n learned by me from any son, parently the whole truth."

COUNCIL CALLS HIS BLUFF.

Secretary Hay.

AIDED BY HENRY WHITE

May Induce Italy to Bring Enemies Together.

OPINIONS OF THE DIPLOMATS

Whenever Hay Has Been Reported III, a Great Stroke of Diplomacy Has Always Quickly Followed.

WASHINGTON, March 21 - (Special.)-Several prominent diplomats in Washington believe that John Hay, Secretary of State, during his trip to Italy, will make an effort to see what can be done in the way of mediation and settlement of the war in the Far East. The news from the Azores that Mr. Hay's health was improved, and that he expected to return to Washington by May 11 adds color to this theory.

The diplomais attach great importance to the news that Henry White, the new United States Ambassador to Italy, was prdered to hasten his arrival at his post. Mr. Hay and Mr. White are warm personal friends, and the Secretary has great confidence in Mr. White's advoltness in

It has been figured out in the diplomatic corps here that Italy is practically the only country of importance in Europe that might be expected to take part in friendly mediation without being suspected by either Russia or Japan of ulterior otives or hostile intent

Mr. Hay has come to be regarded alas a fetich by diplomats stationed in Washington. They recall that he frequently has been ill, confined to his house and inaccessible to diplomate, and haif a dozen times after these filnesses something of great importance has happened bearing on diplomatic affairs.

THROUGH SOME THIRD POWER Russia Will Inquire Japan's Terms

Fearing Internal Revolution.

SPECIAL CABLE ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—In official circles there is no attempt in un-official conversations to disguise the fact that a movement for peace is considered probable rather than possible. In fact, it is taken for granted that the fundamental question has been decided upon, although the Czar still healtates to approach Japan.

In court circles it is believed to be certain that the question will be arranged by having some foreign power approach Japan and secure her termi of peace, transmitting them directly 24 hours that France has already done this, but no official will confirm the ru-

It is generally believed that the ac tion of the Caar has been hastened by the renewal of rioting throughout the That the situation in South Russia is very grave is certain, and unless the war is soon ended the terrorists mey main the upper hand there. Then, again, rumors are being persist ently circulated that several of the oldest regiments have revolted and defled their officers, who have informed them that they are destined for service in Manchuria. This fact and the dislike of the reservists to rallying to the colors indicates that the mustering of another large army would be a well nigh imposible task and that by doing so the government would face an over-

GONE TO MEET ROJESTVENSKY Togo's Fleet Starts to Crush Him Before His Squadrons Unite.

SAN DAKAN, North Borneo, March M. -(Delayed in transmission.)-The belief is general here that a conflict is imminent between the Japanese fleet under command of Admiral Togo and the Russian aquadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky. This belief is based on a report that has just reached here that a squadron of four Japanese vessels under command of Admiral Dawa was off the coast a week ago and sailed after a delay of s than 24 hours from Labuan.

The Japanese vessels that entered the Labuan harbor were the armored cruisers Chitose and Kasagi and the converted Maru. They arrived in the harbor on the evening of March 19 and sailed from there early on the following morning- sian invasion of India. While in the harbor no one was permitted to board the vessels from the shore and they took aboard some supplies from the conclusion of peace, would, with night said: harbor walting for them for more than The quantity of the supplies loaded was so large as to give rise to the belief that they were not all to be conmed by the four vessels that entered

After the squadron had salled a coasting vessel which arrived reported passing a large fleet of warships 30 miles from La buan, and it is believed here that these were the ships of the main Japanese fleet General's Haste to Give Thanks for and that the four that entered the harbo

were on a scouting expedition. is believed here that the Japanese will then make a dash for

any Japaness fleet that he may meet on the way. In order to present this, resi-dents here think that Admiral Togo conemplates carrying the war to the Rus sians and attempting to crush them be-fore the various units of Rojestvensky's

Report in Japan That Russia's Reserve Supplies Are Burning.

SPECIAL CABLE.

LONDON, March 28.—Considerable exstement has been caused here by the sublication of a Tokio dispatch from the correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, in which he states that word has been received at the Japanese capital from the front that a Chinese repor that a fire which started in Harbin las Wednesday is still burning and that a large section of the city and enormo quantities of stores destined for the Rus-slan army have been destroyed. The report is not confirmed from any source and queries addressed to St. Petersburg brought the response that nothing can be learned there as to the truth or faisity

If true, it is likely to prove a seriou natter to General Linevitch, as the Russian commander's reserve supplies all stored there and it will be a very hard task to get them replaced by the single track line of the trans-Siberian Rallroad The Russian forces at the front are none too well supplied with food and ammunition, and another prolonged con-flict with the Japanese would undoubtedly exhaust all they have south of the Sur gari River

NOW AIM AT VLADIVOSTOK

Japanese Relieve Pressure From Linievitch Only Cause New Alarm. ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.-G:30 A. M)—The impression prevalent in some military circles that Japanese, having re-moved the possibility of the main army in Manchuria assuming the initiative, will now turn their attention to the next obnow turn their attention to the next ob-jective of the war, is strengthened by the Associated Press dispatch from Gunshu Pass announcing the withdrawal of the Japanese from the immediate front of the Russian army for a distance of 55 miles south. It is realized, of course, that this may be merely a blind to cover flanking operations, but it is not im-probable that the Japanese, having cleared Southern Manchuria of Russian troops and secured a position whence extroops and secured a position whonce ex-puision would be a long and difficult process, may be satisfied to hold the Tie Pass line without further extension of inleation.

communication.

While the voice of the Emperor's advised is for peace if honorable terms are obtainable the government, as is the part of wisdom, is going forward with all proisions for the continuance of the war vasions for the continuance of the war.
Preparations are reported to be making
for the mobilization of five corps. It had
been understood that the guards would
be retained at St. Petersburg, but some
of the officers of this crack organization believe their services have been requisi-tioned, and are making preparations to that end.

There has been a recrudescence noris of a change in the head of the Wa Office. It was stated last night in a well informed source that Lieutenant-Genera Skkharoff will leave very shortly and be succeeded by General Ridiger, now Chief of the Chancellory of the War Office. It is also reported that General Polivanoff will be appointed Chief of the General Staff. Both Polivanoff and Ridiger are of the younger school of Generals, but have high repute as theoreticians and adminis-trators. General Ridiger is the author of a number of text-books on tactics. The government is advised that Chinese

Largest Financial Syndicate of New York Will Underwrite It.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Japan's new \$150,000,000 loan probably will be formally offered in this city on Wednesday. The underwriting syndicate, which has now been completed, will rank as the largest ever formed in connection with the flotation of a foreign loan in the linited. tion of a foreign loan in the United States. There are altogether 200 mem bers, representing prominent financial in-terests of New York, Chicago and other

were heavy. No subscriptions had been awaited from that quarter. The life insurance companies will take a fifth of the New York portion of the issue, or Just how much gold will have to be

exported to settle with Japan for the bonds will not be determined before April r May. The new bonds were offered for sale today on the curb market "when iss The asking price was 93 and 90 was bid.

FAVORS PERMANENT ALLIANCE

Mutual Advantages to Britain and

Japan, Says London Papers. LONDON, March 28 .- The Daily Telegraph this morning editorially returns to the subject of peace negotiations and of the common interest of Great Britala, Japan and the United States in the Far East. The newspaper thinks that, though such a triple alliance is desirable the Monroe Doctrine would prevent America from allying herself, but as far as Great Britain and Japan are con-cerned there is nothing to prevent a permanent offensive and defensive alli-ance, which, the Daily Telegraph con-tends, might induce Japan to forego America Mara and Yamata Indemnity and which, by placing at Great Britain's disposal in India the service of Japan's fine troops would forever remove the apprehensions of Rus-

German steamer that had been in the the moral support of the United States behind it, be a guarantee of the preser vation of peace in the Far East, th open door in China and the development of trade for all nutions in the Orient. Russia herself, the article says, would reap advantages in her enormous empire, which only require exploration and

DIES OF RUNNING UPSTAIRS

Appointment Proves Fatal.

LONDON, March 27 .- The correspon dent at St. Petersburg of the Times re-

Suspected Purpose of GREAT FIRE RAGING AT HARBIN Frank Rogers Refuses to Solve Mystery.

SHE MAY BE IN CHICAGO

Strange Woman Like Her Seen With His Family.

ROGERS THINKS SHE IS DEAD

Boy's Father Says He and Miss Ely Parted Company Soon After Disappearance, and Her Mind Was Very Weak.

CHICAGO, March 17.-(Special.)-Despite all pressure, Frank Rogers, who has just returned to Chicago after mystriously disappearing in company with his aunt four years ago, refuses to tell anything about the woman or what became of her. All extra forces of the newspapers and the detectives of the city and private agencies are searching the city tonight in the partial belief that she is here. The boy admits he has been here for some time, living in the most disreputable parts of the city among hobos and

A mysterious note was delivered at the Rogers residence shortly after noon today by a ragged urchin, dirty and unkempt. It is supposed to be from Miss Florence Fly, the missing aunt. The mysterious boy was received in the Rogers hous and remained ten minutes. When he came out, he was plied with questions. "Did you come from Miss Elv?" he was

anked. "Let me go or I will put a bullet through

you," was his answer, "Do you know where she is?"

"I won't say. Let me go." The boy said he would not tell anything for \$50,000, and he did not want anything to get into the newspaper about his visit. His appearance, his face being of swarthy type, often seen in the Italian district, has given rise to the surmis that Miss Ely, if in the city, may be

in that quarter Miss Ely With the Family.

Charles Payne, driver of the carriage that conveyed the Bogers family from Evanston to the family home on Washington boulevard, tells a sensational story that indicates Miss Ely was in the carriage with the family.

the government is advised that Chinese bandits are appearing in great numbers along the Siberian railroad and causing F. Overbaugh's at 8:30 o'clock. I was there on time and a thin, emaciated woman ran out of the Overbaugh house READY TO ISSUE JAPANESE LOAN and jumped into the carriage. She ordered me to drive around in the alle back of the Rogers house. From all the pictures I have seen of Miss Ely, I should almost be willing to swear it was she came out of the Overbaugh house. Well, she told me to go around in the alley and back of the Rogers house. Frank, his father and mother came out and jumped in. Then the thin, emaciated woman told me to drive fast down the street to get away from the newspaper men.

Believed to Be Dead. A remarkable incident was the receipt of applications here from France. The amount of French subscriptions to the American portion of the loan received to-day could not be definitely learned, but the bankers united in saying that they a year, but certainly in two years. Mr. disappearance. She was suffering from an illness which had then been of some duration and which, it is said, affected her

mind in some measure. In spite of the denials of the family, it is believed that the whereabouts of Miss Elly is known to some people. It was reported today that the Chicago police knew that Miss Ely was in Chi

Miss Ely is a graduate of Vassay and received considerable sums of money from some mysterious relative in the East.

Says Frank Parted Company With Aunt Soon After Disappearance. CHICAGO, March 27.-The first appar ently adequate explanation of the mysterious disappearance of the boy, Frank Ely Rogers, and his aunt, Miss Florence Ely, four years ago, at Evanston, was made tonight to a representative Associated Press by James C. Rogers father of the boy. Though simple and straightforward, the truth of the mystery, according to Mr. Rogers, is stranger than

"At the time of the disappearance my son Frank, like many boys of his age, was fired with a desire to run away from home and see life for himself. His aunt a sufferer from melancholia, was about to be placed in a sanitarium, a proceeding to which she strongly objected. As a resuit of these circumstances, the two left home together and went to Buffalo. There they separated, Miss Ely entering a large store, apparently to do some shopping and leaving Frank outside. She had previously given him a small sum of money From that time until now Frank has not realize that the Russian fleet intends to ports that General Dekstouroff, who seen Miss Ely and beither does he know wait at its Indian Ocean rendezvous until was to start tomorrow to John General ber whereabouts. Frank, following out all of the available warships left in Eu- Kaulbars staff in Manchurla, died yes- his ideas of seeing the country, made a seen Miss Ely and beither does he know repean waters can join it and that Re- terday as the result of an apopletic living as best he could and has finally returned home after many siois

This is the explanation of the mystery,

Asks Mayor Johnson to Prove Brit ery Charge or Apologize.

CLEVELAND, O., March 27.-The City CLEVELAND, O., March 27.—The City Council tonight adopted a resolution calling upon Mayor Johnson to take his recent charges of bribery to the Probate Court or the grand jury and prove them, or, in the event of his not being able to do so, make an apology to the members of the body whom he had accused. The Mayor said he would think the matter over.

McMaster Must Clear His Record-WASHINGTON, March 27 .- By dire WASHINGTON, March 27.—By direction of the President. Dr. Frederick McMaster, newly appointed but still to be commissioned American Consul at Zanzibar, has been informed that the Department of State cannot enter late the merits of his divorce case and that he must produce evidence to show that he is legally divorced from the woman who claims that he has falled to support her and that he has fulled up to port her, and that he has lived up to the terms of the decree, before his commission shall be issued to him.

Brunau Varilla at the White House WASHINGTON, March 27 .- Mr. Brunau Varilla, the negotiator of the Hay-Brunau Varilla treaty and Panama's first Minister to the United States, who

is in this country on a visit, called at the White House today to pay his re-spects to the President. He stayed only a few minutes. He expects to be in Washington several days. He comes to this country to volunteer any in-formation at his command respecting the physical features of the Laborius the physical features of the Isthmia.

Morton Is Hurrying Home.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- The Dolphin, with Secretary Morton and party aboard, left Guantanamo yesterday for Havana. In order to hasten his return to this city, Secretary Morton will disembark from the Dolphin at Fernan-dina, Fla., and make the trip to this city by rall. He is expected to arrive here next Saturday and will accom-pany the President upon his trip to the South and West.

No Racetrack Betting in Tennessee. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 27 .- Governor Frazier today signed the anti-race track betting bill, prohibiting betting on race tracks in the state. The law becomes effective next December.

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Chicago Fights on Public Ownership.

IMMEDIATE OR NOT

Only Question on Which Great Parties Disagree.

WOULD SERVICE BE BETTER?

Harlan Is for Tentative Action, Dunne for Immediate Ownership People Dread More Misgovernment.

CHICAGO, March 27 .- "Municipal owner ship" is the slogan of both Democratic and Republican parties in the present campaign in Chicago, yet the candidates are so far apart as to the application of municipal ownership and the time which it shall become effective that the issue, as viewed from opposing sides affords plenty of fighting ground. Up to a week ago all the big guns of both parties were leveled upon the traction Then Mayor Harrison calmly Issue. lenged into the arena and threw the traction issue into the state courts. This totally unexpected action deprived both sides of their chief target. Tons of literature was made useless and campaign orators who had been schooled all Winter on the traction fight found themselves without a topic.

From the traction point of view, the ction of Mayor Harrison and the Council was most beneficent. It removed from the battlefield the Chicago City Rallway and gave it at least license to live and operate for four or five years. Until this action was taken it was out in the open, unarmed with a franchise, license or other means of defense, with both the contending forces decidedly hostile to it.

Where the Candidates Differ. While both candidates for Mayor, John M. Harian, Republican, and Edward F. Dunne, Democrat, stand for municipal own-relige, they do not stand on the sam platform by several points. Judge Dunns New quarrel among English unionists on fiscal question. Page 3, Kalser welcomed to Lisbon by King and people. Page 4. is an advocate of immediate municipal becomes Mayor. This course, if followed, would mean much litigation. Immediate municipal ownership in Chicago is fundamentally and physically impossible. Judge Dunne separates ownership from opera- from frothy headlines printed in red ink ing to \$16,000,000. Secretary Tast completes first step towards representative government in Philippines. In page 1 in the afternoon papers. There is no derepresentative government in Philippines. Ing possession of the traction plants and forcing the companies to operate them decently and with some regard to the and beter transportation.

needs of the public. Mr. Harlan, who, it may be of interest to know, is a son of the Supreme Court Justice, also favors municipal ownership, but wants to be sure the people want it. He prefers to let that important point be settled by referendum. He desires to consult, interview, suggest and, if necessary, conciliate Judge Dunne wants to fight. Until Grasier Rousseau convicted of attempted Chicago City Railway bone of conten-dynamiting. Page 5. Mayor Harrison snatched away the tion—the chief campaign issue, by the are anticipated as a result of the way-Harlan stood for what was known as the "tentative ordinance." This provided for ultimate municipal ownership. It had not yet been adopted shape to pass and was to be submitfor it, the Mayor and Council would proceed along that line. Suddenly, so position, Harlan rejected the tentative ordinance. He calmly said he would not stand for it, but would frame and put through a much better one when he became Mayor. Within two days the entire matter was thrown into the courts, thus removing, for the time being, this main issue from the

campaign. Experience Makes People Shudder.

While there is a constant cry for unicipal ownership, it is not from all the neonle of Chicago, by many thousands. Taxpayers who have experiences with municipal ownership of the waterworks tremble when toey think of municipal ownership of the traction lines. The wretched police protection, the decaying streets, bridges failing down or closed for year after year; entire streets deserted and turned over to weeds because the city will not care for them; public buildings dropping to pieces and all other evidences of destruction and decay following municipal ownership do not tend to make friends for the proposition among people who give any thought to the matter. Calcago, with all the Great Lakes from which to draw her supply of water, presents the incongruous spectacle of a city frequent ly short of water and even the limited supply so tainted with sewage that it must be boiled to be safe. Districts of the city in which the light is furnished by the city are frequently in darkness. It is a scandalous fact that any under taking by the city costs twice as much and takes at least twice the time that it would, if given over to private en terprises. In the end it is about onehalf as well done. For instance a break in the water pipes (under control of the city) will require three or four days to repair. In the same block, perhaps the proclamation of a state of slege work has been resumed at Batoum and ships a break in a gas main will be repaired are again loading at the quays.

within an hour. Supposing these breaks both occur in front of the same resi dence—there are such instances—the householder will be assessed perhaps \$15 by the city for repairing the waterpipe, while the gas main will be repaired at the expense of the private company.

These examples cause people who pay taxes to dread municipal ownership. They fear that the traction lines would be-come a vast political machine. In Chicago they undoubtedly would. Employes would be required to show loyalty to the party in power only. As far as the public is concerned, it might whistle or walk. It is felt that with the city in control of the street railway systems the present service, which is certainly bad enough, would become infinitely worse. As municipal affairs are now conducted in this city there is no doubt

par with the defective water supply, the decaying streets, the rotten bridges and the inadequate light service. Would Be Without Redress.

the service would become as bad as pos-

sible. The car service would soon be on a

There is still another point to be o sidered. With the police force and the street railways both controlled by th city, there would be absolutely no re dress for the citizen. At present, with panies, there is some hope of forcing decent service. With both working to gether, the public would simply have to take what it could get and say nothing about it. Until there is a totally different municipal standard in Chicago, mu nicipal ownership of any more of the tilities is something very much to be ceared. As matters now stand, there is no hope of the city's giving anything like as adequate service in anything as may be obtained from private enterprise; and the public would pay much more for interior service.

Judge Dunne's Frenzied Finance. In his speeches Judge-Dunne has prom ised his hearers "two rides for a nickel." If he is sincere in this, it means bankruptcy for the city when it takes hold of the tractions. The present market value of the car lines is \$100,000,000. Presuming that the condemnation proceedings would place the same value upon them, and that the city would expend an additional \$50,000,000 in rehabilitating the properties (Judge Dunne's figures), city's debt for the car lines would be \$150,-000,000. At 5 per cent, also Judge Dunne's estimate-the city will have to pay \$7,500,-000 a year interest, or \$39,548 a day. According to the best figures, the daily total of the lines the city proposes to take over is \$25,000 fares. On this basis 2% cents would have to be taken from each today by one in a position to speak aufare to meet the interest charges. If Judge Dunne really means to give two rides for a nickel, it does not require any strenuous mathematical calculations to see where the city would wind up, if proper allowance were made for a sink-ing fund that would absorb 3 cents from every nickel taken in. If the issue is to be met seriously and squarely there is

not the alightest hope of reducing farca erably lower grade average than that of Furthermore, the people do not want the Great Northern or Northern Pacific. reduced fares. That experiment was re- The Western terminus would be at cently tried in Cleveland, and the people would not have it. The cars set saide for reduced fares were hardly patronized, while those collecting a nickel were crowded. This plea of reduced fares appopulation that shouts much, rides little or not at all and gathers its inspiration pany for improvements, already amountthere is an insistent demand for cleaner

NEW YORK MAN UNDER GUARD Former Beef Trust Employe Gives

Grand Jury Much Light. CHICAGO, March 27 .- J. E. Shields, of New York City, formerly an employe of Armour & Co., today occupied most of the time of the Federal grand jury that is investigating the workings of the socalled Beef Trust. Great developments mony that Shields is expected to give. It transpired tonight that much of the

testimony previously taken by the grand jury servee as schooling in regard to the by the Council, but had been put in livestock and meat business in general, Beginning tomorrow, it is rumored through the close vell of secrecy, facts which will prove of value in reaching a conclusion will be given to the grand jury

suddenly in fact that he took away the breath of his own followers and knocked the props from under the op-Shields today underwent a severe crossexamination by District Attorney Morrison, who has charge of the

> WAR ON INSURANCE TRUST. Arkansas Begins Suit Under New

Anti-Trust Law. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 27 .- Attorney General L. Rogers today instituted the first suits under the new anti-trust law of Arkansas. The defendants are the German Alliance Insurance Company and the Hartford Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., which are alleged to have transacted business in this state the new law became effective las Pridiay and to have violated the anti-compact clause of the act. The complaint concludes with a request for judgment in the sum of \$5000 against each company. and that the defendants' right to do business in Arkansas be declared forfeited.

The Attorney-General announces that separate and other similar suits will be nstituted for each day the companie transact business in this state,

JOIN HANDS ACROSS THE LINE Porposed Meeting of President Roosevelt and Diaz on Rio Grande.

LAREDO, Tex. March 27.-Efforts are being made by citizens of Laredo to bring about a meeting between President Roosevelt and President Diaz when the former comes to the South-

west early in April.

In the event of a meeting being arranged, the two Presidents will grasp hands on the international boundary over the Rio Grande River, each on his

Work Resumed at Batoum

ST. PETTERSBURG, March 27.-Since

Coast Completed.

St. Paul's Surveys to

COST TO BE \$100,000,000

Lower Grade Through Mountains Than Rivals.

DECISION IN TWO MONTHS

Extension of 1500 Miles Will Be Made From Evarts, South Dakota, and Touch All Important Cities.

NEW YORK, March 27 .- (Special.)-Directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad plan extending the commy's lines to the Pacific Coast. Final decision on this important enterprise will

e reached within two months. This is a prospect that has been agitating Wall street for some time, but there have always been denials from the direc-tors of any such possibility. Conditions that have developed recently, however, have changed the complexion of things, and it is now understood that a considerable number of the St. Paul directory are in favor of an aggressive step to secure ome of the rich traffic that is constantly developing in the Northwest and in the

Pacific Coast States. The construction work of an extension uch as is proposed would involve the building of 1500 miles of track. Surveys and estimates have been made and on them is based the construction figure of today by one in a position to speak authoritatively that probably \$100,000,000 would be spent before the extension perfected. The work would probably begin at Evarts, in Western South Dakota Gong west, all of the principal tonnage developing centers would be touched and some new territory would be opened up.

The St. Paul engineers have found a route through the mountains of consid-

Seattle. The question of whether the construction would be financed with bords or stock has not been decided. It is certain that the \$25,000,000 unissued stock in the peals only to that portion of Chicago's Treasury will not be used, but will be employed in time to reimburse the com-

> PALMED OFF FAKE ANTIQUITIES Professor Hilprecht Forced to Resign for Fooling Archaeologists.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27 .- Professor Herman V, Hilprecht, head of the archaeological department and museum of the University of Pennsylvania, and a world-famous archaeologist, who has been accused of deception, has resigned his chair of Assyriology. Professor Hilprecht is charged by Rev. Dr. John Peters, of New York, with having purchased from dealers clay tablets, Professor Hilprecht represented as having been found by himself in ruins of the so-called "Temple Library" in the buried city of Nippur. Professor Hilprecht has published illustrations

and descriptions of these tablets. PHILADELPHIA, March 27,—The soard of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania today held a secret meeting to discuss the charges preferred by Rev. Dr. John Peters, of New York, against Professor Herman V. Hilprecht, of the archaelogical department of the university. Provost Harrison said that, when the investigation is completed, the result will be made

When Dr. Peters several months ago in a public statement called attention to alleged gross inaccuracies in Dr. Hiprecht's book on his "Nippur" dis-coveries, Dr. Hilprecht asked for an investigation. Several members of the board of trustees resigned in consequence of the charges. It is expected that the investigation will be completed within a week.

TORNADO WIPES OUT TOWN Two Killed and Several Injured in Remote Place in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27 .- A report reached this city tonight that the little town of Louisburg in the extreme western portion of the state had been practically wiped out by a tornade and that seven persons had been seriously injured. It was also stated that from two to seven were killed, but ble, owing to lack of telegraph facili-

ties, to verify the latter statement. Louisburg is a town of about 100 inhabitants in Las Qui Parle County and has neither telephone nor telegraph onnection with the outside world. Reports from nearby towns, however, state that three store buildings were entirely demolished and that every residence in the town was more or less

damaged. North Atlantic Fleet in Florida.

PENSACOLA, Fia, March 27.—The combined North Atlantic flest, under command of Rear-Admiral Barker, entered port this afternoon, coming from Guantanamo for the annual maneuvers and target-practice. The Alabama and Illinois began firing almost immediately, while the remainder of the ships entered port and came to anchor.