OFF Seeds

AN.

TIES O

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK

Slowly and painfully dragged away the hours and the days to the poor sick wife In New Orleans. Old Lopps was very kind, and so was the physician. Yet Louise had a very severe sickness, and a part of the time she was out of her head. But gradually the delirium passed away, and she was at length able to sit Three weeks had she lain thus ere she could rise from her bed; but on the fourth week she was able to walk about the room. It was at the close of the fourth week that her husband returned.

No," was the quiet reply, "for I've expected nothing about it. "Ah! uttered Simon, with show of

"Have I been away longer than you

I have been too sick to expect any-

thing," explained Louise. "O!" uttered the husband, more mild-

"Yes-I have been very sick. I even feared at one time I should never see you again.' There was something so piquant in this that Simon was sure there was sarcas:

in it, but he chose not to expose his "I, too, have been laid up," he said, after gazing into her face for some mo-

"Ah-how? I noticed your hand was rolled in rags. What has happened? Have you been fighting the wicked in-

Again Simon bit his lip, but he kept "I have had a duel on your account."

"Is it possible? How was it?" "I heard you insulted most grossly, and I would not bear it.' "You should not have borne it, at least,

if you loved your wife. But who was "Goupart St. Denis."

"Explain," she said, earnestly and eag-

"Ha! the name moves you, does it?" 'Why should it not? You know he was once a lover of mine."

This open avowal, so frank and honest, seemed to please Lobois, and he

"No matter what was said, but St. Denis struck me. Of course I challenged him. We chose swords. Your father was present. He would have stopped it if he could, for he feared I should get hurt." 'As you did.'

We fenced awhile, and I his open bosom. Finally, when I saw that 'twould be downright murder for me to kill him, I bade him put up his sword. He asked me for what-for he knew not that I only toyed with him. 'This is only boy's play,' said I. 'Then put up your sword, said he. I did so. and just as my point touched the ground What do you think of that?"

"Perhaps I ought not to speak my

Surely you ought. What do you think "Well, then, I think you have told me

very fine story." Eh? Do you doubt my word?"

"Doubt you? Doubt the word of Si mon Lobois? Believe that my own husband could speak falsehood? Never, Si

Sharply the scamp looked into Louise's face, but he could detect nothing there, save a calm, cool expression of utter sim plicity; yet he knew she was quizzing

"But you did not tell me how this all came out," she said. "What did you do after Goupart had struck you on the

with my left hand, but I spared him. He was beneath all notice, save that of mere

"Poor Goupart! Did he know how deep was your contempt for him?"

"What mean you?" "Why, simply that you could have in flicted no worse punishment upon him than to have let him know that you held

him in contempt. It must have nearly "Look ye, my fine girl, you are venturing on dangerous ground. You may say too much!" uttered Lobois, now showing

Louise bowed her head a moment, and she seemed to think that her companion spoke the truth, for she quickly replied, after she looked up:

"Excuse me-pardon me. I have but just recovered from a severe sickness, and my first feelings were naturally those of joy and gladness, and you know how often you and I have joked and pestered other. We have often said very hard things in jest, and I have even pulled your hair till you fairly cried pain, and yet you never got provoked be-

This was spoken so earnestly, and with so much apparent feeling, that Simon was moilified in a moment.

"Let it pass," he said; "only in future choose a light occasion for light conversation. And now to something of more importance. When can you be ready to go up the river?"

"At any time," answered Louise. "Very well. I will see the physician this evening, and be governed somewhat by his advice."

Shortly after this Lobois went out, and when he returned he reported that the doctor would come in the morning. So that night Louise was left with Loppa, and on the next morning the doctor came, and with him came the anxious husband. The former examined his patient carefully, and he expressed the opinion that e wife should not undertake the jour ney under a week at least.

Then I believe I shall go to Bllox! There is a ship ready to sail, and I have me business to do there."

Louise expressed her entire willingness, so Simon resolved to go. In truth he was now expecting soon to be master of to bow in humble resignation to the farm, after all."

ing the way to put it to immediate use, his main object being to obtain a profitacargo to return to France, whither neant to take his wife as soon as he could dispose of the few remaining ob-stacles that stood in his way. He started that very night for Biloxi, and his wife was once more left to the kind care of her sable attendant.

A week passed away, and her husband came not. She had now so far regained her health that she could walk out in company with Loppa, and the rose was

Another week passed, and she was well and just as she began to wonder if any accident had happened to her husband he made his appearance. That very day there was a barge to start up the New Orleans was all alarm and excitement. The garrison at Natchez had been surprised by the Indians, and nearly every soul murdered! On y six had escaped, and four of those had this very morning reached the town. Gov. Perier had sent messengers up to the plantations aler; on the river to put the French on their guard; and now tha barge, full of soldiers, was about to start up to see if any assistance was required anywhere on the way, and in the meantime a council of officers was to be held to determine what further should be

Lobols gained passage for himself and wife, but they were forced to put up with such accommodations as the others had, save that a sheltered place was fixed for Louise, near the stern, in consid-

eration of her recent illness. Of course the passage up, against the current, was slow, the heavy ba making a headway of over three t hour, and stopping sometimes at plantations on the way, so that not until the morning of the fif that they reached the establish Brion St. Julien. But the capta boat concluded not to go up to teau, so Simon and his wife we ed at the mouth of Walnut riv from thence they made their wa

They had gained about half tance when they were startled, ing a turn upon the river's bank, ing a small canoe ahead with "Why!" uttered Lobois, after

upon the strange scene a few u they are Natchez Indians. Do lains mean harm here?" "Rather a small party for tha Louise, upon whose mind the sta

t had upon her companion's. "But we'll watch them. Here-let us keep further away from the bank, and They surely mean to approach the house. Come, let's hasten, and we'll have

hand in the dreadful massacre." Louise made no objection to this, and ere long they reached the garden. Half way up the wide path they walked, and here they came to the closed gate of the barricade; but a few loud calls from Simon brought old Tony forth, and they were soon within the enclosure. The found that the boy was at my mercy. faithful negro could at first hardly believe his eyes. He gazed upon the shun," as he afterwards called it, and finally a big tear rolled down his sable

> ing his broad hands. "Bless heaven!" With glistening eyes she returned the faithful fellow's grasp and salutation, house, for she saw her father upon the piazza; she waifed not for her husband

The frantic parent caught his child to his bosom, and with streaming eyes he murmured his thanks, for in that mo ment of reunion he forgot the dark cloud that hung over his loved one. Before the old man had found his tongue Simon had reached the plazza.

"My father," he uttered, "forgive me if am abrupt-but you have heard of the dreadful massacre at Fort Rosalie?"

"Well, there are two Natchez Indiana making their way up here in a canoe. Perhaps they know not of our habitation Let men be sent out at once to capture them, and we will interrogate them, at

followed Simon to the house, and heard this remark. Ever since the abduction of his young "mas'r and missus," he had longed to get hold of an Indian, and here

"Only two ob 'um, d'ye say, Mas'r Si mon?"

"That's all, Tony." "I'll hab 'um!" And with this the stout Afric disappeared, and in a few moments more he had four stout companions at his heels on his way to the river,

In the meantime, Simon followed the marquis and his child into the house, and when they reached the sitting room, they found St. Denis there. He looked up and saw the marquis; then he saw Simon Lobols, and then-his eye rested upon that female form. He started to his feet and turned pale as death. That loved face was turned upon him; those soft eyes, now swimming in tears, were bent upon his own, and her name dwelt upon

"My wife, Monsieur St. Denis," said Lobois, in malignant triumph. "O, my soul!" burst from the wretch ed man's lips, and covering his face with his hands, he sank back upon his chair. Louise seemed upon the point of speak ing, but at that moment the tramp of feet and the sound of voices were heard in the hall, and in a moment more the

door was thrown unceremoniously open CHAPTER XXII.

"Bless heaven!" cried old Tony, bound ing into the hall at a wild hop and planting himself directly in the middle of the "We's cotched 'um, mas'r-we's cotched 'um, an' here dey am!

came forward. Simon Lobois was the first to recognize, beneath the Natchez garb and the walnut stain, the youth whom he had hoped to destroy, and stifled cry broke from his lips, while he turned pale and trembled like an aspen. The next to recognize the living truth was Louise, and with one bound the brother and sister were in each other's arms. Their stifled exclamations of joy awoke the parent to his senses, and in a moment more he held them both upon his

"My children," he cried, raising his streaming eyes to heaven, "O, how blest is this moment! Almost it makes me feel ain't so much different from us on the

"Louis, my dear boy," at this juncture exclaimed Simon, having now recovered his presence of mind sufficiently to hide real emotions of fear and chagrin. "Dear Louis, let me welcome you back to our home.'

And as he spoke he advanced and extended his hand. The youth gazed upon him a moment in stern silence, 'Simon Lobois," he uttered, drawing

proudly up, "I did not think you would offer me that hand!" "How-a-eh?" gasped the wretch, turning pale again. "You should not thus reject the hand of your brother-in-law."

White Hand started. "Brother-in-law!" he repeated. "Are rou mad?"

"No-I am a husband." White Hand crossed over to where Louise stood and took her by the hand. They whispered together a moment, and then the youth turned towards Simon. "Villain," he exclaimed, "you forced

turned Simon, triumphantly, St. Denis sprang to his feet. He moved to Louise's side, and grasped her

"Louise," he said, in a broken voice. 'tell me all; tell me if you gave this man your heart; for in the years of darkness that shall follow this blow, it will afford a glimmer of light to know I am not all forgotten by my soul's idol.' "Goupart, he forced me to the mar-

"Silence!" thundered Lobois, starting

Ntachez had not that peculiar effect that | his poor heart would break; and the villain evidently felt uncomfortable. "I refused him at first," continued the

keep further away from the bank, and unfortunate one, "and told him I loved then we can follow them, and not be Goupart St. Denis. Then he told me he had seen my father's wealth accumulate under his care, and had looked on a part not now see another come in and snatch money they secured. that wealth away. accordingly they took the cross path, and have his share. I told him if he forced swore if such a thing were done, he other tender early fruits. would make my life such a scene of torture I should pray for death to come and relieve me.

peak but truth." Then turning to her of the concern. Kelley declares he listeners: "But I refused to marry him, will be able to prove his innocence. and on the very next night, after midnight, two stout men came and carried me away. I was weak and faint then for I had but just recovered from sickness. Yet they carried me away and locked me in a dark prison house. They refused me both food and drink. There I came nigh famishing with hunger and thirst. At length the villain came to me and when I begged for a drop of water he swore I should have none till I had promised to be his wife! My mind was fluttering, and thirst made me frantic promised to be his wife! Then he brought me bread and milk; he took me from the prison, and soon arrangements were made for the wedding. He had ob tained the consent of the colonial governor, and we were married in the church, the governor himself being present. When the priest put his questions to me, I was burning with fever, and a dreadful sickness was upon me. Yet my mind was not shaken. I promised to th best of my abilities to do all he had asked of me. Then we were pronounced man and wife, and I begged of him to harry away, for I was faint and sick. I reached our home; the fever seized me and raged for many weeks. Health

(To be continued.)

When the Roosters Crow.

The feelings of some honest folk from the country when they visit a large city have been very accurately described by a Chicago paper, and as this old farmer says, there's very little difference be the belfry of which it hung, was burned tween city and country if you only look a short time ago. for the things which they have in com

"I'm all right in Chicago if I can hear the roosters crow once in a while," said John, "but when I don't hear them I get pretty homesick, and want to hurry back to the old farm in Ford County. That's why I always pick out lodgings office. as close as I can get to South Water

"I come up here once in a while on business of my own, and I feel at home well enough down at the stock-yards in the daytime, where the hogs grunt and the cattle bellow, but I'm lonesome

at night when I can't hear the roosters "I reckon if you was down on my farm a night or two, you'd be mighty glad to hear a street-car gong, or a steamboat whistle, or a wagon clattering over the stones. When a fellow has heard a rooster crow about sunup every morning for forty years, he doesn't feel just right when he gets where there are no roosters.

"You can talk all you please about your clean city and your 'city beantiful,' as the newspapers call it, but I'd rather smell a clover field in this town when I'm lonesome than the sweetest flowers you've got on State street. "I recollect Parson Cross saying once,

in a sermon, that a touch of nature makes the whole world kin. Somehow when I hear a rooster crow up here, or a sheep bleat, or get the smell of a stable, it makes me feel that Chicago people

an immense fortune, and he was prepardreadful blow that has been inflicted up EVENTS OF THE DAY

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.

Omaha has ordered all saloons closed during the big strike now on.

All warships but those of Austria will be withdrawn from Salonica.

Adirondacks are now out and the remainder under ccontrol. Mrs. C. P. Huntington has purchased the new \$500,000 six-story mansion of

Mrs. J. F. Carroll in New York. A French-Belgian syndicate has been formed in Europe with a capital of \$3,-000,000 to work the Chilean mines.

Three thousand dollars of the money which was stolen from Express Agent Peterson, of Britt, Ia., last week, has ag in. been found beneath the company's of the Harriman lines is the most per-

In a street-car runaway at Rochester, Pa., the conductor was probably fatally reaches in the most effective manner miners, who need the water the most, hurt, the motorman badly bruised and those pers ns who are the most desirasix passengers injured. Wet rails ble immigrants. Within seven months

The rivers and harbors committee of the house of representatives made a this state into the hands of 2,000,000 drawn, are being circu ated in J sephthe house of representatives made a tour of the navigable waters about New field six lecturers, with stereopticon liber lly signed.

This state into the name of 2,000,000 ine and Curry counties, and are being of other powers, both because it was owing to British enterprise and exneeded in shipping facilities.

The report that General Matos, the revolutional, leader, has landed in Venezuela from Curacao, is confirmed.

of Argentina has been formed at Buenos formation regarding this state, super- ative as was hoped. By far the larger

failure of the operation for the restora- Western immigration. tion of his sight. Attempts to wreck two trains at tramps, and the police are now in pur-

Robbers wrecked the safe of the Bank of Assaria, Kan., and escaped on a them captured. Of course they had a of it as belonging to him, and he would hand car. It is not known how much

> Indiana has had another severe frost me to become his wife I would beg of which it is believed will practically

> > Rivalry among the associations of

engineers in this country may nullify an offer of Andrew Carnegie to give York. A high official in one of the in peace in one room.

Portland laundrymen have locked out Russia expects war with China and is

preparing for it. Nearly 500 tenants were evicted in the New York tenement district May 1.

Fifty half-naked Doukhobors are on "search for Jesus," near Sasakatoon,

The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of civil government on the be from 75,000 to 100,000 pounds. Pacific coast was celebrated at Cham-

poeg, Oregon, May 2. John Firman, 25 years old, living at came at last, and I reached my father's

ly enjoys good health. A bell cast by Paul Revere, that had is being recast at Troy N. Y. The Leominster Congregational church, in

Turkey has proclaimed martial law

An earthquake in Chile caused heavy Postmaster General Payne has un-

earthed a scandal in the Washington Labor troubles are seriously affecting business in many of the cities through-

out the United States. Six passengers were injured in a collision between an electric car and

Lal e Shore train in Chicago. Fruit and garden truck in the Arkaansas valley, Colorado, have been seriously damaged by frost. The loss is estimated at more than \$500,000.

lowing the robbery of the Wells, Fargo express company at Silso, Mexico, of \$42,000. All but \$11,000 was recov-Rebels in Turkey are fighting with bombs, blowing up everything within

Forty persons have been arrested fol-

their reach. Secretary of the Navy Moody will risit the coast with President Roosevelt and inspect naval stations.

Regulations in regard to matches in New York now provide that no one without a license can sell or give them away. Retailers may not sell more than 1,000 in a box. The splints must be strong, and the heads must not fly will at once begin work in Eastern

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

GOOD WORK OF BUREAU.

of Thousands to Oregon. G. M. McKinney, who has charge of the immigration department of the the citizens of Josephine and Curry Harriman lines, met with the real es- counties against the establishment of tate dea ers of Salem to discuss matters the great forest reserve, embracing relating to his work. He explained the nearly half of Curry and all of Western plan of his department and talked with and Southern Josephine, as well as part the real estate men concerning the of Douglas. Josephine would be methods of advertising that they must blocked in, so to speak, and Curry rely upon to draw immigration to this would be placed in a position whereby The more serious forest fires in the state. That Oregon is now the most its advancement would be a matter of widely taiked of state in the Union is difficulty. the declaration he made, after telling by Just at this time, when prosperity how the resources of this state have seems to be heading this way, capital been advertised through the immigra- is becoming interested, new people with Great Britain. tion buresu. As an indication of what coming in, and new industries being has been done for the Willamette val- established, it is a hard blow both to foreign secretary, dealing with the subley, he said t at since his department Josephine and Curry, so the citizens has been working between 4,000 and claim who are opposing the measure, ject in the house of lords, "that we 5,000 one-way railway tickets have to establish a forest reserve of so vast should regard the establishment of a been used by Eastern peop e, who came dimensions. The argum at made that naval base or a fortified port in the to the valley and did not go away streams are drying up by reason of the Persian gulf by any other powers as a

ized in the United States, and that it the crocks and streams. Even the after he began work his department estab ishing the reserve be reconsidhad p aced the literature advertising ered, or that the tract be not withresources and indu tries of Oregon, and the e lecturers are addressing Eastern audiences four evenings a week. Six Oregon state sederation of labor met in immigration agents in the different La Grande this week. About 100 dele-An association for the protection of sections of the middle West are giving gates were present. The attendance Germans in the enforcement of the laws their whole time to disseminating in- was neither as large nor as representvising the distribution of literature to part of those in the convention were those who are most likely to come to from Portland, while Astoria Salem, Physicians of Ita D. Sankey, the this state, and aiding scores of Eastern Albany, Ashland, Baker City and Pensinger evangelist, now acknowledge the real e tate men who are encouraging dleton have from one to three delegates

Stamford, Conn., are charged to interested in Oregon, with the result questions confronting organized labor that there is more talk of this state as a and determine a course of action in redesirable place for home-seekers than gard to them. there is of any other state.

county with that rich section known as | 24 hours. the forks of the Santiam.

Clackamas county officers report an unusual scarcity of silver. Treasurer \$1,000,000 or more to establish a Cahill says gold pieces, in denomina-National center for engineers in New tions of \$20, were never before as plentiful as they are at this time, and he bodies says it is doubtful if all can live finds it troublesome to keep on hand a per cent of its real value. This year sufficient amount of silver with which for this condition, save that it indicates in a substantial way a greater degree

of prosperity among all classes.

Wool in Marion County Pool. From information produced at the Marion county woolgrowers' association meeting, it seems probable that the quantity of wool controlled by the March 31 as 1,297; remaining on April pool this year will be nearly double The Merchants state bank at Free- that of last year. The soliciting comman, S. D., was raided by robbers. mittee has not yet completed its work, They secured about \$3,000 and escaped. but thus far 50 members have been secured, and it is expected that the total amount of wool represented will

Survey of the McKenzie. Professor McAlister, who is at the Paterson, N. J., has two hearts beating head of the University of Oregon mein his own breast. He is a fine speci- chanical department, has completed armen of physical manhood and constant- rangements for a hyd ographical survey of the McKenz'e river this summer. The survey will be made for the purbeen in constant use since its making pose of determining the water power of the river with a view of locating the points where elect ic plants and the like may be established to the best ad-

vantage.

ing. \$23. Water Seeps from Ditch. The irrigating ditch belonging to Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. T. Henley, of Klamath county, runs through the town of Klamath Falls, \$18. and the village authorities have commenced suit in the circuit court to se cure an injunction against the owners alleging that the property is a nuisance

on account of injury from seepage. New Road to Crater Lake.

W. S. Arant, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, reports that 3.50 per cental. he will have the new road leading to the lake ready for use by August 1. It will be shorter and have fewer bumps and steep grades than the old one will enable a journey from Fort Klamath to the lake, 25 miles, in 21/2 17c: Young America, 17@171/c; facthours.

Rainler Lumber Shipments Ninety-five car oads of lumber and shingles were shipped from Rainier in the past month. This does not include

cargo of 600,000 feet shipped to

San Pedro by sailing vessel. Cattle Coming to Summer Ranges. Cattle are beginning to come into Starkey prairie for summer range. The pound; steers, 41/4@5c; dressed, 73/4c. prair e summers several thousand head, principally from Umatilla and lower

down, in Union county. Eastern Oregon Geological Survey. T. B. White, of the United States geological survey, is in Pendleton and 7%c.

WILL FIGHT THE RESERVE.

Harriman Lines are Turning Thoughts Southern Oregon Citizens Readlly Sign

Protesting Petitions. A zealous protest is being made by

removal of trees, seems not well fourd-He said that the immigration bureau ed. But few, if any trees, have been fect enterprise of the kind ever org n- any means to affect the flow of water in all the means at our disposal."

Petitions, begging that the matter of

The first annual convention of the

matter generally meets with approval, although the answers thereto of the each. Those in attendance are very By means of this vigorous policy the much in earnest in their desire to take people of the Eastern states have been up in the convention some of the knotty

Little Change In Herd Law.

Aside from the amendment of the At a mass meeting of Linn county law regarding the running of stock in ened. because their territory is thereby threatfarmers held in school district No. 114 Multnomah county, no change was recently some resolutions asking the made by the last legislature in the county court to rebuild Sanderson's herd law. Section 61 of the new road my father to give me not a sou. Then he kil! the strawberry crop, plums and bridge were adopted and sent to the law prohibits the herding of stock upon President of Colombia Will Not Call Extra court. This bridge was carried away the highways, thereby obstructing them Edwin C. Kelley, treasurer and gen. by the floods of last January. It was with earth, stones, or other debris, but eral manager of the Enamel Brick com- one of the longest bridges supported by his section does not prohibit herding pany, of Cleveland, O., is charged with Linn county and spanned the Santiam stock on the highways so long as there "No-no," calmly replied Louise; "I the embezzlement of \$25,000 of the funds river, connecting this portion of the is no obstruction remaining more than

Clackamas County Valuation. amas county is being doubled by Assessor Nelson, who is at work on the 1903 roll. Assessor Nelson reports that heretofore in this county property has been assessed at not to exceed 35 it is being listed at double the former under this plan will be about the same, since it will be cut down in pro

portion to the increase in the property valuations.

Insane Asylum Report The report of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the state insane asylum, for April shows the number of patients 30, 1,298. Number of officers and employes, 160; expenditures for articles nsumed, \$7,749.41; pay roll, \$6.064.-66; Cost of maintenance per capita per month, \$10.66; per day, 35 cents.

Julius O. Mack, one of the best known residents of Eastern Oregon, died at his home at The Dalles Sunday afternoon, after a short illness, from pneumonia. Mr. Mack was about 50 years of age.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@71c; valley, 75@76c.

Barley-Feed, \$21.50 per ton: brew-

Flour-Best grades, \$3.95@4.25; graham, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs-Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop,

Oats - No. 1 white, \$1.51@1.20; grav, \$11.21/2@1.15 per cental. Hay-Timothy, \$13@13.50; clover,

\$10@11; cheat, \$11@12 per ton. Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 50c per sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12c young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 161/2@

ory prices, 1@1%c: less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 22c pound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@221/c;

Eggs -16@17c per dozen. Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound. Woll-Valley 1214@15; Eastern Oregon, 8@14; mohair, 35@36c. Beef - Gross, cows, 31/4@4c

Veal-8@8 %c. Mutton-Gross, 7@71/2c per pound; dressed, 8@9c. Lambs-Gross, 4c per pound; dressed,

Hogs-Gross, 7@ 1/27c per

NEW WAR POLIC

GREAT BPITAIN PROCLAIMS MONR DOCTRINE OF HER OWN.

Coast of the Persian Gulf the Basis of It Encroachment by Any Foreign Powe Will Be Resisted - Protection of Se Route to India Necessary to Predom inance of British Interests. London, May 8 .- Foreign Secretary

Lansdowne has proclaimed a British Monroe doctrine in the Persian Gulf, and has practically notified the competing powers that any attempt on their part to establish a navy base or fortified post in those waters means war "I say without hesitation," said the

very grave menace to British interests. Lord Lansdowne preceded this explicit enunciation of British policy by

a review of the situation there, as it affected British interests, contending that so far as the navigation of the Persian gult was concerned Great Britpenditure of life and money that the gulf was now open to the commerce of the world, and because the protection of the sea route to India necesssitated British predominance in the gulf. Lord Lansdowne's attitude in this

other powers interested in the gulf are awaited with some anxiety. The newspapers here comment on the analogy of the present proceedings, which Captain Mahan so strongly recommended, to the United States policy of Monroeism. The Westminster Gazette holds that the British motive, namely, the protection of the sea route to India, corresponds exactly with the American motive in excluding European powers from American waters

WILL DELAY CANAL TREATY.

Session of Congress. Washington, May 8 .- The latest advices received indicate that President Marroquin, of Colombia, has almost decided not to ca'l a special session of the Colombian congress to act on the The assessable valuation of all Clack- canal treaty. In the election in progress the opposition continues to gain

majority are so doubtful that President Marroquin seems indisposed to act. The Colombian congress will, however, assemble July 20 in regular sesto make change. No reason is assigned valuations. The amount of the tax sion. At that session the canal treaty might be taken up, but in view of the sentiment existing, much doubt is felt here as to whether it will be acted

and the prospects for a government

The outlook, however, does not discourage the officials here. The United States government has gone so far in its negotiations with Colombia that confidence is felt here that President Marroquin will feel himself bound to carry out the engagements into which he has entered. The Colombian constitution contains a provision enlarging the powers of the executive in case of disturbed conditions, and if there is the slightest sign of for ible opposition to the government or of revolutionary uprising, such as are hinted at in the stories from Kingston, Jamaica, and from Isthmian points, indi ative of a purpose to sever the isthmus from Colombian soverignity, the president may arrogate to himself dictatorial power and go to the length of ratifying the canal treaty without the consent of congress. It he does so, the United States government will sustain the

Coal Trust Admits Charges

title thus acquired.

Chicago, May 8.-In an answer filed in the United States cirucit court today, the Indiana and Illinois coal operators, who were recently made defendants in a case started by the government, admitted that they had been acting for a time under an agreement, but denied that there was any unlawful combination to fix pri es of their product. They declared that the agreement was abandoned before the court proceedings were begun, and that even while it was in force they sold coal below the prevailing market price.

Tonesta, Pa., May 8 .- Standing in a mill pond with the water up to his neck, where he had gone to escape a forest fire, Walter Boyd, part owner of Hat's shingle mill, near Pigeon, was burned to death. A tank of oil exploded and the burning oil covered the man. When the fire swept in from all points the other members of the crew fled in terror, Boyd deciding to remain until the last moment. tank stood on the bank ofthe pond.

Plague Increasing in China.

Washington, May 8 .- The state cepartment to ay re eived a cablegram from United States Consul General Mc-Wade, at Canton, saying that bubonic plague is increasing in Canton, Honan, Shuntak, Yokung and Yuengshan. Famine is raging in Kwang Si, and an Ameri an missionary reports that the body of a victim had been eaten.