## **CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY**

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

FERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From

A Peking correspondent says poor old China is afraid to borrow from either Russia or England. She is endeavoring to secure an extension from Japan in the payment of the war in-

News has been received of a landslide at Quesnelle Forks, Cariboo. Three miners, William Allen, Joe Rich and Alex McLean, were buried. The slide was 1,000 feet wide, 800 feet long and

Insane jealousy prompted the wife of William V. Place, an insurance adjuster of Brooklyn, to kill her 17-yearold step laughter and almost take her own life and that of her husband. The crime was fiendish in its nature, the weapon being an ax.

Claus Spreckles' daughter, Mrs. Mason, who recently deeded back to on the east side. her father \$1,500,000 in property, because her parent did not approve of her recent marriage, now regrets her hasty action and would like to again come into possession of the estate.

The steamer Capilano, which has et returned from the northern halibut tishing grounds, reports the drowning of two of her fishermen, named Robert Lougheal, of Ontario, and Michael reports the roughest weather in his ex- dangerous point.

The house of representatives has received the official report of the death of Colonel Ruiz, the Spaniard who was executed for carrying a message front Blanco imploring the Cubans to accept autonomy. Aranguren, the Cuban general, who is supposed to have ordered Raiz put to death, is not censured in the official report.

It is annouced that Hetty Green will build a railroad through Oklahoma. The proposed road will run from Medford on the Rock Island to Sherman. Tex., where it will connect with E. R. Green's road. There the line will be conrected with the Hutchinson & Oklahoma, and will give the territory another connection with the Gulf. The road it is said will be built the present

One of the biggest silk manufacturthis country, locating at Paterson, N. J., and build what is intended to be largest silk mill in the United The incorporation papers filed sterson give the name of the con-

as the Andiger-Meyer Silk Com-Employment will be given to

e trial of M. Emile Zola and M. iux, manager of the Aurore, who being prosecuted by the French nment as the result of a letter h the novelist caused to be pubd in Aurore in December last oly reflecting upon high officials ected with the Dreyfus case, is ting a great amount of excitement exhausted. Paris. When Zola entered the troom the first day of the trial of "spit upon him" came from pectators.

mas Thompson, ex-minister to ate, and one of the most prominent e temporarily insane at San Jose. ed by the government for \$1,500,ver. The government demands 00,000.

ord has been received in Spokan Washington that the committee griculture has reported favorably itor Warren's amendments for the blishment of a division of irrigain the agricultural department.

at \$200,000 damage. More than a kage, schooners, sloops and other proposition. vessels having been driven ashore by

A Washington special says: Repre-River and Mount Hood excluded from land, being very fertile and well locat. Crban republic. ed, should be given up to farm and der consideration, but from what Mr. | the island of Cuba. Ellis has heard from officials there,

While the steamship Coptic, which arrived in San Francisco recently, was lying in Shanghai, she narrowly es- eration of the Aldrich-Plowman concaped being sent to the bottom by the tested election case, from the fourth falling of a large weight of bullion Alabama district. The majority of the from her deck to her hold. Six tons of committee reported in favor of seating flour sacks, piled in the hold, was all the Republican on the ground of conthat prevented the precious metal from spiracy, an allegation vigorously denied going through the vessel's bottom. As by the Democratic minority. Plowit was, the falling mass penterated five man's plurality on the face of the reof the tiers. Third Mate Athens and turns was 2,967. The majority revised Storekeeper Murphy were injured in the figures so as to give Aldrich a pluthe accident, and the mate was left at rality of 342. Two speeches were Shanghai for surgical treatment.

dation which is going the rounds of pected that a vote will be reached to-The latest story of railroad consoli-Wall street concerns a consolidation of Rockefeller lines, in the Southwest. The proposed amalgamation includes Review says: Thomas Louke, a miner I the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Texas at the Morning mine, was killed in a & Pacific and International & Great peculiar way this morning. He was nah to Hamburg with a cargo of naval

## FOUR LIVES LOST.

A Boat Containing Five Men Goes Over the Falls at Oregon City.

Oregon City, Feb. 10.-At a few minutes past 7 o'clock this morning, crossing the river in a boat a short distance above Oregon City, and while trying to find their bearings, the mighty current seized the craft and hurled it to destruction.

Five men started on the maddening ride to what seemed inevitable death, but one miraculously escaped. He the New and the Old World In a was almost insensible from the shock and could not have held out a minute longer when he was picked up by the res cuers, who got out in time to see the

boat go over the falls. Three of the victims of the accident were members of the same family. All were employes of the Crown paper mills, at Oregon City. They were residents of Canemah, and were on their way to work. The lost are:

George Freeman, 50 years old, of Canemah; married. George and James Freeman, his sons,

26 and 16 years old respectively. L. J. Shannon, 36 years old, of Canemah; married, and leaves a wife and

For years George Freeman and his sons have worked at the paper mills on the west side of the river. The trip to and from their daily labor has been made from the village of Canemah over

The Willamette has been rising very rapidly since Sunday, and it is supposed the current carried the boat farther than they suspected before the liscovery was made that something was

In the dense fog it was not possible to locate familiar signs, and in that gray mist the men had no warning by the ominous, sullen roar of the falls as Driscoil. The captain of the Capilano | they drew nearer and nearer the most

The boat gave a wild lurch as the main torrent struck it. In the same instant all five of the men discovered that they were far below the usual point of crossing and that the powerful current was carrying them down at a velocity that increased every second. Additional hands were put to the oars and an attempt was made to pull out of the swirling, rushing stream.

But it was too late. It was but a half moment later that the launch plunged into the churning waves of the upper falls. The boat was caught and whirled around. One oar was torn from the rower's hands, and then the craft shot ahead, straight through the middle current to the yawning gulf be-

In wild despair each man clung to the plunging craft in the rapids, which swept it along at express-train speed. The occupants of the boat began to ing houses in Europe, with mills at shout an alarm. Their cries reached Cienfield, Germany, is to remove to the ears of some of the employes at the lower station of the Portland Electric works. Rushing out on the trestle walk, which runs into the shore, they could just discern the outlines of the boat containing several

A general alarm was then given. A boat was put out from the electric works, but it was some time before the rescuers could see anything of the ill-

toward the bank. There they saw an apturned boat slowly drifting about. Harry Freeman had just scrambled on to the bank, and lay there completely

Later he revived and stated that he had left a man clinging underneath and that he had shouted once or twice for help. In his exhautsed condition, he said, it was impossible for him to il, ex-representative, ex-secretary tell whether it was one of his brothers or Shannon. From the survivor's ocrats in California, cut his throat statements, it is evident that three of the party were flung out in the dash over the falls. The other two got through, but the man caught under the ocean to ocean and steamers boat could not hold out longer, and sank to his death in the eddying waters, where he could easily have swam ashore had he been released.

CUBA IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 10.-Three propo-1 swept the shores of Cape Ann sitions, differing materially as to sday night and early Wednesday methods, were presented in the senate ening, causing heavy loss of life and | today for the relief of the Cuban insurgents. Allen offered as an amendment en vessels are ashore near Glouces- to the diplomatic and consular approat least four more are lost and priation bill a resolution recognizing ny others are damaged. The water the belligerency of the insurgents, and at of Gloucester harbor and along said he hoped this would afford the cape is dotted with wrecks and house an opportunity to vote on that

Cannon offered a resolution urging the president to notify the kingdom of Spain that if it did not recognize the sentative Ellis, of Oregon, is very anxi- independence of the Cuban republic by ous to have the land south of Hood March 4, 1898, the United States would recognize the belligerency of the the Cascade forest reserve, and opened Cubans, and within 90 days thereafter up to settlement. He holds that this would assert the independence of the

Mason followed with a resolution reschool purposes, and opened to those questing the president to notify Spain wishing to avail themselves of its that the Cuban war must cease at once, many advantages. Just now the in- and declare the intention of the United terior department has the matter un- States to restore and maintain peace on

The right of Hon, Henry W. Corbett and from his colleagues in congress, he to a seat in the senate from Oregon ocfeels tolerably certain of succeeding in cupied the senate's attention for two having this land thrown open to settle- hours, Chandler speaking in favor of seating the claimant.

> made on each side, by Taylor and Mann, for the majority, and by Fox and Settle, for the minority. It is ex-

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 10.-A Wallace, Idaho, special to the Spokesman-Forthern. Under the management of standing by the ore chute, when a Rockefellers, the net earnings of rock came down, striking him in the ssouri, Kansas & Texas increased stomach and knocking him against the ,000 during the year. The Tex- wall with such violence as to break his Pacific has also profited by the back. He was brought to the hospital Max Pauly, a machinist at the Union business conditions in the South-here, but died two hours later. He iron works, San Francisco, committed left a widow and two children.

Fourteenth Infantry to Go to Alaska.

Troops Will Go on the First Steamer-

Portland, Or., Feb. 10 .- Four companies of the Fourteenth infantry under Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, have been ordered to start for Alaska at the earliest possible date, and two more will hold themselves in readiness to follow at a moment's notice. The order was received at Vancouver barracks yesterday, by General Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, who intsantly set about the preparations for the movement of the troops. The constantly increasing danger of disorder at Skagway and Dyea has led the war department to insure peace by the presence of a force sufficiently large to hold any disturbance check. Whether the Fourteenth will be permanently located in Alaska has not yet been determined, but it seems not unlikely, as only two com-

panies are left at the post. As soon as the order reached Vancou ver barracks, General Merriam and Major Jacobs, his chief quartermaster, came to Portland to secure, if possible, passage for the troops on the Oregon. The result of their interview with Agent Poston was not entirely satisfac-The latter was not disposed to disappoint those to whom the accommodations on the Oregon have been sold, and would make no definite reply without consulting the officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. He proposed, however, to bring the Australia, a 2,200-ton steamship now fitting for the Alaska trade in San Francisco, to Portland, to carry the command, a plan which was favorably resurviving members of his family, who ceived, and which, from pesent indications, will probably be adopted. In this case the start will not be made till March. Everything on the Oregon except ten berths, has been sold, so that she could be of no service to the gov-

It is well understood that in case of urgent necessity, the steamer could be seized, but such a course is hardly likely to be taken unless late reports should bring news of serious trouble in

he will be placed in command of a deat Dyea, and two companies will be tion case. stationed at Skagway. The two com panies which are to follow will be quartered with the commander at

SALTER WORDEN CONFESSED.

Hopes Governor Budd Will Commute

San Francisco, Feb. 10.-Salter D. Worden, convicted of wrecking a mail train bearing a guard of the United States soldiers, near Sacramento, dur- who occupied an entrenched position. ing the great strike in 1894, and in The Spaniards, it is claimed, after whose behalf the supreme court of the United States declined to take favorable action on his plea for a new trial, has confessed his crime to Governor oner. The loss of the Spaniards is said Budd with a view to receiving a com- to have been insignificant. mutation of the death sentence from the executive of the state.

Worden's confession covers 3,700 words, and gives the full details of the crime. He says he, with several others, had been ordered by a committee of strikers to remove the rails from the Yolo bridge for the purpose of wrecking the train carrying the troops. He gives the names of his accomplices and makes known many details of the work of the strikers heretofore unknown to the general public. Ex-President Cleveland interested himself in Wormother of the condemned man, and Governor Budd determined to probe the matter to the bottom before deciding the case, with the result that Worden confessed in the presence of the governor, Warden Anll, of the Folsom prison, and a stenographer.

Worden throws the blame for the hatching of the trainwrecking plot on Harry Knox, chairman of the grievance committee of the Sacramento lodge, A. R. U., who, he says, gave him all his instructions, and decoyed him into accompanying the gang of sailed from Ferdinanda, for New York. Mullin and Compton, the other two members of the committee, who, with Knox, managed the strike on the Sacramento division of the Southern Pa-

cific railroad. Worden's story is that Knox instructed him, as a member of the A. R. U., to procure a team to convey eight men to Davisville, saving that Tom Kelly, another striker, would ac-company him, "knew all about it." At the same time Knox gave Worden an order on a Sacramento livery stable for the team. Worden says that in the wagon they drove out from Sacramento were Kelly, Dunn, Hatch, Appleman, Barrett and Wheeler. He partment has ordered 1,778 tins of then describes how the train was wrecked, and concludes his confession ment dumped into the sea. The gov. Sabine Pass, the new harbor on the

tions on time that the time tables in many cases merely indicate the hour of departure-say 8 and "minutos"-this is, an indefinite number of minutes

him from the gallows.

Shipwrecked Sailors Rescued.

New York, Feb. 10.-The steamer Burgundia, which arrived today from Mediterranean ports, brought 16 seamen rescued in midocean from their sinking craft. They were Captain Larson and 15 of the crew of the Norwe-

Disappointed by his inability to solve the problem of aerial navigation, Max Pauly, a machinist at the Union

## HAWAII'S CHAMPION. Senator Teller Urges the Ratification

Washington, Feb. 9.-Senator Teller occupied the entire hours of the execu- Citizens of Dyea and Skagtive session in the senate today in discussing the Hawaiian annexation

treaty. During the course of his speech Teller took occasion to say that he THE NEED IS VERY PRESSING should have been glad to discuss the treaty in open session and to the remark he added the opinion that the time had almost come when the ques-Four Companies Ordered North-Two tion of annexation should be debated on a bill looking to legislation by both houses of congress rather than on the basis of the treaty. While he thought there might be a bare possibility of securing the 60 votes necessary to ratify the treaty, he considered that under the present cicrumstances this was exceedingly doubtful, and he thought the sooner the fact was recognized and a change of front made, the better it would be from all points of view.

the Treaty.

Senatorial Routine. A communication was received by the senate from the secretary of war pre senting the urgency for immediate action to control the disorderly element

that is assembling in Alaska. Chandler presented a memorial calling the senate's attention to one of the memorial was prepared in 1884 by the tenant in the navy, commanded the Monitor in the historic fight in Hamptook occasion to present the memorial might see its way clear, in view of the wonderful victory by Admiral Worden, to do something substantial for the are not in good financial circumstances. He asked that the memorial be referred to the naval affairs committee.

A house bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to purchase or ernment for the movement of troops. cutter for use on the Yukon river, at a have sufficient numbers to prevent cost not to exceed \$40,000, was passed.

Washington, Feb. 9.-The house today passed the military academy bill, Skagway or Dyea. Negotiations are with only one important amendment. also in progress for the transportation The debate on the measure was desultof part of the troops by way of Puget ory and touched a variety of political topics. As passed, the bill carries Colonel Anderson has not yet been \$453,540, being \$26,032 less than the fully apprised of his duties and authority, but it is generally supposed that refunding of the certificates of deposit partment of Alaska, which will be at of 1879 to December 31, 1899, was least temporarily created, and be given passed. Tomorrow the house will take full charge. His headquarters will be up the Aldrich-Plowman contested elec-

> A Spanish Victory. Havana, Feb. 9 .- According to in-

formation from Spanish sources, a column of troops commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Hervas has been engaged with an insurgent force at Canalaveja, province of Santa Clara. After inflicting some loss on the enemy, the Spaniards followed the insurgents in the direction of Arrovo Honda and later became engaged with 600 insurgent infantry and 60 insurgent cavalrymen, some lively firing, dislodged the insurgents, who retreated with a loss of 27 killed, and leaving one wounded pris-

Armed Troops Obnoxious. Chicago, Feb. 9 .- A special from Ottawa says: An official announcement was made in the Dominion house of commons tonight that armed troops of the United States will not be permitted to accompany the American relief expedition to Dawson. The government also stated that the question of allowing United States troops not under arms to do so was under considertaion by the cabinet, and was also the subject of den's behalf, out of sympathy for the negotiation with the Washington authorities. It is generally conceded that an unarmed body of American troops will be permitted to accompany the expedition over Canadian territory.

> New York, Feb. 8 .- It is reported that the schooner Ida K. Hull, Captain condition, took her crew off and brought them to this port. The Reed

Honolulu, Feb. 9.—The heafth deopium seized by the customs departwith an appeal to the governor to save ernment has unsuccessfully tried to dispose of the drug in the San Francisco, Portland, Vancouver, Hong Kong and Spanish trains so seldom leave sta- Sydney markets in order to realize a feet of water on the bar for two years, sum sufficient to cover the expenses of nothing has hitherto been shipped ex-

is a certain cure for anaemia.

Grimsby, Feb. 9.-The Russian bark Neptune, from Darien November ovich, a miner from Butte, Mont., was 29, for Aberdeen, which was reported found dead in his room at the Europe spoken on January 22 off Beachy head, hotel this morning, having been asleaking, capsized when six miles from phyxiated by gas. A draft for \$1,600 Spurn head. Fourteen of her crew was found on his person, and there is gian bark B. D. Metcalf, from Sayan have reached here. Her captain is no reason to suspect that death was not

> Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 9.-Elizabeth A. Landers and Fanny Eaglehorn, Indian to one year and six months.

# CITY OFFICIALS POWERLESS

way Want Martial Law.

circulated in Skagway and at Dyea asking the war department to send 300 troops there that law and order may be preserved. The petition also asks that martial law be declared. The petition is being signed by nearly all the best element. It reads as follows:

Washington-We, the undersigned citizens and business men of Alaska, re spectfully petition and set forth: 'That there is an extraordinary condition of affairs existing at and near Dyea and Skagway, Alaska, which calls for prompt attention from the proper

authorities. As a result of the recent discoveries of gold in and near Dawson thrilling events of the civil war. The City, N. W. T., Canada, during the past two years, there is an enormous late Admiral Worden, who, as a lieu- rush of people to that country from all parts of the world, and it is estimated that there will be 250,000 people start ton roads between that vessel in and for the gold fields of Alaska and Norththe Merrimac. Chandler said that west territory during the present year, Admiral Worden conceived the idea and not less than 75 per cent will at that it would be proper for the govern- tempt to get in by way of the Chilkoot ment of the United States to pay the and White passes. Even at this early officers and crew of the Monitor the date, the full capacity of every steam sum of \$200 each in the nature of prize and sailing ship on the Pacific coast is money, but after having prepared the taxed to its utmost capacity to carry memorial, concluded not to present it the passengers and freight that are beto congress, lest his motives might be ing offered, and they are being dumped misconstrued. Chandler said he now off at these two points to the number of 300 a day, which will soon be largely increased.

"In view of the fact that there is no local civil government in the territory of Alaska, and no one with sufficient authority to enforce the laws of the land, much less to prevent crime and disorder, and in view of the large number of the undesirable and criminal class, who are now flocking to our community to prey upon the unwary have constructed a suitable revenue and innocent pilgrim, and in order to disorder and blockades on the trails leading to the Lakes Lindemann and Bennett, and to protect the property of citizens of the United States, we, the undersigned, petition that immediate action be taken by the proper au-

"And, believing this to be an traordinary emergency, we believe that and seemed absorbed in thought. He junction with the United States naval martial law should be declared in all was then asked by one of his spiritual forces at any one of the half dozen sufficient troops, not less than 300, be immediately dispatched to these points to enforce the laws and preserve order.'

ordered one of the government vessels. now stationed at Sitka, to this place, to preserve order. The cutter will arrive Good prospects have been found on

the big Salmon river. Prospect holes have been sunk to the depth of 54 feet, but water interfered with the work before bedrock was reached. Inspector of Mines McGregor, who started for Dawson some weeks ago, with several tons of supplies and a number of horses, has abandoned the

trip. McGregor got as far as Lake La-Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon distirct, who is camped at Big cause of the impossibility of reaching Dawson with horses. McGregor has gone to Big Salmon to confer with Major Walsh. The recent order of the Canadian

customs officials at Lake Tagish, prohibiting any person to pass there with less than 1,000 pounds of provisions for each man, has had the effect of stopping many people who had started for Dawson with less than that amount.

Supports of an Overcrowded Balcony

the little balcony watching the dance. slipped back to the wall. The balcony Gabrielson, which arrived today from sank gradually, allowing the spectators Savannah, met the schooner Jacob to slide topsy-turvy to the polished Reed, Captain Bunker, in a sinking floor. When the creaking and pulling indicated that the balcony was falling, underneath quickly stampeded toward The locality in which the reported the central portion of the hall, leaving charges complicity in the plot to rescue was effected could not be learned John Krusie behind. Krusie was Washington, Feb. 8. - President musicians became panic stricken and, Dole, ceased to be a guest of the nation seizing their instruments, made a dash tonight when he started for Buffalo, for the door. The dancers followed. and thus began his return journey to Several police stationed at the door the Hawaiian islands. The president shut it and held it against the panicarrived at the Pennsylvania station a stricken dancers, thus averting a cerfew minutes before his train was ready, tain catastrophe on the narrow stairand was not kept waiting, but imme- way. Of the 30 persons in the gallery, diately went to the private car Coronet, Krusie alone sustained serious injuries. which he will occupy on his trip to All of the others, however, were pain-

Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.-The steamship Drumelsier sailed today from southeast coast, for Liverpool. She is the first European steamer to sail from that port. While there has been 24 cept lumber. The Drumelsier carried out a general cargo, most of which came A Brazilian doctor says that coffee from the Kansas City, Pittsburg &

Asphyxiated by Gas.

# ius Wachline Expiated His Crime

FOR GOVERNMENT AID

and Argus, weekly papers, issued "extras" shortly after the execution. "To the Honorable Secretary of War.

ACCIDENT AT A DANCE.

Chicago, Feb. 38 .- A panie among 200 dancers was narrowly averted last midnight at the North Shore hall. Thirty spectators were crowded into The supports became loosened and the large number of people gathered caught by the falling timbers, and had his side crushed in. As the north end of the balcony commenced to fall, the

Gulf road.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.-Sam Martin-

Mariposa, Cal., Feb. 8.-By the pre girls, who tried to burn the girl's mature explosion of a blast at the Alabuilding at the Indian school here, today pleaded guilty, and were sentenced Beckerly and W. C. Denbridge were killed.

Hillsboro, Or., Feb. 7 .- Gus Wachline, the condemned murderer of John D. Ledrick, expiated his crime on the gallows at 12:10 o'clock this afternoon The hanging of Wachline was made

a good deal of a holiday affair in Hillsboro. Not only were the residents of the town alive to the occasion, but there were many people in from the country, particularly from Iowa Hill, where the With the Situation, Owing to Hordes | murdered man lived. In addition there was a trip of negro singers from Portland, a peripatetic fiddler patrolling the saloons in an effort to pick up a few dollars, and a phonographic outfit on the streets, with all the latest songs at a dime per tune. The hanging brought business to town, and in emulation of city dailies the Independent

> Wachline passed his last night on earth much the same as he had since ie was sentenced to death. He spent most of the time talking to the death watch, and went to sleep about 3:30 clock this morning. He was up be- weeks between the insurgent governfore 8 but refused any breakfast.

Three hours before the execution took prisoner was brought from his cell to proposition has been considered with

It was nearly 10 o'clock when Cap- basis of independence, ain A. M. Collins appeared with the ence were begun.

Sheriff Bradford said:

"Wachline, come out." The condemned man shuffled out of every important port in Cuba. from the cell, coatless, both hands in mark. During the reading Wachline United States will be in a position to this part of Alaska. comprising the advisers if he intended to make any ports. amunities of Dyea and Skagway, statement on the scaffold. Wachline international boundary. And that it was thought he would at the last Matanzas notifying him that the Montmoment make a full confession.

to the scaffold through the sheriff's arrangements for its reception. Al It is stated that Governor Brady has office at 12:03 P. M., accompanied by though it is not admitted by state de-Sheriff Bradford and Deputies C. E. partment officials, the impression pre-Deichman and J. H. Westcott. He vails that Consul Brice in advising the was placed on the trap, facing north, department of the recent riots occurrand asked by the sheirff if he had any- | ing in Matanzas, suggested that a war-

in an almost inaudible tone, continued: ests. The fact that the state departstatement I have made is true. I am be sent there strengthens this belief an innocent man. Let Jesus take me

as I am." This was a disappointment to the importance to the dispatching of the crowd, which had expected a confes- Maine to Havana. sion. It was all he would say, and his legs, arms and hands were quickly pinioned, the black cap put over his head, and the noose adjusted about his Salmon river, to abandon the trip be- neck. At a signal from Sheriff Bradford, the trap was sprung at 12:10 P. M., and Wachline was hurled into eternity.

Life was pronounced extinct in 14 minutes, and one minute later the body rank because it was feared he would was cut down and placed in the waiting coffin. The body was afterward removed to the undertaking establishment of G. W. Patterson, where it was viewed by many men and women dur-

ing the day. Wachline was hanged for the murder of John D. Ledrick, an aged German farmer, who lived three miles south of

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 7. - A Journal special from Winnipeg says the McIntyre business block in the heart of the city was destroyed by fire this morning. The building was four stories high, and contained retail stores, sample rooms, offices, secret society rooms and the lecture rooms of the Manitoba university. The total loss was about \$500,000; fully insured.

Houses Buried by Snow. Waterville, Me., Feb. 7. - Small houses have been buried by 20-foot sulate. drifts of snow. The Lockwood cotton mills have closed, the operators being unable to reach the factory. There has been no train over the Maine Cen-Lima, Peru, Feb. 7 .- According to

dispatches from Sucre, Bolivia, there is much excitement there as to the policy of Peru. The pressure on the government to increase its armament, and get ready for the pending conflict, asserting the existence of a treaty between Peru and Argentina is strong, but the existence of such a treaty is denied in responsible quarters.

Baku, Russian Caucasus, Feb. 7 -The fire that broke out here last week destroyed half a million pounds of naptha, and is still burning fiercely. Many guns with great effect. deaths are reported. A Famine in Russia.

London, Feb. 7 .- The St. Petersburg

correspondent of the Times says a failare in the harvest has caused terrible distress among the peasantry of the interior provinces, and especially in Central and Southeastern Russia.

Fort Scott, Kan., Feb. 7.-George Finch, the murderer who broke jail here last Tuesday, called Sheriff Wheeler up on the telephone, from Lamonte, Mo., today, and told the sheriff he had surrendered to a Lamonte constable, and would be brought here this evening. Finch murdered Frank Swofford, in this city, in 1894, for the purpose of robbery.

Telephoned His Surrender.

Acetylene is now used for lighting Paris omnibuses, generator and carbide weighing about 80 pounds.

Cubans to Buy Their Independence of Spain.

The United States Cruiser Montgomery

Chicago, Feb. 7 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Secret neogtiations are now actually in progress between the state department and the insurgents in Cuba looking to a stoppage of the war on some financial basis to be agreed upon hereafter. President McKinley has not recognized the insurgents as belligerents, and he cannot therefore treat with them openly, as he would do with a diplomatic representative of an independent na-Direct communication has, howbeen had within the last few

ment and the administration here. The insurgents have expressed place, the office of Sheriff Bradford was | fect willingness to assume a reasonable peseiged with a crowd of men, all anx- share of the Spanish bonds issued ious to be close at hand when the against the Cuban revenues. The the scaffold. So great was the crush some favor, and the president and his that at times it was difficult to move cabinet have discussed several plans for gnarateeing the Cuban debt on the sole

These negotiations have gone side ope, and, walking out of the west win- by side with the gradual massing of ow on to the scaffold, he adjusted it to the ships of the North Atlantic squadthe crossbeam. In this he was assisted | ron within striking distance of Cuba. by Sheriff Bradford, Sheriff Phy, of Orders to the cruiser Montgomery to Union county, and ex-Sheriff Ford, of sail at once for the harbor of Matanzas Washington county. After the noose have been issued, and the ship is exwas adjusted, the rope tested with a pected to be received there quite as corweight of sand and the trap found to dially as the Maine was in Havana. work without a hitch, the more active | The orders to her commander contempreparations to enforce the death sen- plate a call on Consul Brice at Matanzas. Should everything be found peace-It was 11:15 A. M. when Sheriff able the ship will proceed to Santiago Bradford and the 12 jurors passed into de Cuba, but should affairs look the corridor of the jail through the threatening in Matanzas, another ship door leading from the sheriff's office, will quietly be slipped to the latter Ordering the door of the cell opened, port, and before Captain-General Blanco knows what is happening to him American ships will be in the harbon

The gradual occupation of the island his trousers pockets, with an ugly, surly by a naval force is understood to be look upon his face. The sheriff told part and parcel of the negotiations him he was about to read the death with the insurgents. When they are warrant, but this drew forth no re- concluded, if everything goes well, the seemed to rivet his eyes on the floor, offer Spain a heavy fiancial bonus for and when the ceremony was over walk- giving up the island, while at the ed back into his cell, sat down on a same time the insurgents will find chair, rested his head in his right hand themselves in a position to make a

A cablegram has been sent by the gomery is en route to that port, and Wachline was brought from his cell directing him to make the necessary ship should be immediately sent there The prisoner said "yes," and then, for the protection of American inter-

"All that I want to say is that the ment requested that the Montgomery The sending of the Montgomery to Matanzas is regarded here as of equal

New York, Feb. 7 .- Official statements which will soon be published are to the effect that the reason that General Blanco was not successful in securing General Rabi's surrender was that General Rabi had been arrested by General Garcia and stripped of his surrender, says the Havana correspondent of the Herald. General Rabi's brother, it is reported, had been ar-

rested by order of General Garcia for the same reason. Failing in securing the presentation, Spaniard here expected General Blanco to take the field and conduct a vigorous and aggressive campaign. He publicly announced that such was his intention. but for some reason his plans miscarried

and now he is coming home without having struck a decisive blow. Reports say the rebel forces under on the Spanish under General Linares and General Luque, killing several

officers. Reports say that 85 were killed or wounded. Volunteers are making threats again and the authorities, in order to be fully prepared, have deemed it necessary to take precautions against a demonstration. Guards have been placed about public buildings and the American con-

One of the most important engagements of the present campaign in the Orient was fought on January 21 near Caiman, between the forces under General Luque and the rebels under General Garcia. The Spanish, it is reported, had 150 killed and a large number wounded. From accounts received the fight was a veritable slaughter the Spaniards being boxed up in a ravine. General Luque sent to Cauto, where the main body of troops was stationed, for assistance, and commenced to retreat toward Holguin. He reached Holguin on January 27, and on the same evening General Linares, who had been sent to his assistance, was chased into that town by another rebel force. The rebels employed light field

Washington, Feb. 7 .- The senate committee on commerce today authorized the reporting of a bill in accordance with the recommendation of the treasury department, establishing a steamboat inspectors' district in

Licensing of Mates. Washington, Feb. 7 .- The house

committee on merchant marine and fisheries favorably reported today the senate bill authorizing the licensing of mates on river and ocean steamers.

Great Falls, Mont., Feb. 7 .- Word reached here this evening of a pitched battle between cowboys and cattle thieves west of Glasgow, near the Da-kota line. One of the thieves is reported dead and the cowboys are in gang, who have crossed into Dakota. long as man has written records city of Damascus has been known.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

rade Conditions in the Leading Cities

of the World. A Liverpool cable says that stocks of contract wheat there are small, apart from spring, held presumably for Chi-

cago account.

It was supposed that the Leiter party had disposed of all the spring wheat MORE TROUBLE IN HAVANA delivered to them in September, but this would indicate that they still have some of it on hand. Dornbusch, under date of January 21, admits that early Leaves for Cuban Ports-Several Oth- estimates of United Kingdom requirements were too large, and that for the last 20 weeks the consumption has fallen short nearly 70,000 quarters, or 560,000 bushels per week below the average of the two preceding years. In other words, their theoretical requirements for the preceding 20 weeks were overestimated over 11,000,000 bushels. It is admitted that the working classes are living more largely on meat and vegetables than heretofore, but it is also true that cheaper substitutes have crowded out wheat flour. What is true of Great Britain is doubtless true of the continent. The European visible is estimated to have decreased in January 3,675,000. Broomhall cables that fairly the Northwest are so willing to take advantage of present high prices that

> anticipating no trouble in getting what they require later at lower prices. The present receipts at Minneapolis are just about equal to their full grinding capacity and there is little possibility at present of much drain upon their reserve elevator stocks, particularly in view of the fact that their output last

> they are letting go their seed wheat,

Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 73@74c; Valley and Bluestem, 76@77c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.75; graham, \$3.30; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.

gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstiffs-Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20.

Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per Eggs-18c per dozen.

per roll. Cheese - Oregon, 121/c; Young America, 121/c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2.75@

per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 45@50c

Hops-4@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

and ewes. 4c; dressed mutton.

\$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$3.00@3.25; cows, \$3.00; dressed beef, 41/2 @6c per

61/2c per pound. Seattle Market. Butter - Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 22@23c.

Cheese-Native Washington, 13c California, 936c. Eggs-Fresh ranch, 23c.

Wheat-Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats-Choice, per ton, \$21. Corn-Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton.

\$17@18; alfalfa, \$12. Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef,

steers, 7c; cows, 61/4c; mutton sheep, 8c; pork, 6c; veal, small, 7. Fresh Fish-Halibut, 5@6c; salmon, 3c; salmon trout, 10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod,

box; pears, 25@75c per box; oranges. navels, \$2.25@2.75 per box. San Francisco Market.

@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops-12 1/2 @ 16c per pound. Millstuffs-Middlings, \$22@25; California bran, \$20.50@21.50 per ton.

Eastern, 18@19; duck, 16c per pozen.

to good, 7@8c per pound.. Citrus Fruit - Oranges, \$1.25@2.50; Mexican limes, \$6.00@ 7.00: California lemons, choice, \$1.50 @2.50; do common, 75c@\$1.25 per box.

Hay-Wheat, \$16@18.50; wheat and oat,\$16@17.50; oat, \$14.50@16.50; best barley, \$13.50@15.50; alfalfa, \$10.50@

large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@\$1; pears 75c; \$1 per box; plums, 20@35c. Butter-Fancy creamery, 261/2c; do seconds, 25@26c; fancy dairy, 24c;

Though Rome is called "the Eternal

large Indian shipments are anticipated, and the quantity on ocean passage will still further increase. Argentine advices are to the effect that the crop is turning out a large one. The temper of our market is bearish, also, and the trade is, if anything, too willing to aid a decline. The weak domestic feature is the continued large receipts at primary points and the probability of their growing temporarily larger instead of smaller, and giving us an increasing visible supply when it should be diminishing. The reason for this undoubtedly lies in the fact that farmers in

week was nearly 100,000 barrels in excess of the same week last year.

Oats-Choice white, 35@36c; choice

Butter-Fancy creamery, 55@60c; fair to good, 45@50c; dairy, 40@50c

3.00 per dozen; hens, \$3.00@3.50; geese, \$3.50@6.00; ducks, \$4.50@5.00

per sack; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental. Onions-Oregon, \$1.75@2.25 per

Wool-Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20 @22c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed,

7c; spring lambs, 5 1/2c per pound.

pound. Veal-Large, 5@51/2c; small, 6@

Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@ 3 00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75.

Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton \$22; whole, \$22. Hay-Puget sound, new, per ton, \$11@12; Eastern Washington timothy,

5c; smelt, 21/2 @4c. Fresh Fruit-Apples, 40c@\$1 per

Wool-Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12

Onions-silverskin, \$2.60@2.75 per Eggs-Store, 21c; ranch, 22@23c;

Cheese-Fancy mild, new, 11 1/6c; fair

11.50; clover, \$11@12.50. Fresh Fruit-Apples, 30c@\$1.45 per

Potatoes-New, in boxes, 45c@\$1.10

good to choice, 22@23c per pound.

City," the name by right belongs to the city of Damascus, in Syria, which is the oldest city in the world. As

Cowboys and Cattle Thieves Fight.