

Pacific has given notice that it will equalize the rates and make those from the Missouri river the same as those from St. Paul. The Burlington & Missouri at once gave notice that it would make the same rate, and put the reduction into effect on October 10. A meeting of all interested lines will be held here tomorrow to consider the matter. It is thought the reduction in Montana rates from the Missouri may bring about a reduction in Utah rates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—The treasury department has received through the secretary of state and the Spanish minister the substance of a telegram from the Spanish consul at Key West, stating in effect that another filibustering expedition is fitting out at Pine Reef, one of Florida Keys.

The Cincinnati is said to be at Key West and Woodall is about to start from New Orleans conveying the party.

Childs, probably now at Key West, is preparing to sail. Assistant Secretary Wike has sent telegraphic copies of the Spanish minister's note to the collectors of customs at New Orleans, Key West and Tampa, with instructions for them to consult the U. S. attorney and officers of the nearest revenue cutters, with a view of preventing the violation of the neutrality laws of the United States.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 9.—The U. S. circuit court, besides confirming the appointment of A. F. Burleigh as receiver of the Northern Pacific railway, has appointed Edwin Bonner of Missoula, and Captain J. H. Mills, of Deer Lodge, receiver for the Montana district.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—A special to the Herald from Berlin says:

A person at court who is exceedingly well informed in diplomatic affairs, and as regards the views of the emperor, made the following statement to me:

"Our position in Europe becomes more and more enviable and one would be blind not to see it. France is held in check by Russia's Asiatic policy. Russia's most important and most urgent object is the paralyzing of the new great Asiatic power, namely, Japan, with whom she must sooner or later clash arms.

"What would become of Russia should she not be friendly with Germany during this engagement for life or death? She is therefore absolutely forced to cultivate a good understanding with us. It is a matter of necessity which causes this attitude.

"As to England she is also obliged to make us important concessions should she desire our support in the questions in which we have interest.

"This situation constitutes a great advantage. From our point of view it enables us to maintain the European peace, for this is necessary for our normal interior development. At the same time it gives us a good opportunity for imparting impulse to our interests outside of Europe.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 9.—A fire, soon after midnight, in a tenement house, 536 west, Sixth street, burned to death Mary Holmes, sixty years old; little Raphael Davis, the four-year-old son of the janitress, was fatally burned.

Mrs. Pendery, daughter of Mrs.

Holmes, had just arrived from New York, where she is known to the stage as May Edwards. She was carried from the fourth floor prostrated and painfully burned about her face and neck. Her sick sister, Miss Mamie Pontzo, was rescued, unable to speak. Within an hour all the inmates had been removed. The following are badly burned:

Mrs. Emma Davis, age 130; Theresa Lang, 30; Johnny Davis, 6 years; Ida Minnowsky, a baby. The fire was caused by hot ashes in a barrel near the back stairway on the first floor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 9.—A correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, of Blagovitchensk, the capital of the Amergov government in Russian Asia, says advices from Japan announce that the anti-European party seriously is agitating against the decision of the Japanese government to evacuate the Liao Tung peninsula, declaring the evacuation will cause political complications of a grave nature.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—"Shall the United States annex Cuba?"

This was the real question earnestly discussed last night at the quarterly meeting and dinner of the Union League club, under the formally announced subject:

"Shall the policy of the United States be to extend its dominion?"

The selected speakers were Azel F. Hatch, in the affirmative; Congressman Edward D. Cooke, in the negative; Harry Rubens, in the affirmative, and William E. Mason, in the negative.

The discussion took a wide range and the desirability of absorbing Canada, Mexico and Hawaii was discussed, but the matter dwelt on the most earnestly was the annexation of Cuba, which was interestingly and learnedly handled by some of the speakers.

Mr. Hatch was in favor of extension in order that the market might be enlarged. If Hawaii wanted to raise the flag, the country ought to take advantage of it. The Nicaraguan canal should be aided and the United States should become the envy of the world.

Mr. Cooke on the other hand spoke of the "just for territorial gain," and called it "a colossal crime." Social and political reform, he thought, should engage the attention of Americans. He took up Canada, Mexico, Hawaii and Cuba, and to the question "Shall they be annexed," he returned an emphatic "N." They should be aided in maintaining independent republican governments, he said, but not annexed.

The meeting was largely attended by representative citizens.

LA PORTE, Ind., Oct. 14.—Abram Rhimes, of Fulton county, has applied for his eighth divorce. He is 70 years of age. His matrimonial career had its inception March 21, 1876, when he was married to Miss Emiline Gandy, who obtained a divorce November 14, 1881, on the ground of cruel treatment.

Rhimes remained single two years when he married Miss Martha Robbles. He experienced eleven months of marital discord and in February, 1884, was granted a divorce, reciting that he had been maltreated.

November 22, 1884, Rhimes was wedded to Miss Samantha Rengel,

and the divorce court annulled the marriage April 14, 1885, his wife's temper being the basis of his petition.

On January 5, 1887, Rhimes found peace of mind in an alliance with Miss Layina Straw, but again the divorce court recorded the story of domestic infelicity.

Miss Anna Rowland became wife No. 5, and peace and happiness reigned for upward of a year. April 5, 1889, Rhimes was again divorced, and on July 14, 1890, tried it again, Miss Sarah Overtree being the bride. Two years later the husband secured a divorce on the plea that his wife had attacked him with a pair of scissors.

Miss Racael Magnum was next wooed and won, their wedding taking place March 23, 1893. He was divorced from her September 18, 1894. Rhimes repented of the action and on March 25, 1895, he again married Miss Magnum, who was his last and eighth wife. They quarreled but the court refused the much married husband a divorce. Rhimes is determined to secure a decree and he has gone to Michigan to acquire a residence where he will seek to annul the tie.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The report of Agent Wisdom regarding the prevention of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight in Indian Territory, has been received at the Indian office and is satisfactory. It is said by the officials that there is no danger of the fight taking place in that territory.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Harry Davis, who has for four years been a professional hypnotic subject, has made the declaration publicly that hypnotism is a fraud, and has issued a challenge to all professors of that science to meet him in public at any time or place, Davis agreeing to obey any instructions given him and defying any professor to hypnotize him. Davis, who is but 23 years old, has lived in Chicago for seven years, and during the last four has appeared in hundreds of public and private exhibitions of so-called professors of hypnotism. He has undergone every alleged test known to the profession and the details of these have appeared in newspapers and medical journals, not only in this country, but in Europe. Despite these facts the young man asserts that he has never been hypnotized and declares himself capable of performing and explaining any "test" known to the world.

Davis is perfectly earnest in his desire to expose hypnotism, which he says he realizes has become more than a mere amusement. He explains a number of so-called tests and among others referred to his famous hypnotic sleep of seven days recently, in a north side theater. He says:

"Three of us took turns sleeping in that bed. We took the janitor of the theater into the deal the first night and the next night the watchman. I was down town every day that week while the people supposed I was sleeping in the theater."

Great interest attached to the promised expose from the fact that a number of prominent persons are alleged to have been "taken in" by professors or teachers of hypnotism.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Annie Walker, of Guelph, Ont., who is said at one time to have been the wife of Senator McIntyre, of Virginia, lies in a West Side boarding house in a pre-