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TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1905. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

BOILER EXPLODES

Occurred on New York Central, Engineer and Firemen Losing Their Lives.

TRAIN THROWN FROM TRACK.

A Passing Train Stopped So Suddenly That Passengers Were Thrown From Berths.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION UNKNOWN.

Probably Never Will be-An Hour Devoted to Extricating the Injured.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 4 .- Two trainmen lost their lives and a score or more of passengers were injured in a wreck on the New York Central railroad at Whitesboro, three miles west of here, at an early hour today. None of the injured was dangerously hurt, their wounds being mainly cuts and bruises. The dead are:

John Allen, engineer. John Brennan, fireman of the locomotive on the western express. As this train was passing the Buffalo special eastbound, the boiler of the locomotive of the westbound train expioded. The force of the explosion and the upheaval of the engine threw the entire train of 13 cars composing the

"special" from the rails. The westbound train did not leave the track, but stopped with a suddenness and shock which threw the occupants of the berths backward with great force, in some cases tossing them out on to the

An hour or more was devoted to extricating passengers from the interior of the westbound train sleeping cars, out while many were found to be cut but while many were found to be cut and bruised, no one was killed. Among the injured was State Su-preme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker of Fredonia. He was severely bruised.

ot until assistance came was the judge able to leave the car, which was resting on its right side with its rear end splintered.

Others injured included the following Walter L. Brown and William J. Robtison of Buffalo and Robert Weila and Sidney J. West of New York. All were not seriously. Dr. Weish of New York, scaip wounds and suffering severely from shock.

Mrs. Bell of Buffalo, wife of superin-

broken and other injuries, not danger-From the fact that Fireman Brenhan was instantly killed and that Engi-neer Allen lived but a few minutes, the cause of the explosion probably will never be known. Both men lived in

The strangest feature of the accident, as it appeared to an onlooker, was that the boiler of the westbound locomotive was resting midway between the rails of the eastbound track at a point where the eastern train had passed. This sugsested the theory to trainmen that oiler had struck the second car of the eastbound train as it rushed by at the rate of 50 miles an hour, the blow causing all the following cars to be burled from the track.

Cold is Moderating.

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—The weather to day in Missouri and Kansas had moderated, while lower temperatures were Arkansas and Texas. While the ten perature at Kansas City was eight de-frees below zero and at Concordia. Kan, 12 below early today, it had risen everal degrees by noon, with prospects of atili warman warman. of still warmer weather by Sunday

Superior, Wis., Feb. 4.—The backbone the lakes in a relentless grip for 60 ours seems to have been broken. The emperature remained stationer below zero throughout the night, and today the local forecaster announced that the rise in the mercury probably would continue during the next 24 hours.

SIXTEEN BELOW AT OMAHA. Omaha, Feb. 4.—The severe cold of the last few days in Nebraska shows little sign of abatement today. Sixteen degrees below is the official reading at the weather bureau this morning. At Norfolk, in the central part of the plate, 27 degrees, below, were in reported.

state, 27 degrees below zero is reported. THIRTEEN BELOW AT TOPEKA. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 4.-Thirteen de-

frees below zero at 8 a. m. was the lemperature according to the government weather bureau service. The day is clear, without wind.

THE WILLIAMS MURDER.

Murderer May be Geo. H. Wood. Iron Structural Contractor,

New York, Feb. 4—A physician who stamined George H. Wood, the iron structural contractor, before he was fiven over to the police last night in connection with the mysterious murder of Groceryman George Williams of ef Groceryman George Williams of Plainfield, N. J., said that while there Plainfield, N. J., said that while there were certain symptoms suggestive of sphasia about Wood, it would require a long and careful examination before the fact that Wood was suffering from the fact that Wood, when tested by the physicians, and at first that he could read the leadine in a newspaper put before him. Later he read the words, with some difficulty. He could write his name without difficulty. Without difficulty.

until recently Wood was engaged with a man named Stevenson in taking contracts for putting up fire escapes and doing other treatments. and doing other from work in this city.

Business troubles are said to have placed him in need of money as he stated in the story of his movements since the day of the murder.

WOOD IS MAN WANTED.

New York, Feb. 4.—George H. Wood, ha iron worker who was arrested here ast night as a suspect in the Plainfield.

N. J., sleigh murder mystery, has been dentified by the Plainfield officers as he man for whom they have been tearching.

AN INSURRECTION BREAKS OUT IN ARCENTINA

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Feb. 4.-Ar insurrection has broken out in this province. Several police posts have been attacked by bands of about 30 men each, but the assailants nerly every-

where were repulsed.
Two posts which were surprised were recaptured by the police. An attack on th arsenal was also repelled. It is rumored that two regiments of troops have mutinled and are marching on

The Argentine government which appears to have been acquainted with the plans of the leaders of the plot has complete control of the situation.

As a result of the insurrectionary movement which broke out last night not only here, but in other cities of Argentina, the government has issued a

and has ordered the mobilization of the national guard.

possible that Germany should advise or suggest peace without an invitation from both belligerents. The realities of the situation now preclude the European powers from offering to mediate as they did in the case of President Roosevelt two months ago.

A STRANGE DEED.

New York, Feb. 4 .- Charles I. Steel, New York, Feb. 4.—Charles I. Steel, a wealthy retired business man of Bensonhurst, L. I., has shot himself and prohably will die. Steel, two grown daughters and his aged mother were in the midst of a dinner at home, this being his fifty-fifth birthday, when a process server called him to the door and delivered a summons. Steel thanked and delivered a summons. Steel thanked and delivered a summons. Steel thanked the server, conducted him to the door and, returning to the dining room, asked to be excused a moment. With the summons unopened in his hand, he went upstairs to his room. A moment later the people at the table heard a shot, and, rushing up stairs, found Steel shot through the breast. He said he had fired the pistol himself and offered had fired the pistol himself and offered no explanation. When the daughters and aged mother realized what had happened they were almost crazed with grief.

Foundation Nearest the Subway

New York, Feb. 4.—It has been discovered that the foundations of one wing of the city hall have sunk at the point nearest the subway and deep cracks have appeared in the wainscoting of the mayor's room, which occu-ples the west wing of the building.

Borough President Abearn has ordered all work on a sewer tunnel under the city hall to be suspended and that work probably will be abandoned.

The wainscoting of the mayor's re-ception room has cracked in many

tions is apparent.
The point where the wall has settled The point where the wall has settled is the nearest point in the city hall to the subway tunnel. The excavation is only about 10 feet away and lies almost directly below the wide front steps of the city hall. The soil in the vicinity is sandy and offers slight resistance to the vibration caused by the trains.

Kauffman Art Sale.

St. Louis have been sold at auction here

"The Watering Place,"

Temperatures.

Vineyard Sound Frozen Over.

stretches for miles from the island.

Unusual Meteorological Condition

the weather bureau show some ver unusual meteorological conditions throughout the country, particularly the development of an abnormal cold apeil in the north central states despite the absence of any general storm, and this extreme cold has spread through most of the United States during the past four days. A great contrast also has developed between the two sides of the Rocky mountain. West of that range rains have developed to a re-markable degree. The semi-arid re-gions of Arizona and southern California have been visited with almost as much rain in the last 60 hours as they ordinarily receive in a year. The coldest weather of the year has prevailed in the central and eastern districts and in the last 24 hours the snow and sleet have extended almost to the coast line of the east gulf and south Atlantic states. The forecasts do not indicate any decided change to warmer weather during the next 36 hours.

FLOYD STOLLINGS TRIAL He is Charged With the Murder

Of Rose White. Logan, W. Va., Feb 4-The preliminary trial of rloyd Stollings, charged with the murder of Rose White, began today. Ballard Stollings, his brother, and Ballard's wife also were placed on

decree establishing a state of siege for 30 days throughout the whole republic

Waterbury Oathless Club.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—With the declaration that they are shocked at the indulgence of their neighbors in profanity, 50 men of this city are reported to have formed the "Oathless club." Among the members are several merchants. A saloonkeeper is also on the roster. The society purposes to stop, if possible, the use here of all bad language.

Wrong Time to Intervene.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The London report that Emperor William considers this an opportune moment for Great Britain and Germany to join in an effort for peace in the far east is treated by the foreign office here as being merely a variation of an old phantasy quite without semblance of foundation. Russia has given no intimation that she desires peace, and it is deemed here impossible that Germany should advise or

Wealthy Man Served With a

Summons Shoots Himself

NEW YORK CITY HALL.

Has Sunk Some.

places and the sinking of the founda-

New York, Feb. 4.-One hundred and \$176,700. The highest price. \$9,600 paid for "Return From Pasture"

was paid for 'Return From Pasture' by Emile Van Marcke.

Senator William A. Clark of Montana was, a leading buyer, and bid in four important works. Bonnat's "Little Roman Girl," for \$4.100, "Returning from Pasture-Evening" by Anton Maure, for \$7.000 for \$7,300, an unusual example by Corot, "An Italian Malden," for \$4,400, and

Chicago, Feb. 4.—7 a. m. tempera-tures: New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago, 12: Cincinnati and Washington, 6; Boston and St. Louis, 4; Min-neapolis, 12 (below.)

Woodshole, Mass., Feb. 4.-Vineyard Woodshole, Mass., Feb. 4.—Vineyard sound is entirely frozen over for the first time within the memory of the residents of this section. Ice has filled the harbor at Vineyard Haven, the great sheltered port of the island of Marthas Vineyard, for a number of days and today a solid sheet of ice

Washington, Feb. 4.-The reports to

the Elk river have walked out strike, leaving their tools in the wo They object to a new ruling agreed up-on by the lumbermen of this county to charge \$15 for board. More trouble is feared in other camps. The men are not unionized. Hoch Again Remanded. New York, Feb. 4.—Extradition papers for Johann Hoch had not arrived today and the prisoner was again re-manded to police headquarters. Hoch will appear in police court again next Monday. Detective Loftus of Chicago, who came here to get Hoch, said today after the prisoner had been remained, that Supt. of Detectives Shippy will have 14 women at the depot in Chicago when Hoch arrives there, who will attempt to identify the man as their hus-

Boom Towns on the San Pedro Denounced.

J. Ross Clark Says the Unsuspecting Public is Being Swindled by Land Sharks Who Are Gathering in the Golden Sheckels-Probably No Passenger Traffic Before May-Celebration Plan Weeks in the Future.

J. Ross Clark, vice president of the it will be May at the earliest before the depot and has no water on it. All take Route, who arrived from everything is running smoothly. Salt Lake Route, who arrived from the east in his private car this morning. accompanied by General Freight and Passenger Agent Gillett, was informally entertained by the committee of the Commercial club delegated to prepare for the railroad celebration, at lunch this afternoon. The members of the committee present were J. W. Houston, Spencer Clawson, William Igleheart and Fisher S. Harris.

In response to inquiries on the part of the committee, Mr. Clark stated that at the present time there was nothing forthcoming regarding the proposed celebration, as it was somewhat early yet and nothing definite would be decided upon until his brother, President W. A. Clark of the road, arrived here. As Senator Clark is not expected to come west until after Congress ad-journs, it will probably be March 10 be-fere the jollification program is out-Mr. Clark further stated that the road

would not be opened for traffic until it had been thoroughly completed in every sense of the word.

EQUIPMENT COMING. As the road has to be equipped throughout with rolling stock, it will be some time yet. He reported that the last of the order of 51 locomotives had been shipped, and flat cars, box, coal, fivestock cars and cabooses would commence to be received here about the 15th of the month.

The passenger equipment, he said,

would arrive later—just when, he was not prepared to say, but probably along about the beginning of March.

STRINGING SECOND WIRE. In the meantime the telegraph gangs are hard at work stringing the second wire through to Los Angeles. This morning one gang working south from Salt Lake, was reported to be in the vicinity of Lynn Junction; the gang working from the California end is 50 Monday morning a third gang will be put to work at Milford to close up the gap. At the rate they are working they should have the entire line cleaned up in about two weeks.

As yet there is provision to be made

for water on the desert and a number of buildings to be erected along the

While Mr. Clark did not care to say anything for publication as to just when the line was to be opened for traffic, railroad men locally affirm that

trial as accessories. Rose White was the 18-year-old daughter of prominent

the 18-year-old daughter of prominent farmer. She was murdered just before Christmas, her body being mutilated, and her head almost decapitated. When the Stollings brothers were first arrested a mob sought to lynch them,

BOND-HAY TREATY.

Senate Foreign Relations Com-

mittee Authorizes Report.

Washington, Feb. 4.-The senate

washington, Feb. 4.—The senate committee on foreign relations today suthorized a favorable report on the Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty. It was amended in a number of important particulars. The treaty will be reported by Senator Lodge, who has hertofore agreed it.

hertofore opposed it. The amendments meet the objections raised by the New England fishing interests. The treaty provides for reciprocity in products of

ATTACKS STACE PERFORMERS

New York, Feb. 4.- Escaping from a

room in the new Colonial theater,

bear early today during a rehearsal

preparatory to the opening of the the-

ater tonight, rushed on the stage, at-

tacked several of the performers, and

before he was overcome had so severe-

ly bitten and clawed several of them

they had to be taken to their homes.

Miss Libby Blondell and Junie Mc-

Cree were the most severely injured,

As the bear rushed on to the stage he

struck Miss Blondell and knocked her

down. When she fell the bear rolled over her and, enraged by her screams

and attempts to free herself, struck out

drag it away from the actress, but his strength was not sufficient and he,

too, was bitten and deep gashes were cut in his arms and legs by the bear's

the stage that many of them leaped over the footlights into the orchestra. Stage hands and men of the company

secured ropes and finally made a pris-oner of the bear.

The bear is to be used in a wresting act and was thought to be safely in the enge while the rehearsal was in progress. Owing to the injuries sustained by the principal members of the

company the theater will not be opened

Loggers Go on Strike.

Eureka, Cal., Feb. 4.-Fifty men em-

loyed at Pinkerton's logging camp on

Probably Killed by Explosion.

Hartford City, Ind., Feb. 4 .- It is be-

lieved several persons were killed in the explosion of several hundred quarts

of nitro-glycerine in the Empire Torpedo company's magazines, near Mont-peller today. The magazines were wrecked by the explosion. The concus-

sion was plainly felt by towns 50 miles

until next week.

The bear is to be used in a wrestling

So terrified were the chorus girls on

McCree seized the brute and tried to

the United States and Newfoundland.

BEAR BREAKS LOOSE AND

FAKE TOWNSITES. The man with the savings bank acount looking for an investment, the ellow with a burning desire to get rich quick and others of his stripe are exquick and others of his stripe are ex-horted to go slow on the townsite pro-positions that have sprung up like mushrooms along the Salt Lake Route. He is advised to wait until the railroad company gets ready to announce its plans before investing his hard-earned savings in town lots removed miles from the depot and without water. Such in brief was the advention

Such in brief was the admonition delivered by J. Ross Clark, vice presi-dent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Sait Lake Railway company, in course of conversation with the "News" this

LAS VEGAS SCHEME.

Mr. Clark said: "The railroad com-Mr. Clark said: "The railroad company is not desiring a boom at any of its division points and it is outrageous how the public has been induced to invest in alleged town lots. We have had trouble at Las Vegas, Good Springs and Moapa in this connection. Until we squeiched an individual in Los Angeles quite a number of people were induced to invest in town lots at Good Springs on a townsite situated about induced to invest in town lots at Good Springs on a townsite situated about seven miles from the railroad. Now here is another case." At this juncture Mr. Clark produced a handbill, copies of which have been extensively circulated throughout Utah and Nevada by inserting them inside copies of country papers and tacking them up in conspicuous places. The dodger reads as follows:

A BOOM DODGER.

The new townsite of Las Vegas, "The new townsite of Las Vegas, Lincoln county, Nev.

"The main divison point on S. P., L. A. & S. L. R. R. has been surveyed and filed for record in the county recorder's office at Pioche, Nev.

"Over 100 lots sold already at prices ranging from \$60 to \$300 and the new town is building ranging." town is building rapidly.
"The Armour Packing company are

at present building an ice house 55x127 feet, and have material on ground for several large warehouses. About 150 business and residence buildings are either completed or under construc-

"Ten carloads of lumber now on way to furnish prospective builders with material. Two brick yards working. One stone quarry working. "Come and see the new town."

NO WATER IN SIGHT. "Now the truth of the matter," said Mr. Clark, "is that this alleged town-site is situated about two miles from M. Clark then produced a blueprint of the proposed official townsite at Las Vegas, which showed that the depot was to be sluated at the northeast end of town, which spreads fanilke in a southwesterly direction. The site for

by the railroad company and will be used by it for the company needs and the domestic use of the residents of the legitimate town."

THE REAL TOWNSITE.

the ice factory and Armor plant is some distance south of the depot site, while the big yards lie on the west side of the big yards lie on the west side of the main line, together with the shop and roundhouse sites. Added to this, the company owns a strip of land between the fake and the genuine townsites, so that should anyone be induced to purchase lots by the outside boomers he will be without water, aside from surface wells, and in addition will have to make a long detour before he can get to the town proper, where all the conveniences will be at hand.

Mr. Clark states that while the al-

Mr. Clark states that while the al-leged townsite has been filed upon it has not yet been approved by the auties, consequently the people who been induced in Salt Lake and elsewhere to speculate in these lote are decidedly indulging in a losing game. The matter is deplored by him, es-perially when it is taken into consideration that for the greater part those who have been induced to purchase lots with visions of a boom belong to a class who cannot afford to throw money away.

McWILLIAMS REPUDIATED.

In this connection the Tribune on Sunday published a story under the double column caption of "How McWilliams of Las Vegas Became Well To Do

n a Day."

It is understood that J. T. McWillams, surveyor and promoter, is behind this townsite scheme, and was the original locator after having secured an option on the property, and endeavoring to induce the railroad company to ing to induce the railroad company to buy, it at advanced prices. Mr. Mc-Williams is accused by the San Pedro people of using the name and purported authority of J. Ross Clark in his townsite transactions. As Mr. Clark repudiates such a statement the public can draw its own conclusions. Mr. Clark's advice this morning was for prospective settlers to be patient and prospective settlers to be patient, and when the company's plans were an-nounced finally that there would be room for all without any boom prices

prevailing.

Mr. Clark leaves for Butte tonight, and expects to return to Salt Lake Wednesday, to leave for his home in Los Angeles over the rails of the Salt Lake Fourteen Thursday Lake Route on Thursday.

INVADED TODAY INVAULU IUUAY.

Special Train Bearing Members Of the Utah Legislature Arrived This Morning.

WELCOMED BY THE CITIZENS.

Law Makers Were Escorted in Carriages To the Agricultural College, Where They inspected the Institution.

(Special to the "News.") Logan, Feb. 4 .- Well here we are. The

special train, bearing Utah's lawmakers to the third city of the state in population and general importance, arrived in Logan at 11:20 a. m., after a trip of something more than three hours. The train consisted of eight coaches, with Conductor Hogan in charge and Engineer Kirkwood at the throttle.

When the special left Salt Lake a good snowstorm was in evidence, but as the train left the boundaries of the city the snow ceased its falling, and there was no more during the entire journey. Aboard the train were something like a hundred and twenty-five people, while at Ogden 25 or 30 more were added, and at Brigham City a like number, swelling the total to over 200. These consisted for the most part of members of the Legislature and their wives and friends. There were also

\$ ALL IS GUESS WORK AS TO OUTCOME IN SMOOT CASE.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Feb. 4 .- The election committee had no meet- \$ ing today and the briefs of counsel were not filed. Neither side \$ has yet responded to the request ! of the committee to have the papers ready by today. Senator Burrows is unable to say when the committee will be called for final consideration of the question of Senator Smoot's right to retain his seat. All sorts of stories are current as to how the committee stands, but all are retain his seat. All sorts of stories are current as to how the committee stands, but all are based on guesswork. No mem-ber will say how he will vote un-til after the briefs are filed. One thing appears to be certain, how-ever, and that is that the ma-jority of the committee will hold jority of the committee will hold that in order to deprive Senator Smoot of his seat it will be necessary to secure a vote of two-thirds of the senate; a majority vote will not do. It is not likely that a report will be made to the senate before the middle of the month, and as there is certain to be a great deal of discussion. be a great deal of discussion on the subject, the final vote cannot be taken, if taken at all, before the end of the session.

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many prominent state officials on the train, among them Attorney General Breeden, State Engineer Doremus, ex-Secretary of State James T. Hammond, W. S. McCornick of the board of regents, and many others. At Brigham City the reception committee of the City the reception committee of the Cache Commercial club joined the party. These gentlemen consisted of Fred Turner, John A. Hedrickson, Wesley Jaques, Frank K. Nebeker, Orson Smith, Moses Thatcher, Mayor E. W. Robinson and Captain Styer of the Agricultural college. They were escorted through the train by Representative D. R. Roberts, chairman of the house Roberts, chairman of the house committee on railroads and commo carriers, and one of those in charge of the trip to Logan. Mr. Roberts worked energetically for the success of the excursion, and the visitors were lavish in their praise of the attention

Upon arrival at the Temple city, the visitors were met by leading business men and members of the faculty of the A. C., and by them were shown to carriages in waiting in which they were conveyed to the state school.

On arrival at the college, the vis iters were shown every consideration President Kerr and associates doing everything possible for their comfort This afternoon the visitors will be shown through the college, and have explained to them its operations. This part of the work devolves upon the senior class, and it is needless to say that nothing will be overlooked. also be a general assembly during which time it is expected speeches wi delivered by Mayor Robinson and President Kerr.
As evidence of the welcome tendered the state solons, the following from

today's issue of the Republican is Logan, the third city of Utah in point of population and general im-portance welcomes the distinguished portance welcomes the distinguished goody of the state Legislature within her borders today. As the Athens of Utah and the "Temple City of the North," we always welcome the in-North, tellectual and moral, and the state Leg-islature, a body of representative men is not less than that. We believe you are honest men in the sight of God and man and desire to further the best in

terests of the whole state, and we welcome you here as such.

Today you will inspect the Agricul-tural college of Utah, and we trust that it will meet with your favor. The institution is dear to our hearts, and we believe that when its true worth to the State of Utah is fully understood, it will be dearer to all the unselfish people of this state than any other worth. people of this state than any other public institution in the state. While you are here today go over the situation carefully, with minds free from prejudice, with a single disposition to get at the facts. We have unbounded faith in the impression these facts will create in unprejudiced minds, and have no doubt of your judgment. Above all things, enjoy yourselves in Logan today. You gome at a time when neither the city nor the vailey show to advantage, but we trust the truly cordial weltage, but we trust the truly cordia come we feel will so manifest itself as to make up for any other thing that may be amiss. Way down in our hearts we have a feeling for you, and we hope there will be naught but that which there will be naught but that which will increase your kindly feeling for us. While you are with us, believe that we are yours to command. Eat, drink and be merry, and when you return to Sait Lake, if you can find it within your good graces to do us nought but good, again we welcome you."

Last evening several members of the house and sends, representing the

house and senate, representing the members on ways and means and on rallroads and common carriers, and education and art, came to Logan for the purpose of looking over the situation before the inspection by the Legislature at large. This morning these gen-tlemen held a meeting with President Kerr and members of the faculty, and carefully considered the needs of the

This afternoon luncheon is being served by the domestic science ment. Everything that can be done is being done for the visiting guests. The train returning will leave L at 6:15 p. m., arriving at Salt Lake about 9:20.

FLOODS TIE UP RAILROADS AROUND LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 4.-Although the rain has ceased and the sun is shining brightly in Los Angeles this morn-ing, reports from other points in south-ern California show a continued downern California show a continued down-pour and further damage from the floods. All railroads out of Los An-geles are tied up, and there will be no trains on either of the transcontinental lines in or out of the city today. In-terurban traffic is also hampered, but all of the lines are open.

The Los Angeles river, which last night reached the highest stage, recorded in several years, is subsiding this morning. There are reports of overflow and some damage all along its course, but nothing of a serious na-ture. The damage to the streets of this city, which were converted into eral hours by the floods from the ad-joining hills will reach about \$20,000. Quantities of oil were carried down into the main part of the city from the surrounding highlands, where the oil district is located, covering the gut-ters, pavements and sidewalks with black petroleum.

The Southern Pacific tracks are washed out at El Casco, near Beaumont, south of San Bernardino. Here a torrent of water came down a narrow mountal water came down a narrow mountain canyon, carrying out a hundred feet of track and road bed, and cutting a broad ditch 30 feet deep through the right of way. All eastbound Southern Pacific trains from Los Angeles have been annulled for today. The weatbound trains, both passenger and freight, are being held at Indio. The washouts on the line between Los Angeles and San Francisco above Ventura were repaired this morning and tura were repaired this morning and trains are moving both ways. It will probably be two days or more before the damage to the roadbed at El Casco can be repaired and the train schedule

The Santa Fe trains, both east and westbound, are tied up. Serious wash-outs are reported on the Arizona division near Kingman, and it will prol ly be 24 hours or longer before traffic can be resumed. Westbound trains Nos. 3 and 7 are being held at Ashfork, and No. 3 at Kingman. Eastbound No. 8 is at Needles, No. 4 at Mojave and another eastbound train at Barstow. The track and roadbed is carried out in short stretches in many places near In short stretches in many places near Kingman, and several bridges are gone. All of the large steel bridges, however, are safe, and it is expected that temporary repairs sufficient to permit the resumption of train schedules will be made by temorrow. Small damage to the company's roadbed has been reported from several California points. ported from several California points

The rain ceased in Los Angeles this morning at 3:30. Over an inch fel Over an inch fell from 5 o'clock the previous evening making a total for the present storn of 3:56. Reports from Riverside, Col-ton and Palm Springs state that rain was still falling at these places this morning. The residents of Terquisite Arroye and along the river bottom in Riverside county have been driven to the higher lands by the rising floods.

INDIAN SCHOOL FUNDS. President Directs Interior Dep't

To Keep Up its Practise. Washington, Feb. 4 .- President Roose cock on the subject of authority for granting contracts for the education of

Indians in denominational schools. The president says that inasmuch the legal authority exists to grant th request of the Indians unquestionably they are entitled by moral right to have their moneys used to educate their children at the schools they choose. The president directs that the interior department continue the practise unless longress directs otherwise or the courts hold that the decision of the department of justice to this effect is wrong, The president also urges the passage of the Lacey bill, authorizing the allot-Indians in the same way as their land

IN A STATE OF PANIC

People of Czestochowa Are Barricading Their Doors.

Warsaw, Feb. 4,-Reports Czestochowa, Russian Poland, say that city is in a state of panic. The inhabitants are barricading their doors and vindows owing to the attitude of the

Freight Train Wrecked.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 4.-A special in the Record from Big Timber, Mont. the Record from high Timber, about says that 19 cars of an extra eastbound freight train on the Northern Pacific were wrecked five miles east of Reed Point and Fireman Wyman Dix badly injured. The engine became uncoupled from the train and stopped. The movement of the opening cars was so mentum of the oncoming cars was so great that they crashed into the locootive with terrible force, derailing the entire train and making one of the worst wrecks on the Montana division years. The track was cleared in 12

Indeited for Forgery. Chicago, Feb. 4.-Albert G. Wheeler president of the Illinois Tunnel com president of the limbos runner com-pany, former City Clerk William Loef-fler and Asst. City Clerk Edward Er-horn were indicted today by the grand jury on a charge of forgery in connec-tion with the franchise for the underground railroad system in this city.
Alderman Edward Novak and John
Higgins, a printer, were indicted in the
same connection on charges of perjury as well as forgery.

GERMAN COAL MINERS.

Their Strike is as Good as Won.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Herr Hue, a Socialist member of the reichstag, speaking to a miners assemblage at Reckling Hausen, Wentphulia, yesterday, said the strike was as good as won but that the workmen could not act on the expressed desire of the government that they satisfy to work immediately in they return to work immediately in view of the expectation that a law reg-ulating work in the mines in accordwith the workmen's desires would be adopted. He added that the strikers

required some guarantees.

The so-called Christian unions and the Socialists who have acted together throughout the strike appear to be sep-arating again. These unions favor go-ing to work relying on the government's ing to work relying on the government's promises to legally rectify the miners' wrongs while the Socialists urge ctanding out for active results and distrust the general promises of the ministers. Interior Minister von Hammerstein and Commerce and Industry Minister Moel-ler are in the strike region personally

investigating the situation.

The strike in Silesia is not spreading.

The miners are disposed to wait and see what happens in the Rhenish districts.

Prest. Beckwith Unconscious. Oberlin, O., Feb. 4 .- President Beckwith, of the closed Citizens' National bank, is unconscious and his death may occur within a few hours.

THE HERO OF PORT ARTHUR.

General Stoessel Denies That the Fortress Was Surrendered Prematurely.

INDICHANT AT FALSE REPORTS.

Were Not 25,000 Able Bodied Men in The Place Nor Were Officers Well Nourished.

AMMUNITION WAS EXHAUSTED.

Garrison Could Not Have Held Out Another Minute-It Would Have Been Murder.

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 4 .- Gen. Stoessel, the former commander of Port Arthur and the Russian officers and others accompanying him, arrived here today from Japan by way of Shanghai on board the French line steamer Aus-

trallan. In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press the general denied the statements published to the effect that Port Arthur was surrendered prematurely. He was especially indignant at the statement made by a newspaper that there were at the time of the surrender 25,000 ablebodied men in Port Arthur capable of making a sortie, hundreds of officers all well nourished, plenty of ammunition, the largest magazine being untouched and full to the roof, and that there was an ample supply of food for three months even if no fresh supplies were received. The general characterized these statements as unjustified and not supported by facts.

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Col. Reiss, who was among the negotiators of the surrender of the fortress, said:
"The garrison could not have held out a moment longer. It would have been murder. Only 15 roubles remained in the military treasury out of 1,500,600 at the commencement of the siege. Four hundred men were dying daily at the hospitals principally from wounds and scurvy. General Kondrat-

enko was the hero of the siege."

Col. Reiss further declared that the
Japanese were "admirable soldiers but
poor in the use of the bayonet compared with the Russians and French."

Gen. Stoessel and others of his party
will tranship at Port Said for Odessa.

ESTIMATE OF KUROPATKIN. Berlin, Feb. 4.-Col. Gaedke, for the time since his return from the far east, where he was war correspondent for the Tageblatt, writes his opinion of Gen.

Kuropatkin.
"Althoug a through and through honorable man, benevolent, personally brave, admirable in the quiet of his work room, simple in his tastes and an excellent administrator. Kuropatkin lacks," says Col. Gaedke, "that glance that penetrates the darkness of a situation, quick decision, immediate cor-relation of means and, before all, the insympathetic will that alone triumphs war, that without compassion uses the bodies and souls of his men in tak-ing their last and best to compass victory. Such men as Kuropatkin are not few in the Russian army, and their qualities attach the soldier to his flag. hut they do not win victories. Kuro-patkin at Lioyang burdened his mind with placing individual regiments, bat-talions and batteries and loss thereby

RUSSIANS BOMBARDED.

Col. Gaedke regards Kuropatkin as over cautious and concludes:

No leader is so bad as he who will

the conception of the whole.

not take a risk.'

SMALL DAMAGE INFLICTED. Toklo, Feb. 4, 1 p. m.-Manchurian headquarters telegraphing under date of Feb. 3, says: "On Thursday (Feb. 2) the enemy's artillery bombarded from several points our right wing. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. In the direction of our center, at 12:30 Friday morning (Feb. 3) one company of the enemy's infantry attacked our outposts from the Mukden road and later another section was attacked in the neighborhood of Wanchiayuantru,

Both attacks were repulsed.
"In the direction of our left the enemy has been attacking in the neighborhood of Liutiackou since the morn-ing of Feb. 2. Their force, which con-sisted of the First and Fifth rife bri-gades, was driven back toward Chang-tan. The enemy's losses are estimated We witnessed the removal of over 300 dead. "The Russian dead already interred after the battle of Heikoutai, in the neighborhood of Sumpao alone, number

PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS

RECEIPTS ARE INCREASING Manila, Feb. 4 .- The customs receipts of the islands for the month of January were approximately \$1,000,000 in gold, a decided increase over the receipts for the month of December. The indi-cations are that during the succeeding months there will be increases in both importations and exportations, though the volume of rice imports will fall off owing to the marketing of the home

is satisfactory from the standpoint of the importer, although the measure pending in Congress for a revision of the existing tariff tends to make importers conservative in acquiring new

Great anxiety prevails in the fear that Congress may fail to enact tariff legislation favorable to the Philip-

Sarah Schaefer Murder Hearing. Bedford, Ind., Feb. 4.—Arguments were completed today in the prelim-inary hearing of Frank Evans and Elmer Browning, charged with the mur-der of Miss Sarah Schaffer. Justice der of Miss Sarah Schaffer. Justice McLahlin will give his decision Mon-