NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

Troops will protect the Russian Jews

The New York legislature is rushing bills for the control of insurance.

All Zion City has revolted against Dowie, taking away his power and

Municipal ownership is the principal campaign topic in many eastern city home that he had heard such an expe-

Floods in Alabama have stopped steamboat navigation for 150 m

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill admitting Porto Ricans to full United States citizen-

President Palms, of Cuba, is conti dent the United States senate will ratify the I-le of Pines treaty which recog-

nizes Cuba's severeignty. Women have mobbed the engineer at the Courrieres, France, mine, de-manding the rescue of their loved ones

whom they believe to be still alive. Commissioner Garfield finds the Standard Oil company has violated the anti-trust law many times. Prosecution of the company will commer

A Russian editor has been impris oned for writing a parody on the Lord's prayer, which was supposed to be offered by the imperial family. One line was made to read: "Let the people pay our debts, but not as we pay our

Tillman will have a hard fight to be re-elected senator.

Bristol's confirmation as district at torney for Oregon is assured.

American money has saved thousands of lives in the Japanese famine dis-

have agreed on the court review amend-ment to the rate bill.

Germany has found through the Mo roccan conference that she has but friend in all Europe, Austria. Sir Thomas Lipton has completed arrangements for the building of a

challenger for the America's cup The New York Central and Pennsy vania roads are said to have agreed o

consolidation. The present lines wil also be greatly extended An Indiana bachelor found eight babies on his doorstep a few morning

ago. He immediately sent for the county officials to take charge. A storm at English. Indiana, blew down a large tree, revealing the hiding

place of \$21 000 placed in the roots o the tree by an old miser may years ago Representative Jones, of Washing

ton, has a bill requiring all American els to carry sufficient oil to calm the sea whenever the vessel may danger in storms.

The Chinese boycott is believed to b

Storer is still recognized as ambas sador at Vienna. The Iowa legislature has passed

bill which will not allow any state offi cer to use a railroad pass. The miners convention has decide

to accept the advance wherever grante by the coal operators and work wil Representative Lacey, of Iowa, wants

all agricultural lands now embraced in forest reserves thrown open to entry under the homestead laws.

in the French coal mine have just been found alive. They were in the mine 20 days and lived on horse feed.

Another \$25,000 has been sent to Japanese famine sufferers through the National Red Cross. This makes \$125, 000 sent through this source.

Troops have been called out to sup press riote at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Announcement is made at Cleveland Ohio, of an advance of from 1/4 to 11/4 cents per gallon by the Standar I Oil in the price of gasoline and naphtha Governor Pattison, of Ohio, is grow

The Chicago beef trust trial has been set for the second Monday in Decem-The Ohio legislature has provided for

a commission to revise the insurance Justice Harlan, of the United State Supreme court, may resign.

The president 'ears congress action on the Panama canal at

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is in the hand A street car strike is the cause of the trouble

President Roosevelt has again ser. Bristol's name to the senate for confirmation as district attorney for Ore

The Mississippi river is rapidly ris-ing and the danger line has been reached at several points near St.

5,000 taels for the recent Nanchang murder and the opening of the port of Wucheng Chi.

The Iowa legislature has passed on providing for an insimilar to that bad in

The Iowa legislature has killed the direct primary bill.

DRIVE OUT CASTRO.

Venezuela Is To Be Opened to Amer-

ican Capital and Enterprise. New York, April 3 .- The World today says: One of the largest merchants in New York said last night that arrangements are being perfected here and in Paris for an invasion of Venezuela, which will annihilate Castro and open up the country to American mary Ballots at Election.

Salem—The following is a list of the Creen City. The board of discrete

A number of rich New York mer-15.000 soldiers and the expenditure of mary ballots: \$5,000,000 in the campaign under which President Castro is to be either expelled or destroyed and a native Venezuelan statesman is to be installed as

In this connection it is said that Castro, anticipating a successful revo-lution against him sooner or later, has converted some of his alleged \$4,000,-000 into cash and has sent it to Amer ica and France.

Carlos B. Fuegerdo, Venezuelan con-sul in New York, said last night at his dition was being organized or being promoted, but had been unable to learn anything definite about it. He said he had understood shares in the

scheme were being sold. "I would like to get hold of some of those shares," he said. "I will buy all that are offered."

The consul inquired eagerly as to the point the expedition was to sail from. The expedition is to set out soon from Europe in three large steamships which are already under contract They are to carry about 5,000 volun teers, with the following quantities of arms and ammunition: Eight thousand Manser rifles of the latest pattern, 24, 000 rounds of cartridges, 500 shells, 8 rapid fire guns, 8.000 army belts, 1,000 ers, 3,000 machetes and swords, to gether with other supplies.

GREAT TRADE WITH MEXICO.

Relations With Republic on the Sout Are Very Close.

Washington, April 3 .- A bulletin is ued by the department of Commerce and Labor shows that the trade of the United Stats with Mexico in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated in value \$92,000, 000, as compared with \$31,000,000 in 1895, and \$18,000,000 in 1885. Of Mexico's total imports of merchandise, 53 per cent is drawn from the United States, and of her to al exports 71 per cent is s at to the United States.

No other country except Canada draws so large a percentage of its imports from the United States as does Mexico, and no other country except Cuba sends so large a percentage of its exports to the United States as does

Estimates made by American conular repsentatives and others and by persons in the United States familiar with the subject, the bulletin says, inlicates that fully \$1,000,000,000 capital from this country is now invest ed in Mexico, Canada and Cuba, of which about one-half is in Mexico.

THREE TRAINS IN A WRECK.

Passenger Train Comes Last on Top of High Embankment.

Delta, O., April 3 .- Piled in a wreck n top of an embankment 30 feet high, 100 persons escaped from injury in a miraculous manner in a collision on the Lake Shore railroad near here to-

Two freights, east bound, were tied up in a rear end collision, with the cacoose of the train in front, which had stopped to take water, thrown squarely across the track of train No 3, a west bound passenger. The mix-up be-tween the freights had scarcely occur-red when the passenger bowled along, striking the overturned caboose.

The brakes were set, but, going at alwas so great that, with a crash, the passenger locomotive jumped the track. cose ahead. Two Pullmans were tele scoped, but, after the train had stopped. he passengers dashed wildly out of the various coaches and slid 30 feet to the bottom of the embankment to a place of safety. The wreck took fire and

Outbreak Purely Local. I ondon, April 3 -The Daily Tele graph's Tokio correspondent says that Premier Saionji regarded the outbreak in China as purely local and not dicative of an anti-foreign spirit in he counsels of the governing authori Marquis Saionii also said that Japan and Russia were moving lerity and when that task was com-pleted and the negotiations with China or the opening up of Manchuria were oncluded the territory would

Coal for Missouri Institutions.

thrown open.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 3. — Gov-ernor Folk, through Warden Matt Hall, of the state penitentiary here, has leased a mine near Waverly, fron which coal will be mined during the resent strike in sufficient quantities to supply the 15 state institutions with The miners at Waverly are paid 10 per cent more than the regular scale should be forced to go out Warder Hall said there would be no difficulty n operating the mine if the state is forced to resort to that extremety.

Miners Not Long Dead.

Less, France, April 3.— The inhabtate of excitement, owing to the dis-overy of eight additional bedies in the will be stored until the sales days in the latter part of May and the first of mine where the explosion recently occurred. An examination showed that the miners had not been dead very long. Deputy Bastly, of the house of leputies, made a sensational state-it will be sold to the highest bidder. deputies, made a sensational state-ment, in which he secuses the company of paying more attention to saving of te property than to recuing miners.

Elect Viquez President.

San Jose, Costa R ca, April 3 — Lic nesiado Cleto Gonzales Viquez, expensioner of finance, was today elected president of the republic of Costa Rica.

Eastwood were arraigned before United States Commissioner M. R. Biggs last week on a charge of cutting timber on government land. They were held in the sum of \$50 to appear before the United States grand in recorded to the sum of \$50 to appear before the United States grand in recorded to the sum of \$50 to appear before the United States grand in recorded to the sum of \$50 to appear before the United States are successful. president of the republic of Costa Rica. United States grand jury.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

OFFICIAL CANDIDATE LIST.

Salem-The follwing is a list of the chants are said to be interested in the movement, which, the promoters declare, will involve the employment of

Republicans: Senator—Short term, Fred W. Mulkey, Multnomah county; senators, long term, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Multnomah county; H. M. Cake, Multnomah county; Stephen A. Low-ell, Umatilla county; E. L. Smith, Wasco county; E. B. Watson, Multno-

Representative, First district-Willis C. Hawley, Marion; Samuel B. Houston, Washington; Walter L. Tooze, Marion. Second district, W. R. Ellis, Umatilla; William J. Lachner, Baker; John L. Rand, Baker; George S. Shep herd, Multnomah.

Governor-Harvey K. Brown, Baker T. T. Geer Marion: C. A. Johns, Baker; Charles J. Schibrede, Coos; James Withycombe, Benton.

Secretary of state-Frank W. Benson Douglas; Claud Gatch, Salem; Lot L. Pearce, Marion; Frank T. Wrightman,

Treasurer-John H. Aitkin, Baker; E. V. Carter, Jackson; Ralph W. Hoyt, Multnomah; Augustus C. Jennings, Lane; Thomas F. Ryan, Clackamas; George A. Steel, Clackamas. Supreme judgé - Robert Eakin

Superintendent public instruction-J. H. Ackerman, Multnomah.

State printer-William J. Clarke-Marion; Willis S. Duniway, Multnomah, J. R. Whitney, Linn.
Attorney general—M. A. Crawford,
Douglas; George H. Durham, Joseph-

Commissioner of labor-O. P. Hoff, Multnomab. Demccrats: Senator-long term, John M. Gearin, Multnomah.

Representative, First district-P. A. Cochrane, Marion; Charles V. Galloway, Yamhill. Second district, James Harvey Graham, Baker. Governor-George E. Chamberlain, Multnomah.

Secretary of state-P. H. Sroat, Ma-Treasurer-J. D. Matlock, Lane.

Supreme judge-T. G. Hailey, Uma-State printer-J. Scott Taylor, Kla-

Attorney general-Robert A. Milier, Multnomah. Each one of the above filed the required petition with the secretary

The names of Oglesby Young and H. B. Nicholas, Democratic candidates for Circuit judges in departments 3 and 4. of Multnömah county, will not appear on the official ballots. Secretary Dun-bar was obliged to reject their petitions for the reason that they were verified by J. T. Milner, who had not himself signed the petitions.

Insure Water for Land. Salem-The State Land board is preparing to enforce a rule with regard to the sale of lands reclaimed under the Carey act, which will insure the settler ample supply of water for all land purhased. Until recently contracts have been entered into for the sale of land ben knowing how much water is availabe more than the visible supply of

Furnish Ditch is Completed. Pendleson-W. J. Furnish announces hat the Furnsih ditch, which is to relaim 20,000 acres of land in the western end of this county, is finished. Of this amount of land, 10,000 acres are under the ditch. This land is adjoinng the big Umatilla reclamation proect which the government now has in and. The Furnish ditch is 30 miles in length, while the government canal

ply water for 20,000 acres. Sheep Tax Mere License.

Salem-Attorney General Crawford, a letter to the district attorney of Imatilla county, holds that the state law levying a special tax on all foreign sheep entering this state is in reality a license and coming under the police egulations of the state can be enfo as such. One of the Circuit courts has held that this law imposes a special and unequal tax, and is therefore unconstitutional. The law was passed by the last legislature and was intended to keep sheep from other states off the anges in this state.

Sees Danger to Sheep Herds.

Pilot Rock-The Cunningham Sheep Land company has finished shearing. R. A. Kelsay, a member of the firm, reports an excellent quality of wool this heavy rains, which washed the fleeces unusually clean. Mr. Kelsay apprehends difficulty by the sheepmen of Oregon as a result of the division of the summer range, and the invasion by Washington woolgrowers of Oregon's

Storing Wool in Heppner Warehouse Heppner - Wool is beginning to arrive at the warehouses here, where it

Prineville -John Dee and A

SPEAKERS FOR CHAUTAUOUA

Oregon City-The board of directors association is preparing the program for the 1906 assembly to be held at Gladstone next July. Dr. Charles Ed-ward Locke, who was in Portland 10 Crawford, the famous post-scout, has been engaged for the coming assembly, of police at ports, was adopted from as has also Rabbi Leon Harrison, of St the Russian draft. By it France will

Professor Mark B. Beal, of the Occidental college of oratory, of Los Angeles, will be the elecutionist this year. in Bible study, has been retained for another year. Other classes will be conducted as usual in music, domestic science, United States history, elocution, English literature, physical cul-ture, junior Bible study and a W. C. ate future of Morocco is secured, bu T. U. institute.

The Chautauqua management is i unication with a great many other lecturers and entertainers with whom contracts will be entered into if possible. Another meeting of the board of directors will be called soon, when the program will be completed.

New Rail Lines for Lane. Eugene-Portland, New York and Eugene capitalists who recently applied to the city council for franchise to struct a system of street railways here announce that they intend to build an electric line between Eugene and Springfield and a steam railway from there up McKenzie river to the Blue river mining district. Length of the electric line will be four miles. of the steam road about 45 miles. Willamette river will be bridged at field up the eastern banks of the river

Improve Linn Roads. Albany--County Judge C. H. Stewart has announced that the County Court would thoroughly improve a road from this city to the fair grounds, lying two miles beyond the city limits, making it a model drive. This road is now one of the worst in the county. In order to make a better impression on visitors to Albany the court proposes to im prove roads near the city and bring them up to the same high standard as those in rural districts. Roads leading out of the city will be scientifically re

Cherry Crop Destroyed. Scappoose—Early cherries, with few exceptions, are killed by the early frosts. Royal Annes are completely destroyed, as well as early pears. Apples, prunes and plums are apparently all in good condition, having been uninjured. Nearly all orchards in this locality are being sprayed this season. Fruits from the Scappoose district are not inferior to any in quality, as attest ed by premiums won at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Plan to Supply Court Reports. Albany-The County court will probbeen entered into for the sale of land be-fore the irrigation canals were complet-44 volumes—for use of the court and known. In order that there may be no An effort may be made at the next sesquestion in future, the board will insist sion of the legislature to secure a measure providing that the state shall furnble for each segregation and the number | ish the County courts of each county of acres to be sold will in no instance with the Oregon reports as statutes and sessions laws are supplied to county officials and justices of the peace.

New Mill at Scappoose.

Scappoose—The Brace Lumber com-pany is building a sawmill on a tract bought of Rev. Mr. Brown. The mill will cut 30,000 feet a day. This makes five mills within a radius of eight miles now ready for water, and there are at of Scappoose. The new mill will be in least 10,000 more which can be brought operation in about three weeks.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 66@67c; bluestem, 66 @68c; red. 64@65c; valley, 68c. Oats — No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per prewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@

Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy choice, \$17@18 per ton; common, \$13 @14; valley timothy. \$8@F; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7 @8; alfalfa. \$12.

Apples-\$1.50@2.75 per box. Vegetables - Asparagus, Sc per pound; cabbage, 1%@2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75@90c per dozen; head lettuce, 35@ 40c per dozen; onions, 40c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, \$1@ 1.25 per box; spinach, \$1 per box; parsley, 25c; turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets,

85c@\$1 per sack. Onions — No. 1, 70@90c per sack;

Potatoes — Fancy graded Burbanks, 50@60c per bundred; ordinary, nomi-nal; new California, 5@6c per pound; eweet potatoes, 214@216c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@25c per Eggs-Oregon ranch, 16c per dozen.

Poultry - Average old hens, 131/4 @ 14c per pound; mixed chickens, 13@ 13%c; broilers, 25@30c; young roost ers, 13@13 %c; old rocsters, 11@12c; dressed chickens, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 16 @ 16 %c; turkeys, dressed choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 8 @ 814c; geese, dressed, 10@11c; ducks, 17@

Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ 10 %c; prime, 8 % @ 9 %c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c. Wool-Eastern Oregon average best. 15@20c; valley, 24@26c per pound;

ohair, choice, 25@28 %c. Veal-Dressed, 3 4@ c per pound. Beef - Dressed bulls, 3c per pound: ows, 4@5c; country steers, 41/261/4c on Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 9@9%c per in pound; ordinary, 4@5e; lambs, with

pelt on, 10@11c. Pork—Dressed, 6@8%c per pound.

SETTLE ALL POINTS.

Delegates at Algeciras Conference Complete Their Work.

Algeciras, April 2 .- After a prelim nary session lasting until 6 o'clock Russian Police Have Planned this evening, the conference on Morce can reforms registered a complete accord and appointed a committee to embody this accord in a formal protocol. The consumation of the work in the conference was announced in the following official communication:

"The conference has terminated its labors and accord is established upon years ago, but is now pastor of one of all points. It has adopted a definite the largest Methodist churches in the text of the remaining articles concern-United States, at Brooklyn, N. Y., will be one of the speakers. Captain Jack final article regulating the distribution final article, regulating the distribution Louis, who will be heard in two lectures, on "Shylock" and "The Glory and Shame of America."

Professor Mark B. Beal, of the Occitogether will police Tangier and Casa Blanca, subject to an inspector of po-lice. The Dutch delegate announced les, will be the electionist this year.

Dr. W. C. Sherman, of Sacramento, who last year had charge of the class in Bible study has been retained for the texts of the agreement."

Mr. White, the American delegate, is of the opinion that the result is satisate future of Morocco is secured, but because the manner of the settlement is satisfactory both to France and Ger many and removes the causes for fric-tion and restores international relations to normal. The principals for which Germany insisted, the integrity of Morocco and equal commercial and economic rights there, Mr. White thought were recognized, while the special position claimed by France was also acknowledged.

MINERS WIN IN PENNSYLVANIA. Great Majority Will Get the Advasc After Brief Shutdown.

Pittsburg, April 2 .- Pittsburg dele gates to the Miners' 'National convention who returned from Indianapolis today were jubilant over the adoption by the convention of the Perry resolution, which permits the operation of all mines where the wage scale of 1903 is accepted. While this action practically means the disruption, for a time at least, of the interstate agreement between the miners of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illi nois, it also means that there will be no strike of importance in this field, and that 23,000 of the 28,000 miners in the Pittsburg district will continue to work, with possibly a shutdown to work off accumulated stock."

Chairman Robbins returned from In dianapolis today. He is pleased over the result, and said the conservative action of the miners reflects great credit against individual settlements in order that a great strike might be averted. Mr. Robbins said that all the mines of the Pittsburg district would be in full operation on Tuesday.

REFUSES TO BE DISMISSED.

Panema Official on Canal Throw Out by Police. Colon, April 2. - Henry Burnett persede as commissariat at Cristobal. Bermudez declined to accept the letter, and, on Mr. Burnett's insisting on his right to take immediate charge, a squad

of police was called in and stopped all Nearly the whole staff of the commissariat then quit work in sympathy with Bermudez, but the majority of them returned to their duties later, though Chief Cierk Delgardo and 1 other employes declined to resume work. The taking of stock in the commissariat is now going on. It is not known why Bermudez, who is a Panaman, was superseded.

Owing to the continued drouth, Color

is threatened with a water faming Would Abandon Many Posts Washington, April 2 .- The abandon ment of a number of army posts in the West and Southwest in proposed in a recommendation for the redistribution of troops prepared by Lieutenant General J. C. Bates, chief of staff. It is the purpose of the general staff to have as many brigade posts as possible. Two or three years would be required to effect the changes. The posts recommended for evacuation are Forts Lis cum and Davis, Alaska; Ringgold, Texas; Missoula, Mont.; Nibrara, Neb., and Reno, Okla.

Tacoma, Wash., April 2.—In the eyesocket of the skull of a huge mastodon, unearthed in the "Forty-Three" ago, was found gravel that washed \$1,000 in gold. Malcolm McConnell, owner of the claim, received the word today in a letter. McConnell came out from Alaska last fall and brought a tusk and a few of the bones of the masmen today said the remainder of the animal had been found, and telis of the pocket of gold found in the eyesocket.

Censure Dead Captain

Washington, April 2.-Captain John er island, is to be severely censured by the government board that conducted This board, it is understood, is con-vinced that Johnson displayed lack of judgment and that there was every evidence of poor navigation, in that he made no calculation for wind or tide on the night he ran aground.

Berlin, April 2 .- A report received

JEWS ARE DOOMED

Massacre at Easter.

SPURRING ON BLACK HUNDRED composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas,

Proclamations of Blood Issued, Savs League of Writers, Which Appeals to Russians.

an appeal to the Russian people to journ sine die without an agreement. unite in the name of their consciences and self-respect to prevent the Jewish will directly cause the suspension of work after Saturday by 178,000 miners massacres whih, they say, are beyond doubt being prepared in Southwestern Russia for Eastertide. The appeal says that it is not fancy but fact that the will affect 206,500 more miners, not police and gendarmes are arranging to including its effect on 150,000 miners in the anthracite field, who were last night ordered to suspend work Monday. recalls that the Kishineff, Goml and will be held today to decide whether Odessa anti-Jewish outrages were com- miners will be allowed to sign the adthe Interior von Plehve, Chief of Police Neidhardt and Count Podgerichanie, Chief of the gendarmerie of Gomel.

the government, the appeal declares, from the printing office of the police the military at Odessa leave no doubt pire in September. One national offi that the authorities are privy to the present propaganda. The appeal further declares that M. Kailsousky's book warning Jews to leave Russia immediately or be treated as the Jews were treated by the Spaniards in the middle ages was printed and distributed from he offices of the police masters of

Petersburg and Ekaterinoslav. The League of Writers claims to hold proof that massacres have been pianned to take place at Alexandrovsk, Minsk, mentchug. It also points out that the anti-Jewish press is spreading insidious rumors to excite the ignorant.

BIGGEST OF ALL BATTLESHIPS.

Naval Officers Divided on Building 22,000-Ton Monster.

Washington, March 31. - Since the ecision of the house committee on naval affairs to recommend an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for the construction of a battleship larger than any now of diplomas of practicians of the learned upon they in being willing to depart of a battleship larger than any now of diplomas of practicians of the learned from precedents, which have been affoat, naval experts in Washington professions, questions affecting commerhave begun a heated discussion of the cial intercourse and an international size of battleships, which shows that Admiral Dewey is not supported by many naval officers in his advocacy of opposed to the forcible collection of ton Rritish battleship Dreadnaught.

Naval constructors are agreed that an effective battleship with a displacement of 20,000 tons or more can constructed for the American mavy but late assistant manager of the labor and of this type at the present time, and Legislature Orders Inquiry Into Viothe advisability of authorizing one ship quarters department, today received a not making an effort to provide addiletter signed by Chief Engineer Stevens tional 16,000-ton battleships to supple-

At least four battleships of the same

One great battleship, even if it be complish anything in actual warfare, torial investigation whenever in the and is no more effective than the slower commission's opinion it is desirable, and less formidable ships with which and report to the legislature of next

Scranton Ready for Strike. Scranton, Pa., March 31. - The an ncuncement of a suspension of mining in the anthracite field was not wholly unexpected here. The companies have be a strike and preparations were made accordingly. Stockades have been built, guards have been hired to protect property, and all the minor offifiremen and office clerks have will make an effort to operate.

Rate Commission in Ohio. Columbus, O., March 31. - The sen ate today by unanimous vote passed the house bill creating a state railroad commission and providing for the regu-lation of freight rates. The bill was are, but the author will make no ob ection and the concarrence of the The most important amendment was the insertion of an anti-pass provision. This prohibits any state or any other public officer accepting free transporta-

Changes Plan of Tunnel. St. Petersburg, March 31. — Baror Loicq de Lobel, in order to meet the Cansk to the 110th degree of longitud and thence northeastery to Yakutek. Unofficial intimations are given that Russia would be glad to have the con-

New Battleship is Speedy. Boston, March 31 .- The performance oday of the battleship New Jersey in naintaining a speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run off senate and house will reach a the New England coast, coupled with mise agreement on the states

HALF MILLION TO STRIKE.

Coal Miners of Whole Nation About to Suspend Work.

Indianapolis, March 30. - The joint meetings of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and of the Southwestern district, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, last night reached a final disagreement on the wage scale to go into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1, and the conference of the central district adjourned sine die. while the joint scale committee of the Southwestern district decided to report St. Petersburg, March 31. — The conference of that district today. It is expected that this conference will at once ad-

The action of the two conferences nembers of the poor, helpless race. It A national convention of the miners mitted at the instigation of Minister of vance scale demanded and today re-25,000 miners in the central competi-Just as in the past times St. Bartho-omew day were arranged by agents of

The wage scales of all miners, both the recent proclamations emanating anthracite and bituminous, will expire Saturday, except those in Tennessee master at St. Petersburg and that of and Alabama, where the scale will excial of the United Mineworkers said:

"It is a foregone conclusion that all the miners whose scales expire Satur-day will cease work until officially notified by the national and district officers that new contract arrangements have been made governing their scale.

PROGRAM FOR CONGRESS.

Pan - American Committee Prepares Subjects for Action.

Washington, March 30 .- A program of subjects to be considered at the Pan-American congress to be held in Rio Janiero, Brazil, beginning July 21, was agreed on today by the committee of the congress having that matter in charge, of which Secretary Root is chairman. In addition to Mr. Root the committee is made up of the ambassadors from Brazil and Mexico and the ministers from Chile, the Argentine Republic, Cuba and Costa Rica.

The subjects include sanitary and quarantine regulations, uniformity of patent laws, international recognition

railroad.

It is expected that what is commonly known as the Drago doctrine, which is battleship greater than the 18,000- private debts by one nation from another, a doctrine adhered to by the United States, will come up for consideration

IOWA WILL INVESTIGATE.

lation of Insurance Law. Des Moines, Iowa, March 30. outs of smaller ships, and result of practically unanimous action thus make a desirable working unit out of them, is questioned by many naval authorities.

result of practically unanimous action by both houses of the Iowa legislature today, an investigation of insurance companies is to be undertaken in this state during the present summer, simispeed and with similar batteries and lar to that which was conducted in New equipment are necessary, according to York last fall. The resolution which the view of the constructors, to be awaits the governor's signature proeffective in an engagement. vides for the appointment of a commission to inquire into rumored abuse of swifter and have more guns than other Iowa insurance laws by state and Eastships affoat, they contend, cannot ac- ern companies, to conduct an inquisi-

year what changes should be made in the laws to prevent a recurrence of any abuses that may exist. Road Tied Up for Two Weeks. Los Angeles, March 30 .- The local railroad situation resulting from floods taken it for granted that there would in Southern California and vicinity is even worse than has yet been described. It is given out from the office of General Manager Wells, of the Salt Lake route, that the washouts between Caliente and Las Vegas are so serious that been asked to sign an agreement to the roadbed cannot be repaired short of help protect the company's properties in case of a strike. All the companies trains. The Southern Pacific also reports further trouble today. Another washout has occurred somewhere in the

San Joaquin valley. General Bates Will Retire. Washington, March 30 .- An order sued at the War department today orders Brigadier General Bell, in charge of the staff college at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to repair to this city not later than April 9, and report to Lieutenant General Bates, chief of staff, for assignment to duty. April 14 is the date for the retirement of Lieutenant General Bates, promotion of Major General Corbin to the rank of lieutenant general and the installation of Brigadier Gen-eral Bell as chief of staff by presiden-

Germany Hungry for Islands. wishes of the national defense commit-tee, has altered his Bering Strait tun-ael and Siberian railway project to make the railroad run due east from ing to reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the Fill to the 110th design of the reports from the reports fr German syndicate, probably backed by the German government, is trying to secure the ownership of Fanning island, which will be sold at auction April 17. ession accompanied by an American It is feared that the transfer of the ownership may prove a hindrance to the station of the British Pacific cable on the island.

Referendum on Statehood. Washington, March 30.—That the enate and house will reach a compreher remarkable speed yesterday over a which will permit Arizona and New measured mile at Rockland, Me., at a Mexico each to decide for themselves force of Hottentots surprised a German colony in Southwest Africa and killed 19:18 knot gait, places this vessel at the question of their admission as one 11 and wounded six. No particulars the head of all American built battleships so far ac speed is concurred.

Mexico each to decide for themselves the question of their admission as one state, seems a correct solution from present indications.