimated its willingness to take any

for the defense of the legations at Pekin, said a zone 150 yards wide was required. Therefore, it was necessary to take part of the customs building. Sir Robert Hart complained, but he subsequently said that if the military necessities require it he would not converted the appropriation of the

rould not oppose the appropriation of the

The Exposition Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-The conferees on the Louisiana Purchase Exposition bill

met today. They agreed upon the amend-ment to close the gates on Sunday and

disagreed to the appropriation for the

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS

Domestic.

The State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb. was burned. Page 1.

The inauguration programme is com-pleted. Page 10.

bhilippines,

The last of the Spanish officers in the islands have been recalled. Page 2.

The Government cable has been completed to Jolo. Page 2.

ecommendations on the war claims have been sent to Washington. Page 2.

Seneral Young and a volunteer force have salled for home. Page 2.

Congress.

The Senate passed the river and harbor bill. Page 3.

Conference reports on the war tax, dipl

matte and agricultural bills were agreed to by the Senate. Page 3.

The Senate took up the sundry civil bill.

The House adopted conference reports on the war revenue, diplomatic and agri-cultural bills, Page 2.

he compromise on the war tax bill duces the revenue \$41,000,000. Page 2.

Foreign.

President McKinley wants the Chinese negotiations brought to a close. Page 2

Northwest Legislatures.

Fish Commissioner Reed, of Oregon, is let out of office by the new fishery law, which is now in force. Page 4.

the 215 laws passed by the Oregon Leg islature. Page 4.

The Washington Legislature passed the

bill regulating the practice of medici over Governor Rogers' veto. Page L

Pacific Coast.

Commercial and Marine.

ontinued dullness in wheat markets

Portland and Vicinity.

Light - weight championship wrestlin match at the Multnomah Club tonigh

with th Page 12.

completed. Page 11.

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William M. Evarts is dead. Page 1.

majority of 52.

The origin of the fire is unknown. When first discovered, the officers of the instifighting apparatus of the prison. Water was used in abundance, but assistance

ire was a very bad one.
At 1:40 A. M. the city fire department arrived, and began throwing water on the walls. The flames had gained too great rected their efforts to saving some of the

By request of the Warden, Chief of Po

SURRENDER OF BOTHA. No Confirmation of the Rumors Cur-

"We learn that Commandant General Botha offered to surrender on certain con-ditions and that pour parleurs are still in progress. It is believed that Mrs. Botha brought proposals from her nd to Lord Kitchener

The Sun says it is officially announced that Eotha has surrendered to General Kitchener. The Pall Mall Gazette credits the news of Botha's surrender, but a rep-resentative of the Associated Press learns

shortly before 10 o'clock this morning,

DE AAR, Feb. 28.-Latest advices indi-cate that though a few of General De-

Cost of the Boer War.

eral has asserted that the aggregate would be over £140,000,000, if the accoun the supporters of the Government are now awaiting the budget speech in spirit of optimism. The effect of that speech will, however, be less discouraging if they can assert that the bottom has been reached and that the war has

That speech may unmake the market now under careful manipulation.

all among colored men.

ual aftermath in the criminal court work on Eastern Oregon Experiment Status, Governor Beckham was denounced the court by R. C. Kinkead, who was lay. Page 7.

the use of his eyes and was otherwise so erings, and as a public orator of elo-feeble that he was unable to leave his quence and versatility. On many import-ent. Commissioner Hughes

Mrs. Tweed and Mrs. Scudder.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from Calvary Protes tant Episcopal Church. After the services here the family will go with the remains to Windsor, Vt., where services will be held again. Interment will be in the family plot in the cemetery there. The

The report of the surrender of Botha is not confirmed. Page I. Brazil has recalled its Oporto Consul. lovernor Geer has filed all but seven of Washington House committee on judi-ciary will recommend temporary in-crease of number of Supreme Judges from five to seven. Page 5. Idaho fusionists passed the lie regarding an agreement of one to stand in with the Republicans. Page 4. Idaho House voted to create the office of Assistant Attorney-General. Page 4. he Oregon Agricultural College Regents arrange for the expenditure of the 10,000 appropriated by the Legislature. Page 4. 'armers will not comply with the Salem creameries' rule, and the outlook for the coming season is not good. Page 4. eel stocks take a tumble in New York. Page 11.
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Portland. Page 18.
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Life-Saving Guards' negligence at the Rio
wreck. Page 19. Committee agree in favor of new Port of Portland bill. Page 1. Judge Bellinger reconciles bankruptcy law with the Oregon attachment statute. claims at Geneva, and presented the ar-guments on which the decisions favor-Southern Pacific's new building for shops