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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

German are angry at Dewey's criticism of their navy.

Senator Foster declares Pacific coast must be selected for vice president.

Many people have lost their lives on account of the last break in the Mississippi levee.

The Cuban senate has ratified the reciprocity treaty on the promise of an extra session of congress.

Robbers dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Lake Mills, Wisconsin county, Iowa, securing several hundred dollars.

Invitation of the German government, a conference with the object of founding an international seismic association will be held at Strassburg from July 24 to July 28.

It is said that John W. Gates intends to retire permanently from active participation in the stock market, and that in the future he will devote much of his time as he will spare to business to those concerns in which he is heavily interested.

Privileges to construct a salt lake of 400 acres near Cape May for a seaside resort have been granted to a company, which proposes to fill 600 acres extending from Madison avenue, Cape May, to Sewell's point, and to construct an inlet to the ocean so that sea-going yachts may have entrance.

A new system of searching for mineral ores by the use of the telephone is being tried at the Telesona lead mine, in North Wales.

James McNeill Whistler, the American artist, will receive the degree of doctor of laws at the forthcoming Glasgow university graduation ceremonies.

The Mills & Wright company, of Boston, one of the oldest printing and book houses in New England, has made an assignment. Liabilities \$91,279, with assets nominally the same.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has visited Commissioner Strasburger, of New York, to whom he explained that most of his securities were involved in non-convertible properties not liable for personal assessment. He showed that he was liable for assessment on only \$190,000 but he agreed to an assessment on \$250,000.

Judge P. B. Wolfe, of the Seventh Iowa judicial district, has just rendered an important decision regarding the power of assessors to assess taxes on property in the hands of a trust company as trustee. The court holds such property is liable to assessment both for county and city taxes.

Signo, Mexico, is now the only plague spot in the Mazatlan district.

Russia is trying to negotiate a loan of \$100,000,000 with a Franco-Belgian syndicate.

Owing to freight congestion, it is reported that first will be put out in 2,000 or more coke ovens in the New River, W. Va., field.

Four men were drowned at Bass lake nine miles from Owen sound, Ontario. They were fishing in a leaky, flat-bottomed boat, when it sank.

Claims against the city of New York for \$500,000 have been filed by persons injured by exploding bombs last election night in Madison square.

Every Lutheran is to be asked to give one cent a day for a period of one year for a benevolence fund for all objects of the church. From the 250,000 Lutherans in the synod it is expected to raise nearly \$1,000,000.

A broken rail wrecked eastbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 2 at Lakin, Kan., every car except one leaving the track. Conductor Pond was injured badly, but the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

Ambassador Choate has informed the state department that a senatorial congress which will consider matters of international importance, will be held at Bradford, England, from July 7 to 11, and United States representatives are invited.

The Pacific and Dominion express company, at Detroit, Mich., has increased the reward offered for the \$23,500 gold bar stolen last week. The reward is now \$2,000 for the recovery of the bar and \$1,000 additional for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

The United States steel corporation has put in operation more than 1,500 new coke ovens on Tug River, W. Va., as many more will be completed within 30 days.

Baron Mumm von Schwarzenberg, who was for a number of years secretary of embassy at Washington, is to replace Count Vodel as imperial German ambassador at Rome.

The report of Lieutenant General Miles on his observations in the Philippines and on his trip around the world has been submitted to the secretary of war, but it will not be made public, as it is regarded as an inspection report.

Two men entered the jewelry store of A. B. Huberman, at Omaha, and walked out with two trays containing diamonds of the value of \$5,000, the clerk's attention being directed to the telephone while they were looking at the gems.

Scarier fever still rages at Lake Forest, near Chicago, and all public places are closed.

In a fire at Shelton, Neb., a man named Cotton was fatally injured by the fall of a wall. A number of other firemen were slightly injured.

The Illinois appellate court for the Fourth district has decided that when a man is sent to prison for the murder of his wife he is judicially dead, and his children are entitled to the insurance on the life of the murdered woman, even if it was taken out in favor of her husband.

ALASKA HAD GOOD CARE.

Northern Territory Out New Laws Which Will Bring Settlers.

Washington, March 31.—"Alaska has been beautifully taken care of in the past session of congress," said J. W. Ivey, who has been here all winter urging legislation of one sort or another for the big territory. "I find that very few states have secured as much in the way of local legislation, and few members can go home as contented as I will return to my people. We did not get everything we wanted, but we did get the most essential things, and I have no complaint to make. When I first came down here at the opening of the session, senators and representatives told me I might as well go home, that in the short session there would be no time for considering legislation. They advised me to come back next session, when there was more time. But I replied that we had been put off that way year after year, and did not intend to stand it any longer. So I camped down, and here I have been ever since.

"In my opinion, the most important legislation of the session was the Alaska homestead bill, permitting the entry of 320 acres of land, 100 of which may be commuted upon, and a like amount taken by scrip. The bill is not perfect, but it will do a great deal towards bringing in the class of permanent settlers that we so much need. Now that people can acquire title to the land, and can feel safe against encroachment, there will be a heavy immigration, and the fertile valleys will soon begin to fill with industrious, energetic people. When we get a larger population, as we are now sure to do, we will come back to congress and make known our other wants."

STRONGHOLD IS TAKEN.

Crushing Defeat Inflicted on San Miguel and His Fort Captured.

Manila, March 31.—Two companies of Macabebe scouts signally defeated the main body of San Miguel's forces today. It is believed San Miguel was killed. Lieutenant Reese was seriously wounded. The scouts lost three men killed, and had 11 men wounded. The enemy occupied an entrenched position between Marquina and Francisco del Norte, and had erected a stone fort, which was garrisoned by 200 men. Lieutenants Reese and Nickerson decided after an hour's fighting to surround the position and charge, after having divided their commands. The two officers then led a gallant and successful charge, during which Lieutenant Reese fell, seriously wounded. The enemy then broke and ran, leaving 45 men dead on the field, including a general officer, who is believed to be San Miguel, though his identification is incomplete. It is hoped this defeat will discourage disorder in Rizal province.

The military authorities will direct the operations of the detachments which are pursuing the bandit bands. Additional troops are to be sent to Surigao later on.

NORTHWEST AT THE CAPITAL.

Title of Tacoma Building Site Defective—Seattle-Tacoma Mail.

Washington, March 31.—The attorney general today reported that he had examined the title to the public building site at Spokane, designated for purchase early in the winter, and had found it clear. A check has been made out and sent the owners. There is faulty title to two lots included in the Tacoma site, the lots owned by Mrs. Walsh, and before that title can be acquired these two lots will have to be condemned, thereby insuring clear title. The title to the balance of the site is satisfactory. Senator Foster today urged the post-office department to increase the mail service between Seattle and Tacoma. He was told that, if the electric road would carry such mails as were offered it at a reasonable rate, the additional service would be established. All interurban mails are now carried by the Northern Pacific.

Police Ordered to Fernie.

Victoria, B. C., March 31.—In view of the fact that trouble is expected at Fernie in the event of non-union men being imported by the Crow's Nest coal company, the British Columbia government has requested the Dominion government to send a detachment of Northwest mounted police to Fernie, the center of the strike, and a squad of 50 men has been ordered to proceed from Calgary. The coal company has given the men until today to decide whether they will return to work; failing a decision, outsiders will be brought in.

Promise of Fast Airship.

New York, March 31.—The Spencer brothers, the well known aeronauts, are nothing if not enthusiastic, says the Tribune's London representative. They are at present engaged in the construction of a new navigable balloon, for which they are using a 25-horsepower motor. This gives an indicated speed of 25 miles an hour, and with a breeze of 25 miles an hour in the same direction, they say it is quite possible that Londoners will this year see an airship rushing overhead at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

Take Years to Recover.

San Francisco, March 31.—Louis Hirsch, of this city, whose coffee plantation in Guatemala was destroyed by the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano, has just returned from an inspection of the devastated district. He says that the accounts of the cost to Guatemala of Santa Maria's outbreak were not exaggerated, and it will take a couple of years and perhaps longer, for the coffee industry to recover from the blow.

Rescued from the Flood.

Natchez, Miss., March 31.—The steamer St. John came up from below this morning with a full load of passengers and stock from the flooded district. The officers report a daring rescue of three men who were found adrift in a log river. One of the men was on a log and the other two in trees. They had been washed out by the crevasse at Bogere, and had been without food for three days.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Contracting for 1903 Hops — Fruit Trees in Bloom in Josephine County — Medford Creamery Nearly Ready — Sheep Dying on the Ranges — Governor Parsons a Forger.

A creamery will be in operation at Medford in about 30 days. The plant will be capable of handling the milk of 300 cows.

Contracts for hops for the crop of 1903 are being made in the Willamette valley at from 15 to 16 cents, the former price being generally recognized as the prevailing figure.

Almonds are now in full bloom in the orchards of Josephine county, and if not nipped by frost the crop of these nuts will be large here this year. Peaches are also beginning to bloom.

A postoffice has been established at Lost Valley, Wheeler county, to be supplied by special service from Lone Rock. The postoffice at Thurston, Lane county, has been re-established.

Seventeen canneries and 10 cold storage plants at Astoria are making ready for the fishing season, which opens April 15. A heavier run than that of last year is anticipated on account of the returns from artificial propagation.

Architect W. H. Knighton has been appointed by the state board of asylum trustees to draw up plans and specifications for a modern home and cow barn to replace the present dilapidated and unsanitary building, the cost of the new structure not to exceed \$10,000.

Governor Chamberlain has pardoned John Gates, who two years ago forged the name of H. W. Corbett to a check at Eugene. Gates had served half his three years' sentence. The pardon was granted upon the petition of a large number of prominent citizens of Marion county.

Hundreds of sheep are dying on the ranges in Grant and Harney counties for want of feed. The long, cold winter, together with the deep snow and scarcity of hay, is responsible for the heavy loss among the herds. Sheep owners are trying to move their flocks to better ranges, but the sheep are too weak to be moved.

Linn county real estate agents complain that most of the parties from the East who are seeking homes are accompanied by an Eastern "agent," who demands at least 50 per cent of the local agent's commission before the homeseekers are allowed to locate. If the Linn county people refuse to be lured by the agent moves his party on, looking for greener pastures.

Seven thousand dollars in cash has just been paid as part of the bond price of the Ochoco mines, near Prineville.

Friday, April 10, at 12:30 P. M., at Independence, is set for the sale of the pool of the Polk county mobair association.

An enjoyable two days' farmers' institute was held at La Grande last week under the auspices of the agricultural college.

Fire at Portland Sunday morning destroyed the Farabee pulley manufacturing plant and badly wrecked the Enterprise planing mill. The loss is placed at \$15,000. A number of other buildings had close calls.

Water bailiffs at Astoria and Oregon City are leading a strenuous life at present trying to capture men who are catching salmon during the closed season.

The Rogue River Packing & Navigation company, of Grants Pass, is spending a large amount of money in the development of the Lower Rogue country, from the mouth of the Illinois down. The company is now at work building two steamers to take the place of the two lost last year.

The Grand lodge of Oregon, I. O. O. F., will meet in Portland May 20. A large attendance is expected on account of the president's visit May 21.

A special train will be run on the evening of March 31 to accommodate the Masons and their families that will attend the dedication of the new Grants Pass Masonic temple, from Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville and other Southern Oregon points. Grants Pass will have some 400 visitors on that evening. The dedication of the new temple will be one of the grandest jubilees the city has ever known.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; bluestem, 70c; 78c; valley, 77c.
Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.
Flour—Best grade, \$3.95@4.25; grab-and, \$3.45@3.85.
Millstuffs — Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$ 24; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cental.
Hay — Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.
Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50c@6c per sack; ordinary, 40c@50c per sack; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@2.25 per cental.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c; young, 11c@12c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; dressed, 16@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16c@17c; Young Americans, 17c@18c; factory prices, 10c@15c less.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c@32c per pound; extra, 30c; dairy, 20c@22c; store, 15@18c.
Eggs—14@15c per dozen.
Hops—Chloe, 21c@23c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 12c@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 26@28c.
Beef — Gross, cows, 3@3c per pound; store, 4@4c; dressed, 7c.
Veal—7c@8c.
Mutton — Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c.
Lamb — Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c.
Hogs — Gross, 6c per pound; dressed, 7c@7c.

RICH GOLD NUGGETS.

Montana Collection Will Be a Feature of Portland Exposition.

Helena, Montana, March 28.—W. G. Conrad, of the banking firm of Conrad Bros., who was named by Governor Toole as one of the honorary commissioners for Montana at the Louisiana Purchase exposition and the Lewis and Clark exposition, in St. Louis and Portland, respectively, has made a most interesting announcement—that he will send what is supposed to be the largest and best collection of gold nuggets in the world to St. Louis and Portland for exhibition during the expositions. The exhibit is owned by Conrad Bros., and was formerly the property of the First National bank in Helena. The collection was purchased by the Conrads from the receiver of the bank several years ago, upon the failure of that institution, and has since been added to.

The collection was gathered by explorer Hauser, a state president of the First National bank, and was the result of many years' effort. Even in days when placer mining was being done in hundreds of claims throughout the state, the collection was regarded as magnificent. Among the nuggets in the collection is one found in Nelson gulch, above Helena, which is said to be the largest single nugget ever found in the Northwest.

The present value of the collection is about \$200,000 if melted down, but in its natural state, as coming from the earth, it is worth more, a number of gems being worth several times their weight value because of their peculiar formations.

It should prove one of the features of the exposition. It will be carefully guarded day and night from the time it leaves Montana until its return from St. Louis and Portland.

RECIPROCITY IDEA IS KILLED.

Other Treaties Will Share Same Fate—President Gives Up.

Washington, March 28.—The announcement in the Japanese legislature regarding the failure of the reciprocity treaty with the United States is but a forerunner of what may be expected in the case of all agreements of a similar character which failed to secure action by the United States senate. It was evident from the attitude of that body that the members were opposed to the reciprocity treaties, as outlined in the reciprocity treaties that were sent to it by the president, and all efforts along that line have been abandoned by the administration.

The rejected treaties, among which is that with the French republic, are not, it is authoritatively stated, to be again submitted to the senate in December next, and because of the attitude of the senate, the president is discouraging the formation of new treaties. Sugar formed an important item of reciprocal exchange in some of the treaties, noticeably those in the West Indies, and so far as that article of import is concerned the administration is expected from agreeing to any reduction of duty by reason of the terms of the Cuban reciprocity agreement. This specifically provides that no sugar produced by any country other than Cuba shall be admitted into the United States as by treaty on convention while the Cuban treaty is in force, at a lower rate of duty than is imposed by existing law.

RIVER IS STATIONARY.

Swift Current and Favorable Winds Keep Mississippi Down.

New Orleans, March 28.—With the river practically stationary during the day, there has been little change in the flood conditions. The phenomenal speed at which the current is flowing and favorable winds have doubtless restrained the rising tendency. A vigilant eye is being kept on every foot of levee from the river landing to New Orleans.

Members of the state board of engineers at various points along the Mississippi, the Red river and La Fourche. On the latter stream there are now three crevasses, but planters do not immediately within range of the breaks have had time in which to construct temporary embankments. Much damage will be done to the oyster industry by the present flood.

To Pay Honolulu Plague Claims.

Washington, March 28.—W. F. McLendon, chief of the warrant division of the treasury department, today started for Honolulu, charged with the duty of disbursing the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress to satisfy in part the judgments rendered on account of the destruction of property in Honolulu in suppressing the bubonic plague during the years 1899 and 1900. The territory of Hawaii was also authorized by the same act to issue bonds not to exceed \$500,000 in amount, to be used in paying its share of the judgments.

Fire Causes Death and Pain.

New York, March 28.—One man, Vincent Berlin, carpenter, lost his life in a fire today, which damaged the three upper floors of the five-story building at 409 East Twenty-fourth street. Another man was taken out unconscious, and four children were rescued from the fourth floor. The fire caused a panic among the tenants of the adjoining tenement houses, and women and men ran screaming into the street. The fire was caused by an employe accidentally spitting a pot of paint onto a gasoline stove.

Japs and Mexicans Unionized.

Los Angeles, March 28.—The Los Angeles county council of labor has adopted resolutions indorsing the action of the state organizer in effecting the unionizing of Japanese and Mexican laborers at Oxnard. The council adopted a further resolution favoring the unionizing of all unskilled Asiatic and other alien laborers in Los Angeles. Local labor leaders state that this is the first time a union labor organizer has in any way favored Asiatic labor.

San Francisco Sandbaggers.

San Francisco, March 28.—Four men, armed with sandbags, secreted themselves inside the entrance to Greenwich street wharf No. 1 yesterday morning and robbed every person who passed through the gate. The place was absolutely dark and before they ceased their operations the robbers succeeded in holding up eight men.

WORST HAS COME

BREAK IN LEVEE LETS LOOSE THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

Many Lives Will Be Lost — Whole Yazoo Delta is Inundated — Realities Torment Poors Through Break, Swamping Three Counties in Mississippi — Efforts Being Made to Fill Crevasse.

Greenville, Miss., March 30.—A volume of water 10 feet deep and over 600 feet in length is pouring steadily through a crevasse in the levee five miles south of here and is flooding thousands of acres of the finest farming land in the celebrated Yazoo belt. The break in the levee occurred at 11 o'clock this morning and the roar of the rushing waters can easily be heard in Greenville.

Only 200 feet of the embankment gave way at first, and a mighty effort was made by hundreds of laborers in charge of the government engineers to check the flood by cribbing and sacking, but it was soon apparent that it was beyond human power to successfully combat the resistless fury of the current. An hour later it was seen that the ends of the levee on either side of the crevasse were melting fast, the force of the current cutting the embankment away as though it were built of sand.

Major John M. Sears, who was in charge temporarily of the government office here, stated tonight that the break is unquestionably the worst in the history of the levee system. He says that the entire delta, as far south as Vicksburg, will be flooded and the farming lands in Washington, Bolivar and Sharkey counties will be under water for more than two weeks. This is the first break to be reported on the Mississippi since the present rise began. Major Sears says a desperate struggle is being made to prevent the further widening of the breach.

Reports from the interior are very meager, but it is believed the people were fully prepared for a break, and the loss of life, if any, will be reduced to a minimum, though the loss of stock may be quite heavy. The damage to plantations and the interference with planting cannot be estimated.

The situation at midnight grows worse for Greenville. Work on the protection levee through Main street has been abandoned and water has reached Washington avenue, the highest point in the city. Appeals for help have been coming in all night from the Tuxedo and Race Track additions and relief boats are being sent out. The news comes from these additions that people were seen climbing to roofs of houses and rafts to escape drowning in the rising waters.

Many lives have been reported lost, a woman and five children perishing in one house, but tomorrow will tell the fate of many poor unfortunates. The southern part of the city is entirely under water. Houses are filling and their inmates are securing rooms upstairs. By morning the water will be over all parts of the city unless another effort is made to build a protection.

The city is in total darkness, water putting out the fires in the electric light plants.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Seattle Street Car Strike to Be Fought to a Finish.

Seattle, March 30.—Both parties to the Seattle street car strike stand firm and business is paralyzed. Business men tried to mediate yesterday, but President Furth declared the union would not be recognized, and the strikers declared they would strike till it was recognized.

There was a slight increase in the number of cars operated, and the officials predict that this increase will offset the loss of business. The men who were sworn in as policemen and armed. The strikers say they have gained members and ride on cars to convert non-union men. A strike of the miners at the Renton coal mine, which supplies the power houses, is threatened.

A New Treaty Would Be Better.

New York, March 30.—Senator Silva, secretary of the Cuban senate, who has been an advocate of the treaty of reciprocity with the United States, is quoted as saying, according to the Havana correspondent of the Tribune: "I am inclined to the belief that the best thing would be to disapprove the treaty, then negotiate another. The amendments seem confining to all of us. We have perfect confidence in President Roosevelt, but fear the amendments are in such shape that to make a new treaty is preferable."

Called to Account.

Pekin, March 30.—The tone of the Official Gazette indicates that the Chinese government is giving increased attention to the rebellion in Kwangsi province. An order was issued this evening to General Mei, who was dispatched months ago under an injunction to crush the disturbances, to return to Pekin and report immediately to the Dowager Empress, who desires to learn the exact situation, the reasons for the complications and the cause of his failure to carry out the orders given to him.

Carnegie's Great Gift.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Andrew Carnegie has added \$1,500,000 to his library donations in Pittsburg. Today he made it known that he would donate \$1,400,000 in addition to \$1,700,000 already given by him to provide means for an addition to the present Carnegie library and \$150,000 for the building of the East End branch library. This new gift of Mr. Carnegie's makes his contribution to the greater institution \$7,000,000.

To Lay Cable From Honolulu.

San Francisco, March 30.—The first step in the preliminary work to the laying of the cable between Honolulu and Midway Island has been taken. The Pacific Commercial cable company has chartered the steamer Grace Dollar, and on April 10 she will depart from this port carrying supplies and materials for the construction of the cable station on Midway island. The British steamer Anglia and Columbia are at present in London being loaded with the cable.

GREAT SALES OF LAND.

Last Half of 1902 Far Exceeds Any Half Year Previous.

Washington, March 27.—Land Commissioner Richards today gave out a statement showing the phenomenal increase in sales of public land in the first half of the present fiscal year as compared with the corresponding portion of the previous year. In the six months ending December 31, 1901, there were 7,476 cash sales made in the United States, representing 767,002 acres, from which \$2,719,384 was realized. During the corresponding months of 1902 there were 23,015 sales, of 1,063,613 acres, from which was realized \$4,747,963.

Inasmuch as these sales were principally under the timber and stone act, there seems to be justification of the president's course in extending the forest reservation system before the timber lands are all taken up. The sales of the past quarters exceed those of any corresponding period in the past history of the government.

CUBANS GROW SUSPICIOUS.

Bungling of Treaty Creates Fear of Further Amendments.

Havana, March 27.—Although there is much complaint here on the part of the Cubans that the United States did not give the reciprocity treaty a fair deal, the publication of the text of the amendments has shown them that the treaty has not been materially damaged through the delay and uncertainty entailed by the action at Washington. The present feeling of suspicion is due principally to the lack of assurance that the treaty cannot be amended in the United States house of representatives and that President Roosevelt will call a special session prior to the regular meeting of congress.

The presidents of all manufacturing and commercial associations today received a list of inquiries from the senate committee on foreign relations with regard to the effects of the amendments. It is expected that the representations be sent in tomorrow. The report on the treaty will be completed today.

BIG SMELTER BURNED.

Company Whose Employees are Striking Suffers Heavy Loss.

Canyon City, Colo., March 27.—At midnight the main portion of the smelting works of the United States Reduction and Refining company at this place was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$200,000. Immense new buildings, 200 by 80 feet in area, were destroyed. The company owning the plant is the same which owns the Standard gold mill at Colorado City, whose employees are on strike. The fire broke out in the refinery from an unknown cause, and was discovered by the watchman, but could not be subdued, and soon the recently completed additions, which have been in progress of erection for the past year, were a mass of flames. The plant is not a total loss, as its entire value was \$500,000, but it cannot be insured that there was any insurance. One hundred and fifty men are made idle.

Salvador Must Pay Up. Washington, March 27.—The state department has taken measures to collect the award assessed against the government of San Salvador by the arbitration in the case of an American corporation amounting to \$54,000. The secretary has acceded to the Salvadorean's full opportunity to present reasons why the judgment should not be paid, but after patiently considering these representations the department has just informed the Salvadorean government that it cannot reopen the case without showing gross disrespect for the arbitrators, and that it sees no reason why the money should not be paid.

Up Capitol Steps in Automobile.

Washington, March 27.—Three men in an automobile attempted to ride up the steps of the east front of the capitol today. They reached the second landing, 10 steps from the street, when the chain of the vehicle broke, and they fell backward without accident. The man who acted as chauffeur gave the name of J. D. Huribut, and said he was from Detroit, Mich. His companions did not give their names, but one of them said he was a police commissioner of Hartford, Conn. The chauffeur was arrested, but later released on bail.

AMERICAN FAILS RUN DRY.

Ice-Jam Stops the Flow of Niagara, and Relic Hunters Revel.

Niagara Falls, March 26.—The water conditions here are practically dry, and for the first time in 55 years people are able to walk about in the river bed. Thousands have clamored over the rocks hunting for relics and souvenirs. Great hordes never before seen are high and dry. So little water is flowing over the American Falls that men in high boots almost could have crossed at the brink.

The extraordinary condition is due to an ice-jam up the river. The ice was driven from Lake Erie into the entrance to the Niagara and lodged in the shoalwater, shutting off the flow into the American channel. The Horseshoe Falls is not affected as much as the American. The river in the vicinity of the Three Sister islands is quite dry, and the center falls, between Goat and Luna islands, is a skeleton of itself. The conditions are likely to last for several days.

Offers to End the War.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, March 26.—General Matos, the leader of the Venezuelan revolutionary movement, who is here, today sent the following telegram to General Ramon Ayala, vice president of congress: "General Castro has resigned the presidency. Considering that his being independent renders impossible all peace and prosperity in Venezuela, if congress will accept his abdication I will promise you to use all my influence with the commanders to immediately end the war."

Long Distance Electric Road.

Chicago, March 26.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say: A new railroad, using electric power, between Chicago and Milwaukee, passing through Waukegan, Kenosha and Racine, will be in operation inside of two years, providing the present plans of the Standard oil company carry. The Chicago, Milwaukee & Inland Lake transportation company is the name of the new company. The man who is representing the Eastern capitalists and who admits that the moneyed men are the Standard oil people is Mr. Whitman.

Coal Mine Blown Up.

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—A terrific explosion in the mine of the Athens coal company at Athens, Menard county, 20 miles north of Springfield, today resulted in the death of six men and one being seriously injured. An entry in the mine had been for some time stopped up on account of the gas. This morning an attempt was made to open it by drilling another entry in order to allow air to enter and the gas to escape.

MILITARY STATION

SECRETARY MOODY SELECTS A SITE IN CUBA.