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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

few lines of type, beginning with the word "wanted," will bring changes, untangle tangles and solve riddles in your daily life.

DEFENDS MOTHER; SLAYS FATHER.

Sensational and Shocking Case Of Brutality and Patricide At Ogden.

VICTIM IS JOSEPH CHECKETTS

Scene of Murder Was Family Home Where There Had Been Domestic Trouble for Years.

Perpetrator of the Deed is an Eighteen Year Old Boy Who is Now Held for Murder.

(Special to the "News,")

Ogden, Feb. 28 .- A father lies dead on a slab in the morgue; a mother is suffering from a frightful wound in the head; a son is in jail charged with the murder of his father, and a home is filled with grief over a terrible tragedy which occurred here this morning about

SON INTERFERED.

The man who was killed was Joseph Checketts, a stationary engineer, 58 years of age. The woman who was slashed by a butcher knife is Mrs. Checketts, and her 18-year-old son Frank, is the person charged with murder. The scene of the tragedy was the family home, 131 Thirtieth

CAUSE OF TROUBLE.

Although trouble had been brewing in the family for years, due, it is said, to the ugly habits and disposition of the head of the family, the incidents which culminated in the death of Checketts occurred Monday night. On that night a party was given at the Checketts home to some young folks in the neighborhood. Mr. Checketts came home in an intoxicated condition and began to abuse his children and create a disturbance generally. His daughter Eva remonstrated with him and this made him more angry than

THREATENED DAUGHTER.

Yesterday afternoon he went to his home and was apparently in the same ugly mood. He threatened to kill his daughter and then went away, presumably to secure more drink. About 5 o'clock he returned and again terrorized the family. About midnight the children to bed and threatened violence if any of them got

USED BUTCHER KNIFE.

It seems that for some time he and his wife have been occupying separate rooms. Checketts called to his wife and the two engaged in an animated conversation. The children heard their father enter their mother's room, and then followed a scream and the sound of scuffling. The enraged man had secured a sharp butcher knife and was bent upon murder. Seizing his wife by the hair he slashed at her with the knife, cutting a deep gash in her head just above the left ear.

THE FATAL WARNING.

By this time the boy Frank was aroused. Seizing a 38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, he rushed into the room to save his mother. "Drop that knife and let mother

alone or I'll kill you" he said to his maddened father. The enraged man let go of his wife and with a howl of rage rushed upon his ton. Dropping the bloody knife he grabbed his son with his right hand and with the left attempted to take possession of the revolver. Young Checketts was too quick for him, however, and quickly raising the weapon he fired. Without so much as a groan, the father sank to the floor dead. The bullet entered the head on the left side and passed clear through the

ARRIVAL OF THE POLICE.

Young Checketts was perfectly cool and collected. The police were notifled and Sergt. Chambers and Officer Morrissey hurried to the bloody scene. Upon their arrival they found the young man waiting. He quietly told the officers what had happened and turned over to them the gun, and the knife from which the blood from Mrs. Checketts dripped.

THE WOUNDED WIFE.

A physician was called to attend to the injured woman and found a gash in her head nearly four inches long. This was sewed up and some minor wounds were attended to. While the cut is a dangerous one, it is believed

that the woman will recover. DELIBERATE, SAYS SISTER.

When the officers asked young Check-Mis for a statement, he detailed the actounts as given herewith. He admitted that he shot his father in order to protect his mother, and it is said that Eva Checketts told the officers that her prother deliberately killed their father.

NEIGHBORS NOT SURPRISED. That Checketts has been killed does sot surprise people in the neighborhood who were familiar with the man's habits for the past several years. It is

been most brutal to his wife and family for years, and that it had been almost a regular thing for him to come home drunk and beat and kick his wife. REVOLVER AND KNIFE.

The officers are now in possession of the revolver and knife which figured in the tragedy, and they have the statement of young Checketts. It is quite likely that an inquest will be held, and that a complaint will be filed against the prisoner, although the feeling is one of sympathy for him, and persons have not been reluctant to say that Checketts deserved his fate, terrible though

ANDREW S. LOW DEAD.

Well Known and Respected Employe Of Z. C. M. I. Died This Morning.

The many friends of Andrew S Low, 539 Bridport street, who has been employed as a traveling man for the Z. C. M. I. for about 25 years, will be

Z. C. M. I. for about 25 years, will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred at 10:15 this morning, caused by apoplexy with which he was seized at about 9 o'clock last night.

Mr. Low was at work as usual yesterday, and when he went home last evening he was in his usual robust health, and remarked that he never felt better in his life. He ate his evening meal, with his wife and two children, and there was not the slightest sign of illness.

About nine o'clock he was seized with apoplexy and his conditon at once became dangerous. Physicians wer summoned and did all in their power for the stricken man but were unable to save him.

Mr. Low was 44 years of age. He

Mr. Low was 44 years of age. He has lived in Salt Lake for many years and was well known and highly respected. His fellow employes say he was a man of generous disposition and broad minded. His family is almost prostrated over the deep affliction that has befallen them.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but it is believed it will not be held before Sunday, as some of his relatives are in the north and have been notified of the unfortunate occurrence. A sister to Mr. Low, Mrs. Rich of Ogden, came down last evening and was at her brother's bedside when the end came

PROBATION OFFICERS.

A Number of Them Named by the Four District Judges.

The four judges of the district court today appointed probation officers for the two school districts of the county upon the recommendation of the boards of education of the districts. For the Jordan district the following officers were appointed: E. E. Dud-ley and Atha Williams, Bingham; J. A. Rees and B. C. Ward, Sandy; J. R. Rawlins and Thomas Vawdry of Dra-per; C. I. Goff, East Jerdan; Samuel Howard, Riverton; T. F. Greenwood, Union.

Union.

For the Granite district the following were named: B. W. Ashton, Forest Dale; Preston D. Richards, Sugar, and E. S. Sheets. The probation officers will look after the trugants in the county schools and will serve without pay from the state or county.

FINE ART EXHIBIT.

Laudable Enterprise Launched by Ladies' Literary Club.

Another laudable enterpise has been launched by the Home and Education section of the Ladies' Literary club in the collection and display of some notable representations of the best art of the world in the form of reproductions in photogravure, engraving, etc., of masterpieces in art, the aim being to foster in the schools an interest and appreciation of the best in art. The display opened last night at the clubhouse, and a program of music and recitation was given by Mrs. E. P. Moore, Mrs. Harry Ganz and Mrs. John Reed. A public reception will be given on Thursday night at which a program will be rendered by Miss Edyth Ellerbeck, Dr. Benjamin Young and Mr. Will Sibley.

The pictures will be on exhibition afternoons during the week. tion of the Ladies' Literary club in the

GUARDING ORCHARD.

Idaho Authorities More Particular About Him Than Other Prisoners.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 28,-Atty, Fred Miller, who was employed some weeks ago as counsel for Harry Orchard, today secured an order from Judge Smith, who will try the Steunenberg case at Caldwell, permitting him to see his client. When the lawyer went to the penitentiary this morning he was put off by the warden until this afternoon. Mr. Miller expresses doubt that Orchard's confession implicates the Western Federation of Miners, but says that if such a statement has been made he expects to learn the exact facts by seeing Orchard. He hopes in this manner to ascertain what the de-fense must meet. The prosecution. for reasons known only to themselves are guarding the prisoner Orchard more closely than any of the other

men under arrest in this case.

Floyd Thompson, representative of the Colorado Mine Owners' association, who is here from Cripple Creek, is said to want the prisoner Vincent St. John in connection with the murder of Arthur Collins at Telluride. Detective McParland has stated that St. John is not implicated in the Steunenberg assassination by Or-chard's confession. It is stated that St. John will be taken to Colorado

SAN DOMINGO TREATY TO BE REPORTED FAVORABLY.

Washington, Feb. 28,-The senate committee on foreign relations today by a party vote agreed to favorably re port the San Domingo treaty. A numher of amendments were made to the treaty before it was reported.

CASTELLANE CASE PUT OVER.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Suit brought by Countess Boni De Castellane (formerly Anna Gould) against her husband for a separation, was reached today upon the docket of the first tribunal of the Seine, but the court adjourned the case for a fortnight, when a date for the hearing will be fixed.

IRON WORKERS' CONVENTION.

its for the past several years. It is said that for a long time the police have had a great deal of trouble with alm. When he got drunk he became rery victous, and was saved from prospection several times by his family.

It is claimed here that Checketts has

NO LIVES WERE LOST IN THE RIOT

Springfield, O., Succeeded By Ordinary Quiet.

STATE MILITIA IN CONTROL.

A Number of Negro Houses Destroyed, Many Negroes Fleeing From

Springfield, O., Feb. 28 .- The excitement following last night's riot subsided with the dawn and the city is enjoying its ordinary quiet this morn-

The district known as "The Jungles" is in charge of the militia under command of Maj. Morace Keifer. No lives were lost in the riot. The result of the mob's work was the destruction of six negro houses, one saloon and the damaging of several others. The casualties are the injuring of Sergeant of Police Creger, who was hit with a rock. His injury is not serious. A

young man named Beltz is also in-jured, though not seriously.

No further trouble is expected.

As long as the militia is on the gound all the saloons in this city will be kept closed. They all closed prompt-ly at 9 o'clock last evening by order of the mayor and have been the mayor and have been so ever

Martin Davis, who was shot night before last by two negroes whose ac-tion was the cause of last night's trou-ble, is barely alive. Adjt.-Gen. Hughes and Col. Critch-field arrived here this morning and held a confernce with Mayor James M. Todd. The mayor told them that he did not expect any serious trouble to-

night owing to the fact that the sol-diers are on duty. These officers will return to Columbus. The Kenla and Uurbana companies and two local companies of the Third regiment of the Ohio national guard are on duty in the "Jungles" and at other points where trouble might occur. There are about 200 soldiers here.

Dayton's soldiers are in its armory

awaiting an order to move. Unless further trouble developes, however, they will not come to this city.

After midnight the militia patrolled "The Jungles," where the burning occurred, and kept the stragglers of the mob hack The sense the first stragglers. mob back. The scenes here today were similar to those of two years ago, March 7, when the lynching and riot

occurred.

But few arrests were made last night. William Nunley was charged with rioting and John L. Coleman, president of the Clark County Liquor league, was placed in jail for refusing to keep his saloon closed. Coleman is one of the most prominent liquor, men in the city.

and head of a brewing company.
"The Jungles" is a name given to a
district on East Monroe street, where located and frequented by negroes. Six or seven of these joints were wiped out last night by the mob with a torch. The most infamous place was literally torn to pieces and burned half down by the rioters. This shack will be torn down. Many negroes are fleeing from the ity. It is estimated that 100 negroes have left since last night.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH TESTS.

To be Made by Officers in Charge of Naval Stations.

New York, Feb. 28 .- Wireless telegraph tests are to be made during the next 30 days by the officers in charge of the stations established by the navy department to determine if possible, the many failures to receive and to send messages at sunrise and sun-set. Repeated tests have shown this to be the case, and it is said that the navy operators were the first to make discovery of this strange and important phenomenon.

Just why the power of the wireless apparatus and the sound waves should be at the lowest ebb at sunset or at sunrise, operators say may not be difficult to ascertain, for it has long been known that messages can be long been known that messages can be sent by the system at night 40 per cent better than in the day time, and especially when the sun is shining. There is what is termed frictional dissipation of energy in transmission by day. It is also known that foggy weather is more favorable for sending and receiving wireless messages than clear weather, so naval officers familiar with electrical subjects believe they will soon be able to locate and remedy the alleged defect at surrise and sunset.

Commander Thomas W. Ryan and Lieut. Jackson, U. S. N., who are in charge of the wireless equipment at the Brooklyn navy yard, intend to make tests at once.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Thos. Dettman Kills Brother-in-Law

And Then Commits Suicide. And Then Commits Suicide.

New York, Feb. 28.—Thomas Dettman teday shot and killed his brother-in-law, Thomas Fennen, during a quarrel over the death of Fennen's young wife. Dettman's sister, whose body at the time of the shooting lay awaiting burial in the adjoining room in the same house. Dettman then put a bullet into his own head, dying instantly.

The tragedy occurred in Fennen's home in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. Dettman had come to attend the funeral and quarreled with his brother-in-law over a surgical operation which had resulted in Mrs. Fennen's death.

TO TRANSPORT ANARCHIST.

San Francisco, Feb. 28 .-- United San Francisco, Feb. 28.—United States Immigrant Inspector Thomas M. Crawford will leave for New York to-night with Benedette Tordini, an Ital-lan anarchist who is to be sent home to Italy by order of the secretary of the department of commerce and la-

Benedetto served 10 years in the penitentiary of this state for burning a warehouse at Petaluma. After his release he went to Italy, where he was release he went to Italy, where he was imprisoned for carrying concealed weapons. When released he returned to Petaluma with the avowed purpose of murdering the officers who had arrested him for arson. He has been confined in the fail at Santa Rosa for several months. He openly declared himself to be an anarchist and in answer to a question said that he in answer to a question said that he would as soon kill the president of the United States as any other man.

FACED DEATH FOR MANY HOURS.

Grant Had a Terrible Experience.

HALF FROZEN WHEN RESCUED.

Looked as Though Would Have to Take to the Rigging When Relief Came.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22 .- After a harrowing night on the deck of their vessel with the life savers on shore unable to reach them either by life boat or breeches buoy, and with death staring them in the face for several hours. the crew of the four-masted schooner George M. Grang from Brunswice, Ga., to Perthamboy N. J., lumber-laden, went ashore at Cape Henry, were rescued today by the Norfolk tug Jack Twohey, which started at once to Norfolk with the skipwrecked men.

Conditions grew worse on the Grant as the hours passed, and just before the arrival of the Twohey it looked as if the schooner's crew, already half if the schooner's crew, already half frozen, would have to take to the riggings to save themselves,

Immediately after the rescue of the Grant's crew, her decks became awash and the schooner soon sank.

Her cargo remains intact as yet, but

the conditions on the coast are still severe, and the indications are that the vessel will be a total loss.

The three-masted schooner John A. Beckerman, in collision with the Norfolk and Washington, outward bound steemer in Hardren Reads last usely. steamer in Hardton Roads last night, was this morring towed to Norfolk and ran aground to prevent her sink-

ing.
The New York steamer Anne, which gol aground in the outer harbor after sailing from Norfolk last evening, was floated apparently uninjured today and proceeded.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH.

Rumors of His Illness Denounced as Malicions Inventions.

Vienna. Feb. 2.—Dr. Ott. King Edward's Mariebad 1 sysician, has taken the occasion of his return from his visit to England to publicy deny the rumors of the king's illness. These Dr. Ott declares, are mallelous inventions possibly traceable to political notives. He says King Edward was never in better health than at present.

FOREST RANGERS FOR UTAH AND IDAHO.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.-Senator Smoot today introduced his proposed is designed to extend the limits of the State of Utah over that portion of Arlzona along the Grand canyon, common ly descirbed as the Arizona strip. The senator also introduced a bill to reim senator also introduced a bill to reimburse George W. Young, postmaster at Wanship, in the sum of \$163, value of postage stamps stolen from his safe. Chief Forester Pinchot has appointed the followin grangers for forest reserves in Utah and Idaho: Lester Lewis, St. Anthony, Ida.; Thomas Watson, Rea, Ida.; O. F. Harris, Beaver, Utah; T. C. Hoyt, Kanab, Utah; William Hoyt, Beaver; W. M. Smith, Murray, Utah; A. M. Anderson, Kamas, Utah; W. McCoy and Emil Grandison, Ketchum; B. L. Biggs, J. M. Anderson, J. M. Jorgens, Council, Ida; J. F. Bach, Oakley, Ida.; David Laing, Yellow J. M. Jorgens, Council, Ida; J. F. Bach, Oakley, Ida; David Laing, Yellow Jacket, Ida; Karl Imes, American Falls, Ida; D. J. Denham, James Gar-rison and A. H. Jamieson, Korskia, Ida; M. J. Derant, Kimah; U. C. Hogge, Kibbon: Foster Steele, St. An-thony: E. H. Eutledge, Middleton, Ida; thony; R. H. Rutledge, Middleton, Ida. Ernest Winkler, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

DEAD BABY BOY FOUND IN A DITCH

Hapless Infant Picked up by Detectives and Taken to the Morgue.

CORONER IS INVESTIGATING.

Nothing Known as to Parentage of Murdered Babe-Remains Presented A Gruesome Spectacle.

Wrapped in a dirty piece of coarse blanket, there lies at the Evan's untertaking establishment the body of a baby boy, the silent evidence of sin and shame on the part of some yet unknown creatures. There is no clue to present as to who perpetrated the physical property of the property blanket, there lies at the Evan's undertaking establishment the body of a baby boy, the silent evidence of sin and shame on the part of some yet unknown creatures. There is no clue at present as to who perpetrated the inhuman act that resulted in the babe's

The police authorities were notified this morning that the body of an infant had been found in a ditch near the corner of Fourth South and Third West streets. Detectives Shannon and Wilson quickly repaired to the spot, where they found gathered forty or fifty people around the place where the gruesome discovery had been made. It was soon ascertained that the remains were those of a fully developed male child, and while the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition it is not believed that it bore any marks of violence, though it was im-possible to determine this definitely. Coroner Dana T. Smith is making a thorough investigation of the finding of the little one, and of such meager de-tails as are obtainable, and no pains will be spared to find out who is re-sponsible for the crime. No inquest will be held, but the body will be kept the morgue pending developments

UNCLE SAM AFTER THE PORTE AGAIN

Excitement Following Trouble in Crew of the Schooner George M. | Wants Same Recognition for American Schools as that Accorded Other Schools.

WAS PROMISED IN AUGUST '04.

Also Pressing for Refund of Duties Paid on Consignments of Educational Material

Constantinople, Feb. 28,-The necessity for prompt official recognition of the demand that the American scholastic institutes in Beirut, Syria. and elsewhere be entitled to identical treatment with the schools of other nationalities is being urgently impressed on the porte by the American legation. Recognition was promised on the occasion of the American naval demonstration in August, 1904, but it has not yet been officially promulgated. In some quarters the impending visit of Rear Admiral Sigsbee's squadron to Beirut is connected with this question, but the legation points out that the war ships will only remain three days at Beirut, their visiting being part of the ordinary program of the squadron for its cruise in the Mediterrangan. iterranean.

The legation is also pressing the porte to refund the customs duties paid under protest on consignments of educational material destined for the American schools, as it is recognized that these establishments are entitled to import such articles free of duty.

MISSOURI OUSTER **PROCEEDINGS**

Okiahoma City, Okla., Feb. 28.— John Burrows, testifying here in the Missouri ouster proceedings, said that while in its employ he was sent to Mississippi by the Waters-Pierce Oil company to attend to its turpentine, rosin and naval stores business. Judge

rosin and haval stores business. Judge Johnson for the defense asked:
"Who sent you?"
"The Waters-Pierce company and the Standard."
"Who got the goods?"
"The same companies."
"What was the purpose of your visit?"

To see all the turpentine refiners and buy up the product."
"Where was it shipped?"
"To the Standard Oil company and

the Waters-Pierce."
"How do you know it was shipped to the Standard Oil company?" "Because I paid the freight bills for J. A. Brown, ex-agent of the Waters-Pierce company at Newkirk, Okla., testified that he had orders never to sell any oil in Kansas, though some of the Kansas towns were only eight miles distant. He also said that all of the oil received at his station came

from the Whiting refinery for the Standard. All of the oil which was sold by him had the Standard brands on it. E. T. Hathaway, for 24 years manager of this division for the Waters-Pierce company, when asked as to re-lations between the Standard company and the Waters-Pierce company declined to answer on advice of coun-

CHINESE SITUATION DOESN'T WORRY NEW YORK BANKS.

New York, Feb. 23.—Banking institutions in this city doing business in China express no apprehension over the disquieting news from the empire telling of riots. It is not believed by well advised persons here that the uprisings which they say were local disturbances will become general.

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The International Banking corporation, doing an extensive business with China, received a cable dispatch from its representative at Shanghal, saying that no general disturbance is feared. An official of the company said that he believed that the present troubles were caused by the concillatory policy of the United States to ward China. Continuing, he said:

"But as for any danger of a repetition of an uprising such as occurred in 1900, it is not possible. I have my family now at Shanghal, not far from the secre of trouble, and I have not the least fear for their safety. These riots are merely local affairs. The Chinese government realizes the importance of preventing any general uprising, which is really a case of self-preservation. Then, too, there are still stationed in the north of China, British, German and French troubs, who have been there since the Boxer troubles and have remained as a matter of precaution. Each country has a regiment there. Business with China goes on uninterrupted."

DESPERADO CONFESSES.

Tells of Plot to Kill Jailer and Escape From Elko County Jail.

Reno. Nev., Feb. 28.-Wesley Gordon one of the three desperadoes who have been trying to break out from the coun-ty jail at Elko, has made a sensational confession following a third effort to escape. The third attempt at a delivery

powered them and chained them to the Gordon says that he and his two

companions, Sterling and Watson, were furnished with files, knives and gunpowder by a trusty. That guns were planted outside the jail and that after planted outside the jail and that after killing the jailor they intended to break for the hills and kill any one who might pursue them. With the powder they had blown their heavy steel "Oregon boots" to pieces and with the saws had removed their handcuffs. The trusty remoyed their handcuns. The trusty will be held to the grand jury. The negro Gorden said that several lives would have been lost had the plot been successful.

MRS. F. A. BURDEN SEEKS TO ENJOIN ANDREW CARNEGIE.

residence, with a frontage on Ninety-The complaint filed with a lis pendens in the county clerks office yesterday, recites that five years ago, when Carnegie acquired the corner of Ninety-first street and Fifth avenue, with a frontage on the avenue, he opened negotiations with Mr. Sloane, who owned the adjoining plot on the street side, for the purchase of a few feet more of that frontage.

An agreement was then arrived at, the complaint relates, by which Mr. Sloane sold the desired feet to Mr. Carnegie on Mr. Carnegie's agreement to sell the plot, should he decide to do so, only to a single purchaserfi who would covenant to erect a handsome private residence thereon. residence thereon.

In consideration of this Mrs. Burden agreed to erect on the adjoining property, conveyed to her by her father, a fine private residence as her own, with a western elevation of limestone.

A few days ago Mrs. Burden alleges she learned that Mr. Carnegie's broker had contracted to sell the plot adjoining her home on the Fifth avenue side to Lloyd S. Brice and that the latter had practically completed arrange-ments for the erection on it of a house, a wall of which will be right up against an elevation of the Burden house. The building of such a house, it is said, would not only depreciate the value of the Burden property by the obstruction of the view on that side, but would necessitate the removal of a considerable portion of the elevation. Such a sale, Mrs. Burden complains, is in direct violation of the agreement made five years ago and will deprive her property of the light, air and access to which it is entitled by the covenant of the deed of sale to Mr. Carnegie. She therefore asks the court to enjoin the sale perma-

A DRUNKEN RIOT.

As a Result Two Men Are Dead and Two in Jail at Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Mount Carmel, 111., Feb. 28 .- As the re sult of a drunken riot here last night two men are dead and two others are in jail. C. E. Dodd and J. W. Murphy, while intoxicated, started the trouble by annoying a crowd of passengers in the depot. They were ejected but returned when shooting was begun. Several shots were fired. One men was shot in the mouth and died instantly, another was shot in the head and died within a few hours. The dead men are strangers. Dodd and Murphy were arrested.

LAND CERTIFICATES FORGED.

La Crosse, Wis. Feb. 28.—Frank J. Tolland, who it was announced in a dispatch from Salem, Or., yesterday, has filed certificates for 4500 acres of government land in Oregon, which were found to be forgeries, has issued a public statement in which he denies that the certificates were forgeries and announces his intention to sue the state of Oregon to secure his title to the lands. They are worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

KILLED IN A FIRE PANIC.

New York, Feb. 28 .- A Valparaiso, Chilli, dispatch to the Herald says that on Monday evening a fire started in the San Martin vaudeville theater, in Santiago when the hall was half crowded. A defective electric light ex-ploded behind the scenes, spreading fire to the near-st curtains, and a tew moments later the whole building was in flames.

Four persons are dead and three missing. Only five were injured, but many were half asphyxiated. The fire brigade and a score of citizens did fine

SAMOAN VOLCANO.

It is Still Active, People Going Close To Flow of Lava.

Tutuila, Samoa, Feb. 12, via San Francisco, Feb. 28 .- The volcano on the island of Savai, in German Samos, is still active. The inhabitants of the district of Mantautu have abandoned their homes and traders who resided there have removed all their stores. The flow of lava is slow and people approach quite close to it. Some perapproach quite close to it. Some persons will not leave their houses until they are actually set on fire by the burning lava. As the lava flows into the sea great volumes of steam arise, and the once placid lagoon inside the coral reef is now a mass of hardened lava. The district now being destroyed was one of the richest in the German possessions. The lava is flowing along the coast toward Matauto Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 a. m., to Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 a. m., a distance of 1,130 yards. It has destroyed all of Salago including the home of Mr. Bartley, a well known resident, and is now nearly haif way through Salamid

Saleaula.

The flow comes from underneath the old lava, and raises it up till it is a field some 20 feet high.

The people of Saleaufa, with their personal effects, were taken on board the steamer Maori, and landed at Safotulafal, and the houses and other native effects are being taken away by degrees by hoars from Fasspleiger. degrees by boats from Faasaleleags. At the town of Maleola the lava has stopped running but over half of the town has been destroyed. On Feb. 6 town has been destroyed. On Feb. cano lasting about 10 minutes. Several explosions have occurred evidently caused by accumulations of steam in cavities. These are accompanied by a penetrating odor of sulphur.

There have also been at intervals gushes of steam from innumerable

ents in the lava, preceded by a strong rents in the lava, preceded by a strong hissing noise.

One of the peculiarities of the lava stream is that it presents the appearance of a flat topped wall, and this in spite of the numerous fissures it shows. At night it is most imposing, for then the whole front is one glowing red mass, with innumerable pin points of while fire dotted about it.

mass, with inhumerable pin points of a white fire dotted about it.

A party from the Maori landed at Satupatu to look at the lava at Malbeola, which place was found to be partially destroyed. There seems to be very little doubt that the next fresh flow of lava in that district will reach the coast at Saupau.

During the past three weeks a number of pieces of heavy bridge lumber have been washed up on the southern coast of Tutuila. Some of the logs are charred and show evidence of fire. The copra contract for the whole the copra produced by the natives American Samoa has been awarded to a San Francisco firm. The total amount produced during the past year is over 2.000,000 pounds. The price to be paid by the contractor is \$54 per ton.

ATTORNEY COMMITS SUICIDE. Los Angeles, Feb. 28 .- Charles Ward.

a young attorney, who came here from Boston six weeks ago, shot himself over the herat in his room at the Hotel Treaten early today, and was taken New York, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Florence A.
Burden and her father. Wm. D. Sloane,
have begun action in the supreme court
to enjoin Andrew Carnegle and his real
estate broker from selling to Lloyd S.
Brice the plot adioining Mrs. Burden's

CHINA OFFERS TO DO RIGHT THING.

Willing to Make Reasonable Reparation, Without Question, for Murder of Missionaries.

WILL PUNISH PARTICIPANTS.

Governor of Nan Chang, Province Of Kiang Si, Instructed to This Effect.

American, British and German Gunboats Proceeding to Nearest Possible point to Nan Chang.

Pekin, Feb. 28.-The government has instructed the governor of Nan Chang. province of Kiang Si, where, on Feb. 25, six French Jesuit missionaries and four British subjects were killed, to punish severely all participants in the massaore and declares its willingness to make without question any reasonable reparatton demanded. Many foreigners at Pekin know the governor of Nan Chang and consider him efficient and friendly. They believe his version of the troubles and credit his statement that he was

unable to prevent the disturbance. American, British and German gunboats are proceeding to the nearest possible point to Nan Chang. River navigation is seldom safe beyond Poyang lake. British and German gunboats have been stationed at the lake for the last two years, despite frequent Chinese protests that it was an infringement of China's river regulations.

THE PACKERS' CASE.

Judge Humphrey Declines to Admit Garfield-Durand Correspondence.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Judge Humphrey, presiding in the packers' case, today declined to admit as evidence the correspondence that passed between Commissioner Garfield and Special Agent Durand, while the latter was invetigating the beef inquiry in Chicago. He held that anything that went to showther mental attitude of the packers in the case was admissible, but that the letters were hearsay evidence and would not be competent. be competent.

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The court also urged the attorney's to livelier efforts in the conduct of the case and expressed the hope that "this case will not last until eternity."

The greater part of the forenoon was occupied by the testimony of Mr. Durand.

LARGEST INTERURBAN SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.

Chicago, Feb. 28 .- The Tribune today

says:
Transportation—quick, direct and cheap—is promised to three millions of residents in the territory southeast, south and southwest of Chicago by the proposed construction of the largest interurban traction systems in the world. Entrance to Chicago is to be by an elevated structure built over the Lake Shore and Rock Island rallways. The plans have been perfected and the corporation which will build the lines will be organized within a few days in

will be organized within a few days in New Jersey.

Access to Chicago from all points in northern Indiana and northern Illinois, with the possible extension of the system to Indianapolis and St. Louis is contemplated. In addition a system of electric lines interlacing the whole of this big territory and furnishing connections with every part is projected. nections with every part is projected. Behind the undertaking is said to be large capital. Negotiations which have large capital. Negotiations which have been in progress for several days in New York have been participated in by the Moore brothers, President B. F. Yoakum of the Frisco Railroad sys-tem, and representatives of Robert Mather of the Rock Island helding com-

also is interested in the proposed cor-poration and may be the head of the The capitalization, it is said, will be \$50,000,000, under the name of the Chicago Inter-Urban Terminal Traction

pany. William S. Reed of Chicago, who is president of three of the trac-

tion companies represented in the deal.

tem is the elevated structure over the Lake Shore and Rock Island tracks. This will extend from the La Salle washington Heights. It will be 10 miles long and will constitute the central artery of the system.

In appearance the elevated structure will differ little from the other elevated roads in Chicago, with the exception that it will be higher, being 24 feet in the clear. Stations for the convenience

the clear. Stations for the convenience of residents of the south side will be built at Twenty-second setreet and at intervals of five blocks south.

Cheapness of transportation will be one of the aims of the promoters. The maximum fare on the elevated portion of the system will be fixed at 15 cents and the minimum at five cents. On the interurban divisions of the road the fare will range from 5 to 65 cents.

Allowing a year for the manufacture of the steel, it is estimated that the road will be completed by 1909. The cost of building the entire system is placed at \$6,235,500.

BITUMINOUS COAL OPERATORS' CONFERENCE

Pittsburg. Feb. 28—Before the conference of bituminous coal operators of Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois opened today it was generally conceded that the proposition to grant a 5.55 per cent advance would be laid before the operators and that it would meet with opposition from some of the independent aperators who freely expressed themselves as against granting any increase in wages at this time.

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The conference opened shortly be-The conference opened shortly before noon and all but members of the state committee were excluded. Those present were: Pennsylvania. F. L. Dobbins, John Jones, George A. Mageon; Ohio, J. H. Winder, H. L. Chapman, F. M. Osborn, T. E. Young; Indiana, J. C. Coulsen, A. M. Ogle, J. H. Soiferth, Hugh Sherkil, J. Smith Tally; Illinois, H. M. Taylor, Col. O. Gar-