

Berler, socialist deputy, was arrested today on charges connected with the Panama scandal. The police seized important papers at the residence of Deputy Nauquet.

Marat has not been arrested owing to illness, but his house is watched.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 30.—An attempt was made last night and early this morning to destroy Altoona, four incendiary fires being kindled in different parts of the city between the hours of 11 and 1:30 o'clock. The prompt work by the fire department alone saved the town from possible destruction. The entire loss will aggregate between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The fires started in widely separated sections of the town among buildings of a dangerously inflammable character. The first fire in a stable was quickly extinguished. At 12:15 an alarm was turned in for fire in the workshop of W. R. Yeates. It was extinguished with slight loss. As the firemen were returning to the stations the lumber storage sheds of M. Poets were ablaze. The storage warehouse of Armour & Co. was damaged \$1,000. Poet's loss was about \$1,500.

At 1:30 this morning a fourth alarm was turned in from the large planing mill of William Stokes. Before the firemen arrived the mill was doomed and all efforts were directed to saving the adjoining sheds, lumber piles and residences. The loss is \$50,000; insurance \$10,000. No clue to the fire bugs has been obtained.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The riders in the six-day go-as-you-please bicycle race this morning showed no more appearance of fatigue than the first day. Schock was about two and a half miles ahead of the record made by Teddy Hale at Madison Square gardens. He has been off his wheel one hour and six minutes. Lawson fell behind as he did not do much sprinting and took longer periods of rest and was delayed thirty minutes by accident. At noon the score was: Schock, 582½ miles; Lawson, 516; Albert, 551; Molden, 500; Cassidy, 444; Rivers, 395; Ford, 283; Mullis, 249.

The score at 3 p. m., Schock, 632; Golden, 530; Riviera, 353; Albert, 558; Cassidy, 438; Lawson, 558; Ford, 319.

GALESBURG, Ill., March 30.—The Onard, Ill., state bank was robbed last night. Entrance was made through the front door. The safe was wrecked with nitro-glycerine. The amount taken is between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The robbers escaped on a bandcar. It was evidently the work of professionals.

John S. Devlin and George S. Sherman of Chicago have been arrested here on suspicion. The bank was insured against loss.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Leading railroad lawyers of New York and Philadelphia will confer today at the office of James O. Carter to see what can be done to save the Joint Traffic association. Among the legal giants who are expected to be present are: Mr. Carter, leading counsel for the big railroad pool; ex-Judge Ashbelgren, representing the West Shore; Frank Loomis, of the New York Central; James A. Logan, of the Pennsylvania; Edward J. Phelps, Frederick C. Couderd and Lewis Cass Ledyard.

It is generally agreed by the lawyers

that the decision of the Supreme Court in the trans-Missouri freight association case is clear and that the Joint Traffic Freight association cannot hope for a different decision in the case now pending. This case was brought by United States District Attorney McFarland who in commenting on it this morning, said: "From a careful reading of the opinion, I cannot see how the lawyers for the Joint Traffic association can expect a favorable decision. The latter association has offended to a greater extent against the Sherman law than did the Western association."

It is understood that the railroad lawyers at their meeting will devote less time to considering the coming Supreme Court fight than to devising some other method of meeting the emergency. Our plan is to ask Congress to make special laws so that pooling may be continued under the influence and direction of the interstate commerce commission. This, it is argued, would enable the commission to prevent discrimination and at the same time enable the railroads to avoid rate cutting. Another plan to be considered is that the association be in relation only to classification of freight. This, it is argued, would not be a restraint of trade and therefore not a violation of the law. With freight properly classified the railroad men think they might be able to maintain rates by verbal arrangement with each other.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Among railroad men the greatest interest attaches to the conference held today of the legal representatives of the Joint Traffic association to discuss the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Transmissouri association. At the close of the conference Mr. Ledyard said it had been decided to join the government and attorney general in an effort to secure an early hearing of the appeal of the joint traffic case. "The attorney general is to make the motion, said Ledyard, 'in the Supreme Court on Thursday to have the case of the United States against the Joint Traffic association heard at the present term. Meantime the Joint Traffic association is advised to continue to act as heretofore, pending the determination of the legality of the organization.'"

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Jim Corbett left this city last night with his trainer, McVey, for Salt Lake where he is booked to give an exhibition on Wednesday evening.

Champion Fitzsimmons will also give an exhibition in Salt Lake on the same evening, and the sporting people are anxious to see how the fighters will draw. The Californian says that he will try and exhibit in every town and city where his successful opponent will appear on his journey through the state.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The schooner Transit just arrived from Honolulu, brings news of a riot among the Japanese coolies employed on the sugar plantation on the Island of Maui on the 13th inst. Three hundred Japanese stoned one of their number to death and afterward beat his body to a pulp with clubs. The murdered man was an interpreter by the name of Kawata. He was accused of wrong-doing in regard to money in-

trusted to him and for overcharging them for services rendered as interpreter.

A number of white men tried to preserve order and save Kawata's life, but they were too few to cope with the crowd and were compelled to flee to save their own lives.

As the news of the murder arrived Sheriff Scott and Daw, with a number of armed deputies visited the plantation and though many threats were made by the Japanese, four of the ringleaders were arrested and taken to the jail at Wailuku. The coolies planned an assault on the jail but before the mob reached it, the sheriffs were notified and they called upon the citizens' guard for assistance. The guard and a number of volunteers turned out to protect the jail. The Japanese were ordered to return to the plantation immediately with the alternative of being fired upon within five minutes. They slowly dispersed and went back to their huts, but it is believed that had not the strong stand been made the wild band of coolies would have destroyed the jail and over run the northern part of Maui.

NEW YORK, March 30.—It is probable that Col. Mosby, the famous guerilla chieftain of the late war, will ride side by side with Gen. Grenville M. Dodge at the head of the Grant monument inaugural parade, as aide-de-camp, representing the late Confederacy.

Col. Mosby was a close friend of Gen. Grant after the close of the war and when he became President Gen. Grant appointed Col. Mosby to a Chinese mission. He became a Republican leader in Virginia. He now lives in California.

LONDON, March 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Salonica says: Within a few days Edhem Pasha, (the Turkish commander on the Greek frontier) will have under his command 100,000 men.

I am especially struck with the rapid strides the Turkish organization has made within the last years in regard to military railways and hospitals. Within a month 152 trains have traversed Salonica.

Thirty torpedoes have been laid across the bay from Cape Kara. The large supply of ammunition here and at Constantinople is being supplemented by German consignments.

LONDON, March 30.—The special correspondent of the Times at Salonica says that everything indicates that the situation is becoming more and more critical. Fifty thousand men are now encamped at and Ellassona, and there are 300 Krupp guns between Ellassona and Arden.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch to the Mail from Larissa today says that the soldiers there are being armed with rifles and ammunition. It is no uncommon sight to see bands of 13 and 14 fully equipped.

The Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent, Mr. Norman, says today that he has from a reliable source that Emperor William has offered to the sultan the services of General Von Goltz and of other German officers if the Turkish government desires to avail itself of them in the difficulty with Greece.

The Greek force has no fortified lines in Thessaly. The Greeks seem