Russian Fleet Boasts of What It Will Do.

WILL DEMOLISH TOGO

Confident of Turning the Tide Against Japan.

TALL TALK OF NAVAL OFFICERS

Vladivostok Squadron May Be Ordered Out to Put Togo Between Two Fires_Biggest Ships Are Not Seen.

SPECIAL CABLE

SINGAPORE, April 16 .- Sunday was a day of worry here, the chief question at issue being whether or not the naval battle between the Russian and Japanese ficets had taken place, and what had been the outcome. Up to an early hour Monday morning no reports of an engagement had been received and the general belief was that Togo is not yet rendy to strike and intends to wait until the Russian fleet is

It is a certain fact that the Rusgian admiral is anxious to fight. The Russian Consul here, who interviewed that Rojestvensky is destined to turn the Admiral Rojesvensky before the fleet passed this port, said the correspondent of the Publishers' Press Sunday through and reach the Japanese Sea. night that there was a strong feeling among the officers of the Russian fleet that they were destined to uphold the glory of the Russian flag and that they were all confident that they would not only Jemolish the fleet of Togo, but that they would be able to save Vladivostock and incidentally retake Port

He declared that the Russian fleet was strong enough in metal to overwheim Togo's and Kamimura's divisions, and that so soon as they have secured a decisive victory they will sail for the Japanese coast and change the balance of power in favor of the Rusplan arms. He predicts a speedy end of the war so soon as the Japanese fieet is demolished.

upon to pick up the colliers placed in the China sea before the Japanese can fires,

The French steamer Admiral Niel picked up a naked Russian sailo; named Warkoff, who fell from the cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff late on Friday night and who had swam for some 12 nours, looking in vain for help. He declared that the Russian fleet has spent considerable time in target practice and that the various vessels will give a good account of themselves so soon as the fighting shall begin.

JAPANESE EQUALLY CONFIDENT Believe Russian Fleet Has Secret

Base in Pacific Ocean. TOKIO, April 10.-Vice-Admiral Rojest

vensky's second Pacific squadron has not been reported here since it passed Singapore. Its wheresbouts and the plans of Rojestvensky are subjects of the keenest general speculation. It is quite generally assumed that Ro

jestvensky does not desire an immediate battle and that he will attempt to reach Vladivostok, where there are docks and shops, or seize a base. The latter course is deemed unsatisfactory, on account of poor facilities and the danger of political complications.

Many believe that the Russian naval omander has a second rendezyous in the Pacific Ocean and that he will speedfly quit the China Sea and go eastward of the Philippines. If Vladivestok is his objective, the Pacific is considered to be more favorable for the accomplishment of his purpose, although it largely depends on Rojestvensky himself.

The Japanese newspapers and public express relief and pleasure over the approach of the Russian squadron, as well as confidence in the ability of Admiral Togo's fleet to vanquish it.

BIGGEST SHIPS ARE MISSING

Fleet Which Passed Singapore Did Not Include Great Fighters.

SINGAPORE, April 9.-Fifty-one ships of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific squadron passed here yesterday. The most important fighting vessels of the squadron, including the battleships Kniaz Souvaroff, Alexander II, Borodino and Orel, with their complement of cruisers, torpedo-boat destroyers, etc., did not arrive, and their whereabouts is totally amknown.

The vessels which passed Singapore were the following:

Battleships-Sissoi Veliky and Oleg. Cruisers-Admiral Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donskol, Aurora, Izumrud, Jemtchug, Almaz, Russ, Anadyr, Fuerst Bismarck, Kalserin Maria Theresa, Kalserin Augusta Victoria, Kaiser Friedrich, Rion and

seven torpedo-boat destroyers, all saffing

under the naval flag. Under the commercial flag were: The volunteer steamers Voronez, Kleff, Yaroslav, Tamboff, Vladimir and Orei, the Russian Navigation Company's steamers Meteor, Jupiter and Mercury, the East Asiatic Company's steamers Korea and Kaital, the North Bultic Company's steamer Kniaz Gertchakoff, one salvage

A French steamer arrived here today with a sailor belonging to the Admiral family in this city.

ship and 16 colliers.

picked up in the Straits of Malacca, after having been 12 hours in the water.

NEW ARGUMENT FOR PEACE Russia's Strategic Advantage Affords

Opportunity for Negotiation. ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.- The peace this favorable strategic position presents the psychological moment for offering officially the olive branch to Japan, reasoning that, no matter how confident the Japanese government may be of Togo's victory, it cannot overlook the possibility of defeat ner fall to appreciate the complete disaster which would follow the transfer of the mastery of the sea to

With so much depending upon the issue they argue, both countries have mutual interests in avoiding an actual test, and it is not impossible, therefore, that a new move in the direction of peace may come just as the world expects to hear the call to quarters for the greatest mayal battle of modern times.

Certainly the spirits of the war party have been greatly raised by Rojestvensky's success in penetrating to the China Sea, and the prospect of a naval battle, even with the odds against a Russian dctory, which would change the entire complexion of the situation, has aroused something like a finsh of enthusiasm in many Russian breasts.

Some naval officers express the opini that Rojestvensky, having now safely navigated the straits, instead of sailing north to meet the Japanese, can afford to calmly await Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff with his division of the squadron who could arrive there in about three weeks. The Russian Admiralty on Sunday re ceived a long dispatch from Singapore, but, no intimation as to its contents has been life insurance." given the newspapers. The papers Sunday morning printed Singapore dispatches only exception. This paper views the prelude to a decisive battle "which may show that over Rojestvensky 'still shines the happy star which beiped him, when than that of control. well off the land before giving battle. a lieutenant, to save the fragile Vesta in an unequal conflict with a Turkish bat-The Sviet expresses the hope tables and that, even in case of defeat, ome of his vessels will be able to break

PUT TOGO BETWEEN TWO FIRES Vladivostok Squadron May Be Or-

dered to Put to Sea. ST. PETERSBURG, April 10.-(12:40 A. M.)-There is reason to believe that Vice-China See has been followed by orders for the cruisers Gromobol, Rossia and Bogatyr, which have been ready for some time at Viadivostok, to put to sea. Whether it is the intention to send them south immediately or to hold them in the vicinity of Vladivostok is not known

Their appearance outside the roadsted of Vladivostok will constitute a potential threat against Admiral Togo's rear which will compel the retention in or dis-The Russian fleet took the route patch of a number of fighting ships to south of Sumatra and can be depended Japanese waters. Thus Admiral Togo seems to be actually placed between two

TWO ATTACKS BEATEN BACK Japanese Twice Successfully Defend

Taulushu From Enemy. TOKIO, April 2.-(5 P. M.)-The follow-

ing report has been received from the hurian army headquarters; "April 5, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon,

one battalion of the enemy's infantry and six companies of cavalry came and attacked Tsulushu, 20 miles north of Changtuo. - hey were repulsed. On the follow ing day 24 companies of the enemy's cavalry, with several guns, renewed the attack. They were again repulsed. The main force of the assailants retreated tonear Choroyo, three miles north of Tsulushu.

"Our cusualties were ten. No officers ing from the corpses left behind and from the number of carts carrying wounded and killed, was over 60."

CLADO ADMITS HE WAS WRONG Apologizes for Attack on Zilotti and Avoids Duel.

PETERSBURG, 'April 10.-(12:40 A. M.)-The proposed duel between Captain Clado, formerly Rojestvensky's to Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian of the stock. Admiralty Department, has falled to take place. Captain Clado, having been satisfied by investigation that he had wrongly accused Captain Zilotti of responsibility for the publication of a letter from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky sethe amplest apology, completing the retraction by publishing his letter of apology in all the papers printing the first strictures.

JAPAN WILL ASK HALF-BILLION Russia Learns of Indemnity as Condition of Peace.

PETERSBURG, April 10.-(12:40 A. M.)-Baron Suyematsu's article in the London Outlook of Saturday regarding indemnity coincides with Russia's information, the amount demanded being 1500. 000,000.

Russian Army Burns for Revenge. ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.-Generals Linievitch and Kuropaikin, under date of April 7, telegraphed Emperor Nicholas recording the events of the anniversary fete of the Immaculate Conception in Manchuria and the reviews of the tro there, who, the Generals represent, are burning with the desire to maintain the cy of Russian arms. tches also conveyed a further message devotion and loyalty to the throne. Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed suit-

Under date of April 8 General Linievitch reports no change in the situation

Probable Successor of Aspiroz.

MEXICO CITY, April 9.- No decision has yet been arrived at in the question of a successor to Ambassador Aspiroz at Washington. Don Jose Algara, of the Department of General Relations and now at Port Subhairy, is mentioned. Senor Algara is a member of an old

Morning

PETERSBURG, April 9.—The peace It Has Fallen on All Life Insurance.

PEOPLE ARE SCARED

Equitable Row Has Effect on Other Companies.

HE WILL BE SHORN OF POWER

Storm Raised by Follies of the Equitable's Young Vice - President Brings the Business to a Standstill.

NEW YORK, April 9,-(Special.)-"In March of last year I wrote policies aggregating \$400,000. Since the first of March this year I have not written one cent of

This statement was made the other day by one of the city solicitors of the without comment, the Sviet being the Equitable Company. It is a serious situation for him, as he is paid entirely of Rojestvensky as an auspicious by commissions, but it also shows that the warring interests in the great institution have had more problems to solve

Since the troubles of the Equitable be came generally known, life insurance business has practically come to a stand-A life insurance company still here. must be like Caesar's wife, "above re proach," and the merest whisper is enough to drive business away. That the present condition of affairs is more than a whisper no one will deny, and it is admitted to have had the worst kind of effect upon the business. Practically no new policies have been written, and in addition people who have been patron izing the company have been "lapsing" Admiral Rojestvensky's entrance into the in large numbers, simply because of their fear that a bad state of affairs existed

Appeal to Policy-Holders.

So potent has this become that a spe cial circular has been prepared to distribute among policy-holders. Here is a copy of it, and an agent of the company admitted that thousands like it are being sent out in New York alone:

It may be that the failure to meet this pre-mium has been due to inadverience. If so, we should be glad to hear from you, as there are but few policies which cannot be revived, sub ject to reamonable conditions. If, on the other hand, your action has been taken deliberately. we shall highly appreciate it if you can spare the time to state to us the grounds upon which

A policy, once imped, increases in value as grows older, and although agents sometimes the heat of competition advise the holders of policies issued by solvent companies to dre them and take new assurance elsewhere, such changes usually result in loss. Hence, if you are willing to take the time to write a line to us, we shall take pleasure in giving you of all the facts or not.

Hyde's Follies Caused Storm.

State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks is now making an exhaustive investigation of the affairs of the Equitable, and will not complete it in less ward Pamiencheng. A portion stopped than several weeks. The tide against Vice-President Hyde seems to be rising dally, and the general opinion is that in the end he will be stripped of all control were included. The enemy's loss, judg- over the business his father established.

Hyde is a peculiar figure and the storm center of all the trouble. He attains his 20th birthday this month, and has heretofore been regarded as simply an ordinary, useless man about town living upon the money left him by his True, he was vice-president of the Equitable, but a vice-president is ordinarily not much of a person, and no objection was made to his honorary distinction because his father had founded chief tactician, and Captain Zilotti, aide the company and he owned the majority

Things that have come to light since the investigation began have aroused the company's 600,000 policy-holders and at their demand a change is to be made. For one thing, Mr. Hyde's purely ornamental duties are rewarded by a salary of verely reflecting upon him, has offered \$160,000 a year. True, this is only twice what the President of the United States receives, but it is regarded as more than Mr. Hyde deserves. Mr. Hyde has figured extensively in the public eye because of Causes and extent of Madrid disaster. Page his famous dinner to Jules Cambon the French Ambaewdor; his public coach with Alfred G. Vanderbilt as the half proprietor and the great Hyde ball which gave the yellow journalists opportunity to use

adjectives profusely in describing it. It is safe to say that the majority of these exploits did not endear Mr. Hyde to them, but the fairminded believe that a rich young man had a right to be extravagant with his own if he wanted to. But great has been their indignation since they have learned that all these private pleasures of Mr. Hyde were paid for out of the funds of the society. "They were good advertisements for the Equitable, explained Mr. Hyde's apologists.

Hyde's Control Will End.

Mr. Hyde's efforts to make a life insur ance society pay for his own private pleasures have aroused more indignation than anything else he is accused of having done or having failed to do. But it is practically determined that the company shall be mutualized, the directors having decided on an amendment of its charter

Other Companies Suffer.

Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the row in the Equitable has had a bad effect on business in the other big companies. No open charges have been made against them, but would-be policy-holders have an idea that, if there is nomething wrong with the Equitable, there must be

nething wrong in every life insurance nstitution, and in consequence it has been very sad Spring for the agents. Policyolders who have only been in a year o so are dropping out. Those whose policies have matured demand the cash surrender value instead of leaving it as insurance In fact, the main reliance of the con panies at present is on the men who have been in so long that they do not like to ose the money invested, but yet have no been in long enough to realize on their

investment. "It will all blow over," declared an official in the New York Life yesterday, "and within 12 months people will have forgotten that there ever was any trou-ble in the insurance world. But 1906 will go down to history as one of the leanest years in the history of our business. People who have policies are scared, and those outside are happy because they are not insured. The people outside won't come inside, and those inside want to get outside. We will have to do our hardest work to retain our old patrons and re-assure them, and it is impossible to get "The advent of Hyde has been a disas-trous thing for the insurance companies."

WOMEN IN NATIONAL COUNCIL Good Work of Colored Women for Good Citizenship.

WASHINGTON, April 9,-Many women internationally prominent in the movement for the betterment of womanneod and childhood assembled in the First Congregational Church this afternoon, when the fifth triennial meeting of the National Council of Women of the United States was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mary Wood Swift. Miss Susan B. Anthony received a cordial greeting. Addresses outlining the purposes of the council were made by Mrs. Ellen Foster, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Kate Walter Barratt, Mrs. Hannah Salomon and

fay Wright Sewall.

Mrs. Foster said the legend of the council was "Lead, Kindly Light." This, she said, meant not a standing still, but a moving forward. Every creed, she said, was represented in the Coun cil and every woman might stand for her own. In no non-Caristian country could such an organization have been born nor in any country except a re-

Mrs. Terrell spoke of citizenship from a woman's point of view and in this she touched on the problems confronting the colored women. "The colored women of the country," she said, "are doing as much to promote good citizenship as their more fortunate sisters in white. This is interpreted by them to mean an intelligent regard and ten-der care of their children and a conscientious and careful consideration of very question which concerns the welfare of the race.

"Colored women," she concluded, 'be-lieve that good citizenship means the protection of the womanhood of the race, insisting that the men who transgress the moral laws shall be ban ished from good society as inevitably as the women they destroy,"

Mrs. Salomon brought the greetings of the National Jewish Council of Women. The religion which I represent," she said. "has something of harmony of all religions, for Judea gave the world its civilized religion. No nation which loses its religion can sur-vive. Here in the Council all creeds officer of the Union Pacific or Southern can get along together by doing justice | Pacific Company would be acceptable as

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Chief Justice of Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 9. — Jesse Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming, died at his home here at noon today. He had been on the Dis trict and Supreme bench a number of years and was prominent in secret or He was a 23d degree Mason and of the founders of the Wyoming con

Artemus Pitcairn, Glass Man.

PITTSBURG. April 9 .- Artemus Pit cairn, vice-president and controller of the Pitsburg Plate Glass Company and of the best-known glass manufactur-in the country, died at his home tonight of pneumonia, aged 56 years.

Battleship Ohio at Honolulu. WASHINGTON, April 9 .- The Navy De battleship Ohio, Captain Leavitt C. Lo

anding, at Honolulu yesterday is on her way to the China station.

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BUT NOT THE SANTA FE

Union and Southern Pacific Under Their Thumb.

KENNA TELLS SOME SECRETS

They Own Minority of Santa Fe Stock and Sought Place Among the Directors, but It Was Refused Them.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 9 .- (Special.)-El D. Kenna, first vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, said today the Santa Fe probably has 15,000

stockholders. Said he: "There are some big holders, of course but they are not many. In this class are John D. Rockefeller and his assistants, who own about 250,000 shares of common stock, or about II per cent of the author ized capital."

Speaking of the holdings of these men and their relation to the directory of the

company, Mr. Kenna said: "Neither the Union Pacific Rallroad Company nor the Southern Pacific Company owns a share of Atchison stock Some of the very rich men who control the Union Pacific Railroad Company namely William Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, E. H. Harriman, James Stillman and a few others during the financial depression about a year ago bought large amounts of the stock of several of the principal rallway companies in the United States, including the Atchison, Topeka & Sonta Fe Railway Company, They thus became the holders in the aggregate of about 250,000 shares of common stock o

the Atchison company. "Not long before the last annual meeting they expressed a desire to have some representation upon the board of directors on account of their large holdings of stock. The subject was considered by the Atchison management, and it was decided that no representation could nor would be voluntarily given to these gentlemen if they were acting in the Union Pacific or Southern Pacific interests, and that no member of the Atchison board of

"These gentlemen stated that their interests in Atchison were substantially as large as their interests in Union Pacific. and that they did not ask for representation as representing Union Pacific interests or Southern Pacific Interests, but merely on account of their own large investments in the Atchison company."

MANY DIE THAT ONE MAY LIVE Parable of Trust Magnate Denounced

From Pulpit.

NEW YORK, April 2.- In the course of his sermon in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, today, the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis referred to the gift of \$100,000 made by John D. Rockefeller to the American Board of Foreign Missions, and of Mr. Rockefeller's son. He said in part: "The suddest words that have written in this generation were spoken before Brown University by a young man who is to inherit one of the greatest fortunes in this country. They were

spoken in defense of the trusts. Listen to them: 'The American beauty rose can be produced in all its splendor only by sacrificing the early buds that grow up around it. The rose has 1000 buds, and in order to produce the American beauty the gardener goes around it with a knife and snips 999, in order that all the strength and beauty may be forced into

In this economic argument this young man brutally tells the working classe that 200 small business men must be snuffed out of existence in order that his American beauty, the trust, may be pro duced. Listen to Christ: 'Let the strong bear the burdens of the weak,' and again, 'Give, and it shall be given unto.' These words in defense of the trusts are the most heartbreaking things in literature to those who know what is going to come in the future. Can you wonder that after that, when an American gives gifts, we have no gratitude to return?"

GARFIELD ARRIVES IN KANSAS With Three Assistants He Will Investigate Standard Oil.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 9.-James Ru dolph Garffeld, Commissioner of Corporations, arrived here tonight to begin his investigation of the Standard Oil methods in Kansas. He is accompanied by I. P. Caswell, Charles Earl and Lather Co nant, Jr., three employes of his bureau. They will assist him in making the inves tigation.

"I have no news to give out tonight about the proposed investigation," Mr. Garfield. "I have just reached the scene and must first get my bearings. I want to learn something of the situation in Kansas before I complete my plans. I will have a conference with Governor Hoch tomorrow on the matter. There is no telling how long it will take. I have three men from my bureau with me and we will all get busy at once and stay that way until the case is cleared up."

Murderer's Struggle for Liberty. PATERSON, N. J., April 9 .- Artnur Laster, who is under sentence to be hanged on Friday next, made a dex-

today. He shot the two deputy sherget, away and finally was clubbed into unconsciousness by policemen, whom the deputy sheriffs called to their aid. Neither of the injured deputies will

SLAUGHTERING THE REBELS Wholesale Execution in Warsaw-Prisoners Die of III-Treatment.

SPECIAL CABLE. VIENNA, April 10.-It is reported here that among the % Socialists executed at the citadel in Warsaw, Thursday, 36 were Jews. The report says that the execu-tioners blackened the faces of the Jews before execution, so as to give them the appearance of being unrecognizable and of having been taken for workingmen. The report has caused wild excitemen mong the Socialists and working classes as has the report that prisoners in Pawick prison are being tortured by their keepers in the most cruel manner. The Socialist Gutzman, who shot a

KORSAKOFF GIVEN AN OVATION

St. Petersburg Audience Shows Sympathy With Liberal Professor.

captain and three policemen who were seizing a printing press, is reported to have died at the prison from ill treat-

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—A per-formance of Korsakoff's opera "Kaschez" was given by Conservatory students at the Komissayevski Theater this after noon before a crowded audience, which called the composer before the curtain and greeted him with a wild ovation. Flowers fell in showers from all parts of the house, and many wreaths were

presented to the composer.

Speeches were delivered expressing sympathy with M. Korsakoff, who was removed from his professorship in the Conservatory because of his attitude toward the striking students. The police tried to stop the demonstration by lowering the fireproof curtain and then cleared the building.

There was another great workmen's demonstration today at the Smolensk Cemetery, where revolutionary pamphlets were distributed broadcast. Cossacks ispersed the crowd. Serious disturbances by students are

reported from Tamboof.

RAILROAD STRIKE IN CAUCASUS May wheat is worth \$1.50 on May 21, and Officials Fear to Run Trains, and Strikers Steal Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 10.—(12:40 A. M.)—Dispatches from the Caucasus paint the railway situation there in alarming colors. The authorities, it is represented, are afraid to run trains at night lest they be wrecked. The striking section hands seize trains and travel up and down the line, forcing

other employes to cease work. WARSAW HAS A QUIET SUNDAY Police Guard City and Soldiers Guard

Police From Jews. WARSAW, April 9.-(9 P. M.)-The Jewish quarter of this city was guarded by a strong military force throughout the day. Every policeman on duty at iso-lated or doubtful points was guarded by two soldiers. The result of this was the first quiet Sunday here since the January disturbances.

FIRE STARTS THEATER PANIC Ample Fire-Escapes and Exits Make Number Injured Small.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 9.-George Armstrong, 17 years old, was fatally injured and a score of persons severely burned tonight during a fire in the Sipe Theater, caused by a roll of celluloid films used in operating a moving picture machine having ignited. In the panic that fol-

lowed, Armstrong jumped through window in the third floor. A moving picture show was in progress During the intermission a bag of ce loid films, suspended over the balo railing, was ignited by an electric light, The machine operator brought the audience into a panic by crying:

"Look out, everybody; the theater is on In an instant 600 people became a crushing, rushing mass of humanity. more were not hurt is due largely to the its in the theater and the deportment of

he house employes.

Armstrong ocupied a seat in the gallery, and at the warning cry broke a plate-glass window and jumped to the sidewalk, a distance of 40 feet, Both his legs were broken and he was internally red. Mrs. Bert Jacobs was so affect ed by the shock as to require the attention of a physician. Her condition is serious. Vance Hunt was badly burned by the flaming films. Several others were The theater was damaged by smoke

WIFE BETRAYS MURDERER. Confesses Torturiti and Vilardo Quar reled-Black Hand Marked Victim.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.-The wife of Pietro Torturiti has confessed to the police that her husband killed Biaggio Vilardo at 7251/2 A. Green street. She says that on the night of the mur

der she was in an adjoining room when the two men began quarreling over some matter of which she is ignorant. says that she then went out and is unaware of what happened thereafter, although circumstances lead her to believe that her husband killed Vllardo. The police have also learned definitely

today that Vilardo was marked for butchery by the "Black Hand." This they learned from Pepito Beneditti, a cousin of the murdered man, who says he was warned to that effect. Mrs. Torturiti has been arrested as an accomplice in the murder.

STEAMER AURELIA TAKES FIRE Astoria Vessel Badly Damaged at Wharf in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.- The sjeam-Aurelia, which arrived from Astoria this morning, while lying at the Lom-bard-street wharf, took fire. She had a cargo of lumber and grain in her hold. and before the fire was extinguished was considerably damaged about the engine-room. The loss will amount to \$15,000. The fire was caused by the blowing out

Dr. Hollander at San Juan. SAN JUAN, P. R., April 9.-Dr. J. H.

Hollander, who has been selected by President Roosevelt to investigate the fiscal condition of the Republic of Santo Domingo, will sail shortly for Santo Doperate attempt to escape from jail here | mingo on board the cruiser Chattanooga. | suicide.

Gates' Wheat Corner on Verge of Collapse.

BEATEN BY ARMOUR

High Price Causes New Wheat to Flood Market

LAWSUITS WILL BE SEQUEL

Manipulators Made Blunder in Cafculations on Amount of Contract Wheat and Stayed In Too Long.

CHICAGO, April 9. (Special.) - The great May wheat corner is on the verge of collapse and its manipulators, if they remain in until the close, stand to lose not only the millions they have already 'scalped" in the fluctuations, but selditional millions-just to show their

Final deliverey day is still distant even weeks. If the deal is put through, it means endless litigation over contract wheat and other points. If the shorts are squeezed too hard, they will appeal to the courts and it may require strong arguments to convince the courts shat only worth \$1.22, or less the day following.

Narrowed down to a plain statement it is seen that Armour's lieutenants have been quite too shewd for the Gates crowd.

All along in the May deal, Armour has een quietly skimming the cream off the Gates corner. Lately he has taken the aggressive. For two weeks the manipulators have been forced to pay extraommissions and put up large bonuses on trades made by their own brokers to keep up a semblance of life and activity in the deal. The only new business has been bedging sales against purchase of

actual wheat pouring into the market. Leiter Deal Repeated.

The history of the Leiter deal is being repeated, almost to the letter. Prices have been so high that every pound of contract" In the country has been started for Chicago. All the wheat grown this year good enough to grade "contract"-58 pounds-is still in existence. Millers have been grinding low-grade wheat and picking out all the heavy kernels to sell to the Chicago speculators, Last year's crop was 552,000,000 bushels. May what closed Saturday \$1.15% This is 28%c higher than July and 33 cents higher than September delivery. At one time during the week May premlums over July was nearly 20 cents. This insures a handsome profit for working out every grain of heavy wheat in sight and forces a heavy penalty on the

owner who carries over any wheat or flour to the next crop.

Prospect of Big Crop. It is expected that the Government report, due this afternoon, will show a wheat prospect of 480,000,000 bushels, or 115,060,000 more than was grown last prices must go to an export basis. May prices are now dangerously near the im-

port basis, despite the duty of 25 cents a The costly mistake of the manipulators of the corner seems to have been a miscalculation of the amount of contract wheat in the country. It is now break ing the back of the May corner. The manipulators also made the grievous error of remaining in too long. They have had handsome scalping profits for two months and could have retired any time up to a fortnight ago with millions to the good. Now it will cost them heavily

NEW MEXICAN STEAMER LINES One Will Run to Canada, Another to Houston, Texas.

MEXICO CITY, April 9.-Considerable progress has been made toward the in-auguration of a steamship line between Mexican gulf ports and Canada and it is probable that steamers of the new line will begin their trips next month. The question has arisen as to whether steam ers shall call at Cuban ports, as first intended and afterward changed. The government objects to making stops at Cuban ports, but it is hoped to secure its consent to this.

The regular service of the Mexico-Texas Steamship line will be opened May 1. Five boats then will be put in com-The line connects with the Gould railway system at Houston, Tex. and it is expected that one steamer will ply between the Texas city and Contracthe gulf terminus Tehuantepec Railway.

SICK WOMAN SHOOTS HERSELF Daughter of Bank President Ends Struggle With Dyspepsia.

NEW YORK, April 9.-Miss Mary Gallaway, daughter of Robert M. Gallaway, president of the Merchania' National Bank and a director in many railway companies, killed herself in her room at the Hotel Seville here today.

Miss Gallaway, who had suffered from dyspepsia for several years, was attended by two trained nurses. One of these was nging some clothes in a wardrobe she heard the sound of a shot, and, turning to the bed, saw Miss Gallaway, who had been sitting propped up with pillows, fall over. She had shot herself through the mouth death being instantane Miss Gallaway was 31 years old. De-spondency, due to long-continued illness, is believed to have been the cause of the