Trust States Purpose

to Meet Cuts.

Tariff Question.

GARY EXPLAINS SITUATION

· Leading Outsiders Results in

Declaration of War-All

Out After Their Share,

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- An open market

in the iron and steel trade that manufac-

of the industry was created late today

tect their customers and for the present

sell at such modified prices as may be

necessary with respect to the different

share of the business.

to their customers direct.

mmoditles in order to retain their fair

The prices which may be determined

Result of Price-Cutting.

The action of the leading manufactor-

rs in effecting an open market followed

series of conferences that have been

held here for the last three days by Judge

sidiaries of the corporation, together with

officials of other steel manufacturing

Judge Gary, in the official statement

says that the smaller steel manufactur

ing concerns, for one cause or another

particularly the tariff agitation, have

fred and have been selling their products

below the prices generally maintained,

and this led to unreasonable price-cutting

by certain manufacturers, who, though

ouposed to a change, felt the necessity

Why Prices Were Maintained.

the attitude of the leading manufactur-

Following is the statement concerning

"Following the panic of October, 1907,

the iron and steel industry was in

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of protecting their customers.

become more or less excited and demoral-

Gary and the heads of the various sub-

will be given by the manufacturers

turers believe will lead to stimulation

PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1909.

NORMAL SYSTEM WIPED OFF SLATE

House Bills Fall Like Blocks in Senate.

REPEAL FORMER LEGISLATION

Field Clear for Smith One-School Measure.

MONMOUTH ALONE IS LEFT

Weston and Ashland Go Down in Rapid Succession and Monmouth Follows, but Substitute Bill Will Resuscitate School.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 19 .-(Special.)-Routed in the Senate, the Normal schools find their power wan ing in the House, and the probabilities are that the Legislature will appropriate for only one permanent Normal, at a place to be chosen by the Board of Normal Regents.

The Senate this afternoon, on recom mendation of the ways and means committee, killed in succession House bills appropriating \$106,000 each for Weston, Ashland and Monmouth, by indefinite posiponement, rejected minority amendments to the Monmouth bill appropriating \$10,000 each for the Normals for the rest of the school year, and \$70,-000 for permanently continuing Monmouth, and then passed a bill intro-Miller, repealing all normal legislation of past sessions—this for the purpose of undoing all trade legislation of preceding Legislatures and cutting the Normals off from the state treasury. Senators from Normal countles fought each of these steps, but lost in each case before a phalanx of between 17 and 20 votes. Bowerman and Solling led the attack. Smith of Umatilla. Johnson and Mulit, the defense.

One Normal Is Probable

All this leaves the Normal forces in the House to make the next move. In that body the ways and means committee will report favorably with amendments Senator J. N. Smith's bill for one Normal at or near-Portland, the amendments to consist of \$10,000 for each of the Normals for their work until next June and \$45,000 to maintain Monmouth ber, 1910. In that election the voters French Observer Bases Opinion on today are to declare whether they approve the Legislative act abolishing the three schools and directing the Normal Board to select the location of the new institution near the center of the state's population. By common understanding Monmouth will be selected.

This report of the House ways and traders in that body to their last stand. They find their power ebbing because many of the appropriation bills of their allies have been disposed of, tained, and the allies cannot so well be held in line. The Normal traders have pulled all the strings and wires in their reach and made many threats. they were unable to budge the Senate and will be unable to control the ways and means committee of the House The general opinion is that they are Southern Oregon members have been pacified for loss of their Ashland school by passage in both houses of the \$100,000 bill for the Crater Lake road. It was suspected that they had traded this off for the road appropriation, but this they deny.

Buildings a Snag.

Should the one Normal plan win, the Legislature will next have to dispose of the Normal buildings at the three towns or at Weston and Ashland. The buildings may be donated by the state for high schools of the respective districts.

Chairman Nottingham, of the Senate ways and means committee, reported the bills today against the wishes of the Normal men, who wanted further time for trades. The first to be slaughtered was Weston, which was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 20 to 9 against the protest of Smith of Umatilla, who wanted the bill made a special order for tomorrow morning. To this Selling made strenuous object

Next came the Ashland school, which Johnson wanted sent back to the committee with instruction to amend the adverse report so as to appropriate \$45,000 for maintenance. This motion was voted down by 20 to 9, and the bill was then killed.

Next to the shambles came Monmouth, which was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 18 to 11. On this bill a minority of the ways and means committee, Hedges and Smith of Marion, recommended amendments for continuing the schools during the present year and keeping up Monmouth until after the election and the choice by the board. This minority report was voted down by 17 to 12.

Weston Up First.

The first bill reported adversely by the ways and means committee was that for Weston. Smith of Umatilla asked that consideration of the bill be made of special order for 10 o'clock Saturday morning; explaining that he considered it

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NIECE AWARDED SNELL MILLIONS

GAY OLD MAN COULD MAKE WILL, THOUGH IMMORAL.

Mabel McNamara Awarded Money of Man Who Lavished Wealth on Many Loves.

SPRINGFIELD, DL., Feb. 19 .- The State Supreme Court today set aside the verdict of the Dewitt County Court in the famous Snell case and left no ground upon which the contestants may hang another case. It is held by the court that, because a man has relations with a woman which might be deemed improper, it does not affect his ability to make a will, and the point at issue is a moral one and not one which would be material in this case The decision sustains the will of the late "Tom" Snell, the Clinton millionaire Richard Snell, the son, was cut off with \$50, and Mabel Snell McNamara, of Kan-

eas City, got a life annuity. The main point urged by those who sought to break the will was that Snell was of unsound mind and had been unduly influenced in making his will. Immoral letters were produced as evidence that his career was profligate during his last years. The Supreme Court finds no evidence that Mabel McNamara in any way influenced the testator.

HIGH TIDES AT ASTORIA

Water Again Takes Out Dykes at Warrenton

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 19 .- (Special.)-For the third time this Winter an exceptionally high tide was experienced this mornng in the lower Columbia River district. The predicted tide was 9 feet 4 inches, but the rise was 12 feet 6 inches, the tide being backed up by the southwest swell. No damage Las been reported in this city, except the flooding of basements but at Warrenton several of the recentlybuilt dykes were washed out and the conditions are worse there than they have

Similar reports come from the Lewis and Clark and the Youngs River districts.

REPRIEVE AT LAST MINUTE

Hangman Waiting for Convicted Man When Message Comes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19 .- With only an hour to live, under the terms of the death warrant read to him, R. Mead shumway was reprieved by the Supreme Court this afternoon and a stay of sentence granted until March 5. Shumway was sentenced to die for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin on Septemper 3, 1907. A crowd of 150 walted in the cold Broom Corn Warehouse and the hangman was leaning against the scaffold waiting for his victim. Then the warden ran across the court crying out the reprieve.

PREDICTS BIG QUAKE TODAY

Astronomical Figures.

PARIS, Feb. 19.-Emile Marchand, diector of the observatory of the Pic du Midl, in the Pyrences, in Southern France, says that he has made calculations which lead him to believe that there neans committee will stir the Normal is a likelihood that a big earthquake will occur tomorrow. His calculations are based upon the positions the earth, sun and the moon then will have at

CRUISERS SPEED TO FLEET

Last of Welcoming Squadron Puts to Sea to Meet Battleships.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 19. The last of the naval fleet of vessels designated to meet the incoming battleship fleet, the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana, sailed eastward todny.

The big gray cruisers, which are nearly a third as long again as the largest of the battleships, will join the fleet tomorrow morning and steam in again with the combined squadrons of Admirals Sperry and Arnold to the southern drill grounds, 50 miles off the Capes.

FLOODS IN ELBE VALLEY Swamp 50 Villages, Ice Crowding

River From Channel. MADGEBURG, Prussia, Feb. 19.-Fifty

villages and 50,000 acres of land are under water as a result of the Elbe being out

The steam icebreakers can make no progress in the Elbe owing to the thick ness of the ice.

"SAINTS" INVADE BAY CITY Mormons Will Build Temple in San Francisco in Near Future.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 .- According to Elder H. A. Smith, of the Latter Day Saints, who is in this city, a Mormon Temple is to be built in San Francisco with money contributed by the church in Salt Lake. The elder says that he has

DRIVEN OUT BY BEGGARS

obtained options on several final sites.

Castro Flees From Berlin to Dresden for Quietude.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.-Cipriano Castro ex-President of Venezuela, left here today for Dresden. His leaving was caused by the receipt of quantities of begging letters, due to the fanciful newspaper stories of his lavish expenditures while in this city.

TAPPERS FOILED OPEN WAR BEGINS IN GREAT SCHEME IN STEEL MARKET

TRY TO GET \$150,000 ON BOGUS VANDERBILT CHECK.

Abortive Attempt to Secure Cash Is Probably Move in Great Wire-Tapping Game.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19 .- (Special.)-

Two seedy-looking men representing hemselves as Ohio farmers, but believed BUSINESS NOW DEMORALIZED to be clever crooks and conspirators in ne of the most gigantic transcontinental wire-tapping plots ever attempted, presented a forged check for \$150,000 bearing the name of W. K. Vanderbilt at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank to-Decrease in Demand Due to

where Mr. Vanderbilt sometimes spends his Summers. The Michigan bank advised by wire that Mr. Vanderbilt had no account there When told this the two men, whose names have not been disclosed and in whose favor the check was drawn, expressed no surprise, remarking that they were "not out anything." because it was merely a patent deal and no transfer had been Conference of Trust Officials and made, and left with the paper. Officers

are now looking for there. The presumption of detectives is that the men who presented the check have expert confederates in Traverse City or possibly here, who were expected to intercept the messages between the two banks and return a favorable reply, but something went amiss and the correct answer came back instead.

MONSTER BARRIER

when ex-Judgo Gary, chairman of the directorate of the United States Steel Irrigation Dam in New Mexico to Be Corporation, made an official announce ment that "the leading manufacturers Greatest in World. of iron and steel have determined to pro-

> EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.-According to Territorial Engineer Sullivan, of New Mexico, the Gila Farm Company plans to build in Grant County, New Mexico, a monster dam, three times as high as the Government project at Elephant Butte and three times the size of the Assuan dam in Egypt. The dam will have a reservoir with a capacity four times that of any in existence and will irrigate 500,-600 Beres.

FIGHTING SNOW ON PASSES Colorado Trains Cannot Get Across Rocky Mountains.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 19.-The Colorado & Southern trains are fighting spowdrifts in Alpine pass, near Buena Vista and there is no prospect of telling when the line can be opened.

A westbound Denver & Rio Grand passenger train out of Buena Vista is stalled in the snow at Snowden and the eastbound Colorado Midland from the same place on the east side of the continental

ers, which was made public by Judge Lies in Dangerous Position-All on Board Rescued.

jeopardy. Jobbers and consumers through out the country had purchased large BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 18.-The stocks at prices prevailing when condipassenger and freight steamer John H. tions were favorable, and these were un-Starin, from New Haven for New York, disposed of. Pending contracts for conwent aground late tonight at the entrance struction, which involved large purchases to the Bridgeport harbor and now lies in of iron and steel, were extensive. Cona dangerous position. A southeasterly tracts for new furnaces, mills and equipgale has kicked up a heavy sea. The one ment and for raw and semi-finished mapassenger on board and the crew have been rescued

"YOUR PALS GOT AWAY BY THE EMERGENCY ROUTE, BUT I'VE GOT YOU."

Roosevelt Invites to World Congress.

AT HAGUE NEXT SEPTEMBER

Adopts Suggestion of North day. It was drawn on the First National Bank of Traverse City, Mich., a resort American Delegates.

ALL ARE READY TO ACCEPT

Some Nations Disappointed at Not Being Invited to Present Conference and Suggested International Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .-- So thoroughly impressed is President Roosevelt with the necessity of conservation of the natural resources of the world that today he directed Secretary of State Bacon, at the suggestion of the North American Conservation conference, in session here, to extend a formal invitation to foreign powers to participate in an annual conference to deal with this important problem to be held at The Hague next September. The announcement of the proposed international gathering was made by the President after a luncheon which he today gave in honor of the commisdoners from this country, Canada and Mexico, who are in attendance at the North American Conservation Congress. In addition Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain, Senator Knox and others Were present. Mr. Knox, who is to be Secretary of State in Mr. Taft's Cablnet, is in hearty sympathy with the idea

Made Movement Worldwide.

All of the 45 nations represented at The Hague peace conference will be invited to participate.

In an official statement given out at the White House tonight it was announced that the conference delegates, representing the United States, Mexico and Canada, are convinced of the importance of the movement for the conservation of the natural resources on the continent of North America and believe that it is of such general importance that it should become worldwide and therefore suggested to the President that all nations should be invited to join in a con STEAMER STARIN AGROUND ference on the subject of world resources and their inventory, conservation and

Anticipating the interest which would naturally be aroused in other countries by the present conference, the President himself saw the probability that it would be a precursor of a world conference.

All Nations Will Accept.

By an aide memoire of January 6 last the principal countries were informally sounded to ascertain whether they would look with favor upon an invitation to send (Concluded on Page B.)

WAR THREATENS TO REND TURKEY

HOSTILE RACES READY TO FLY AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS.

Massacres Feared in Macedonia and Armenia-Army and Navy Officers Meet.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 19 .- (Special.)-The old troubles in Macedonia threaten to break out again as badly as ever and strong measures are needed to restore tranquillity in Asia Minor, especially in Diarbekir, Kaisariyeh and Bassoora, where the Mussulmans and Armenians are about to fly at each

other's throats. One of the strange symptoms developing here is the fact that naval officers are holding meetings on all warships "to consider the attitude of the new Minister of the Marine." Army officers are

also helding meetings. Turkey before long may be convulsed with massacres and civil war, although the pressure exerted by the menacina external situation tends to prevent an outbreak of internal strife

PRINCE ON STRICKEN SHIP

Member of Royal Danish Family on Cruiser Rammed at Sea

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 19.-The Danish cruiser Heimdal was in collision today during a feg off Elsinore with the British tank steamer Astrakhan, and sustained serious damages, a great hole be ing stove in her starboard side. The Heimdal arrived here tonight in a sinking condition and was docked. The astrakhan, which was only slightly damaged at the bows, escorted the cruiser

Prince Axle, a son of Prince Waldemar and a nephew of King Frederick, was aboard the Helmdal at the time of the

The cruiser Heimdal is a steel vessel, 257 feet long and 1290 tons displacement.

GARDENER AIDS MRS. GOULD

Says He Never Saw Signs of Her Drinking, as Husband Charges.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- A deposition by James Marlborough, a gardener employed at Castle Gould, Port Washington, L. L. from March, 1902, to September, 1905, was filed here today in the separation suit brought by Catherine Clemmons Gould, against Howard Gould.

The gardener deposes that he saw Mrs. Gould and talked with her nearly every day during his employment at Castle Gould, but never noticed anything in her manner or speech suggesting that she had been drinking, as charged in her husabnd's answer. He said he never met the actor, Dustin Farnum, at Castle Gould, to his knowledge.

RUSSIA HONORS FERDINAND Sends Imperial Train to Take Him

to St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.-An imperial train left tonight for the frontier to meet and bring hither Emperor Ferdinand, who is expected to arrive in St. Petersburg at 8 o'clock Sunday morning

reception accorded him will be that of an independent sovereign. All the newspapers publish articles suggesting that the Foreign Office avail itself of the opportunity for the recognition of Bulgarian independence.

"BRIGHT EYES" IS LEGAL

Illinois Court Decides Will Directed by Spirits Will Stand.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 19.-Belief in tettunlism is not evidence of insanity. the Illinois Supreme Court today decided in the case of James T. Crumbaugh, who left an estate worth \$250,000. He disposed of the property in accordance with alleged directions by the spirit of his in fant son, who Crumbaugh believed, had grown into manhood in the spirit world, and was known as "Bright Eyes."

USED PHONE TO "KNOCK"

North Dakota Politician Accused of Polluting Wires.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 19 .- Ex-Adjutant-General T. H. Poole is under arrest, charged with using improper language while talking over the telephone. It is alleged that he called up the wives of several men whom he dislikes and abused their husbands, and that he used language to which the telephone operator objected.

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Two Chicago labor leaders indicted for extern to the control of the cont guage while talking over the telephone

AMERICA GIVES MILLION

Red Cross Account Shows Noble Response to Quake Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- A contribution today of \$10,300 brings the grand total to \$1,000.626 of cash collected for the Italian earthquake sufferers by the American Red Cross Society.

HEIR TO ITALIAN THRONE

Queen Helena Expected to Become a Mother Soon.

ROME, Feb. 19.-The Corriere Itala says that Queen Helena is soon to be-

TAFT IS INITIATED AMONG KNOCKERS

Silent Guest at Cincinnatians' Feast.

FELLOW-CITIZENS' FAREWELL

Many Humorous Stunts for President-elect.

WIRELESS FROM KAISER

White House Cook Makes Terms and Persian Reads Taft's Thoughts on Many Burning Questions.

Taft Smiles Evolution. CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.-President-elect Taft was tonight made a "Knocker at Sight." The initiation furnished enter-

sinment for 100 prominent business and professional men at the Knocker annual The Cincinnati Knocker Association is on auxiliary of its business men's clubs. its principal business is to knock hard cerything that hinders the advancement of the city and to originate and promote nterprises and undertakings for the ity's welfare. It is unique in that it as no known origin and no one knows who are its members. It makes memers of whom it pleases and dismisses

hem at will. The annual dinners of the Knockers' Club have become famous for heir entertalnment features.

Not Allowed to Speak The President-elect was not allowed to nake a speech, which was interpreted as a delicate compliment from his towns nen, who were, in fact, saying farewell

o him as a private citizen. The tension upon Mr. Taft was made even lighter than freedom from speaking, as a skilfully-made-up "double" represented him in the entertainment features, occupying a conspicuous place at the raised table with "Uncle Sam" and "Miss Columbia." Fifteen Knockers were dressed to represent 15 foreign nations, and a message to the President-elect

came from each. Kiss From Kaiser William.

Emperor William's wireless message was to announce to Mr. Taft a kiss for each check and the hope that the Senate would not find it necessary to reduce the Presidential salary before the new President could get it. Miss Columbia got one of the kisses from the enthusiastic Ger-

An Irish cook, direct from the palace of King Edward was England's tribute. terms." That '. tle Charlie" must not be boss of the White House and that "Charlie P." must not live with his brother was assured her before she would

Any one of his 57 varieties of wives to attend the funeral of the late Grand (Concluded on Page 30) Duke Vladimir. It is expected that the

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