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A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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CHAPTER IV .- (Continued.) For some moments Simon gazed upon the fair girl in utter astonishment. He was at a loss to understand whether she was making game of him, or whether she was in earnest. But had be reflected for a moment upon the character of the lovely pupil as he knew it, he would have known that she could not descend to sport with his feelings. Then he still might appeal to her heart.

"Alas!" he murmured, choking down his Indignation, "you know not what you do. You know not the deep love that dwells like a consuming fire within. But I will not ask you to marry me now. Only premise that, some time, you will be mine. Give me your heart, and pledge me your hand. And then we will be mar-ried when you are older. O, do not re-

"My conscience, Simon, if we wait for that, your hair will be gray, and you will have to walk with a staff. And then what a sorry-looking couple we should make! Don't, Simon-don't talk so any It's foolish in you to do so. I do really begin to think you are in earnest. But I don't want to hear you speak so any more truly, I don't."

Then you will never love me?" "Why, I love you now, cousin. I have always loved you. Why will you be no

"Alas, Louise! you have struck the dagger to my soul. The lamp of my life has gone out, and all my hopes are sunk in utter darkness! You have done thus much. Now, in mercy, take my dagger and fluish my pain. Take away the life you have cursed, and let my soul escape the agony it must endure while near thee when thou art not mine!"

"Stop, Simon," interrupted the maiden, just as he was putting on the finishing stroke and look of agony. "I can't be your wife; I never can. So there's an end of that matter. And now let us forget that we ever had any such foolish

"And how long has this been your mind?" fairly hissed Lobois, as soon as he could so far recover from his utter amazement as to speak.

"How long?" repeated Louise, in surprise. "Why, you might as well ask me how long 'twas since I had resolved that I would not marry with old Tony, just as well-exactly. Nature set up the barrier when she made me your cousin eighteen years after your hirth. Now-At this moment Louise heard her fath

er calling her from the hall, and she "You hear?" she uttered. "My father wants me. Now you won't think anything more of this-will you? Put off that ugly-looking face as soon as you can and then come out and join us in our social enjoyment. There-he calls again.

Here I am-coming!" And with these words, the buoyant, happy-hearted girl tripped out from the room.

For some moments, Simon Lobois stood like one thunderstruck, and seemed watching, with a vacant stare, the place where the young lady had been standing, as if a lurid gleam of vivid lightning had

made its transit. Then he started back apace and clenched both his fists. "By heavens!" he uttered, while his face turned livid with rage, "and shall I bear this? Shall I sit calmly by, and see another carry off the maiden and pocket the half of St. Julien's fortune? Shall I see that wealth which has been so long in my grasp-that wealth which I have looked upon as mine, now wrested from me? For years I've cherished this fond hope this picture of wealth, and now it must not be blown away thus. St. Julien is worth this day five hundred thousand crowns, and they shall not have It

all-they shall not!" CHAPTER V.

A week had passed away since Simon had confessed his romantic love for Louise, and during that time he had maintained much of his wonted composure. For a day or two after the mortifying repulse he had been moody and taciturn, but he gradually overcame it. and now he smiled as usual, and made noon, as soon as dinner was over, Goupart and Louis started off on a hunting expedition. Their pistols they concealed ed to his companion and said: within the bosoms of their hunting shirts, so that they might not catch in the bushes, and their knives were in like manner protected. They both had excellent Toledo rifles, and set off in high spirits. With quick steps they made their way up the river, until they had passed the bounds of the clearing, and then their steps became more cautious, for they hoped there might be a deer somewhere at hand.

They had hunted about in the forest for nearly an hour, when a movement among the bushes at some distance attracted their attention, and upon creeping carefully up, they saw a large deer drinking at a small brook that emptied into the river close by.

"See," whispered Goupart, "here are his tracks."

Louis looked at the spot which his companion pointed out, and a sudden start caused Goupart to ask him its "That's the track of a man," said

Louis. "Some of the negroes have been out

here," suggested Goupart. "No, no," returned the other. "They

have not been out here to-day.' "But that may have been made yes-

terday, or several days ago." "No," said Louis, still gazing upon the track. "This was made to-day. Just look, and you will see that these leaves are still damp on the upper edges where the foot has pressed them up. These other leaves, you see, are dry where the edge is free of the earth. Then heresee this broken twig; see where it has been pressed down, Now look!" And as he spoke, he lifted the twig, and showed the place where it laid was perfectly dry, whereas, had it lain there even over

night, its bed would have been damp.

"Then there's been an Indian here,

"Well, never mind. Let's secure this eer. He'll be done drinking soon, and then we may lose him. Let me fire first, "Very well. Blaze away, and I'll be

ready to follow, in case you don't bring " down." Accordingly, Goupart brought his rifle to his should, and in a moment more he fired. The pole animal gave a leap backward, - 1 while he stood for a moment as though about to start on, Louis fired, but even as he pulled the trigger the deer gave a leap forward and plung

ed headlong upon the earth, "Your ball killed him, Goupart!" cried Louis, as the two started forward together. And it was found to be even so, Goupart's bullet having entered just back of the shoulder, and of course penetrated the heart.

Louis had made a wound for the pur pose of bleeding the animal, and Gospart was kneeling by his side, when they were startled by the whistling of something between their heads, followed by a dull "chunk" close to them, and on raising their heads, they saw a long arrow sticking into a tree directly in front of them. With a quick cry, they started to their feet, and the next thing that saluted them was a low howl close at hand. They turned and saw a party of six Indians coming towards them, with their tomahawks raised.

"Here's a scrape," utteerd Goupart, starting back, "What does it mean?"
"I'll find out," returned Louis, calmly. "But don't show your pistols, for they know we've discharged our rifles, and the hope to take us at a disadvantage." Then turning to the red men, he asked: "What now, red brethren? What seek

The Indians consulted a moment to gether, and then one of them advanced single pace, and replied: "We seek the young white chief and his friend. We would speak with them kind-

"Then why did you send that arrow at "We saw you not then. Only the head

of the deer." Now Louis simply knew that they were lying to him, and as this became apparent he knew that they meant him harm. "If you have anything to say to us, say t at once," he said.

"Let our white brothers not fear. It they will come with us, we will tell them what shall be to their good." "I will speak with my friend," And thus saying. Louis turned towards his

companion, "Goupart," he said, speaking quickly, and in a low tone, "those are Chicka-saws, and they mean to take us prison-ers. In all probability they hope for a high ransom from my father for us, We have two pistols each. You never missed your mark yet in my sight. Are

ir nerves steady now? "As stendy as ever," returned Goupart, not a little surprised to see how calm and fearless his youthful companion was. "Then have them in readiness, and mind my word, for I know those fellows well. Yet keep your rifle, for you'll need it for a club.

Next Louis turned to the Indians and "We have concluded not to follow you; but if you have anything to tell us, we

will listen." Upon this, the red men conversed together again for a few moments, and then, with quick, wild gestures, and a low howl, not unlike the voice of a hungry wolf, they sprang forward with their tomahawks uplifted. In all probability they supposed this would be sufficient to awe the white youths into immediate submission. The pale boy they thought an easy prey, and very likely they knew that the other was a newcomer into the country, and hence imagined that their terrible appearance and fearful antics would

strike him with terror. "Now!" whispered Louis, "You take the two men on your side, and I'll take the two on the other side. Don't waste a ball.

In an instant the two companions had drawn their weapons, and at the same instant they both fired. Hour after hour. and day after day, had they practiced together at pistel shooting, and their alm was as quick as it was sure. The two outside men staggered, and on the next instant, the youths fired again. At this movement, the savages were thrown into a state of alarm. Three of their number were shot through the head and had fallen, while the fourth had received a ball in his neck and was staggering back. In a moment, Goupart and Louis saw their advantage, and they sefzed their empty rides and sprang forward, and in a few moments more the six Inhimself generally agreeable. One after, two victors stood and ghood upon the work they had done, and then Louis turn-

> "If we's killed 'em all, we shall never know surely what this all meant." "Are these two last ones dead, think you?' returned Goupart. "They may be only stunned."

"We'll see; but I think you'll find the one I struck with his brains rather dis-

turbed.' And so it proved with both of them for upon examination it was found that their skulls were both broken in, and that life was extinct. But while they were thus engaged they heard a groun close at hand, and on turning they saw that one of the Indians who had been shot had worked himself almost into a sitting posture against a tree, and was now trying to work further around, so as to get his face towards the west. Both Louis and Goupart hastened to him at once, when they found that he had recelved a bail through the neck.

"Water, water!" he groaned. "Stop," uttered Louis, as his compan ion started towards the brook. And then turning to the dying Indian, he said: "If we'll get you water and turn yo eyes to the setting sun, will you tell the

truth?" "I will-I will!"

The water was brought in Goupart's canteen, and upon drinking, the poor fel- had my body crushed with dynamitelow seemed to revive. Goupart bound up his neck, which was bleeding profusely, and just as he had finished the job the Indian put out his weakening arm, and laid his hand upon Louis' shoulder

"The pale boy has the heart of a great warrior. He would not have escaped us had we known how brave he was." "But why did you try to do this?" asked Louis. "Remember now, you prom-

ised to speak truly." "White man brought gold here, and we have learned to love it. Much gold had been ours, and we—" The Indian stopped, for he was weak, and he made

## wards the sun. "And," he uttered, "bury EVENTS OF THE DAY

"Look ye!" cried Louis, grasping him by the arm, and gasing intently into his face, while Goupart stood by reloading the rifles, "if you do not tell me instantly what all this means, I'll dig a hole in TWO MEMISPHERES. the earth and you shall be buried with your head down. You know very well where you'll go to then. Now tell me, who sent you to kill us?" "We didn't mean to kill the pale boy," replied the Indian, speaking slowly and with difficulty.

"But who sent you to capture him? Re-nember head down!"
"You had known better, had you spared another. That man was our chief; he knew."

"But you know something. Tell me all, or, as sure as I live, you go in feet up!" "Twas white man's gold. The pale boy and the pale boy's friend both have enemies. There's a strange bird in the

eagle's nest. "Speak plainer! Tell me—"
Louis stopped, for he saw that the
death shade had passed over the red man's face, and as he let go the now heavy hand, the bedy fell over sideways. upon the turf.

"Is he dead?" asked Goupart, "Yes; and the secret of this strange scene is dead with him, so far as our means of arriving at it are concerned

Goupart, there's something here we had better understand!" But St. Denis knew not what to reply, for a suspicion had come to him, but he dared not speak it too suddenly. So the two hunters stood for some moments and gazed upon the dead men in silence. "Well," said Louis, after a while, "let's leave these bodies here, and in the morn-

ing we'll send our negroes out to bury them. Now, let's fix our venison, and then start for home, for we've had adventure enough for one day. You begin now to see some of our Louisiana life. How do you like it?"

St. Denis gazed upon his companion ome moments in silent admiration, and then he said:

"O, this is much better than nothing, though once a year would be often enoug! for such sport.' "So it would. But now for our other

game." and having removed the skin from the head, neck and fore shoulders, they separated the carcass, and then rolling the saddle up, they shouldered it, and giving one more look at the fallen Indians, they turned their faces towards home. (To be continued.)

CASEY'S HAIR TURNED WHITE.

Bad Scare in a Hostile Indian Country. Col. D. C. Casey, superintendent of of old-time New Mexicans who happened to congregate at Clifton a short time ago, and naturally fell to telling stories of their early life. At last it came Casey's turn, and the Clifton Era reports his version of a thrilling experience with the Indians. The reminiscence was called forth by a comment upon Casey's snow-white hair.

Well, said Casey, I'll tell you how it happened, boys. It was the year that Judge McComas and his wife were killed by the Indians in the Burro Mountains-'83 or '84, I've forgotten which. It was some time after that affair, however, when things had quieted down a bit.

I had been in the hills, and was returning to Silver City through the Burro Mountains, and of course was on the lookout for Indians. My horse fell sick, and I stopped to let him rest. I pulled off the saddle, tied him to a tree, spread out my blankets and lay down. I was soon fast asleep, and how long I slept I do not know. I was awakened by some one prodding me in the back. As soon as my eyes were opened I saw that I was surrounded by twelve or fifteen Indians. They all carried weapons, and had them in their hands.

Well, sir, I was so badly frightened that I could not speak or move-I was paralyzed. I sat there and looked at the Indians, and they looked at me. I felt my hair stiffen out, and I knew that it was standing straight up.

I thought of every mean thing I had done in my life. Pray? No, I couldn't lift a hand to bless myself. I knew they would kill me, and my only hope was that they would shoot me. I could almost feel their lances sticking through my body. It seemed to me that they life. stood there an age and looked at me, and I looked at them.

Their ugly faces are stamped on my memory forever. I should recognize any one of them in a crowd to-day, if I should meet him. Soon I noticed one or two other Indians fooling with my horse, as he was too sick to try to get

away from them. Presently they began to go, one at a time, and soon they were all gone, except one who seemed to be the leader. After the others had all gone he addressed me in good English and said: "Good day, Dan Casey!" How he knew my name has always been a mystery to me. He may have seen me on the reservation, or possibly my name may have been on some part of my outfit and he could read, as many of them

After he had gone I sat still there so badly scared that I was unable to move for I don't know how long. Then like flash it came to me that they were government scouts. I leaped to my feet, and, though my horse was sick, I beat all records to Silver City.

I have been blown up in a mine, and cans, but I never was scared before or since. There is no scare on earth like an Indian scare. Well, inside of a week from that time my hair was well sprinkled with gray, and inside of a rear it was as white as it is now."

What Dreams Come. Bobbs-Old Titewadd is about dead from insomnia. Says he is afraid to go to sleep.

Dobbs-Does he fear burglars? "No; but the last time he slept he dreamed of giving away money."-Bala sign that they should turn his face to- timore American.

TWO MEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Importsings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most

The navy is to have an increase of ships, officers and men. Southwestern trainmen have won as advance in wages from all roads.

Brazilian troops have captured a Bo livian fort and 500 prisoners in Acre. The sultan of Turkey is preparing to invade Macedonia with a quarter of a million men.

Senator Clark, of Montana, says he is in a position to secure the opening of known that among themselves and in the Crow Indian reservation.

LEVI ANKENY, OF WALLA WALLA.

The Washington legislature elected Mr. Ankeny to represent his state in the

. An old building being torn down at | member of the cabinet has not only

ment, but given indication that he him-

something more than a mere present-

ment of the German claims, and to

Summed up, there is undeniably a

feeling toward Germany that is not

entertained towards any other foreign

experienced but seldom openly acknow-

Will Occupy Acre.

the Acre question because President

marching upon Acre. The Brazilian

government has ordered General Cal-

New Postal Regulation.

appropriation bill, passed today by the

that has not attracted much attention

2,000 identical pieces of third or

stamps affixed, provided that the post-

recommended strongly by Third Assist-

ant Postmaster General Madden in

After Fifty-One Days.

ting of 51 days, the Anthracite Coal

Strike commission concluded the hear-

ing of witnesses at 5 o'clock this after-

noon and adjourned until next Monday,

when it will begin to hear the argu-

ments of counsel representing the sev

eral sides. The arguments will take

up five and one half days, the operators

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.-After a sit-

the interest of economy.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- The postoffice

German claims.

A head-on collision between two Pando of Bolivia proposes to continue

Rock Island freight trains in New Mex- negotiations while at the same time

Captain Hobson's resignation from labao, with troops stationed in the

the navy has been accepted. He says northern portion, to start immediately

senator from Delaware, has withdrawn It provides that hereafter postoffices

at West Harvey, causing a loss esti- the miners will take the remainder of

the time.

self shares it to some degree.

Buffalo, N. Y., collapsed, killing three admitted the prevalence of this senti-

men and injuring four others.

Roosevelt has again refused to arbi-

trate the Venezuelan question and it

will go to The Hague for settlement.

Frank J. Cannon, ex-United States

enator from Utah, is in a very serious

Nearly all bituminous coal miners in

condition and his recovery is doubtful.

the Meyersdale, Pa., district, will re-

ceive a material advance in wages

Sheriff W. W. Withers. of Lane

wounded while trying to capture Ed

Lyons, an escaped outlaw. Lyons is

The Drevius affair is to be revived

Ex-Senator Dawes, of Massachuestts,

Wyoming is low in the toils of

Forty fishermen on the ice of Saginaw

The New York "Flatiron" building

is responsible for the loss of another

The employes of all the Chicago sky-

scrapers are out on strike to gain a

The blame for the New Jersey Cen-

tral wreck, near Graceland, N. J., has

ico rsulted in five deaths and the in-

Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, of the

New York court of appeals, is men-

tioned as a possible Democratic candi-

J. Edward Addicks, candidate for

from the fight, after deadlocking the

Middlebury, Vt., suffered a \$150,000

The senate has passed the Elkins

Canada expects a big immigration

The Idaho legislature voted down the

measure creating an eight-hour day law.

Frank Maybee, a Chicago postal

President Castro's troops are said to

be engaged with revolutionary forces 14

Fire destroyed the plant of the Chi-

clerk, has been arrested, charged with

the refusal to retire him was due to a for Acre.

county, Oregon, was shot and fatally other directions.

April 1.

again.

is dead. -

still at liberty.

fierce blizzard.

bay have lost their lives.

recognition of their union

been placed on the engineer.

jury of several others.

senator from his state.

date for president in 1904.

legislature for eight yeras.

from England this year.

fire loss.

anti-trust bilf.

rifling the mails.

mated at \$250,000.

miles south of Caracas.

EAST SUSPICIOUS.

Feeling that Germany Will Be Our Next Enemy is Growing.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- There is unmistakable feeling in the East, and particularly in Washington, antagon istic to Germany, a feeling that has been somewhat intensified by the attitude of Germany in the Venezuelan incident. Nowhere is this sentiment so strong as at the war and navy de-Likely to Prove Interesting to Our partments, where army and navy offiversation that the next war of the United States will be with Germany. On this point they are agreed. In these two departments there has been much ill-feeling towards Germany as a direct outgrowth of the action of the German admiral at Manila and the subsequent attitude of Von Waldersee in China.

towards Germany, and they only discredit reports to that effect. Yet it is private discussions more than one

### WHAT THE LAWMAKERS OF OREGON ARE DOING AT SALEM.

ilis of importance That are Being intro duced and Acted Upon in Both Houses Measures Signed by the Governor-Progress of the Balloting for United States Senator.

THE LEGISLATURE

tion Saturday.

The Senate-To change boundary between Douglas and Lane counties, passed. To provide for the relocation the administration; when consulted, deny the existence of any antagonism ballot be administration and ded to the reserve system in Washington, aggregating in all nearly 4,500 was introduced to amend Australian square miles ballot law so as to put constitutional amendments at top of ballot.

The House- Senate joint resolution to amend the constitution to abrogate the Negro section of the constitution, adopted. The greater part of the age. adopted. The greater part of the session was taken up in passing and reserve will therefore be a second amending city charters. A bill was checkerboard reserve, with the alterintroduced to repeal the law allowing nate sections in the forest reserve, and

Thursday. pres.d unanimously.

Wednesday. 17, Mills 12, scattering 9, absent 2. Fulton as expected.

crackers to children under 14. The House-The fellow servant bill was reported favorably. The bill relocating the county seat of Union coun ty passed. Bill amending constitution, changing time of state election, lost. Bill amending constitution so as to authorize state institutions elsewhere than at Salem, indefinitely postponed.

Tuesday. The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 16, Wood 17, Mills 12, scattering 8, absent 3. The Senate-Among the bills passed was one to authorize the employment of convict labor on the public highways and one to make state officers and em-

In New York the anti-German sentiment grows largely out of unsatisfactory ployes subject to garnishment. A joint trade relations with that country, the resolution to abrogate section 35, article port of New York getting the bulk of 1, of the state constitution, relative to German trade. In congressional cir- negroes and mulattoes, was adopted. cles here there is a feeling of distrust The House—A bill to amend the code of Germany in the Venezela negotia- relating to marriage licenses was passed. A bill to fix the maximum rates per tions. There is a general suspicion

was introduced.

some extent this distrust has spread in The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 16, Wood 14, Mlils 12, scattering 6, absent 8.

The Senate-The bill to reapportion the state into senatorial and representpower, a feeling that is very generally ative districts was passed. The Smith conscious when the mouth of the tunbill for the creation of a board of health passed with only one dissenting vote.

edged. In some quarters it is believed that Germany at this time seeks only The House- The bill to commit ineto see how far the United States will briates to the insane asylum was lost. go in insisting upon observance of the A bill to regulate and limit the hours Monroe doctrine. Elsewhere it is suspected that Germany is desirous of ob- of employment of females was passed. A resolution was adopted by both taining a coaling station in Venezuela in defiance of the Monroe doctrine. It branches asking the president to visit is felt that there is something material Oregon on his trip to the coast. behind the demand for a payment of

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat- Walls Walls, 75e; blue Rio Janeiro, Feb. 7.-The Brazilian stem, 86c; valley, 78c. government has decided on the military occupation of Acre. Diplomatic rela-Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewtions with Bolivia, however, are not ng, \$24. interrupted. Brazil decided to act in

Flour-Best grade, \$4.30@4.85; graham, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs - Bran, \$18@19 per ton

middlings, \$23 @ 24; shorts, \$19@20. chop, \$18. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.121/2@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$11@12; clover,

\$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton. sack; ordinary, 40@50c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@ 2.25 per cental.

ise contains an important provision Poultry- Chickens, mixed, 11%c; oung, 11@12c; hens, 11@12c; turkeys, shall accept for transmission in the ive, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, mails, in quantities of not less than \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 161/2@ fourth class matter without postage 17%c; Young America, 17%@18%c; factory prices, 1@1%c less. age is fully prepaid. This action was

Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@3216c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@ 22½c; store, 15@18c. Eggs-25 per dozen.

Hops-Choice, 25@261/c per pound Wool-Valley, 121/@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 26@28c. Beef - Gross, cows, 3@3%c pe pound; steers, 4@4%c; dressed, 7%c.

Mutton - Gross, 4c per iressed, 7%c. Lambs - Gross. cago railway supply foundry company, having been assigned three days and dressed, 7%c. Hogs - Gross, 61/40

Veal-7%@8%c.

dressed, 7@7%c.

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MORE FOREST HELD.

Land to the Extent of 4,500 Square Miles to Be Withdrawn in Washington

Washington, Feb. 6 .- In- the course of time the Washington and Mount Rainler forest reserves of Washington are to be considerably enlarged, and a new forest reserve is to be created in the Cascade mountain region, between these two reserves, to include all public land there remaining outside of the Northern Pacific grant and privateholdings. On recommendation of The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 16, Wood Commissioner Hermann, Chief Forester 17, Mills 13, scattering 7, absent 3. It was agreed to hold no joint convendered the temporary withdrawal from further entry of lands proposed to be added to the reserve system in Wash-

In making these additions to the

Washington reserves the department wishes it to be plainly understood that rebate of taxes for wide tired wagons. the others either belonging to the railroad company or to private owners. The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 16, Wood While no arrangement has yet been 17, Mills 12, scattering 8, absent 3. made for a transfer, it is expected in the Senate—The joint resolution to the department that in time the railamend the cosntitution so as to make road company may come forward with the term of office of county officers four a proposal to sell its lands within this years was adopted. The bill to fix the reserve to the government for a fair salary of state printer at \$3,500 after consideration. This, however, is mere-1906, passed. The fellow servant bill ly speculative, and there has been no the House—The fellow servant bill itself. The assumption is based merely passed unanimously. To limit liability on the action of the Southern Pacific of counties for personal injuries re-ceived from defective highways, lost. checkerboarded out of the San Fran-To prevent blacklisting of employes, cisco mountain reserve in Arizona in passed. The house will hold its first the same manner that is to be adopted night session tomorrow night, owing to the large amount of business to dispose of.

The nouse will note its distance in Washington. The recent withdrawals in Washington are made under the same conditions and are subject to the same course of treatment as the lands The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 16, Wood withdrawn in Eastern Oregon last summer, with a view to their inclusion in Hume, one of the absent members, has the Blue mountain forest reserve. Conreturned, but did not cast his vote for siderable complaint is looked for from various quarters, but Secretry Hitchcock The Senate-The inheritance tax bill has determined that the reserves of has been passed. Seantor Mays has a Washington shall be enlarged, in acbill to compel circuit judges to render cordance with the policy of President decisions within 90 days in all cases Roosevelt, and, moreover, it is asserted submitted to them. A bill has also that the president is personally interen introduced prohibiting the sale of ested in the Washington project, and explosives other than ordinary fire- favors the carrying out of Secretary Hitchcock's plan.

OVERCOME BY TUNNEL CAS.

#### Great Northern Crew and Passengers Have Serious Trouble.

Seattle, Feb. 6 .- A special to the

Post Intelligencer from Everett says: Great Northern passenger train No. 4, known as the eastbound overland. stuck in the Cascade tunnel last night about midnight and 10 passengers in the sleepers and five members of the train crew were more or less seriously affected by the gas. No deaths have been reported at the division superintendent's office here.

The train left this city at 9:15, on time, last night. A helper is used to pull it through the Cascade tunnel. On the western slope of the tunnel, from some cause or another, the train that Emperor William is looking for mile charged by railroad companies stuck, and the helping engine broke away. It was run back, recoupled and broke away a second and a third time. On the third breakaway, Engineer Freeman ran the helper through to the east end of the tunnel. Conductor Weston and the fireman were both unnel was reached. When it was found that the helper was not going to re-turn, the train was backed out and run to Wellington.

Engineer Sheerer, of the main crew, his fireman and head brakeman and ten passengers were more or less. though not dangerously, overcome by gas. The whole time the overland was in the tunnel, as stated by the Great Northern officers here, was about 30 minutes. The helper later returned and the train was pulled through the tunnel all right by the same crew.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The warships in commission in the harbor will be on the way to Amapala, a port on the Pacific coast of Honduras, early next week. The New York, the Boston and the Ranger are now in the bay ready to start on short notice. In view of the orders, Admiral Glass relieved Admiral Casey in the command of the Pacific fleet this afternoon. It had been arranged that the flags of the Admirals should be changed on February 10, but Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 60@75c per the hurry orders to the fleet to get into Southern waters prompted the change,

> Cuban Flag Hauled Down. Havana, Feb. 6 .- A cablegram has been published here to the effect that

the Cuban flag which was placed over the Hotel de la Paz in Madrid by the Cuban minister has been taken down by order of the Spanish authorities. The house this afternoon passed a resolution asking President Palma to ascertain the facts regarding this alleged incident. The senate has drafted a resolution in favor of the ratification of the reciprocity treaty.

Oklahoma, Feb. 6 .- Fire that started in the Lion store, dealers in general merchandise, here this morning, caused a loss of \$250,000. Insurance, about one-third the loss. Another fire in frame buildings on Broadway at the same time, caused an additional loss. Fire apparatus was sent in by El Reno and Guthrie and at 11:30 the fire, pound; which for a time threatened the city, was under control.