MANIFESTO OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE LABOR PARTY.

Vivid Description of the Riot Which Occurred at Louvain, Near Brussels, Friday.

BRUSSELS, April 20.—At a general council of the labor party, held here today, it was resolved that work by the strikers in all sections should be resumed. The council issued a manifesto to the working men to this effect this afternoon.

The anticipated announcement by the Crown of the dissolution has not yet

been made.

The newspapers here contain vivid descriptions of the riots which occurred at Louvain, near here, last Friday. The mob which was returning from the station after meeting the Socialist deputies from Brussels, divided into two bands, one making for the residence of the presi-dent of the Chamber, M. Schollaert, and the other for that of the Minister of the Interior, M. De Troose. The first mem-tioned mob was led by a man of gigantic stature flourishing a butcher knife. After breaking through the ranks of one squad of the civil guard, the mob found its way blocked in a narrow lane by another squad of the same organization. An officer of the guard ran forward and called upon the mob to halt, shouting that otherwise he would order his men to fire a volley on them. The rioters disregarded this order. The officer was about to give his order to fire, when the gigantic leader of the rioters leaped forard and seized the officer's throat with his big hands. He pinned him against the wall and levelled a pistol at his head. Another officer yeiled the order to fire and plunged a beyonet into the giant's breast. The foremost of the rioters grasped the bayonets of the guards levelled rifles in their hands. The volley

rang out and in the narrow lane the mob was riddled with builets. Several were killed. The remainder broke and fled. In the meantime the other band of rioters had a similar but less tragic, experience. In a collision between the rioters and the guards, a drummer from the latter broke from the ranks and joined the mob, shouting to them to have no fear, as the guards were only supplied with blank cartridges. Yelling, the mob rushed on. It was met by a volley from the guards. Two of the oters were killed and many wounded. Yesterday the dead were lying in the Maison des Proletaries, which has beer converted into a mortuary chapel by drapings, candles and crucifixes. Crowds of workmen filed through the building during the day. The victims were buried early Sunday morning. M. Vanderveld and other Socialist leaders made brief

ILLNESS OF WILHELMINA. Dutch Cabinet Will Meet Today to Discuss the Regency.

LONDON, April 21.-The Dutch Cabinet, cables the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, will meet next Monday to dis-cuss the regency, which will be intrusted

to the Queen mother.
From Castle Loo the correspondent of the Dully Mail wires that Queen Wilhelmina's temperature remains at 193 de-grees, and that no complications are feared before next Wednesday. Her Majesty's physicians, continues the corre-apondent, profess to be a shade more hopeful. To Illustrate Her Majesty's conscious-ness, Saturday, remembering that that day was the Prince Consort's birthday, she ordered the baking of certain cakes for distribution among the children of the royal household, and the children of Apel-

The Queen, says the correspondent, is incapable of taking any nourishment, ex-cept beef tea and other fluids, and these only in small quantities. The Dutch doctors are puzzled at the failure of the court physicians to discover typhoid fever carlier. For some time previous to her breakdown, last Monday, the Queen lost her resy color, and complained of headher resy color, and complete the second of three small steamers.

The correspondent goes on to say that the present deplorable situation has by cans added to Prince Henry's popu The sluggish 'Dutch press, sorbed in Boer affairs, devotes amazingly small space to the subject which engrosses the nation's attention. No newspaper has yet devoted an editorial to the Queen's

"I have just learned," adds the Daily Mail correspondent, "that Her Majesty is enjoying a refreshing sleep. Prayers are being offered in all churches today for Prince von Wied, the son of the late King of Holland's sister. He is mentioned as a possible successor to the throne, in the event of Her Majesty's death.

"Looking at the palace amid the beau-tiful Spring scenery, it is difficult to believe sinister rumors which are affoat. At an adjoining table in the hotel sit Dr. Roesinger, the Queen's secretary, and other household officials chatting merrily as if in contradiction of the disquieting

THE HAGUE, April 20 .- The condition of Queen Withelmina is practically un-changed. She does not lose consciousness, and has taken a little more nour ishment. The Prince Consort and the Queen's physicians left Castle Loo for short time today. This is regarded as

CHINESE COMMERCIAL TREATIES. Conger Approves the Aims of the British Tariff Commissioner.

LONDON, April 21.-Cabling from says that United States Minister Conger has returned to Pekin after a visit to Shanghai, employed in inquiring into treaty revision. Mr. Conger expressed in general terms his approval and support of

tion of the likin duties.

It is becoming evident, says the correspondent, that the Chinese acceptance of the British proposals respecting the likin would inevitably entall an international interference. In the meanwhile, it is said, matters are not complicated by sepa-rate negotiations. The American, Japanese and German commissions are awaiting results of Sir James Mackay's ne-lations. The Chinese Commissioners, concludes the correspondent, have agreed to memorialize the throne in favor of the

Bandits Attack Bussian Post. PEKIN, April 20 .- A post on the out-Niu Chwang, garrisoned by 40 Russians, has been attacked by bandits. Russian officer and four privates were killed.

RIOTING IN FINLAND.

Demonstration Against the New

Army Edlet. LONDON, April 21,-A dispatch to the Times from Helsingfors, Finland, says that in a levy of recruits from the Helsingfors district, out of 857 summoned, only \$6 compiled. The remainder absented themselves as a demonstration against the new army edict. The same day, April 18, a disturbance broke out. It began in a trivial manner. A young-ster was jeering the police and the Sentake her place. She was lately repaired at a cost of \$30,000. One of the latter, General Kaigeroff, thereupon ordered out the Cossacks, and a scene gulte equaling the St.

BELGIAN STRIKE IS OFF chief sufferers were cripples, aged persons and children. Some men resisted the Cossacks, and many persons on both sides perse until the military ordered them away. The Burgomaster finally persuaded General Kaigeroff to withdraw the Cossacks, and peace was immediately re

MONUMENT TO ROSENBURG.

Emperor William Eulogizes the

Commander of the Uhlans. HANOVER, Prussia, April 20.—Emperor William, Crown Prince Frederick Will-lam and all representatives of the cavalry regiments of the empire were pres-ent today at the unveiling here of a monument erected in honor of General von Rosenburg, the Commander of the Thirteenth Uhlan regiment during the war of 1870. Emperor William and Count von Waldersee, who was Commander of the allied forces in China, made speeches at the banquet which followed the un veiling ceremonies. Emperor William's speech was an eulogy on General

von Rosenburg. His Majesty said: "From his career we can write the epitaph which should hold good for us for all time, namely: 'With the goal in mind, every nerve is strained.' Let that also be the motto of our cavalry. The block of grainte bears the features of the General, stamped in bronze; be your care to cherish, foster a crystalize that granite block of o army-the cavalry-so that whoever bites at it may lose his teeth."

Nobility in Amateur Theatricals. VIENNA, April 20 .- A company of amateurs, composed exclusively of mem-bers of the Hungarian and Austrian no-bility, last night presented, at the private theater of the royal palace of Scoen-brunn, a revised version of Cinderella, especially written for the company by Baron Bourging. The performance, which was given in aid of Vienna charities, was attended by Emperor Francis Joseph and his suite, the diplomatic corps, including Robert S. McCormick, the United States Minister at Vienna, and the elite of Viennese society. There was a dazzling display of diamonds and dress.

STOCKHOLM, April 20.—Mass Meetings in favor of universal suffrage were held today in all towns of Sweden. In Stock-holm the meeting was attended with con-siderable disorder. The demonstrators tried to march to the palace of King Oscar. They were charged by the police and several of them wounded. Others were arrested. The approaches to the palace are guarded by troops. The meet-ing at Malmoe was attended by about 15,000 persons.

Seven Perish in London Fire. LONDON, April 20.—A fire broke out at midnight last night in Hackney, a popular suburb of London, in a printer's warehouse, three stories high, the top floor of which was used for living rooms. A dozen fire engines arrived promptly at the scene, but the fiames were of overmastering power and it was impossible to enter the building. When the flames were finally under control, the charred bodies of a man, two women and four children were found.

Turks and Bulgarians Fight. SALONICA, April 20 .- Another fight between Turkish troops and 18 Bulgarians occurred April 10, near Kilindir. Eight of the Bulgarians were killed and the others escaped. Three of the dead men wore the uniform of the Bulgarian Army.

New Scandinavian Cabinet. CHRISTIANIA, April 20,--M. Blehr has formed a new Cabinet, with himself as Premier and Minister of the Interior. M. Qvam, ex-Minister of Justice and Police, es Minister of State at Stockholm.

MILAN April 20.-In the election held here to fill a seat in the Chamber of Dep-uties, Signor Turassi, the Socialist candidate, was elected with 2881 votes.

Italian Socialist Deputy Elected.

Fire in Russian Shipbuilding Yard. MOSCOW, April 20 .- A fire in the Bromley shipbuilding yard here has destroyed several workshops and three large and

LATIN AMERICA TRADE. Commercial Relations With the Republics and Colonies South of Us.

WASHINGTON, April 20.-Frederic Emory, chief of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, made public today an interesting extract from that portion of "Commercial Relations of the United States" (now in press) which deals with our trade with Central America and the West Our goods are favorably known in Mex-

ico, it is stated, but in certain lines, such as drygoods, hats, shoes, notions and men's and women's furnishings, our ex-porters seem to have made practically no attempt to gain the Mexican trade. Americans are more fully realizing that they must accommodate themselves to the wants and peculiarities of the Mexicans, and, as a result, trade is growing. Many United States houses have adopted the plan of sending out young Mexicans or Cubans as traveling salesmen. Those men are acquainted with the wants of the Latin-American trade and excellent results have been achieved. Business failures are rare in Mexico. Commercial travelers who go to Mexico, it is stated, will find a conservative class of mer-chants, who take pride in paying their

debts promptly.

Attention is called to an interesting experiment which American firms are trying, in the shape of a floating sample store. A vessel is to leave the United States for the Western coast of Mexico, Shanghai, the correspondent of the Times | Central America and South America, having for sale samples of merchandise of all kinds suitable for tropical trade, in charge of an expert salesman.

American enterprise has figured con-spicuously in the development of the large the aims and present results of the negotiations of Sir James Mackay, the Briterage, gas plants, railways and foundries ish Tariff Commissioner, but he reserved being for the most part American.

In the Danish West Indies, the imports the United States are advancing from the United States are advancing yearly, in spite of trade depression. In Guatemala, our machinery is highly appreciated, though its delicacy will not admit of the ignorant handling of the Indian labor universal to the country. Threefourths of the imports of Honduras come from the United States. In Jamaica, the United States has supplanted England in many lines of sale. An increasing quantity of American goods is being consumed in the Dutch West Indies. Our machinery has a firm hold in Guadeloupe, and our trade is good in Hayti, though it would be improved, it is said, if United States merchants were willing to extend the credits granted by Europeans. Three years ago it was hardly possible to find

> Government Keeps the Relief. SEATTLE, April 20.—The plans of the War Department relative to the disposi-tion of the hospital ship Relief, now at Ehanghai, have been changed. A few days ago instructions were sent to the local Quartermaster to advertise for bids for the purchase of the vessel. A dispatch was received yesterday, however, that for the present the department has concluded not to sell the Relief. The intention now is not to dispose of her until a suitable vossel has been obtained to

> a shoe or hat of American make in Santo Domingo. Now these articles are handled by a number of houses, and trade in other

lines is increasing.

sacks, and a scene outle equaling the St.
Petersburg riots ensued. The Cossacks charged the public in the Senate square and the adjoining streets. They used their knowts indiscriminately, and the which nursing the kissed it.

EARLY CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN AFRICA EXPECTED.

Boer Delegates Separate to Consult With Burghers in the Field-Warren Replies to Buller.

LONDON, April El.—The Pretoria cor-respondent of the Standard cables that there is good reason to believe a tentative agreement has been arrived at which will prove mutually cordial and lead to an early coesation of hostilities. The Utrecht correspondent of the Daily The Utrecht correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is recognized there that/the Boer delegates at Pretoria have full power to negotiate without reference to

the Boer leaders in Europe, who have no real influence on the peace negotiations. Will Consult With Fighting Boers BALMORAL, Cape Colony, Saturday, April 19.—General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces; State Secretary Reits, of the Transvaal, and the other members of their party arrived here last night and this morning proceeded to the north. They were accompanied by a British except, and it is their intention to consult with the

PRETORIA, April 20.-General Dewet has gone to Helibron, Orange River Col-ony: General Botha, the Transvaal com-mander-in-chief has gone to Vryheld, Transvaal, and General Delarey, together with Mr. Steyn, ex-President of the Orange Free State, has gone to Kierksdorp Transvaal. They have arranged to meet the burghers at different rendezvous, and submit the British terms. It is believed the Transvaalers will everywhere accept the terms, as they are in no way anxious for a Winter campaign. They only diffi culty likely to occur will be, it is thought, with the Orange Free Staters, many of whom are expected to prove recalcitrant In the meantime there will be no cessa-tion of hostilities. The delegates are expected back to Pretoria the middle of May, and in anticipation of their return they have given orders here for new ciothes, provisions, etc.

Warren Replies to Buller. LONDON April 30 -General Sir Charles Warren gave out a communication today in response to General Buller's stinging criticisms of his conduct at Spion Kon This evening, however, he requested the newspapers not to publish the communication. General Warren's statement sim-ply expresses his hope that the govern-ment will publish the complete documents relating to Spion Kop. He asserts that the dispatches, as published in the white book, considered by themselves, cause unjust reflections upon himself and his com

Crowder's Report on Remount Camp. WASHINGTON, April 20.-Colonel E. H. Crowder, of the Army, who has been in estigating the charges that the British Sovernment was maintaining a supply station in Louisiana for horses for the use of the British in the fight with the Bo saw Acting Secretary Sanger at the War Department today, to whom he outlined the nature of the investigation he had made, and submitted a report. Mr. Sanger declined to talk concerning the report. To-night Colonel Crowder and Mr. Sanger saw the President and the latter was informed of the nature of the report Colonel Crowder would make.

CAMPAIGNING IN SAMAR.

General Smith Doubts if Any Other Soldiers Would Have Done as Well.

MANILA, April 20.-The United States Army transport Buford left here today for San Francisco, after having been detained in quarantine for five days. Gen eral Jacob H. Smith, who was in command of the American forces in Samar at the time Major Waller is said to have executed natives of that island without trial, was to have gone home on the Buford,

Orders have been received here from Washington to hold a court of inquiry into the general conduct of affairs in Samar. General Smith claims that, to the best of his belief, the officers and men of his in Samar had to face insurmountable difficulties: that the hardships they encountered were almost unbearable and that the treachery of the natives of the island is unequaled in the history of warfare. He says that the American soldiers acted, under the circumstances with the greatest forbearance shown is the war in the Philippines. Campaign ing in Samar is not a pleasure trip, a stern reality, said General Smith. He also expressed his doubt if the troops of any nation in the world would or could have acted under the circumstances in Samar as well as did the Americans

Congratulations to General Rell. General Chaffee has forwarded to General Franklin Bell the congratulations sent the latter by President Roosevelt opon the recent campaign in Batangas and Laguna Provinces, conducted by General Bell. General Chaffee forwarded the Presidet's communication through Gen-eral Lloyd Wheaton, and in an accompanying letter he expresses his great pleasure at the receipt by General Bell of the President's congratulation, No have ever before been charged with a task more difficult of accomplishment. So unique has been the situation in Batangas and Laguna, continues General Chaffee in his letter, that only a perso thoroughly familiar with it by actual cotact can appreciate the conditions which have been net and overcome, or fairly determine that what were best methods to accomplish the objects, namel ythe recognition of the sovereignty of the United States and the establishment of peace and order in the disturbed sections,

Surrenders Are Numerous Surrenders to the American authorities small parties of insurgents are reported daily, and these have increased since ent surrender of the insurgent Gen eral Malvar. General Rufino, with officers and 375 soldiers, has surrendere General Rufino, with 26 to the native constabulary in the Province of Misamis, in Mindanao, where the constabulary is co-operating with the mil-

The United States Philippine Commis sion has passed a law affecting municipalities to appropriate funds for combating epidemic diseases. The cholera situa-tion shows no improvement. There has been a total of 388 cases and 300 deaths in Manila, and 856 cases and 602 deaths in the

The Cholera Situation.

SCHURZ ON BARBARITIES. Says Doings in Philippines Make

provinces.

Weyler Appear Like an Angel. WASHINGTON, April 20,-A patriotic assemblinge, under the auspices of the Liberty League, gathered at the La Fay-ette-Square Theater tonight to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Lexing-ton. President Roosevelt, who had been invited to attend, wrote to the presiden of the organization, Dr. W. C. Croffutt, assuring him of his hearty support. Senator Teller, of Colorado, presided, and addresses were made by Representative Cochran, of Missouri; Robinson, of In diana; De Armond, of Missouri; Feely, o Illinois; Shafroth, of Colorado, and Vandiver, of Missouri.

A letter of regret was read from Carl

the Philippines, and said:
"All the world hears with amazement of things which make the Spanish General Weyler, whose cruelties in Cuba

goaded us into a war, almost appear like an angel of mercy." He said the whole country heartily com-mended the President for his action in

ordering a searching inquiry to ascertain whether those atrocities were really true, and declared that it is high time for American citizens, who love their country, "to wake up to the fact that the character of this Republic is threatened with the deepest disgrace."

MAY BE NO DEBATE. Senate Will Probably Pass Harbon

Bill Enrly in the Week. WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Senate will begin the week by taking up the river and harbor appropriation bill to-morrow and when that matter is disposed of will resume consideration of the Philip-pine government bill. It is not expected that much time will be required to get the river and harbor bill through the Senate, as it is generally approved by Senators. Chairman Frye, of the com-mittee on commerce, who has charge of the bill, today expressed the opinion that there would be no debate on the bill and that it would pass as soon as it could be read. It is now understood that Senator Rawlins, senior Democratic mem-ber of the Senate committee on the Philippines, will lead off in the speechmaking in opposition to the Philippine bill, to be followed by other members of the committee and other Democratic Senators. The opinion is expressed that the bill will be before the Senate for at least three weeks.

Programme of the House. The early part of the coming week in the House will be devoted to routine business with a prospect that some im-portant general legislation may be taken up during the latter part of the week. Tomorrow will be devoted to District of Columbia business, Tuesday to war claims and Wednesday to the oleomarga-rine bill, which was amended by the Senate. During the remaining days of the week, it is practically settled that the anti-anarchist bill of Chairman Ray, of the judiciary committee, will be con-sidered. The measure is much more stringent than the anarchist bill passed by the Senate. Plans are also on foot for considering the omnibus public build-ing bill during the latter days of the week. The measure has not yet been reported from the House committee on public buildings and grounds, but it probably will be completely closed next week, so that it can be taken up later in the week. Beyond this no exact programme has been arranged. Two appropriation bills, the agricultural and naval bills, are about ready and may be brought in at any time, and the military academy appropriation bill is on the calendar.

FOREIGN MARKET REVIEW Extraordinary Movement in Cana-

dian Pacific at Berlin.

BERLIN April 20.-The most active security on the Bourse during the past week was Canadian Pacific, which developed an extra-ordinary movement and was bought heavily on London and New York account. The Frankfurter Zeitung says there has been much short selling of Canadian Pacific stock here. This security scored a rise of eight points during the week, otherwise the Bourse was quite lifeless, and there were few transac-tions. The undertone was rather firm, how-ever, and this improved somewhat toward the end of the week, under the influence of the British loan, and the securing of the control of Louisville & Nashville by J. P. Morgan which the Vossische Zeziung regards as o "eminent significance" for the American international situation, since it shows anew how Americans are buying back foreign hold ingo in American railways. Far more significant, however, continues the Vossische Zei ung, "Is the fact that the leading capitalist are not frightened by the action of the government against the Northern Securities Company."

The protraction of the peace negotiations in South Africa has disappointed the Bourse, and is causing reserve in speculation. Herr Blath, president of the North German Lloyd Line, said at the annual meeting of the company, held yesterday, that the company had acquired, in conjunction with Herr Krupp, an extensive coal field, which it would soon begin to open up. Herr Plath also said that the present business of the North German Lloyd Line promised to give normal results. Cologne Gazette, discussing the late statements of the London press regarding the shipping combine, says the conclusion is legiti-mate that J. P. Morgan has acquired control of nearly all of the British lines of steamers reaching America, and that the organization of a great shipping combine, on the style of the United States Steel Corporation, appears to be imminent. The branches of this combine, continues the paper, will retain their argues that the Hamburg American Packet Company and the North German bloyd Linhave formed a syndicate which has made a long-term agreement with Mr. Morgan's com-bination on the basis of community of inter-

LONDON EXCHANGE FLUCTUATED. Effect of the Various African Peace

Rumors. LONDON, April 20.-The barometer stock exchange fluctuated throughout the past week in response to every fresh rumor of peace negotiations, but actual business was comparatively limited, the interest in the new loan, overshadowing all other dealings. The immense oversubscription to the new issue of consols fairly indicates the strong conviction among the public of the actual proximity of peace, but the situation is too complicated to encourage extensive speculation. The most optimistic of the operators during the first part of the week proved also to be the most timorous. The whole list fell perceptibly on Mr. Balfour's announcement that definite settlement in South Africa had been postpor in order to allow the Boer delegates time to interview the commandoes. Rands also slacked at the end of the week without any assignable cause, and the whole mining sec-tion closed weaker.

The outlook for English railways is today

decidedly more cheerful than it has been for six months past. American securities attracted considerable attention during the week. There was not much trading, however, and this was partly owing to the fear of a corner in Louisville, & Nashville. The announcement of Mr. Morgan's participation in this deal removed some of the apprehensions of the arbitrage houses. There is better outlook for American business next week. The money market expects an easier time for the next two months; there will certainly not be any greater lock-up of treasury funds for

that period. The rates of exchange on New York, Paris and Berlin all point to gold ship-ments to London rather than the reverse. Police Watching for a General. MEXICO CITY, April 20.-The police have been asked by the United States to keep a watch for General W. L. White, U. S. A., alleged to have fled from jus

WASHINGTON, April 20.—No officer known as General W. L. White is con-nected with the Army of the United States and officials are at a loss to understand on what authority the Mexican dispatch is based.

Races at Longchamps.

PARIS, April 20 .- American jockeys cap ured the lion's share of the honors at songchamps today. McIntyre won the Longchamps today. McIntyre won the principal event, the 55th prix biennial, and got one second and one third place. J. Reiff won the Independent Lacoup race and had one second. Martin and Henry scored two firsts and one third. Buchanan had two thirds, and Rigby had one third

The Town Clerk Cured of Billous Colic.

Mr. James McMahon, Town Clerk of Columbia, N. Y., was the victim of a severe attack of billous colic recently. Three doses of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy effected a cure. He was so much pleased with the quick relief which that remedy afforded that he now recommends it to his friends. For sale by all druggists.

MANY FIRES AT DALLAS

PROPERTY WORTH \$350,000 DE-STROYED IN TEXAS TOWN.

Two Persons Fatally Injured-Incendiarism Is Suspected-A Bad Blaze at Kansas City.

DALLAS, Tex. April 20.-Two persons were fatally injured and a property loss of \$350,000 caused by several fires which occurred here shortly after \$ o'clock this morning. At that hour an alarm was turned in from the Dorsey printing es-tablishment, and several other alarms from different parts of the city were turned in in quick succession. After fight-ing the fire for two hours, Chief Magee was prostrated, and the command was turned over to an assistant. The Chief was rescued from the flames by the police in an unconscious condition, but was later reported to be out of danger. Fireman Will Spurr was struck in the face with a brick and fatally injured. A young son of Chief Magee was found on the floor of the engine-room at the central station with a fractured skull. It is sup-posed that the lad attempted to slide from the bunkroom to the engine-room and fell to the floor below. He probably will die. The Dorsey Printing Company's plant was totally destroyed, the loss be-ing about \$200,000. While the Dorsey fire was in progress

a fire broke out on Lamar street and 20 buildings were destroyed. Half of them were business houses and the remainder boarding-houses and dwellings. The Grif-fith Lumber Company is one of the prin-cipal losers in that section of the city, where it is estimated the loss will aggregate \$150,000, of which the Griffith Company sustains \$50,000. The loss of the Keating Implement Company is not accu-rately known. About a dozen smaller mercantile and manufacturing establish-

ments were destroyed.

While the two big fires were raging third one broke out in the residence dis-trict of Fisher Lane, in South Dallas, two miles distant, which destroyed four cottages worth \$20,000. Insurance men are ocitive that the fire on Fisher Lane was accendiary, and the police and fire departments are strongly inclined to believe that all were due to incendiaries.

FIFTY DWELLINGS BURN.

Extensive Fire in Kansas City Renders Sixty Families Homeless. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 20.-A destructive fire visited the southwestern part of this city today, laying waste a sec tion of dwelling-houses almost a quarter of a mile long and a block wide, and doing damage to the amount of \$75,000. John Slinne, of Quincy, Ili., a spectator,

was seriously injured by a falling piece of iron, and Edward Bennett, a fireman, was overcome by heat. About 50 dwellinghouses were destroyed, and 60 or more families were rendered homeless and des-titute. A high wind, amounting almost to a gaie, was blowing, and the flames spread with alarming rapidity. The burned dis-trict is bounded by Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Jarboe etreets,

Cincinnati Brewery Fire.

CINCINNATI. April 20.-The brewery of the Christian Moerlin Company suffered a loss of over \$100,000 from fire today. Andrew Moerlin was seriously injured by falling from his buggy en route to the fire. Richard Porter and Jack O'Keefe, firemen, were badly injured.

REDUCTION OF EXPORTS. Largely Due to the Failure of the Corn Crop Last Year.

WASHINGTON, April 20 .- A reduction of \$59,000,000 in exports and an increase of \$79,000,000 in imports do not-seem to discourage the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics with reference to the condition of the fereign commerce of the United States. "I do not see that there is the slightest cause for anxiety," said Mr. Austin. "It is true that the value of our exports in the nine months ending with March is \$39,000,000 less than in the corresponding months of last year. Yet the causes of the reduction in the export figures are so clearly due to abnormal and temporary conditions that the falling off does indicate a decrease in the popularity of American products abroad or a reduction in the demand for them. On the contrary, think we may consider ourselves very fortunate that our export figures held up as well as they did. "The chief reduction in our exports,"

ontinued Mr. Austin, "can be traced to the destruction of our corn crop by the drouth of last year. Corn has become so important a factor in our export trade, both in its natural state and in the condensed form of beef and pork, that a loss of one-fourth or one-third of the enor-mous crop means a great reduction in the surplus. In the last four years the exportation of corn has averaged about 200,000,-000 bushels per annum. In the present on bushels per annum, in the present fiscal year it will not amount to one-fifth of that quantity. In the nine months ending with March, 1902, the exportation of corn amounted to only 24,000,000 bushels, against 145,000,000 bushels in the corresponding months of last year. the preliminary figures, but they do not differ much from the completed figures, which we shall have a fortnight hence. The value of the corn and cornment exported in the past nine months was but \$15,000,000, against \$65,000,000 in the corresponding months of the preceding year. "But that is not all of the effect of the loss of the corn crop. The shortage of corn at home has compelled many farmers to use a larger share of oats in the feed of their livestock, and as a result the value of the exportation of oats and oatmeal in the nine months just ended was but \$4,500,000 against \$9,500,000 in the same months of last year. In these two items of corn and oats, in which the reduction is wholly due to the drouth of last year, the exportations have fallen \$57,989,000 while the total reduction in the value of all exports is but \$58,000,000.
"Another item which shows a material

reduction in value of exports is cotton, yet this is wholly due to a fall in price abroad and not to a reduction in the quantity exported. On the contrary, exports have increased materially in quantity, although the value has fallen. The total exportaof cotton in the nine months ending with March was 3,074,568,421 pounds against 2,740,568,107 pounds in the same months of last year. This is an increase of 334,600,000 pounds; yet, owing to the reduction in price, the value is actually \$13,000,000 less than in the same months of last year, the figures for the nine months just ended being \$251,000,000 against \$254,000,000 in the

me months of last year.
Thus, in corn and oats, in which the reduction is wholly due to the drouth of last year, and in cotton, in which the reduction is due to a fall in prices abroad and not to a reduction in quantity ex-ported, the reduction in value of exports amounts to \$70,000,000, while the grand total of exports shows a reduction of but

"Regarding the large increase of impor tations," continued Mr. Austin, "I see no cause for anxiety, but rather the reverse, We have not received details of the March import figures; but judging from those of the preceding months, the increase is chiefly in manufacturers' raw materials. In the eight months ending with February the increase in manufacturers' materials imported was \$57,000,000, while the total increase of imports was but \$71.000,000; and it is probable that the details of the March figures when received will not materially change this condition in our im-

port trade.
"At the risk of being considered a statistical Mark Tapley," concluded Mr. Austin, "I venture the assertion that there is nothing discouraging about the conditions on either side of our foreign comWOODARD, CLARKE & COMPANY

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CHOICEST **FLOWERS**

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merce account. So long as the increase in importations is chiefly in articles which we cannot produce at home and indicates a growth in manufacturing, the increase will be welcomed by all; and so long as the reduction in exportations is due wholly to abnormal conditions, which may be looked upon as only temporary, we need feel no serious anxiety on that score, es. pecially as we are still to have, even in this apparently adverse year, a favorable balance of trade of between \$400,000,000 and

\$500,000,000. Disagreement in Streeter Case. ST. LOUIS, April 20 .- The jury in the e against William Streeter, the negro charged with the murder of A. Dean Cooper, the millionaire, who was killed in a bathhouse several months ago, was unable to agree on a verdict, after being out all last night, and at an early this morning was discharged by Judge Ryan. The jury stood seven for acquit-tal and five for conviction. Seven ballots were taken. According to the statement of one of the jurors, the first ballot stood six for conviction and six for acquittal. On the second ballot, one of the jurors changed his vote from conviction to ac-quittal, the other ballots showing no

Odell Will Visit Portland. NEWBURG, N. Y., April 20.—Governor Odell started on his Southern and Western trip tonight in the private car "Convoy." In the party were State Senator Elisworth and the Governor's father, B. B. Odell. Mrs. Odell, the Governor's wife; Estelle Odell, his daughter, and his sis ter, Miss Ophelia, will join the party to-morrow at Washington. The Gvernor will be gone five weeks, and will visit Mon-terey, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, returning on the Canadian

a baseball that was said to thrown into his yard by neighbors' dren, "Abe" Slupsky, a prominent local politician, today shot and fatally wounded Charles Pinckard, a saloonkeeper, with the latter's revolver. Slupsky, who is under arrest, says he shot in self-de-Placed Money in His Month. About 3 o'clock this morning N. I.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Baseball.

ST. LOUIS, April 20.-In a quarrel over

Brant walked into a restaurant at 185 Morrison street, and asked for a cup of coffee, and was afterward arrested. charged with stealing \$30 from a coal hanging on the wall. He placed the money in his month, and was taken to the police station by Policemen Carpenter and Crate

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, April 20.—Arrived at noon and left up at 2:40 P. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Francisco. Sailed at 12:30 P. M.— Steamer laqua, for Ean Francisco, and steam-er Chico, for Puget Sound. Condition of the har at 5 P. M. rough; wind west; weather

San Francisco, April 20-Sailed-Steamer Columbia, for Portland; steamer George F. Hal lock, Bristol Bay; steamer President, Bristo Bay; steamer Chilkat, Pyramid Harbor; schooner Bella, Sinelaw River; schooner May-flower, Coquille River; steamer Arcaia, Coos

New York, April 20.-Arrived-Potsdam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne-sur-Mer. Hoquiam, Wash., April 20—Arrived April 18 Aberdeen, Sailed April 18 Steamer Grace Dollar, from Hogulam for San Francisco, Sailed April 19 Schooner Henry Wilson, from Aberdeen for San Francisco, Sailed April 10 Schooner Henry Wilson, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; schooner Laura Madsen, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; schooner sen, from Aberdeen for San Fran-er Fanny Adele, from Aberdeen for San Fran-cisco; schooner Orient, from Cosmopolia for Tacoma, April 20.—Arrived-Steamer Californian, from Seattle; barkentine Ruth, from

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San Francisco; steamer City of Topeka, from

Queen, for Alaska. Lizard, April 20 .- Passed-Brandenburg, from New York for Bremen; Minnehaha, fro Antwerp, April 20.-Arrived-Southwark, from New York.

Gibraltar, April 20.—Arived—Cambrian, from Boston for Genoa, Naples and Alexandria, and proceeded. Sailed — Kaiserin Maria Theresa, from Genoa and Naples, for New York. Liverpool, April 19. - Arrived-Glengary, from Tacoma, via Hiogo, etc., and Naples. Arrived April 20.—Bovic, from New York. Queenstown, April 20.—Sailed—Umbria, from Liverpool for New York. Southampton, April 20.—Sailed—Moltke, from Hamburg, for New York.

Idaho Notes. It is rumored about Wallace that the Standard and Hecla mines will be con solidated with a capitalization of \$3,500,000. Bids for the erection of the Catholic ospital at Lewiston will be opened, and the contract probably awarded next Monday. A number of bids have already been

received. Arthur Keller has resigned his position as assistant postmaster at Kendrick. W. N. Nixon, principal of the Denver, Idaho, schools, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Keller.

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