IMMENSE THRONG WELCOMES FLEET

Hills Black With Humanity as Vessels ever put ashore in time of peace or war Come to Anchor.

Imposing Naval Pageant Arcuses Ad- the most notable parade the city has 3rn Francisco Bay.

Gate-heavy laden with the romance of centuries-into the harbor of the city of a hundred hills; into a new two years ago, the Atlantic battleship fleet steamed yesterday in review of a multitude unnumbered. It was the same imposing pageant of immaculate white ships that sailed from Hampton Roads nearly five months ago in the wake of the President's flag, but with the splendid accomplishments of a record-breaking cruise of more than 13,000 miles and three weeks of wonderful target work behind it.

of the Navy, flying from the main of front the trim little gunboat Yorktown, fluttered the welcome of the Nation, Gille while the Governor of California, the Mayor of San Francisco and the peo- and afterward reviewed it as it counterple of 100 or more towns and cities marched down Van Ness avenue. voiced the greetings of the enthusiastic West.

The exciting thrill of possible adventure lurk'ng on the dimly distant borizon which marked the departure of the fleet from its Eastern base was gone, but there was still the satisfying sense of preparedness which travels with this self-reliant force of fighting vessels and the manifest pride of first time upon a column of first-class

inside the entrance to the the Navy of the Nation-all save a few newly-commissioned or reversed joined in a parade, which for impressive beauty and strength of fight- his train safely into town. ing timber has never been equaled. Forty-four vessels, ranging from the 16,000-ton Connecticut and the five sisters of her class, down to the tiny torpedo boats no larger than a racing launch, passed through the harbor to the anchorage south of the Market-street ferry terminals, where, illuminations, they lie in four long lines awaiting the review of Secre-tary Metcalf on Friday morning.

The parade and maneuvers of antime and gave to the people who made black the hills of the city, the is being kept under a heavy be the best in the county in the material and threaten to form a party to lynch house which, when completed, will be the best in the county in the material and the city, the guard. islands of the harbor, housetops and mountain heights twenty miles away the most wondrous naval spectacle they have ever known. For, after all, whatever may be the elaborate festivals planned ashore in welcome of the fleet, the ships themselves, steaming along in varying formations, really present the picture that is most beautiful to see.

FREIGHT RATE WAR.

Harriman Declares It Will Be Higher Rates or Lower Wages.

Chicago, May 7 .- The rate was which is raging between the railroads

In Chicago the fight against the advance in freight rates will be fought principally by the Chicago Association of Commerce, which represents nearly all the commercial interests in a meeting today to plan opposition to the increase in the East at once, and to pave the way for similar action adjacent higher coal beds. when the rates go up all over the

It is said that E. H. Harriman declares it is either a case of boosting rates or cutting the salaries of the railroad employes. The railroads figure that the increase, under the present tonnage, will net them \$200,000,-

Troops Scare Insurgents.

Lima, May 7.-Closely pursued by government troops, the insurgents who rose last week at Chosica and insurgents hold the city government and have seized the arms and ammuhas a population of 30,000.

Rockefeller to Invade Russia.

London, May 7 .- A dispatch to the Russian labor

Departure Is Delayed.

Washington, May 7 .- A change in the order governing the movement of cido Castro, who headed the revolution Rear-Admiral Dayton, was announced corporated with the state of Amazonas at the Navy Department yesterday, instead of being proclaimed a separate by the operation of which the vessels state, the inhabitants will proclaim anwill remain at San Francisco until other revolution and fight to make May 15, when they will sail for a themselves this time an independent nation.

Dressed Meats—110gs, laney, oc per vegetation grow, and prospects for humpound; ordinary, 7@7½c; large, 6c; per crops of hay and grain could not be excelled. Stock is doing well.

MARCH OF MEN OF FLEET.

Largest Armed Force Ever Landed Is Reviewed at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 8 .- Eight thousand bluejackets and marines the largest armed force the American Navy has were landed yesterday from the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets, now Iyin in the harbor, and marched through the streets of San Francisco in of the Navy Anchored in Spacious colors and in review of a never-ending their shipmate bands and to cheers that returned them to their ships. Twenty five hundred soldiers of the regular army, in full-dress array, graciously San Francisco risen from the ruins of acted as an escort to the visiting men

The cheers, however, were not all reserved for the sailors and marines. Rear-Admiral Evans, commanding the fleet, and the six other Rear-Admirals in comly recognized by the thousands in the constant recognition of the cheering which was caught up by the throngs ahead and echoed by those in the rear Yesterday the white-anchored, ahead and echoed by those in the rear four-starred blue flag of the Secretary as his earriage slowly moved at the front of the marching columns. Secreof the Navy Metcalf, Governor Gillett, of California, and Mayor Taylor, of San Francisco, rode in the parad-

ADMITS OTHER CRIMES.

Who Blew Up Burlington Train Also in Holdup.

Butte, Mont., May 8 .- Lewis Ferriss, who last night confessed to planting 25 growers at The Dalles are planning to sticks of dynamite under Burlington nearly 1,000,000 residents of the great train No. 6, which was wrecked here Willamette Valley growers. Last year western country who gazed for the Friday night, killing three persons, was 30 silver cups and as many diplomas this morning taken to Hills by detectives to dig up the rest of the powder which was cached after the wreck. Ferbay, the heavy vessels of the Eastern which was eached after the wreck. Fer a premium for every class of fruit ripe Coast were joined by the armored riss also admits being concerned in the at that season of the year. Special atcruisers of the entire Pacific fleet, and hold-up of the North Coast Limited two tention will be given to cherries in comweeks ago.

ships on the Atlantic and some pa-trol boats scattered in the Orient— when the engineer saw the hold-up men tees at work. he ran a blockade of bullets and pulled

> Ferriss made his confession in the hospital, where he was taken after be-ing slightly wounded by the officer who \$9000 brick schoolhouse in the near arrested him.

found loafing about the place where the tilation. Burlington wreck occurred.

Officers of Federal Survey Discover Valuable Fuel Is Left.

Washington, May 8 .- Coal valued at \$200,000,000 is being wasted every year cold water will be available in every ditches to keep the young trout out. through improper mining methods. It is estimated by officers of the Federal Geological Survey that the loss represents 200,000,000 tons, and that this amount would supply the country for six months. The coal is worth at least

J. A. Holmes, one of the officers of sonal charge of the resort. the survey, who are trying to solve the and the shippers promises to be a bit- fuel problem, says today that nearly half of the total coal supply is left underground, either as pillars to support the roof of the mine, or because it is

of an inferior quality.

The investigators find that the waste is also due to the fact that the working the city. The organization will hold out of the lower beds of coal first in some cases breaks and renders impracticable the subsequent mining of the

"We are skimming the cream of the natural resources," said Mr. Holmes, "and we are using the best and cheapest of our supplies. Each of the suc ceeding generations will obtain its needed general supply, but each will pay higher prices, as mining will continually grow more expensive and more dangerous."

Fights to Escape Fine.

Chicago, May 8 .- The Standard Oil Company of Indiana today commenced a new fight to escape payment of the fine of \$29,240,000, levied against it by neighboring towns and who are un- Judge Landis, in the Federal District der the leadership of Dr. Durand, are Court, when its attorneys appeared to retiring into the interior. It is argue an appeal from the lower court. here that a revolution is in John S. Miller argued that a reversal progress in Cuzco, the capital of the should be granted, because, he said, the department of that name, and that the oil company did not know that it was using illegal rates, and that each trainload of the company's product should nition of the rifle clubs. Cuzco is an have been taken as the basis of a ship-inland region east of the Andes, and ment instead of each car, as charged in

Orange Crop Short in South.

Los Angeles, May 8 .- With but a few Central News from St. Petersburg navels left and a brisk demand for all says that three agents of J. D. Rockefeller are there negotiating for the construction of the Amur railway, a construction of the Amur railway, a bill for which the Douma passed to close, prices advancing sharply and the first reading last month and which buyers scrambling for the remainder of the government is understood to de-sire to have constructed speedily. within 10 days—a month ahead of last Rockefeller's agents offer to complete year. Only 500 ears of navels are left the railway in five years, to use only in the state. The shipments to date Russian material and to employ only have been about 2,000 ahead of those at this time a year ago.

More Trouble for Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, May 8 .- Colonel Placommanded by of Acre, declares that if Acre is in

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WILL UNVEIL MONUMENT.

County. Dallas.—The first school picnic in Polk County for the year will be held at Rickreall, Saturday, May 16. Admiration of Thousands-Prac- ever known. For four miles and a hatf, Ackerman, superintendent of public in tically Every First-class Warship along streets lined and canopied with struction, and George H. Himes, of Port land, will be the principal speakers. The afternoon will be given over to crowd, the fighting men of the fleets sports and games. The committee on made their way to the martial tunes of arrangements is under the direct supervision of Superintendent H. C. Seymour, San Francisco, May 7.—Through began with the first command to march and ended only when the sailormen had the towering portals of the Golden again embarked in the small boats that be the unveiling of a suitable monument to mark the site of the first school opened in Polk County. This historic ot is on the road between Dalias and Rickreall, and about half a mile west of the sea, and were liberally applauded. of the latter place. The first school was pened in the spring of 1845, with J. E. Lyle, a former Polk County pioneer, now deceased, as teacher. Mrs. Jose phine Boyle, one of the first students, mand of squadrons and divisions, rode will unveil the monument. George H. in carriages. Admiral Evans was quick- Himes will deliver an address at the unveiling, dealing with early Oregon immense reviewing stands, and bowed a history. Rickreall, known in early constant recognition of the cheering years as "Dixie," was the home of Colonel J. W. Nesmith, former Indian fighter and politician. The house in which he died still stands about half a mile east of this old and historic town.

PREPARE FOR CHERRY FAIR.

Salem Exposition to Surpass That of factorics. Last Year.

Salem.-Extensive preparations are being made for the annual cherry fair to be held in Salem about the first of July, and from information received it is apparent that the fair this year will surpass that of 1907. Cherrybest of the prizes in competition with This year were offered as premiums. the number will be considerably creased, an effort being made to offer a premium for every class of fruit ripe quar at that season of the year. Special at: mercial pack. The Salem Board of The engineer was flagged on a steep Trade has taken charge of the prelimi-

New School for Cornelius.

Forest Grove-The school board of Cornelius has decided to build a future. According to the plans which Ferriss was arrested while trying to have been decided upon the edifice pawn a rifle of a peculiar old-fashioned will be a two-story structure with caliber, cartridges to fit which were basement and will have four recitafound on the ground after the attempt tion rooms. It will be fitted with a outlined in the fire of their electric to rob the North Coast train. Sus modern heating plant and the rooms illuminations, they lie in four long picion was directed to him when he was will be supplied with automatic ven-The board has obtained a piece of property near the encamp-Railroad men here are much aroused ment grounds for the new school-

Improvements at Pelican Bay.

plant has been installed, and hot and cottage. A cold storage plant will also be erected. J. S. Holabird, brother of Colonel W. H. Holabird, of Los Angeles, last summer, is in charge of the im-

Dipping Mangy Cayuses

troleum has been ordered by Indian attended them in the past. Agent McFatridge, to be used in dipping the ponies on the Umatilla reser-vation, in an effort to eradicate mange. Lumber for the great dipping vats is now on the ground, and the work of rounding up the few thousand mangy cayuses will soon be started: Many adjoining ranches have afflicted horses but the government men cannot compel these owners to dip. The state officials could, however, if they would.

Ask for Freight Depot.

Salem .- Citizens of Lyons, on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, have presented to the railroad commission a formal complaint, alleging that the vallis & Eastern, through lack of enterprise, has neglected to build a freight shed at that station and will not maintain an agent there. Freight is left exposed to the weather, and all articles must be shipped prepaid, which is an noving sometimes. The complaint is signed by several persons. Formal answer must be filed by the railroad company within 10 days.

Frost Nips Prunes.

Portland. - Advices being received alfalfa meal, \$20. daily by Secretary Williams, of the the recent frost was productive of considerable damage to the prune crop of the Northwest. This state, it is now \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.50. estimated, will have only about two-Onions—Texas Bermudas, \$2.75 thirds the quantity of prunes produced crate. erop fall but little less than normal, carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.25; par-because last year's production was snips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$2 per cwt.; head more than ordinarily large.

Hogs Eat Poisoned Grain.

out got 10 of the fine fattening hogs pound; spinach, 85c per crate. belonging to one of the town butchers, E. Jarman, the hogs having broken into the Caspar field.

Bright Prospects in John Day.

Prairie City.—The weather in this old, 9e; fryers, dozen, \$4; broilers ralley, the Jobr Day Valley, could not dozen, \$4.50@5; dressed poultry, per e more favorable. It is warm and pleasant, with sufficient rains to make

CROPS LOOK WELL.

To Mark Site of First School in Polk Conditions Are Excellent Throughout Josephine County.

GRANTS PASS .- The general development and progress of farm work in Josephine County has been far-reaching during the winter months, and the open-ing of spring has found many acres a criminal with a record. The nature ready for fruit trees and berries, which of the atrocious murder compelled such will be set out. A splendid rain has a picture of the perpetrator. They been falling, and this will increase the found a man of high education, good hay crop and late sown grain, and gives connections and many weakness grow assurance of heavy yields. A trip over ing out of the use of cocaine and morthe county shows that an enormous phine. amount of work has been going on in farming communities.

which grows everywhere, and will produce two revenue crops each year, ow-May until Christmas.

With the industrial hum and swing felt everywhere, the prospects for the future were never better. The lumber season is opening well, and during the summer there will be about 30 mills in this vicinity sawing the sugar pine of Southern Oregon into material for the

Excited Over Gold Find.

GRANTS PASS .-- An investigation party has returned from Williams Creek, the scene of the reported rich strike of gold, and find that between \$5000 and \$7000 have been extracted by Norrison Bros. & Jones in three days, and they come to the Salem fair and capture the are still pounding out rich rock. It best of the prizes in competition with was found difficult to get particulars of the full amount extracted, as the operators were inclined to be reticent, fearing a stampede of prospectors to their This new strike is only a short distance from the Jones Bros.' marble quarry and about two miles from this

Surveying Electric Line.

Pendleton .- It is rumored that Dr. H. W. Coe, of Portland, head of the Columbia Land Company, which owns a half interest in the Furnish ditch, and 20,is conducting the colonization plan, now upon a route for the proposed electric and there is no communication with road from Irrigon to Pendleton. It is French Village. also stated on good authority that Dr. Coe will not extend the road any farther cople of this city will subscribe \$100, high water. 000 worth of stock in the venture.

Trut for Eight Mile Creek

The Dalles .- A shipment of 10,000 trout fry has been received by Victor Marden from the United Fish Commis-Many of the trout that have been Klamath Falls.-Work has already placed in local streams previously have commenced on the improvements at got into irrigating ditches, and when Pelican Bay, owned by E. H. Harriman, the water was turned off they died. on Upper Klamath Lake. A pumping However, the farmers are being generally notified to put in screens in their

Strawberry Day at Milton.

who entertained the Harriman party strawberry day this year. The Progres House of Representatives, officers of are preparing for a titanic struggle sive Club of the city has the matter in the Army and heads of various depart. with the Eastern railroads. The quesprovements. Colonel Holabird, who is charge, and committees have been apnow in Mexico, is expected to arrive pointed and preparations will soon be here the latter part of May to take per under way for the event, which it is to under way for the event, which, it is to well as some prominent outside officials, be hoped, will excel all past festivities including Governors of states, Mayors of the kind. This event will take place of cities and heads of principal political on July 1 and August 1 a general adearly in June, and is looked forward to and commercial organizations. Pendleton. A carload of crude pe- with keen anticipation by all who have

Plenty of Traffic for New Road.

Klamath Falls.-The Long Lake Lumber Company, of this city, will commence shipment of boxes via the Cali fornia Northwestern Railway, May 15. It has orders from San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego firms that will consume 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The filling of these orders will constitute city via the California Northwestern Railway.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 87c per bush; red Rus sian, 84c; bluestem, 89c; valley, 86c. Barley-Feed, \$24 per ton; rolled, \$27 @28; brewing, \$26. Oats-No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton; gray, \$26.50@27.

Millstuffs Bran, \$26 per ton; mid dlings, \$30.50; shorts, country, \$28.50; \$27; wheat and barley chop, \$27.50 Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordi-nary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$16; elover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12;

Potatoes 70e per hundred; Willam State Horticultural Board, show that ette Valley, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, 55e; Claekamas, 55c per hun-dred; sweet, 5½ per pound.

Apples Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, Onions Texas Bermudas, \$2.75 per

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1 lettuce, 35c per dozen; celery, 85e@\$1 per dozen; artichokes, 50c per doz.; as paragus, 7@8c pound; beans, 20c per NORTH POWDER.—G. A. Caspar, a pound; egg plant, 25@30c per pound; orominent farmer close to North Pow- parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 6@7c per der, as usual with farmers in grain-pound; peppers, 20e per pound; rad-planting season, put out squirrel poison, ishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 1@2e per Butter-Extras, 221/2c per

fancy, 21c; choice, 20c; store, 16c. Eggs-171/2e per dozen. Poultry-Mixed chickens, 13c per pound; fancy hens, 14@15c; roosters.

pound, le higher. Dressed Meats-Hogs, fancy, &c per POLICE ARREST SUSPECT.

E. H. Martin Accused of Killing Port land Pawnbroker.

Portland, May 6 .- Edward Hugh Martin, former artillery officer, expert in coast defense armament, graduate of Cuban campaign, son of wealthy parents and a drug flend. That is the man arrested by the modern of the man by San arrested by the police early yesterday afternoon for the brutal murder of Na-than Wolff and the pilfering of Wolff's pawnshop on First street last Friday

The police were looking for a man of

Formidable circumstances point an clearing land and planting out orchards, unwavering finger of accusation at Marbesides much has been accomplished in tin. He denies his guilt. With all the chance that he is not.

FLOOD INUNDATES TOWNS.

Missouri and Illinois Suffer Damag From Elements.

St. Louis, May 6 .- A thunder storm of unusual severity, accompanied by a high wind of almost tornado velocity, swept over this vicinity early yesterday, doing much damage to property and indirectly causing loss of life.

A bridge on the Louisville & Nash ville Railroad, near Belleville, Ill., was washed out and wrecked a freight train. Engineer Ward, Frank Chasm, the fireman, and a trainman, whose name has not been learned, and whose body has not been recovered, were caught under the engine and drowned. The train was piled up in a mass in Schoenlaub Creek which was swollen into a torrent.

The village of Edgement, Ill., was flooded, and many persons were forced to take refuge on improvised rafts. The whole area of lowlands known a the American Bottoms, east of East St. Louis, Ill., and comprising 35 square

miles of territory, is under water. French Village, a town of 1000 inhabitants, one of the oldest settlements in 000 acres of land under it, and which Illinois, was struck by a miniature tornado, and many houses were unroofed. has an engineer in the field to determine Telephone and telegraph wires are down

Traffic is impeded on electric lines Coe will not extend the road any farther running to various points east and tery. There was no loss of life and no in this direction than Echo unless the north of East St. Louis, Ill., because of injuries. The insurance on the prop-

GATHERING TO BE NOTABLE.

Lay Cornerstone of Bureau of Amer ican Republics May II

of the new building of the International Bureau of American Republics on May 11. Sufficient acceptances of the invi tations sent out by the governing board have been received to make the one of the most important of its kind in the history of the capitol. They come from the highest officials in Washington, including the President and Vice President, the Cabinet, the diplomatic the Mississippi River to Maine, aggre Milton Milton will have another corps, the supreme court, the Senate and gating over \$1,000,000,000 in capital, ment bureaus and sections, and representative citizens of Washington.

A considerable number of the Govern ors who will be in attendance at the Mississippi River. The great shippers convention called by the President of and manufacturers have lost no time ors who will be in attendance at the the United States to conserve the National resources of the country have indicated their intention to come to Washington a day earlier in order to be

The principal speeches, which will be made by President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, the Ambassador of Brazil and Andrew Carnegie, will have an internathe first carload shinments from this tional significance. The invocation will be delivered by Cardinal Gibbons, and the benediction will be pronounced by Bishop Cranston, the dean of the Protestant clergy in Washington. The The meeting will map out a general exercises will be opened by the Director of the Bureau, John Barrett, who will present as the presiding officer, the See

retary of State, Elihu Root. Resume Green Examination.

San Francisco, May 6 .- Cross-examination of J. E. Green, promoter of the Parkside Railway Company, who testian interview on the subject of the ordiname that the promoters should see the both the firemen and guards of the United Railroads officials and of the grounds. consultation had by Judge Cope, counsel for the Parkside Company, with Ruef regarding the latter's fee.

Thaw is insane.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 6 .- Dr. now sane, and alleged, on the contrary, for repairs, but an estimate will be had that Thaw is insane. Dr. Baker has in a short time, and if a smaller amount had Thaw under observation during his is required the amount will be reduced. confinement in Matteawan, following the trial for the slaying of Stanford

Plague Stamped Out.

San Francisco, May 6,-San Franisco's board of supervisors has practically abandoned the rat campaign. In of resolutions adopted by the bubonic plague since January 30.

LOVED ADMIRAL SAYS FAREWELL

Brilliant Banquet at St. Francis Hotel Hauls Down His Flag as Commander of the Atlantic Battleship Fleet Rear Admiral Thomas Succeeds to Cmmand.

San Francisco, May 9. Rear-Admiral Evans bade a personal farewell to the officers of his command at the banquet other directions toward developing the resources of a man of education and of given last night in honor of the visit mental resources he evades the verbal of the Atlantic fleet by the Oity of San A never-failing crop for this part of traps that are laid for him by the au-Rogue River Valley is the strawberry, thorities. The story he tells is coher-which grows everywhere, and will prostatements whereby he might hope to St. Francis Hotel, where Admiral Evans ing to the climatic conditions. This is base his claims to innocence have been and his family have been making their a feature unknown to Hood River rais refuted. His mental resources are not headquarters since the arrival of the ers, and perhaps to any other part of great enough to overcome the barrier of fleet on Wednesday. It had been hoped the state. It is not an unusual sight to circumstances. The police say he is that the commander in chief of the fleet, see berries almost all the year around; guilty. They say they will prove he is who hauls down his flag today from the in fact, they are on the market from guilty. There is, of course, the slender truck of the Connecticut, might appear for a few moments, but it was not known until well along in the progress of the dinner that he was actually well enough to do so. The admiral was wheeled into the crowded dining hall amid spontaneous cheers, in which the flicers and their hosts, the citizens of San Francisco, joined with equal enthusiasm. He was in civillan attire, as was also his son, Lieutenant Frank Taylor Evans, who wheeled the invalid chair.

Rear Admirals Thomas, Sperry, Emry, Dayton, Sebree and Swinburne, the captains of all the ships, Governor Gil-lett, Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Mayor Taylor, General Funston, of the army, and other notable guests arowded about the chair and shook hands with Admiral Evans, who had a cordial response to each in turn.

LOSES \$1,259,000 BY FIRE

Two Blocks in Atlanta, Georgia Reduced to Cinders.

Atlanta, May 9 .- One million and a uarter dollars is the loss conservatively stimated tonight of a fire which early today destroyed two blocks of Atlanta business property. Tonight the fire is under control with ruined buildings in the district bounded by Forsythe, Nelson, Madison and Hunter streets. Late today the police and fire departments dynamited what was left of the ragged walls. How the fire started is a myserty destroyed was placed at \$750,000. One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsythe, Mitchell and Nelson streets and Madison ave-

The Terminal Hotel, one of the larg-Marden from the United Fish Commis-sioner at Oregon City, and is being point to a notable gathering on the oc-had on its register 200 guests when the placed in Lower Eight Mile Creek, casion of the laying of the corner stone fire started a block away. Every one

UNITE FOR DEFENSE

Shippers Preparing for Titanic Battle

With Railroads. Chicago, May 9 .- Commercial and manufacturing interests of cities from tion of a general advance in freight rates is the issue. The gauntlet was thrown down by the railroads in the shape of a definite announcement that vance of freight rates approximating 10 per cent will be made east of the

in accepting the gauge of combat. The first movement in arraying the commercial and manufacturing interests of the affected territory in a solid phalanx against the Eastern railroad systems was made yesterday by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. It quickly was followed by the Chicago Association of America. The former issued a call for a great conference to be held in Chicago next Friday of all the commercial and industrial organizations of the eastern section of the country.

Firemen Confess Arson.

line of battle.

Norfolk, Va., May 9 .- Four members of the Jamestown Exposition fire department, and two of the Powhattan Guard were today held to the grand jury on the charge of arson. Two of the men filed written confessions that fied on Monday in the trial of Abe Ruef they started the fire on the ground on the charge of bribing supervisors to which destroyed the Philippine village vote in favor of granting a street rail-way franchise to the Parkside Company, said it was understood that Fire Chief was resumed today. He told of the Miller had recommended a cut in both then Mayor Schmitz' suggestion during forces and salaries, and they thought a fire would demonstrate the value of

Repair Dredge Chinook.

Washington, May 9 .- Senator Fulton today proposed an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$100,000 Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent for repairing the dredge Chinook. The of the Matteawan State Hospital, on Senator had a conference with the chief his return today to the writ of habens of engineers, who is anxious that the corpus obtained by the counsel for Chinook be again placed in commission Harry K. Thaw, denied the allegations and set to work on the Columbia River in the petition of counsel that Thaw is bar. It is doubted if \$100,000 is needed

Will Make Lobbyists Register.

Guthrie, Okla., May 9.-Both branches of the Oklahoma legislature today agreed to the anti-lobbying bill, which provides that criminal action may be had on any lobbyist who does not first file his name and a statement of his business with the legislature. The bill board, the people are informed that the is similar to a measure proposed by eity has not had a suspicious case of Governor Folk, of Missouri. Governor Haskell has said he will sign the bill.