White Hand

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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"Speak to me, Louise," uttered Gou-part, now speaking quickly and eagerly. "and tell me if you have forgotten those words I used to speak. Have you forgotten them?" "No-not one."

"Then let me speak them again. Let me now speak them as one who knows the ways of life; and to one who can judge for herself of the deep meaning that passing years have given to all those emotions that have outlived the destroy-ing wear of time. In the heart where thine image was first enshrined, none other has ever come. I have cherished your sweet face, and in humble prayer have I begged that I might see you once more been wild enough in its flights of hope to picture that one most holy thought of all-life-union with the dearly loved one. When my feet first touched these shores, I dreamed not that I was near to thee. But I found you, and here I sat me down to pray with more of hope, and to hope with more of promise. And now, Louise, let me ask you, as I have asked you a hundred times before, will you be my

"Goupart, I have a father whose every earthly wish is for the good of his children, and not for worlds would J -- I --'I understand," said St. Denis, as the maiden hesitated and stopped. "And be assured that I would not ask, even for life itself at thy hands, against thy noble father's wish. But suppose I ask him and he bids me take you?"

"Then I am by his permission only what in heart I have been for years.' A short time longer those two sat there. and their words had a solemn, prayerful cast, such as marks the holiest gratitude of the human soul; and as they walked towards the house, they spoke not of the aubject upon which their life joys hung. It was already dusk when they reach ed the hall, and while Louise went to remove her moccasins, St. Denis went to

his library. "How now, Goupart?" cried the old man, as his young friend took a seat. "What has happed d? Any more Indians? What on earth makes you look

seek Brion St. Julien. He found him in

"It is a deep and sober subject which is on my mind," answered the youth. "Then out with it, for I am father con-

St. Denis knew the marquis too well to hesitate, and he spoke boldly and to the

"My friend," he said, "that I love ev ery member of your immediate family must be apparent to you; but you will not be jealous if I also luform you that my love for Louise is rather stronger

than for any one else." St. Julien arose and placed his hand upon the youth's head, and, while big

tears gathered in his eyes, he said: "Goupart, my noble boy, you made me the happiest of men. O, I have prayed for this moment many a time, and now it has come. Among all my ac whom my hopes could turn. You shall take my child, and you shall take me. I am growing lazy, if not old, and not much longer will Simon remain with me. "Ah," uttered the youth, with a look of relief, "Is Simon going?"

"Yes. He isn't just the man for me. keep peace; but yet much of my nephew's conduct makes me nervous. I do not like his plans about the estate, and yet he shows an abrupt, willful spirit if I offer a word of expostulation. He seems bent on realizing all the ready money he can to its future worth and improvement. I do not like it. Yes, yes-Simon must

seek some other home.' "Hark!" interrupted Goupart, "What was that noise?"

"I heard nothing," said the old man, "Let me look a moment." And thus speaking, the youth went to the door and looked out. But he saw nothing, He stepped out into the entry; but there was so one there. "I must have been mistaken," he said, as he returned to the library and closed the door after him.

Ah! he did not look in the right place. Had he cast his eyes up to the ceiling. he would have seen a small hole where the host once had a copper pipe lead down to feed a showering bath. And had he but gone up into the small lumber room overhead, he would have found a man there, lying flat, like a serpent, with his eye to that small aperture; and he would have seen at a glance that the watcher could both see and hear all that transpired in the library!

Days flew on now upon golden wings. and suspicion had ceased to work in even Coupart's mind. Old Tony had watched carefully, but he could find nothing to excite for. Only one sing came up to help the doubts the young men had entertained, and that was a sudden visit of Simon Lobols to New Orleans. He professed to have business there.

said he would see how much corn he could find a market for, there being several hundred bushels now in the granary; but the marquis informed him that he need not trouble himself about the corn, as he already had a use for it, meaning to keep a large quantity on hand to serve In case of a failing crop. Yet Simon must go, for he had business of his own: and one fine morning, down the river he went, in company with some men who

Fort Rosalie.

a week, and the the family were could be there, and then the two waiting hands would be united. father Languet sometimes made it his ome at St. Julien's place, but he had now been for some months upon a mission among the Yazoos; but he had been heard from, and he would soon be there. It was a bright, moonlight evening, and the young people had been more gay than usual. Goupart, and Louise, and Louis had been playing at childish games, and

******************* | as they went out and snuffed up the hardly fair. They ought to have spoken | EVENTS OF THE DAY ing, Louise clapped her hands and pro ed a game of "bide and seek," The hers shouted acquiescence, and even port. Louise and her brother knew all the hiding places within the enclosure, and the former pulled Louis aside, and

whispered merrily with him. "Now, none of that," said Goupartconspire against me. If you two put your heads together I'll go and charter old Tony to come and help me. Now

But the only answer he received was a joyous laugh as Louise ran away to dress herself for the out-door sport.

The moon rode high in the heavens, and her face was but slightly turned away from earth. In the wide courtyard the merry voices rang tunefully out upon the calm night air, and the glad notes were caught up and flung back by the distant forest

Away over the brow of a gentle bill, where a copse of beautiful acacia trees were left standing, moved many dark objects. They were crouching in the wood, and listening to the shouts that came from the distant dwelling. Anon they gathered together and conversed in at night, and some of these were lighted, a strange tongue, and then they moved slowly up the hillside, and crept down towards the corn field. On they moved, like specters in the moonlight, until they neared the high barricade, and then set tled lower down and crept on like huge cats approaching their prey. Straight they moved towards the postern, an i there they lay, beneath the wooden wall, and listened to the merry voices from Soon one of them arose to his feet. He was in the shade of the wall, but yet the many colored paint upon his dark skin could be seen, and the dusky browed warrior was no more concealed. They were all-a score of them-painted in the same fantastic manner, and the each. He who had arisen to his feet pro duced something from his pouch, and applied it to the lock of the heavy postern. It was a key! And how came that child of the forest by the key of St. Julien's gate?

The shouts now come from the garden Hark! Yes-they are all there upon the other side of the house. They have jusfound Goupart, and are now dragging him forth from his hiding place.

Carefully the Indian turns the key in

the lock, but the gate is fastened within. The heavy bolt has been surely thrown back, and yet the gate opens not. But there is no time to be lost. The red men whispered together a moment, and then when a second has mounted upon his shoulders, he arises. They are both tall men, but he who stands upon his com panion's shoulders cannot quite reach the ops of the stout pickets. Another man stands firmly by the side of the lower one and then he above places one foot upon the second shoulder thus offered him. Now a third man springs nimbly up, and having mounted upon the shoulders of ment more he drops upon the ground within. Soon the postern is opened and six men enter, leaving the remaining ones without, and then the gate is almost closed, and thus held, so that it can be opened when need comes.

Away towards the stable these specters glide, and soon they are hidden; for they, too, will play at the game that the pale faces have set on foot.

Many times had Goupart hidden, and as many times had he been easily found. And now he and the marquis chose to hide together, and after a deal of shouting, the brother and sister pull them out from behind the thick cluster of vines that grow against the garden fence. Next Louis and Louise scamper away, laughing and clapping their hands, for the utter delight of the father, when they purposely let him find them, has warmed m into almost a frenzy of joy.

"Stop-stop!" cried the marquis, as his "Isn't it becoming too children start. damp for you Louise?"

"O, no! Never fear for me." "But the dew is now fairly wet up the grass, and I fear you'll take cold. "No-no, father!" eries the joyous girl Don't let the first chill frighten you."

go in. I'm growing chill and cold." "Ay-you shall have a job before yo find us. Now watch for the word.' Away they went towards the barn

and as they turned the angle of the house, and were thus lost to sight, Goupart remarked;

"Ay," returned the old man, "This dow is falling fast, for I can feel the dampness on my feet. While we were excited I did not feel it. But I can stand it only I feared that Louise might take some cold; and you know that would not be pleasant."

"No," said Goupart-and the tone of his voice showed that he, too, had entertained some fears. "Hark!" he added "I think I heard them call. Ah, they've got some deep hiding place this time, for I heard the voice as though it were stifled. But we'll find them. Come!" And away they ran towards the poin from which the voice had proceeded They searched all around the barn, under the cart, in the straw, behind the doors: and then they went to the stable, and here, too, they overhauled everything they could move, the old man even moving a board that lay against the fence,

"They must have slipped around into the garden," said Goupart, And so back to the garden they turned.

They hunted and hunted, but the hiders could not be found. "It's getting too late," said the mar quis, at length. "I think I must call

"I'll give up in welcome," returne Goupart; "for I'm sure I should never

find them. Shall I call to them?" So Goupart shouted that he gave up

the game. "I give up!" he cried, at the top of his oice. "Come, Louis!"

He waited a few moments, expecting to be assailed with a burst of joking at his want of success. The smile was already on his face, and the exclamation with which to meet the hidden ones was upon his lips all ready for utterance. But no one came. "They could not heve heard," suggested

St. Julien. "Ah," uttered Goupart, "they must

have gone into the house.' "So they have," said the father, "That's

They then went into the house, bu neither was there. "Why, it's funny-isn't it, Goupart?"

"I'll start up some of the boys."

And accordingly, half a dozen of the men were sent out in different parts of the game was up. But they returned bootless. It was old Tony who announce ed that they couldn't be found. The marquis gazed upon Goupart, and Goupart gazed upon the marquis, and thus they stood for some moments.

"Do you think any danger can have befallen them?" whispered the youth, with a trembling lip. "I don't think there could," returned the old man, nervously. "But we must

In a very few moments the whole household was in alarm. The startling adventure with the Indians some time before had prepared the minds of the people for an easy access of fear, and as soon as it was known that Louis and Louise were not to be found, consternabundles of pitch-wood were always kept in readiness to be used in case of alarm and soon the whole household were in the

again. But they had found nothing. Pale and trembling, the old man turned to the gate. It was locked, but the bolts were not shot. He called for the key. Tony had it, and the postern was flung open, and the torches flashed out upon the broad hillside back of the uildings. Suddenly a sharp, quick cry from old Tony startled the party, and entire town. quick as thought, Goupart was by his

What is it?" the latter asked. "See that foot!" the black man gasped, trembling like an aspen. "What of it?

"It had no heel! It is the print of a While the people were crowding about

the spot, one of the women found an arrow, and in a moment more a mocca-

"The Chickasaws!" exclaimed Tony. as soon as he saw the moccasin. "O heavens," gasped Brion St. Ju-And with a deep groan he staggered back. But he quickly revived, for the thought of pursuit came to him. Goupart hastened the men to pursuit in wifd,

Just as the great old clock in the hall told the hour of four in the morning, the erty. party returned to the house, pale and fatigued. The first gray streaks of dawn were pencilling the eastern horizon as the \$100. marquis and Goupart stood in the sitting room. One of the women brought in a how pale his host looked. And St. Ju- Cuban and Panama canal treaties are lien started, too; for he looked into his ratified. companion's face, and it looked terrorstricken even to death.

They spoke not a word. The old man moved forward and extended his hand, injuring 15, two fatally. him who stands thus elevated, he gains and on the next moment his head was wed upon Goupart's shoulder, and such deep, mighty sobs broke forth from heart were rent in sunder. And one by one the eager servants came into that room, for they dared not yet trust themselves to sleep. They stood and witness ed the great grief of their loved master, and with one accord they wept with him. Truly that was a dark hour!

COULDN'T FOOL THESE GIRLS.

They Had Heard of City Fraude and Were Wary.

It was a brand-new and enterprising advertising dodge that caused these two young women to think they had been "bunkoed" and likely to get into difficulties. The "dodge" consisted in a 15-minute vaudeville performance which one of the big retail houses put on in a room in its building to amuse customers and to make people talk about the store.

The two young women were from one of the suburbs of the city, and on the lookout for traps and sharpers. Having finished their shopping they were in the elevator on their way out when the elevator man called:

"All out here to see the famous With the other passengers the two

young women left the car, and found themselves in a little theater, says the New York Times. It was dimly lighted, had a small stage, a smaller orchestra and chairs in which a number of people had seated themselves. Suddenly an idea occurred to one of the

"Helen," she whispered to her companion, "this is some trap that we have fallen into. I know mamma told me of a similar case once. When she and Falls they went into a show that was Paterson, N. J. all just as this is. On the outside here was a sign which said: 'Entrance Free.' All went well until it came to going out, when there was another to the extent of \$100,000. sign, 'Exit \$1.' That is what this thing he show begins."

They made at once for the door of gin in an instant," politely announced of the country. the attendant, at whom the young woman looked scornfully.

"You must think we are easy," said show that she was no ordinary proposition to be dealt with. "We know this dodge, and have seen it before," Then both went down to the street

feeling sure that they had escaped one of the shrewd "dodges" of a great city.

"Your wife," remarked the old friend. tells me you are getting into society

now." "No," replied the plain man, who had o pay for his wife's ambitions, "society is getting into me."-Philadelphia

Dead ancestors are said to occupy too much of the areable land in China has advanced 50 cents a ton since Feb-

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

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

Extra session of senate will be called

The Cuban congress has fixed five ational holidays.

Senator Aldrich promises tariff revison at the next session of congress.

Gales off the French coast have caused serious damage to shipping. The health of the pope is not so good, out alarming rumors are discredited.

Protests continue to pour in against the seating of Reed Smooh, of Utah. An agreement has been reached bewide court. They divided at the barn, tween the Santa Fe rai road and the and in fifteen minutes they all met there trainmen.

> Fire at Halifax, N. S., destroyed \$300,000 worth of property. Three firemen were seriously injured.

Fire at Hasting , Neb , destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and for a time threatened the destruction of the ed regions. In Middelsboro, Ky.,

terms, is seriously ill at his home at Belleville, Ill. The Montana legislature has added

\$7,000 to its fair appropriation. This and Portland expositions. The foundation for J. Pierpont Mor-

East Thirty-sixth street is nearing completion. It will cost \$300,000. The senate refuses to consider the Littlefield anti-trust bill.

of his home at Madison avenue and

Fire at Lowell, Mass., cost one life and destroyed \$30,000 worth of prop-

Two masked men held up the postmaster at Bisbee, Ariz., and secured The president is determined on an

The powder works near Cherokee, Kan., blew up, killing four men and

A number of protests are being to Washington against the seating of Senator elect Reed Smoot, of Utah. Two robbers blew open the safe of

\$400 and \$500. To Colonel Cody was presented handsome tea and coffee service by the

whole staff of the Wild West show, in

London in celebration of his 57th The Chicago grand jury returned 75

indictments against the operators of slot machines as a result of a crusade instigated by the Hyde Park protective association. Policeman John Ritchey, of Denver,

was dangerously wounded while attempting to arrest a lone highayman. A bill to exempt beet sugar factories

from taxation for a period of five years was killed in the Wisconsin assembly. Startling disclosures in St. Louis of

a system of traffic in young women, under police protection, are to be made by the grand jury as the result of a raid | Jack Kahla, a trusty in the main coron resorts. The Great Falls, Mont., land office

the return of about 1,000,000 acres of revolver, ran to the jail and held at bay securing peace and civil government. land in Northern Montana to entry the tank prisoners until help arrived under the general land laws. One man was killed, one fatally in-

onsly hurt in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania road at Kitanning Point. seven miles west of Altoona, Pa.

The New York Metropolitan museum of art has received \$500 of a donation which will in time aggregate \$6,000, papa were spending their honeymoon | 000, made by the late Jacob S. Rogers, ewenty-three years ago at Niagara the millionaire locomotive builder, of

> Fire damaged the plant of the J. I. Case plow company, at Racine, Wis.,

Dr. J. E. Rankin, president of Howis, and I know it. Let's get out before ard college, at Washington, has resigned owing to advanced age and infirmities. Howard college is one of the the elevator shaft. "The show will be- leading negro educational institutions

The Berwind-White coal company, which employes 2,000 men at coaf one of the girls, falling into slang to mines at Winbor, Pa., will advance \$6,000,000 capital and \$1,00,000 bond wages 10 per cent on April 1.

> Burglars at Atchison, Kan., blew open the safe of the East Atchison postoffice with dynamite, the explosion setting fire in the building. The coal famine in Santa Fe, N. M.

> been without coal for six weeks. The Democratic Liberal party in Holland proposes an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to all men and women over 21 years of age

except lunatics. Owing to the large demand from America, the price of iron in Germany valued at \$74,601, and that he and

FLOODS IN SOUTH

Cloudbursts in Kentucky and Tennesses Put Whole Towns Under Water.

Louisville, Ky., March 3 .- The annual spring freshet, which yearly does damage to railroads and crops, and at times inflicts loss of life, has left this season's impression on many parts of the South after a tremendous two days' rain, with an accompaniment of high winds. Accidents last night and this morning directly attributable to the elements have resulted in the death of nine persons and injury of 29.

Three deaths, together with a long list of injured, were brought about by an accident on the Southern railway early this morning, when a train bound east from Chattanooga ran into a washout near Leonore City, Tenn. Six perthe Ohio near Hickman, Ky., the swift current carrying their boat into some driftwood, and five persons were hurt in a tornado which passed over Hickory Level, Ga, this morning. The damage to railroad property is large, and the inconvenience to the public is consid-

Cloudbursts are reported in Kentucky and Tennessee, and it is feared there has been some loss of life in the affectevery house in the lower section of the John Baker, ex-minister to Venezuela place was flooded and every merchant

and a member of congress for several suffered damage to stock. Near Anderson, Tenn., a cloudburst carried away a quarter of a mile of track on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. makes \$42,000 to be used for St. Louis High waters carried away three bridges and a trestle on the Tennessee Central, near Crab Orchard, Tenn., and dam- Governor Taft has said, and states that beyond control. gan's new library building at the rear sged other bridegs.

A steamer was blown against the Big Bee river, in Alabama, sending Philippines goods coming into the burning embers were carried for part of the structure to the bottom.

man, Tenn.

All streams are bankful, the Alabama rising 19 feet at Millsted, near Montgomery, during the night. Flood warnings were sent out by the Montlamp, and the youth started when he saw extra session of congress unless the gomery weather bureau. The Missising. The Ohio is rising.

Reports from Memphis tonight state men say the situation there is assuming a serious aspect. Government en-Hubbard's private bank at Cedar gineers fear that some of the levees Springs, Mich., and secured between may weaken when the full sweep of the rising waters is felt.

JAILER IS SLAIN.

Prisoner in an Olympia Jail Murders His Keeper and Escapes to the Woods.

Olympia, Wash., March 2 .- In a prisoner in the county jail yesterday beaten on the head with a lead pipe; from the prostration into which it has shot three times and left lying dead on been thrown by the causes above enumthe floor of the jail. The murderous erated. prisoner was an ignorant Swede named not merely from the standpoint of a Christ Benson, in jail for grand lar- wise government policy, but as a measceny. Benson escaped, leaving the in- ure of humanity in response to an apner and outer doors of the jail open peal to which this great people should and the door of the steel tank, containing seven other prisoners, unlocked. Benson is still at large.

ridor of the jail, gave the alarm at the nearby home of Sheriff Mills, Mills has received word from Washington of was absent, but Mrs. Mills seized a of the military and civil authorities in all went down to the street for safety. The county commissioners have de-

cided to offer a reward of \$300 for Ben-One man was killed, one fatally injured and four others more or less seried before tomorrow, will ask Govrenor McBride to offer a like amount.

Killed in Their Sleep.

Southwestern Limited on the New York greatly alleviated and a permanent bas- from a trip down town. Being 84 Central railroad, west bound, was is of future prosperity assured if the night in collision with freight cars, the United States are put upon a satisand three trainmen lost their lives. Three other trainmen were severely injured. The men were asleep in a caboose in the freight yards. Freight cars being shifted on the same track struck the caboose, which jumped the switch and slid along another track, lodging against the main westbound track. Here the Southwestern at full speed struck it.

Blg Seattle Enterprise.

Seattle, March 3 .- The Seattle iron and steel company, just formed with issue, will build here an iron furnace with 200 tons daily capacity, a 100 ton steel plant, and a rolling mill. The organizers propose to work high grade magnetic ores from the great deposits on Texada Island, B. C. they will increase the plant by the adis increasing. The penitentiary has dition of a tin plate mill and tube

Finds Stamp Thieves.

Chicago, March 3 .- State's Attorney Deneen announced today that he had come into possession of proofs showing who robbed the Chicago postoffice on October 20, 1901, of postage stamps much of the areable land in China. Famines would be less frequent if the country was not one vast cemetery.

Has advanced 50 cents a ton since February 1, and the product is sold months at each.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE

PRESIDENT APPEALS TO CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF PHILIPPINES.

Endorses Governor Taft's Urgent Call for a Reduction of Tariff-Governor Says Famine Will Come If Action is Not Prompt-Filipinos Have Suffered Long Series of Calamities.

Washington, Feb. 28 .- The president yesterday sent the following message to the senate:

"I have just received a cable fron Governor Taft which runs as follows:

" Necessity for passage house tariff

bill most urgent. The conditions of sons were drowned while trying to cross productive industry and business considerable worse than in November, the date of the last report, and growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices, due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco extensive, and failure of bill will be a blow in the face of those interests. Number of tobacco factories will have to close Sweeps Through Business Co and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill does not pass. Customs receipts have fallen o'clock this morning flame off this menth one-third, showing de- covered in the cellar of Geor crease of the purchasing power of the grocery in the Pike building islands. General business stagnant. street, between Vine and Wa All political parties, including labor hour later there was an unions, most strenuous in petition for supposed to come from liquor tariff bill. Effect of its failure very age, and the flames soon after discouraging.'

"Vice Governor Luke E. Wright in- stone front building, and fr dorses in the strongest manner all that time on for several hours the he has the gravest apprehensions as to the damage that may come to the Southern railway draw bridge over the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in the tariff levied against caused a loss of over \$2,000,000 United States. I very earnestly ask the Kentucky suburbs being Landslides occurred in two tunnels that this matter receive the immediate on the Southern railway, near Harri. attention of congress and that the reliei prayed for be granted.

lamities has befallen the Philippine the local firemen, but it was no people. Just as they were emerging fore their combined efforts had the from nearly six years of devastating under control. Crews were at wo warfare, with the accompanying de- the time on the roofs of the surr struction of property and the breaking ing buildings, and a general conf of the bonds of social order and the tion was narrowly averted. sippi has reached the danger point at habits of peaceful industry, there oc- It was perhaps the greatest scar several places, but the levees are hold- curred an epidemic of rinderspest which city ever had, and it was thoug destroyed 90 per cent of the caribous, one time that the entire business the Philippine cattle, leaving the peo- tion of the city was doomed, and ple without draft animals to till the would have been the case if there that the Mississippi river is nearly a lands or to aid in the ordinary work of been brisk winds. foot above the danger line and is farm and village life. The extent of slowly rising to the levee top. River the disaster can be seen from the fact that the surviving caribous have increased over tenfold in value. At the Eight-Story Building Totally Destro same time a peculiar oriental horse disease became epidemic, further crippling transportation. The rice crop, already reduced by various causes to but a fourth of its original size, has eight story building at Broadway a been damaged by locusts so that the

price of rice has nearly doubled. "Under these circumstances there imminent danger of a famine in the islands. Congress is in course of gendesperate and bloody encounter with a erously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs, but of indispensable and pre-eminent need is afternoon Jailer David Morrell was the resurrection of productive industry

"I ask the action in the tariff matter, not close its ears. We have assumed responsibility toward the Philippines which we are in honor bound to [fulfill. We have the specific duty of taking every measure in our power to see to their prosperity. The first and most important step in this direction has been accomplished by the joint action The wisdom of congress at the present session has provided for them a stable government, but there remains vital inventor of the Gatling gun, died here need that one thing further shall be done. The calamities which have befallen them as above enumerated could have been avoided by no human wisdom. They cannot be completely re- ter, Mrs. Hugh O. Pentecost. At 1:15 Syracuse, N. Y., March 3.-The paired, but their sufferings can be o'clock Dr. Gatling returned home wrecked at the East Syracuse yards to- economic relations of the islands with

factory basis. "THEODORE ROOSEEVLT. "White House, Washington, D. C., February 27.

Chinese Rebels Victorious.

Pekin, March 2.-Advices received here today show that 500 imperial troops were caught February 13 in an is to be double tracked all the way from ambush in the Yang Yuing pass by re-Omaha to Ogden, according to statebels of the province of Kwang Si, South China. All the soldiers were killed ments of surveyors who left Denver toand the rebels secured large supplies day. The contracts were let a few days of arms, which the troops were taking to the besieged garrison of Chi from Omaha. This morning J. C. Yuen. The official reports admit that Eivens left for Rock Springs and Green the rebellion in Kwang Si is increasing. River, where he joins other surveyors and has spread over the border into the in laying out cut-offs this side of Ogprovince of Hunan. The viceroy of den. He states that plans are now be-Hunan has sent troops to the boundary ing drawn up for double-tracking the to check the rebels' advance.

Washington, March 2 .- The Pacific coast shipbuilders who bid on new ves- tinues against the Panama canal treaty, sels authorized by the pending naval and Morgan is determined to defeat it bill will have to enter the competition at this session of congress. He is on an even basis with builders on the being aided by men woh are known to Atlantic coast. While the naval bill be opposed to the Cuban treaty, and was under consideration in the senate there is a probability that both will go no attempt was made by any Pacific over for a special session of the senate, coast senator to secur the adoption of a but they will be ratified then, or at

CAN'T EXCEL

Senate Naval Commi

Washingon, Feb. naval committee belie Hale, that the battles sents the most perfect afloat today, and accou the house program navy and authorizes four new ships of rather than the heavier vided for in the house program is smaller more of them, the house ing provided for two larg When the bill passes goes to conference, there ability of the senate prov tained, or at least the at

two or more ships of the Senator Hale says the perfect warship in existenthe Oregon, and the count better than to add others class to the navy as soon

FIRE FATS UP MILL

cinnati with Disastrous I Cincinnati, Feb. 28. -

up through the roof of the

The flames destroyed half a the center of the business distr with them. The fire departm Covington, Newport and othe 'As congress knows, a series of ca- tucky towns came to the assista

and One Fireman Killed. New York, Feb. 28 .- Several firem were hurt, one fatally, at a fire in Thirteenth street, early today. Thirteenth street, early today. property loss is estimated at \$250,00 Captain John Andreise, of an engir company, while at work at the fire, fe through an open shaft, striking on hi head. He died shortly after being

FATAL BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

taken to the hospital. A dozen firemen were at work on the sixth floor, when a part of the fireproof ceiling fell. Battalion Chief Gooderson was knocked unconscious by a piece of tile. Fireman Daniel Foley's right leg was broken. Fireman Joseph Kinsch and Thomas Nix fell from a ladder and broke their legs, and a piece of cornice crushed Fireman Joseph

Kimmet's foot. Sparks from the burning building were blown toward the Morton house, at Broadway and Fourteenth street, and the 200 guests of that hotel who had been aroused by the fire engines

Dr. Gatling is Dead.

New York, Feb. 28 .- R. J. Gatling, today at the home of his son-in-law, Hugh P. Pentecost. Dr. Gatling died very suddenly in the arms of his daughyears of age and accustomed to resting after any physical effort, he told his daughter he would lie down. Shortly afterward he commenced to breathe heavily. A physician was cailed and he administered strychnine, but to no purpose.

To Double-Track Union Pacific.

Denver, Feb. 28 .- The Union Pacific ago for double-tracking 100 miles west road from Cheyenne to Laramie.

Will Pass at Extra Session. Washington, Feb. 28 .- The fight con-