EWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

MAIN OF BAD THEATMENT. Lumbermen Want Portland

Gateway Opened. whington, May 2.-Rivalry bethe Hill and Harriman railroad is the Northwest has culminated esentation of the matter to the t Commerce commission. For months lumber dealers and delurers in Washington, partieuis the Paget sound territory, genlare complained informally to mission that owing to the reof the Hill and Harriman lines to them through rates and joint they were unable to get their proshipped to points east of the Cas-

ally it was suggested that they proceedings under the new & Coast Lumber Manufacturers' on, the Southwestern Washinglember association and the Shingle bureau today filed a complaint an Pacific, the Oregon Short est rates on lumber products from in Washington via Portland, to points east of the Cascade

incle Sam Loses Best Men.

lington, May 2.-The constant on the "economic force" of the risal survey made by the large organizations, which offer the ent experts much larger salarfan they get from the government, uly imparing the efficiency of brach of the service, says a report he investigation of metalliferous tract. is 1906. The report adds: ar by years of practical experience in field that the geologist, however et his preliminary training. besempetent to carry on independwik in investigating a mining disand the loss of trained men in work is irreparable.

Provide for New Trails.

Sphington, May 2.- Four thousand bundred and twenty-five dollars then appropriated for construcin Cassade national forest, Oregon, illusts in Bitter Root national for-lishe, on condition that the inter-Appeals. counties raise an additional \$5, The state of Idaho has already repristed \$8,000 toward this work, roled a like amount is raised by mis that have asked forest service, wist in this work.

that he will not issued any for- cost more on the Pacific coast. statement on the subject of a third E He considered that what he following the election in 1904 and the has said subsequently should . He thinks he should be taken is word and let it go at that.

Record Gift for Famine.

air famine relief ever made in one was sent to China today by the titian Herald. On the day the with the most valuable relief carmershipped being worth \$150,000, 1,000 more in money was cable to telef committee, all collected and makes a total of \$400,000.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

shington, May 3.—Rural free decarriers appointed for Washingoutes: Arlington, route 1, Christ er, carrier, Joseph Kraetz, substi-Ellensburg, route 3, James H. ey, carrier, Harry Swett, substiaster at Hare, Or., vice Joseph at dead. A postoffice has been esed at Alderdale, Klickitat coun-Wash., Eva A. King postmaster. postoffice at Quinton, Gilliam coun-Or., will be discontinued May 15.

Northwest Postal Carriers.

m, vice William Southward, re- the ceremonies. and. William H. Ellis has sub-pointed regular, John F. Dunn sub-William H. Ellis has been rural carrier route 1, at Hart-

Statty to Back Up Borah Charges of that Judge Beatty is here to sus- postmaster. District Attorney Ruick. Judge ah is known hostility towards Mr.

Changes to National Bank.

Bitwille, with \$75,000 capital.

STATE CAN SELECT LANDS.

Interior Department Sends Out New Regulations to Registrars.

Washington, April 30 .- The commissioner of the general land office has islands by states and territories under nesday.

Under the new regulations the states will be permitted to make indemnity school land selections in lieu of fractional portions of legal subdivisions, which heretofore has been prohibited, and notice of all selections made by the state is required to be published in a proceedings under the new proceedings program of the general staff, does not such through rates an joint rates. county where the lands selected are program of the general staff, does not believe it possible to bring to the such program of the general staff, does not believe it possible to bring to the situated. A few other modifications milance with the suggestion the situated. A few other modifications are made, designed to facilitate the selection of lands by the state officers.

Instructions also have been issued to local land offices regarding the disposithe commission against the North- tion of lands withdrawn from coal enheife, the Great Northern, the tries, both as to lands known to lie within a known coal field and the and 15 other roads, requesting the lands outside of such fields. The land sion to issue orders providing offices will be furnished with geological survey township maps, showing known to issue orders products from coal fields, and entries of such lands will be reserved.

Lands heretofore withdrawn from entry and not released will be considered as coal lands. Coal filings made within 60 days prior to withdrawal from coal entry may be completed within the time prescribed by the statutes, less the time from date of such withdrawals to date of special written notice of filing of maps and lists in the local land offices. Lands not coal lands may be entered under any of the public land laws applicable to the particular

Renews Suit Against Equitable.

Washington, May 4.—A petition for wirt of review filed by the Equitable the case of J. Wilcox Brown, of Marysuit was instituted by Mr. Brown on behalf of himself and other policyholders to secure an accounting of the funds, and a statement regarding the conduct of the company's officers. The effort of the company to have the suit \$3,000 will be appropriated to dismissed on demurrer was sustained by the United States Circuit Court of

Bids on Submarine Boats.

submarine torpedo boats. The Lake the report.

Torpedo Boat company, of Bridgeport, Mexican troops are being mobilized Conn., offers to build any number of on the Guatemala frontier, which is beales at the White House on this build boats patterned after the Octopus, tands. settoday. He made it plain, how- of 274 tons, for \$312,000. It would

Bank Notes Increase.

Washington, May 4 .- The monthly circulation statement issued by the controller of the currency shows that at the close of business, April 30, 1907, the amount of national bank notes outstanding was \$599,913,840, an increase Subington. May 2.—Two hundred for the year of \$43,267,558, and an in-and dollars, the largest contribu- crease for the month of \$2,701,777. The amount of circulation based on United States bonds was \$550,204,771, which is an increase for the year of ert Buford sailed from San Fran- \$35,781,522 and an increase for the month of \$2,571,708.

Change in Signal Corps.

Washington, May 1 .- Colonel Richbuted by the same paper, which and E. Thompson, signal corps, is relieved from duty as chief signal officer, department of California, and will proceed to Seattle for duty as chief signal officer, department of the Columbia, and as officer in charge of the Washington-Alaska military cable and telegraph system, relieving Lieutenant Colonel William Glassford, who will proceed to San Francisco for duty as chief signal Frank Strain has been appointed officer, department of California.

Statue of Gen. McClellan.

Washington, April 30 .- The most interesting event of the 37th annual reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac this week will be the unveiling on May 2 of the heroic bronze equestrian statue of General George B. Stahington, April 30.—Oregon post- | McClellan, organizer and first com-Antelope, W. E. mander of the army of the Potomac. Rh, vice J. M. Hamilton, resign- President Roosevelt will make the prin-Owyhee, Edwin Wilson, vice Paul cipal speech. About 5,000 troops, reg-Dann visigned; Wildwood, Myron ulars and militia, will participate in

New Postmasters Appointed. Washington, April 30 -The following postmasters are appointed: Oregon -Rex, Jennie Conrad, vice W. H. Lashier, resigned; Whiteson, William A. Schington, May 3.—Judge Beatty Hobugh, vice Edward Minor, resigned. led to see the attorney general today | Washington-Jerry, Clark H. Jilison, heard to Senator Borah, but the at- vice E. E. Thompson, resigned. general was in Baltimore and postoffice is established at Yach, Tillalist was postponed. It is under-| mook county. Oregon, with Frank Yach

Brown and Roosevelt Confer. Washington, April 30 .- President Roosevelt had an extended conference with W. O. Brown, senior vice president of the New York Central reilroad, thington, May 2.—The comptroll- today. Mr. Brown would say nothing turnency has approved conversion about his talk with the president, but Oneer State bank of Ritzville, admitted that he had "talked a little" into the Pioneer National bank about the railroad situation with Mr. ARMED FORCES FOR CUBA.

All Elements Oppose Plan for Large Standing Army.

Havana, April 30 .- The plan of a standing Cuban army of 12,000 men, as surgested by the general staff of the American army, is most attractive to that element of the Cuban people which is fond of the gold lace and regalia of the Spanish-American armies.

But among the conservative elements the plan excites really less interest than the preceding one to recruit the sued instructions to registrars of local rural guards up to 12,000 men. The land offices concerning the selection of latter plan was vigorously opposed, lands by states and territories under even by the Liberals, who, it was supgrants for educational and other purposed, would have jumped at the opposes, under regulations approved by portunity for a lavish distribution of the secretary of the interior last Wed- patronage, and while the standing army scheme has been framed to meet their objections, the apparent impossibility of this accomplishment has caused it to be received with something very like

Governor Magoon, who has not yet been advised of any intention of the War department to adopt the elaborate shall come up to the standard of the United States army. This view is fully shared by Cubans experienced in military affairs.

ABANDON STEAMER AT SEA.

Luciter Springs Leak and Crew Has to Leave Her.

Falmouth, April 30 .- The British steamer Sagami, from New York, April 12, for Rotterdam, arrived here today and landed the crew of the steamer Lucifer, bound from New York for Dublin, which was abandoned in latitude 40.19 north, longitude 60 west. Members of the Lucifer's crew said it was discovered April 8 that the vessel's hold was filling with water. The pumps were manned, but the water gained. The steamer dritfed helpless.

The captain ordered all the bosts stocked with provisions for 12 days and made ready for instant use. A keen lookout was kept and three days later the crew was relieved to see the lights of two passing vessels. Their distress signals, however, were not a wirt of review filed by the Equitable seen, and a part of the cargo was jet-Life Assurance society of New York, in tisoned to lighten the vessel and keep her afloat, though it was evident she land, a policyholder, against the com-pany, was docketed in the Supreme ally after a week the Sagami was sight-court of the United States today. The ed and the crew transfered. Shortly after this the Lucifer foundered.

HURL STONES AT LEGATION.

Mexican Authorities Highly Indignant at Guatemalan Mob.

Mexico City, Mex., April 30 .- Extreme indignation has been caused here by the report that the American and Mexican legations in Guatemala City Washington, May 2.-Three com- have been stoned by a mob of several panies bid today at the Navy depart- hundred men. There is evidently a ment for the contracts for supplying strong inclination to give creaence to

essell today characterized as "abso-esch. The Sub-surface Bost company, the War department has stated this is someonse" the talk of nominating of New York, offers to build a boat of only a movement to insure strict neuseeding him for a third term. Mr. 250 tons for \$250,000. The Electric trality and protect Mexican interests elt talked freely with several of Boat company, of New York, offers to against remote danger from marauding

Reprts are current here that Minister Gambooa, representing Mexico in Guatemala, has left that country and crossed into Mexican territory as the result of friction with the Cabreras government.

WILL TALK TO ROOSEVELT.

Central Federated Union Committee to Ask for a Conference.

New York, April 30 .- The Central Federated union today, instead of unanimously condemning the president for his action in the Moyer-Haywood matter as has been reported, stood about evenly divided on the question which has stirred labor unions all over the country. The discussion, which lasted more than three hours, was the most bitter ever heard at a Central Federation union meeting. The result was that the meeting, representing more than 100,000 workers in Manhattan, ordered that a committee of three go to Washington and have a heart-to-heart talk with President Roosevelt regarding his criticism of Moyer and Haywood.

Propose to Test Rate Law. Lincoln, Neb., April 30 .- A letter from Union Pacific headquarters to the state railway commission today intimates that the roads contemplate resistance to the 2-cent passenger rate law. The letter is an answer to an in-Union Pacific says that the lawyers for

Witte Offers Criticism.

validity of the law.

St. Petersburg, April 30.-Count Witte, the ex-premier, in a character-istic speech before the council of the empire today delt with the question of the statutes in regard to experts assistasking for liberal support; criticised the paralysis of the council of the em-

Scurvy in Famine Lands.

Lt. Petersburg, April 30 .- Scurvy has increased greatly in the famine districts. An urgent meeting of the government relief committee bas been called for tomorrow following the receipt of a telegram from Zemstvo, president of Ufia province, reporting 1,000

Companies Short on Freight Cars Shown No Favors.

SHORTAGE NO LONGER FEARED

Lines With Plenty of Cars Form Com bine Against Slow Return of Berrowed Property.

Chicago, April 30 .- Drastic measares are to be adopted by the railroads of the entire country to stop car stealing and thereby compel the roads which are short of equipment to provide themselves with a sufficient number of cars to transport their traffic.

Acting upon legal advice, all of the railroads which are interested in stopping car stealing have decided to boycott all car thieving roads with a view to eliminating this evil from the transportation world. In doing so the railroads expect to end the car shortage and to prevent a recurrence of a scarcity of equipment which paralyzes the business of the country.

The railroad beycott will consist of a refusal by all roads which are members of the per diem and the car diversion agreements to permit their cars to go to railroads which are not members Eight Lives Known to Have Been Lost of these agreements and also a refusal to make through rates over such lines.

This is a direct and positive boycott of all car stealing roads, as it applies only to roads which are short of equipment and which have refused to become parties to the two agreements men-

Through rates mean through routing and both expressions involve the use of the cars, and where reasonable rules and regulations are not recognized a carrier is not compelled to establish a through route. Under this ruling a most rigorous boycott can be maintained against roads which steal the equipment of connecting lines and use it for months without return or without ade quate compensation for the use of the

The penalties are now so high for the misuse of cars by connecting lines that no road can afford to keep the cars and pay the penalties.

REVOLT BREAKS OUT.

Montenegrins Openly Rebel Against Military Rule.

Vienna, April 30 .- Dispatches received tonight report an outbreak of a revolt and grave political crisis in Montenegro. Military government has been proclaimed, and Premier Tomanovics has tendered the resignation of the cabinet, which Prince Nicholas has refused

miles north of Soutari and baving a population of about 7,000.

The trouble in Montenegro has arisen because of the campaign the cabinet has been inaugurating against the Radical party. The government is accused of instigating the destruction of the principal offices of the two Radical papers at Nikeces, which had attacked the government and Prince Nicholas. This action has aroused consternation.

OKLAHOMA TOWN SWAMPED

Heavy Rains and Floods Destroying Crops and Other Property.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 30 .its bank, and the Canadian river rising tive. steadily, the people of the lowlands of tonight facing a situation that will belast 24 hours continue. The lowlands have been converted into a veritable swamp, crops have been ruined and much stock drowned.

No human lives have been lost so far as can be established tonight. Resleave their homes and several persons were in trees last night. One house about the outcome. floated down the Canadian river with a family inside. The occupants were

Nine Jurors in Two Months.

San Francisco, April 30 .- Four jurgiven the benefit of the 2-cent rate on completion of the trial panel-a task that line and others are seriously dis- duction of evidence some time this today by the acceptance of three tales- draw before September, 1908. men. Three of the eight probationary jurors were subsequently challenged peremptorily.

Stay Day Under Water. Newport, R. I., April 30.-Many persons interested in the coming trials ing committees in the douma. He took of the submarine boats Lake and Cotoan advanced stand to a certain extent, pus arrived here today. The competitive tests are to be the most exhaustive and thorough ever carried out here. tling the controversy between the compire, and said it was unworthy of being The boats will be submerged for 24 called the upper house. Count Witte's hours with the board crews eating and action is hailed with approval. sleeping on the vessels. A number of Denver Wednesday. foreign officers and experts are expected, and it is probable that they will observe the movements from shore.

> Steamer and Crew Perish. London, April 30 .- News has reached here that the British steamer Thornhlil, bound for Rio Janeiro, was destroyed by fire during her voyage. Her crew perished.

RIOTS EXPECTED IN INDIA,

Ball Cartridges Given to Volunteers and High Officials Enlist.

have been served out to the local volunteers in consequence of signs of marked unrest among the Hindoo student element. The publication of inflammatory articles in the native newspapers, inciting race hatred against the Euro- HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS peans and demanding native control of the government of India by means of an elected parliament, has been followed recently by riots at Lahore and else-where in the Punjab and by attacks on Europeans. Professional and political agitators are now fomenting strikes on the railroads, and the government has concluded that it is time to suppress the rioting by forceful means, if neces-

The authorities are satisfied that determined front will speedily end the outward signs of disaffection, especially as they have the unanimous support of the great Mohammedan population, who, at numerus mass meetings, have emphatically coondemned the anti-European movement. Recent events have given a remarkable impulse to enlistment in the volunteers. The recruits include five judges of the Supreme court, the directors of public instruction, university professors, high government officials and leading bankers and merchants, all of whom have entered the ranks of the privates.

TORNADO IN TEXAS.

and Heavy Damage Done.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 29 .- One town is destroyed, extensive damage done to property and crops at other points and eight lives are known to have been lost as a result of a storm which was general over this state Saturday night, and at some points assumed the proportions of a tornade, accord-

ing to a meager report received here. The village of Heaming, in Cook county, was practically wiped out and five persons are reported to have been killed at this point. The dead include W. Alexander, a young child named Wilkinson, two men and a little girl. The field of the tornado was about

500 feet in width. At Valley View several houses were blown down and Robert Nichols was killed. Two other men were killed in the same ne ghborhood, but their names were not learned. At Sulphur Springs hail banked in drifts and stalled all trains. At Celeste

a big cotton mill was blown down. The fruit crop in the neighborhood of Sulphur Springs was destroyed; cotton and corn was beaten to the ground and the damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

HERMANN ACQUITTED.

No Wrong Done in Destroying Letter Books, Says Jury. Washington, April 29.—Binger Her-

Armed bands are reported to be mann walked out of court Saturday Twington, May 4. — President 235-ton boats above five at \$198,000 lieved to be highly significant, though fights have occurred at Podoritza, 38 feedback and Morton says the president would decline if nominated. copy books just prior to his retirement from the office of land commissioner. That he destroyed the books he does not deny, but that he did so with wrongful intent is denied by both Hermann and by the jury, and its judgment is final. His so-called private letter books may have contained some official letters, Hermann may or may not have known of this fact, but the jury has held that he did not fraudulently destroy the books. He did not destroy them for the purpose of impairing the usefulness of the records of the general land office nor to cover his own tracks, and so holding, the jury set at naught more than six weeks' testimony intro-With Lightning creek running out of duced by the government to show a mo-

Hermann has made no plans for the Capitol Hill, a suburb of this city, are future. He will eventually return to Orecgn, but whether he will again vencome critical if the heavy rains of the ture into politics is yet to be determined. He said tonight that his time had been so engrossed with the trial that he had given no thought to the future. He stated, however, that the verdict was not a surprise to him. He had been conscious all along of his inidents in the bottoms were forced to nocence and having every confidence in leave their homes and several persons the fairness of the jury, felt no concern

Cuba Is Settling Down.

Cancinnati, April 29. - That the United States government will withdraw from temporary control of Cuba a great deal earlier than has been supposors more were finally selected and five ed by many was manifested in an interwere sworn in today's proceedings in view by Secretary of War Taft today. quiry from the commission asking why the Ruel trial. This leaves three addi- Briefly referring to that country and his the Nebraska patrons were not being tional jurors to be obtained for the recent visit there, the secretary said that the Cuban settlement had proved interstate travel. In reply to this the begun two months ago. The prosecu- so unexpectedly satisfatcory and that tion is hopeful of beginning the intro- Governor Magoon has won so completely the confidence of all parties that he posed to unite in a suit attacking the week. The panel was tentatively filled believes the United States can with-

Government to Mediate.

Denver, April 29 .- A message received here late tonight from Washington announces that Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Labor Commissioner Neill have accepted the invitation of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company, to come to this city and assist in setpany and its trainmen and conductors. Mesers. Neill and Knapp will arrive in

Death When Pier Drops.

Baltimore, April 29 .- A section of 500 feet of the new pier being constructed at the immigration station at Locust Point, South Baltimore, for the 16 are unaccounted for.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Labore, British India, April 29.— In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The government is securing informaion on the watch trust.

Socialists of Russia will endeavor to force a dissolution of the douma.

Hindoos in India have broken out in a revolt. They demand a parliament.

A Montana sect is selling its property in preparation for the end of the

One of the walls of the Chihuahua, Mexico, dam gave way and between 25 and 30 workmen were killed.

The government has decided to place a large tract of land in Montana on the market about July 1. It will be irrigated by what is known as the Huntley project.

An explosion of a gunpowder magazine at Canton, China, wrought great destruction to surrounding property. Hundreds of persons were injured and 21 bodies have been recovered. It is not known how many were killed.

In the Federal court at Portland Judge Hunt has sentenced Franklin Pierce Mays to serve four months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$10,-000. Willard N. Jone is fined \$2,000 and sent to jail for eight months. George Sorenson did not appear in court and his bail of \$4,000 was forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest. These three men were convicted of land fraud.

San Francisco telephone girls have gone on strike.

All pressmen on the St. Louis papers have gone on strike.

Ruef has asked for a change of venue, saying the city is prejudiced against

The outlook for an early settlement of the San Francisco ironmolders' strike seems good.

Denvecr May 14 to investigate alleged The New York chamber of commerce has petitioned for a reciprocity treaty

A special grand jury will convene in

with France. Ex-Secretary of the Treasucry Shaw says war for control of the Pacific coast is only a matter of time.

Roosevelt says third term talk is non-

Deputy sheriffs of Silver Bow county, Montana, threaten to strike if not given more pay. Butte is the county seat.

The Italian government is likely to adopt restrictions on emigration. At the present time thousands are flocking to other countries, principally to the United States.

San Francisco carmen are voting on the strike question.

A thousand mile balloon voyage from St. Louis to Washington is to be at-

It is said the Montenegro revolt was

caused by the domineering ways of Prince Nicholas. The transport Buford has sailed from San Francisco with flour for the Chi-

nese famine sufferers. The Russian douma has been saved from dissolution by the passage of the army blil and apologizing for insult.

sible to be warned by wireless telegraph eight or twelve hours in advance of the The Circuit court in Kansas City, Kan., has found that an ice trust exists

Earthquake experts believe it is pos-

there and will place a heavy fine on the Chancellor von Buelow declares the wolrd is not yet ready to sheath the sword and Germany will not discuss limiting of armament at The Hague

conference. An unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala. A bomb was thrown at his carriage, which killed the horses.

Many suspects have been arrested. A general strike is threatened in

France wants a reciprocity treaty

with the United States. The Minnesota 2-cent rate is to be

fought by the railroads. An insult to the army has caused a crisis between the Russian cabinet and teh douma.

It is estimated that the diamond trust is paying not less than 400 per cent profit this year.

A perpetual motion machine, invented by a California man, has been sold to Standard Oil people for \$10,-000,000.

Secretary Taft says he will be greatly surprised if the canal is not finished in eight years and will be as greatly surprised if finished sooner.

The United States court of Appeala Baltimore & Ohio railroad, collapsed at St. Paul has confirmed the findings this afternoon, carrying down with it of the lower courts fining several packbetween 20 and 25 workmen, of whom ing companies for accepting freight re-