### FIRST CHINESE REFORM

EMPRESS APPOINTS A BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.

As Three of the Members Are of the Anti-Foreign Party, It May Not Accomplish Much.

WASHINGTON, April 26.-The following cablegram has been received at the State Department from Mr. Squiers, the United States charge at Pekin, dated to-

The Empress Downger has appointed a her of public functions. They embrace three members of the cabinet now with the Empress at Singan Fu, and Prince Ching, Viceroy Li Hung Chang and Prince Kung, who are now in Pekin."

This news is regarded as of importance, indicating as it does, the relinquishment by the Empress Dowager of the arbritrary powers she heretofore has exercised. It is also apparent that she has placed herself in a position to avoid direct responsibility to the foreigners for whatever may happen in the future, and the board will have to bear the brunt of any complaint. It is felt that the appointment of this board will make it much easier for the foreign Ministers to transact business with the Chinese Government,

The three members of the cabinet now at Singan Fu include the notorious Jung Lu, who was one of the most active in the outbreak against the foreigners last Summer. One of the other members of this council is 70 years old, and is said to be greatly debilitated. The third member has been at least lukewarm toward foreign interests. The choice of these three is looked upon as likely to compli-cate the good which Li Hung Chang and The foreign establishments here are re-

celving a number of important dispatches relating to the question of indemnity and low it shall be guaranteed by a Chinese loan to each of the powers individually. One of the dispatches, coming through an European foreign office, says that Sir Rob-ert Hart has concluded that China can pay a total of \$200,000,000, and the impression is conveyed that this will be the ount agreed upon, the various claims being scaled down to this limit. Another dispatch comes from one of the most prominent Chinese officers and a plenipo-tentiary in the peace negotiations. He make a suggestion that when the am of indemnity is agreed upon it will be greatly to the interests of China, as well as to the powers, if the amount payable to each power can be made by installments, and not by a gross payment out-right. In that case, China would not be compelled to negotiate a large loan. The opinion prevails among officials that, while this proposition is fair, it is not practical, this proposition is mar, at is not plan and there is little idea that it will be fa-worably entertained. Other dispatches have passed within the last few days revive the idea of having The Hague ial administer the indemnity after the total is once agreed upon.

#### THE DIPLOMATS OBJECTED. French Officers Schemed to Seize the

Empress. PARIS, April 26.—The Gaulois affirms that General Ballloud and Colonel

Marchand some time ago contemplated an attempt to seize the Chinese Empress and court. General Bailloud approached Colo-nel Marchand and asked him if he would pel Marchand and asked him if he would undertake a certain enterprise which would very probably hasten the end of hostilities. The Colonel replied that he was willing, and General Bailloud and Colonel Marchand drew up a plan, the execution of which was venturesome but feasible. The diplomats, however, opposed the scheme, and it fell through. The Courier du Soir which is generally

The Courier du Soir, which is generally well informed on ministerial intentions, says that the settlement of the Chinese situation is a question of finance. The newspaper says that Russia, repeating that operation which has had the greatest success, will advance China the sum re-quired to pay the indemnifies, and that French savings will provide the Russian Government with the requisite funds. The European troops, except the Legation gar-risons, will then leave Pekin and a fresh period will begin, during which Chinese patience will strive to tire out the British and German Governments in their claims regarding the opening of the ports and the customs. Russia will retain Manchuria as a pledge for the loan. This appears to be the general scheme of the project that M. Delcasse is dicsussing in St. Peters-

#### AGAIN IN NEUTRAL TERRITORY. Chinese Regulars Appear on Forbidden Ground.

PEKIN, April 26.-The Chinese regulars who retired beyond the Great Wall have reappeared at another point within the international area. Strong representa-tions have been made to the Chinese plenipotentiaries in regard to the neces. sity for their immediate retirement. The French force is in readiness to renew operations, but has been ordered to await the result of the imperial edicts.

The Chinese are wondering if the imperial commission, appointed by an edict of reforms, really means the relinquishment of absolute power by the court or whether it is merely the formation of a privy council

tices in Chinese were placarded during the night calling on patriotic Chinato rise May II and expel all foreign-Yung Lu Ting, the censor of Chi Li Province, has memorialized the throne to return to Pekin as soon as possible, in order to pacify the people, who are look. ing eagerly westward for their Emperor's return. The censor is certain there is no danger, and if the Emperor is doubtful he can return as far as Ka Fang Fu, where he can better examine conditons and arrange for the foreign evacuation. But, adds, an early date for His Majesty's return should immediately be named.

The 16 Krupp guns and 67 carts of amcaptured by the British near Shan Hal Kwan are in excellent condition. An Indian native officer who made the capture was offered two carts of silver of he would not take the guns and say nothing about them.

#### MISSIONARIES NOT TO BLAME. Conger Again Says a Good Word for Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.-In reference to the accusations of looting made gainst the missionaries, United States Minister Conger, who arrived here last night, makes the following statement: The Americans have a larger number of missionaries out there than any other nation, and I am frank to say that under the circumstances there are very few things which the missionaries have done, if any, for which there need be any apology whatever. The stories of their

ooting are false, to my knowledge. "Believing that our Government would not demand a monetary indemnity for the murder and pillaging of native Chris-tians, I advised them that wherever they old make a settlement themselves with the villages where these murders or de-struction of property had taken place to make them on their own responsibility, suggested that settlements might be ade in this way with the least possible friction. There was no going out and

compelling the people to pay anything. It was altogether voluntary on their part. The missionaries have been criticised very severely for going, immediately after siege was raised, into abandoned houses for shelter for themselves and the pative Christians who had been expelled a Boxer's habitation abandoned, take essession of it, so you can have a place in which to shelter and take care of the native Christians."

Speaking of the siege, Mr. Conger said "It took every white man we had to stand by the guns. Without the missionaries the Legation would not have been saved, and without the native Christians none of us would have been saved. The missionaries were not the prime cause of the trouble; they were only one of the causes. The missionaries were not re-sponsible for the building of the railroads or for any of the other foreign innova-

Boxers seemed to be directed." Rev. W. S. Ament, of the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church, whose collection of in-demnity for damages done by Boxers in China has caused considerable discussion, takes vigorous exception to the criticisms made by Mark Twain and others as to the alleged misconduct of the mission

aries. He says:
"We found ourselves at the close of the slege with 500 native Christians upon our hands-no food, no clothing, no money, and every Christian house burned. On the very day of the arrival of the allied forces we were informed that we must leave the British Legation, as it was to be used as headquarters for the officers of the British Army. I immediately thought of a Mongol Prince, Hsi Ling, who was an ally of the Boxers, and whose place was the headquarters of the Boxers and blacklegs. We found the Prince's palace entirely empty, and the next day we brought up our native Christians and oc-cupied the deserted place. In that house and its neighboring houses that we occupied we put more than 400 people. We took only abandoned property. The only food in the Prince's palace was a bit of rice. We decided to sell the clothing and curios found on the premises, and real-ized \$2500 in gold. They were bought by British and American officers at a private sale of two weeks' duration. Native Christians brought up furs and sables which they had purchased at a low price from wealthy Chinese who feared they might be looted by the military people and who were anxious to dispose of them for a little money. These articles were sold at our place to British and other officers. I considered that that was a fair, honest speculation, which injured nobody and benefited many people. There may have been some loot goods taken, but it was without my knowledge. The Russian and Sikh soldiers were selling off truck very cheaply, but my people did not do the looting.

#### BOXER DEPREDATIONS. Lawless Class Operating Near Pao

Ting Fu. LONDON, April 27.—The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following dispatch from Pekin, dated yester

A band of Boxers, estimated at 1000 is operating 20 miles south of Pao Ting Fu. It has raided three villages within a week and threatens to massacre the Christians in that vicinity, many of whom ave fled to Pao Ting Fu for refuge, "In the Mancheng district, northeast of Pao Ting Fu, another strong band is committing depredations, and has an-nounced its intention to attack the city of Mancheng, where there is a post of 20 German soldiers. Even Pao Ting Fu, since the town was practically denuded of troops by the expedition to the great wall, is not wanting evidences of serious unrest among the more disorderely ele ments of the population. Competent ob-servers believe that the worst class of Chinese are only waiting the withdrawal of the foreign troops to resume the campaign of extermination against native

"The Boxers who are reported active in The Boxers was are reported active in these disturbances are composed of the worst characters in the province. They prefer brigandage to honest labor, and they are reinforced by people rendered desperate by being driven from their homes, by having their horses and cattle seized by the foreign troops and in tle seized by the foreign troops, and in many cases by being compelled to wit-ness the killing of their kinemen without interference. The evil continues to grow. The state of affairs is even worse than it was three months ago, and it must continue to grow worse until the ailies form an efficient government or allow the Chinese to deal with the situation in their

"The new board of reforms scarcely appears to be a regency. An error in translation is responsible for this mistake. The council, according to the Chinese, is formed for the purpose of undertaking reforms when the court returns to Pekin. It includes one reactionary, Lu Chuan Lin, and others of doubtful tendencies, and it is not altogether approved by the foreigners here."

### Working on the Same Lines. LONDON, April 26.-A representative of

the Associated Press learns that Great Britain is not relaxing her efforts to induce the powers to decrease their necuniary demands on China and substitute for a portion of their claims commercial agreements. The latest advices from the British Minister at Pekin do not indicate any degree of success so far, owing, it is said, to opposition on the part of Ger-many, which continues to insist on the payment in full of the large indemnity she claims. Mr. Rockhill and Sir Ernes Satow are said to be working on identical

### Famine in Shan Si.

NEW YORK, April 26.-The following cablegram was received by the Christian Herald today: "Pekin, April 25.—Very serious famine

spreads over the whole province of Shan SL. Over 11,000,000 population affected. Urgent relief necessary. Conditions war. rant immediate appeal.
"LI HUNG CHANG."

The Christian Herald has announced its purpose of raising a fund to relieve the sufferers in the famine-stricken district.

#### To Prevent a Consolidation. NEW YORK, April 26. - The Herald

says:
"Legal steps have been taken to prevent
"Legal steps have been taken to prevent & Monthe consolidation of the Boston & Mon-tana and the Butte & Boston Copper Companies with the Amalgamated Copper Company. A temporary injunction has been granted by Vice-Controller Pitney, in Jersey City, restraining the Amalgamated Copper Company from purchasing control of the stocks of the two companies until the full terms upon which the deal will be made are fully disclosed to the stockholders. The order is returnable May 6."

BUTTE, Mont., April 26.—John Mac-Ginniss, assistant to F. Aug. Heinz, of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, and a stockholder in the Parrott, and Daniel Lamm, a stockholder of the Parrot Company, began suit in the District Court here today similar to that begun in Jersey City, and on which an injunction was issued. It is set forth in the complain that the Parrot is about to transfer all its properties to the Amaigamated; that the affairs of the Parrot and the other companies to the amalgamation have been handled by the officers of the Amalga. mated Company in a way to hurt the interests of the stockholders of the several

### Buried by a Cave-in.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 26.-The Rosebud mine, at Aurora, caved in today and buried five men at a depth of 110 feet. It may be a month before they can be reached. Their names are Grant and William Shane, Elmer Bigler, John Gill

CLINTON, Ky., April M .- Thomas Cole was hanged here today for the murder of Emma C. Rice, his sweetheart, with whom he had quarreled. On the scaffold om their homes. I said: 'If there is Cole expressed sorrow for the crime.

### CHESS MATCH BY CABLE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES IN A FAIR WAY OF WINNING.

National and American League Scores-The Day's Races-Other Sporting News,

NEW YORK, April 26.—With the score of 2 to 0 to their credit, and with three games in good and safe positions, the American representatives have excellent cause to hope for victory in the third international chess match by cable between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton on Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton on the complete British univerone side and the combined British univer sities of Oxford and Cambridge, and also to recover the challenge trophy donated by Professor Isaac Rice. The following is the

pairing:

1. Perry (Harvard) vs. Coleman (Cambridge), opening Ruy Lopez.

2. Falk (Columbia) vs. Wiles (Cambridge), Petroff's def.

3. Bewall (Columbia) vs. Lane (Oxford), Petroff's def.

4. Rice (Harvard) vs. Sigrundy (Oxford), Vienna.

5. Hunt (Princeton) vs. Davidson (Oxford), Petroff's def.

6. H. A. Keeler (Columbia) vs. Wright (Cambridge), Ruy Lopez.

Rice and Sewell won their games, but

Rice and Sewell won their games, but Perry had the worst of it throughout the play. The others held their own, with good chances of winning. It was 10:30 to-night when the first greetings were exchanged between the American team, Knickerbocker Athletic Club, and their English rivals at the British Chess Club,

#### THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Whitehall Court, London.

New York Won From Brooklyn in First Came at the Metropolis. NEW YORK, April 26.-New York won from Brooklyn today in the opening game of the season today. Attendance, 4800. Score:

RHE New York.... 5 5 3 Brooklyn ..... 3 4 2 Batteries-Matthewson and Bowerman; Donovan and McGuire, Umpire-Colgan,

Boston Bent Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, April 26.-In a game devoid of interesting features, Boston de-feated Philadelphia today. Attendance,

RHE Philadelphia.. 3 5 4 Boston ...... 4 8 4 Batteries—Donohue and McFarland; Pittinger and Kittredge. Umpire-O'Day.

#### Cincinnati Beat Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 26.-Cincinnati won the opening National League game here to-day in the 12th inning, Captain Corcoran scoring the winning run on his third hit, third strike and two put-outs. Hughes went to pieces in the third. Attendance RHE

Batteries-Hughes, Menefee and Kling; Newton and Peitz. Umpire, Emslie. Game Postponed.

At Pittsburg-Pittsburg-St, Louis game postponed; wet grounds.

### THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Detroit Won the Second Game of the Season From Milwaukee. DETROIT, April 26.-With two men or bases and two out in the ninth inning to-day Elberfield drove the ball to the clubhouse, winning the second game of the for the local American League

R H E ... 6 12 5 Milwaukee ... 5 7 4 Batteries-Owen, Slever and Buelow

Baltimore Beat Boston. BALTIMORE, April 26.—Baltimore de-feated Boston today in the opening game

of the American League season here. President Johnson, of the American League, tossed the first ball upon the RHE Baltimore ....10 11 3 Boston ..... Batteries-McGinnity and Robinson;

Washington Beat Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, April 26.-The Washington American League team defeated Connie Mack's athletes in the opening game of the season today. Attendance, 10,500. Score;

Washington.. 5 8 1 Philadelphia.. 1 7 7 Batteries-Carrick and Clark; Frazer and Powers.

#### F. G. Carpenter inVan Dieman's Land

The famous globe trotter contributes an interesting letter, with photos, of Tasmanian scenes, for THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, TOMORBOW.

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### THE DAY'S RACES.

Winners at Tanforan.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Bissinger, a colored rider, landed three winners at Tanforan today, all of them being at good prices. He scored on Irma A., Ein-stein and Goldone. Rollick and Buck Taylor were the only favorites to win. Irma A. led all the way and won easily. In the last race Donator receded in the betting from 6 to 5 to 9 to 5. Barney Schreiber today sold Corrigan to Burts & Waterhouse for \$10,000. Results: Five and one-half furlongs, selling— Buck Taylor won, Canejo second, First Shot third; time, 1:06. selling-

Four furlongs, selling-Irma A. won, San Lution second, Huachuca third; time, 1:14%.

Six furlongs, seiling-Rollick won, Seide second, Clarando third; time, 1:14, One mile, selling-Rio Shannon won, Six Hampton second, Flamero third; time, Seven furlongs, selling-Goldone won

### second, Grand Sachem third;

Races at Lakeside CHICAGO, April 26.-Lakeside summa

Four and a half furlongs—Bert Sargent won, Prince Webb second, Hat Mitchell third; time, 0:57 2-5, Five and a half furlongs-Incandescent won, John Grigsby second, Mark Miles third; time, 1:09 2-5.

Five and a half furlongs, selling-Irma 3. won, Barney Saal second, Laura G. third; time, 1:10. Five and a half furlongs-Emma M. won, Miss Dooley second, Jake Weber third; time, 1:10 1-5. One mile-Branch won, Leon Newell sec-ond, Odner third; time, 1:42 1-5.

#### Mile and an eighth-Myth won, Dagmar second, Papa Harry third; time, 1:56. Races at Aqueduct. NEW YORK, April 28 .- Aqueduct sum-

Five and a half furlongs, sellingnion won, Maiden second, Petra II third; time, 1:09 1-5. About seven furlongs—Animosity won, Her Ladyship second, Balloon third; time, 1:28 2-5.

Six furlongs, selling-Spry won, Ante Up second, Billionaire third; time, 1:17. About seven furlongs—Magic Light won, Hammock second, St. Finnan third; time. Five furlongs-Postillion won, F. Whit-

tier second, Carrier Pigeon third; time, 1:04. Six furlongs—Donna Henrietta won, Al Saints second, Brahmindale third; time,

#### Races at Nashville. NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 26.—Results: Seven furlongs, selling—Virgie d'Or von, Sue Johnson second, Clarence B won, Sue Johnso third; time, 1:28.

Half mile—Marie Bell won, Swan Dance second, Ruby Ray third; time, 0:50. Six and a half furlongs—Kindred won, Ben Ledi second, Felix Bard third; time,

Nine-sixteenths of a mile-Lemuel won Kaffir second, Pidaster third; time, 0:56. One mile and a sixteenth, selling-Aurea won, Windward second, Lady of the West third; time, 1:49. Five and a half furlongs—Echodale won, Villmar second, Snowstorm third; time,

### Races at Sandowne Park.

LONDON, April 28.—H. J. King's Es-meralda II, ridden by Lester Reiff, won the Princess of Wales handicap of 500 sovereigns at Sandowne Park today. Richard Croker's Harrow, with Johnny Reiff up, finished second. Nine horses started.

#### OPEN TOURNAMENT. Second Day's Play on the Lakewood

Golf Links.

NEW YORK, April 26,-In the Lake-wood Golf Club's open tournament, the play today consisted of the first and second round at 18 holes match play between the 48 players who qualified yesterday for the three divisions of 16 men each. The feature of the play in the first round was the match between W. J. Travis, the Metropolitan and National champion, and A. Sidney Carpenter, of Philadelphia. The latter player put up an excellent game against Travie, who, however, won out by one up. Findlay S. Douglass out-played C. M. Hamilton, of Baltimore, and won by three up and two to play. In the second round of match play during the afternoon, Macdonald met Travis, but what was regarded as a very promising match proved a very one-sided game. Macdonald utterly failed to play up to his reputation, and Travis won easily by five up and four to play. Douglass won an easy match against Davis in the seconnd round by five up and four to play.

#### M'GOVERN AND GARDNER.

Great Interest in the Coming Fight at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.-Interest in the coming battle between McGovern and Gardner increases daily, and from the present outlook Mechanics' Pavilion will be taxed to its utmost capacity when the signal to begin hostilities is given. The advance sale of tickets already eclipses by far any contest ever given in this city and from the present outlook the men will play to a record-breaking house. men will play to a record-breaking house. When the contest was first arranged, many believed that Gardner had but little chance of wresting the laurels from the wonderful Terry. Those who have seen the "Omaha Kid" at work have changed their minds somewhat and it is believed by many that Gardner, while he may not win, will give Terry one of the hardest battles of his life. Gardner trains daily on the roads at Alameda Chicago ...... 8 1 Cincinnati ..... 8 13 4 trains daily on the roads at Alameda and has already done twice as much pre-liminary work as he ever did before. He is in the finest possible condition.

Cause of Pugilist Smith's Death. LONDON, April 26 .- At the inquest to day over the remains of "Billy" Smith American pugilist who was fatally injured Monday night at the National Sporting Club by "Jack" Roberts, in a boxing contest, a surgeon testified that the autopsy showed a laceration of the right side of the brain, that otherwise Smith's physical condition was perfect, and that his death was due to violence. Nat Smith raised the question of his brother's having been given something to drink at the end of the seventh round which caused his collapse. The Coroner reserved the point for discussion Monday. The correct name of the dead pugilist is Murray Livingston. He resided in Phil-

#### Three Bouts at Denver. DENVER, April 26.-At the Colorado Athletic Association here tonight, "Spi-der" Kelly put out Sam Bolin (colored) in three rounds. Billy Stift and Jack Johnson (colored), of Texas, fought a 10-round draw, and Abe Atell, of San Francisco, won from young Cassidy, of Colorado Springs, in the second round. Referee English stopped the fight when

Cassidy was staggering around the ring, after having been down twice from the terrific punishment of the Californian. Football Team Coming West. CHICAGO April 26.-It was announced today by Harry M. Bates, secretary of the Society of Michigan Alumni Association, that the football team would make a holiday trip to the Pacific Coast next Winter

and play both Stanford and California Universities. The schedule arranged for provided for a game with Stanford at Los Angeles Christmas, and a game with California at San Francisco on New

### Sullivan's Trainer Dead.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 26,-Jack Turner, who was well known in puglilation and sporting circles, and who was the trainer of John L. Sullivan for his fight with Jake Kilrain, died at his home here today, aged 61.

### Low Water in Salt Lake.

Salt Lake Tribune. The Monthly Weather Review is considring the low state of water in the Great Salt Lake. One explanation is that the fall is due to the diverting of large quantites of water from the streams flowing into the lake for irrigation purposes. Mr. Murdoch found out that the last 16 years have been the dryest on record. For each year there has been an average shortage of .98 inch in rainfall. The total shortage for 15 years is 14.7 inches. Mr. Gilbert, of the Geological Survey, reviewing this data that Mr. Murdoch has brought together. expresses the opinion that the shortage of rainfall does not suffice to account wholly for the fall of the lake's surface. He believes that a prominent place among the factors to account for the fall in the lake is to be accorded to irrigation. He thinks the work of irrigation must have greatly diminished the amount of water which the rivers discharged to the lake. We do not believe that amounts to much. There is a great deal of water turned out of the streams for irrigation, but save what is evaporated on the surface, it nearly all gets back into the lake by the underflow. The way the lakes in the arid region sometimes dry up and sometimes are full has not been explained yet. Honey Lake, on this side of the Sierras, about 30 years ago, took up the notion that it would disappear, and it did, and was gone for two Then without any more apparent cause than for its leaving, it came back. The fruth is that there is just as great a river flow in this region underground as there is above, and when the streams become obstructed, all the waters on the surface rise, and when the obstructions in the fissures are carried away, the waters sink. There is nothing alarming about Salt Lake. It has had four periods of rise and fall since the ploneers came here in 1847, and we predict that next year or year after next it will be back to its full height.

To Protect the Passengers. NEW YORK, April 26 .- A rogue's galthe New York police to be hung in the cardroom of each of the big trans-Atlan-tic liners running out of this port. This

action is the result of the alleged swind-

ling of Dr. Joseph Muir out of \$8000 on a recent voyage.

# TIRED ALL THE TIME

### That's a Spring Condition.

It's a sign that the blood is deficient in vitality, just as pimples and other eruptions are signs that the blood is impure. It's a warning, too, which only the hazardous fail to heed.

Hood's Sarsaparilla removes it, gives new life, new courage, strength and animation.

It cleanses the blood and clears the complexion. Accept no substitute.

"My husband had salt rheum. He took two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and was cured. For that tired feeling in the Spring there is no medicine that does me as much

good."-Mrs. E. Hunt, Weston, Or. "I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla a grand medicine for the blood and to build up the strength and the system generally. I recommend it for ailments that have their origin in impure blood."-Mrs. Nancy M. Lane, Fairdale, Or.

"We have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a Spring medicine, and we have very little sickness in our family."—Mrs. John Schultz, Box 256, Fort Bragg, Cal.

"I was troubled with severe headaches and a tired feeling for over 20 years. A friend urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and the result was I soon felt much better. I always keep Hood's on hand and take it when needed, from time to time."-Mrs. Herman Matthies. 1527 E St., Tacoma, Wash.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

### FLOOD CAUSED DISTRESS

OHIO RIVER BECOMES STATIONARY AT CINCINNATI.

Forecast Official Says It Will Begin Falling Today-On the Kentucky Side.

CINCINNATI, April 28.-The Ohio River has been stationary here and for some distance below Cincinnati since 9 o'clock this morning. Local Forecast Official Bassler said tonight: "I look for the river to remain stationary until tomorrow morning, when there may be a percepti-

ble fall. Favorable weather is reported through the Ohio Valley." The conditions on both sides of the river here tonight are quite serious. Many sick have removed from inundated houses to hospitals. Relief committees have been organized at many places above Cincinorganized at many places above Cincinnati, where there is distress. It is estimated that 500 residences have been inundated in the east end of Cincinnati and
more in the west side, along Mill Creek
Valley. These do not include the flooded
districts along the frontage of the Ohio
River, where tenement houses as well as
business interests suffered. On the Kenany department, for the only discretiontucky side from Covington through New-port, Bellevue and Dayton, the situation lity of an exhibit. is equally distressing. Thousands are out of work here and up the valley, but most of them will resume Monday. Among lumber, in which certain Commissioners those closing today were the lower shops of the Fay & Eagan Company, rendering the inside track, while some of the other 500 men idle. The street railways are still ning all passenger trains as usual, and

they expect to be ready to handle freight at all stations Monday.

At Bellevue, Ky., just across the river from the eastern part of Cincinnati, a large indignation meeting was held tonight because the Cincinnati, Covington & Newport Street Rallway did not fur-nish boats for transfers at all the flooded points. The street railways claims that boats are in such demand that they could not be had at all places where the water was over the tracks. Later, a crowd of indignant people tore up the tracks for

some distance in the more elevated parts of the town.

At Ripley, O., the inundation is so bad tonight that all business is suspended. From Main street to East Ripley every-thing is under water. At Portsmouth, O., a rise in the Scioto River has made the situation worse in the northern part of that city. Over 2000 people have driven from their homes in the Ports-

### THE WOMEN'S SIDE OF IT.

Mrs. Hidden's Version of the Wash-

ington Pan-American Row. OLYMPIA Wash., April 25 .- (To the Editor.)—As the papers have given in many instances a very misleading and onesided report of the recent meeting of the Pan-American Commission of Wash-ington, held in Tacoma April 14, 1901, you will do me a great favor by giving me an opportunity to present to the public the

facts in the case. When the Tacoma Ledger of the 15th made many misstatements in regard to the position and action taken by two honorary members of the board of women managers, I wrote a letter to the editor over my own signature, politely asking that he give me space to make some corrections, as the statements made in their report involved the Attorney-General as well as ourselves.

Instead of granting my request, the corrections made in my letter were garbled and twisted, and made to mean exactly the opposite from what they were intended.

The ladies of the commission presented themselves at the meeting in Tacoma in full belief that they rightfully belonged there; for while in the first instance their appointment by Governor Rogers at the request of Director-General Buchanan was purely honorary, the Legislature confirmed that appointment and provided an appropriation for their expenses in section 3 of the appropriation bill, as follows:

The expenses incurred by the two honorary members of the Board of Women Managers who have been appointed from this state to attend said exposition, and who will work in conjunction with the commissioners to be ap-pointed in collecting and caring for art in needlework, etc., and other exhibits to be displayed at said Pan-American Exposition, to be paid out of said fund hereafter appropriated, and the auditor is hereby instructed to his warrant upon the treasurer for all ex-penses actually incurred upon the presenta-tion of the proper vouchers therefor.

It would seem to an intelligent mind that the above law would be sufficient to secure us a seat in the commission, and in any case that as ladies we would be received courteously; but it did not, for Washington's commission is not composed of true gentlemen, I am sorry to have to say. We were subjected to a cross-fire of im-

pertinent questions: Where were our commissions? Did we expect to go to the exposition at the state's expense, and what for? One of the Commissioners, so nder the influence of liquor that he could hardly walk straight, thrusting his hand into his pocket, said that if we were "short" he would give us some money,

but that it was an "outrage on the state" for us to ask to go to Buffalo at the state's expense. Lee Hart, that king of politicians, from

King County, sat in his chair, cigar in mouth, and indulged himself in such gentlemanly questions as: "Do you women consider yourselves two of the 11 male Commissioners spoken of in this bill?" "Are you prepared to go to Buffalo un. der the direction of the Commissioners and talk lumber, mining and agriculture 10 hours a day, as the rest of us will have to do?" This in the face of the fact that we had explained explicitly our status as honorary members, and also in the face of the fact that they (the Commissioners) are not burdening them-

selves with work, and that at least nine

men are already engaged at stated sala-ries ranging from \$125 to \$150 per month and expenses to go and do the work in the state and at Buffaio.

The plea was made that there was no space for a woman's exhibit; but a telegram from Mrs. Hamilton, president of the Women's Board, states that no space has been asked for, and as far as funds are concerned, the honorary members insisted and do now insist that, according to the appropriation bill, which declares

As matters are now arranged by the departments in which the people of the state are equally interested are to be ex-cluded; and there is a general feeling that the money which should be expended for the state will be used in booming certain

localities. The ladies of the commission presented plans for a school exhibit, which would help, as they thought, as much as any other to set forth the status of the state educationally, but, as has truthfully reported, their plans and rights and they themselves were rep MRS. M. L. T. HIDDEN.

Honorary Member Pan-American Exposition Commission. Close View of Cuba. Mr. C. R. Miller, editor of the New

My own impression is that in the end all objections will be waived and the Plat amendment accepted. No one can pre-tend that the United States has not the right and the duty to impose upon the Cubans the conditions essential to its own peace and security. The possible range lies between permanent military occupation and dependency, at the one extreme, and an independence as untrammeled as that of Great Britain or Germany at the other. It is very plain that these dele-gates feel in their hearts that we have imposed conditions very much nearer the latter extreme than the former; in fact, that we have been easy with them, very much easier than Sir Alfred Milner with his "irreducible minimum" demanded of the Boers. Their arguments against the third section, even, are transparently faint-hearted. They seem to feel that they are unable to make out a good case either from point of view of our rights or their interest. They say frankly that they want no army, no navy. They know perfectly well that their powerful neighbor will attend to their defense against foreign aggression. They recognize the correlative necessity of foregoing the right to make war as one that we cannot acthey must and do see that the concer

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sions demanded by Congress are monatorial do not transcend the limits of reasonable preparation for the duties we assume and must put ourselves in a positive to perform. Unquestionably, too. sition to perform. Unquestionably, too, they feel misgivings about the stability and successful operation of civil government by and for themselves without external safeguards. The real substance of their opposition is that it hurts their pride to write themselves down children.

#### Railroading Religion.

Rev. L. Cuyler in Christian Endeavor World. The Bible puts a great premium on plodding, "Be not weary in well doing," "Ye have need of patience," "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise," "Let patience have her perfect work." There is need in these days for these sober counsels, for we live amid an atmosphere of rush and hurry. more esteemed than safety, and the very word "slow" is often a term of reproach. This rage for rapid money-getting, rapid social advancement and fast living is very emoralizing. People will sit up till midnight at a concert or a play or a party. but an instructive gospel discourse must be cut down to the minute! Religion catches too often this prevailing fervor. There is an unwholesome demand for pul pit sensations, hasty methods, superficial church joinings, which end in a half-way, halfing and feeble olety. Young friends I lovingly warn you against all this rail-roading of our holy religion.





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