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DRAINING POND FOR MISSING GUN

Force of Men Set to Work Today by the County Surveyor Under the Direction Of Sheriff Naylor.

Hay was killed ever be found? That is a question that will in all probability be officially answered within the next few days at most.

Sheriff Naylor holds to the theory that the missing revolver will be recovered from the slough near the grave in the pasture in which Hay's body was found. Most of the deputy sheriffs hold to the same view. Chief Hilton also shares this opinion, as do Detectives Sheets and Janney. Whether they are right or wrong remains to be seen. In order that all doubts in relation to the matter might be cleared up County Surveyor Fox this morning, under the direction of Sheriff Naylor, put a gang of seven men to work to drain the slough, which is not a large one, its area being about seventy-five yards in length by half as many in width. As heretofore stated it is not more than about fifty feet northwest of where the body was discovered. From the very moment it was ascertained that Hay was not killed with the revolver found in Mortensen's home, the officers with one voice agreed that the missing weapon would be found in this bog, which was dragged and examined as well as possible. Deep water and soft mud, however, prevented a satisfactory examination being made. That was why Chief Devine went down there to see whether it could be pumped out by the fire engine. As the slough is fed by a spring of considerable size it was at once seen that such a course was impracticable. It was then determined to set a force of men at work and they, seven in number, commenced the task today of digging a ditch that will drain the water into a lower level so as to admit of a careful investigation being made. The work will cover a period of probably three days, and will be con-

ANOTHER CHECK STORY.

tinued over tomorrow.

Officers Waiting for Paper to be Cashed at the Bank.

It was learned today that in going over Mortensen's accounts the police have ascertained beyond doubt that the accused man paid out money aggregating \$600 on debts within the last eks, which is further evidence that he did not have the \$3,800 on hand on December 16th. It was also learned from an authoritative source that on the Thursday or Friday following Mortensen's arrest, Chief Hilton had a long talk with him about his business affairs, and Mortensen tried to explain where he got the money he claims to have paid to Hay. He spoke of a check he had received a few days before the murder for \$285, which he said he cashed for gold, and which was included in Here is where the officers claim to have cornered Mortensen. They went to the bank on which the check was drawn and found that it had not been cashed up to that time, and has not been cashed to the pres-

When Mortensen learned that Chief Hilton was in possession of this in-formation he became very nervous an i the chief to understand that h would talk no further on the subject That same day he gave the check to his brother-in-law, and it is now in the latter's possession.

BAD FOR MORTENSEN.

Wanted a Relative to Swear He Loaned Him \$1,000 to \$1,500.

That one or more of Mortensen's relatives are convinced of his guilt is due to a conversation which took place in the room at the police station when the man was detained prior to being taken to the county jail. The conversation was between Mor- | these points.

will the gun with which James R. tensen and a relative—not merely a friend—but who the relative is the sheriff and chief of police refuse to say at this time. What is known of the conversation outside of police circles came to light last night between 9 and 10 o'clock, and some of the statements

alleged to have been made were veri fled by the "News" this morning. The relative who called to see Mor tensen, believed implicitly in the man's innocence. When he left the prison chamber half an hour later, he was con-vinced, so he said, that Mortensen was guilty of the atrocious crime, and from that moment has refused absolutely to do anything for the accused man.

Immediately after leaving Mortensen, the relative went to the sheriff's office and gave them some startling information. He declared that Mortensen said to him in substance:

"You can do something for me if you

will. You can help me out of this, and perhaps save my life. I am not going to ask you for any money, but I want you to swear that you loaned me \$1,000 or \$1,500. You can do this without injuring yourself, and it will mean much

The relative gazed at the man a mo-ment in horror, and then arising sud-denly denounced him and told him in strong terms that he would not be a party to such an infamous scheme. He said he would not swear to such a said he would not swear to such a statement under any circumstances, and henceforth he could expect nothing from him. He then left the station and hurried to the county authorities and told them what had occurred. From that moment the officers were convinced of the man's guilt.

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Chief Hilton admits that up to that time they were not certain that they had the right man. It was after this conversation that the accused showed the first signs of breaking down.

An effort was made today to learn the name of the relative but the officers refused to give it. Chief Hilton said: "I do not feel justified in telling you. It will be a very important factor in the prosecution. This much I can tell you: The conversation as you have it, did take place, and there was more said which, however, will not be given out now. There is no not be given out now. There is no question about it. This relative can be relied upon, and the conversation did take place."

AFFECTIONATELY GREETED.

Mortensen is Cheered by Relatives Who Visit Him at Jail. Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday af-

ternoon Peter Mortensen's father-inlaw, en route to Ogden, and his brother-in-law, R. C. Watkins, called at the county jail to interview the prisoner. They were at once admitted to his cell and held a long conversation with him in private. What took place between the three is known only to them. Mrs. Henry Mortensen was also a visitor and Sheriff Naylor permitted her to see Mortensen. She had returned from Provo the night before and the news she brought the prisoner seemed to please him greatly. She told him that his family were all right and that the children especially, were "all well and doing nicely." The lady kissed her brother-in-law affectionately and before she went to her home in Forest Dale she expressed her belief that th accused man was innocent. She Mortensen that when she went to Proshe took Christmas presents for his children. He said he was glad but did not ask what the attitude of his wife towards him and his sister-in-law id not say. When Mortensen's father in-law and brother-in-law left the jail

they shook hands with him.

Mrs. Henry Mortensen was at her brother-in-law's place about the time the fatal shot was fired, and shortly after she was taken home by him. If she can swear where Mortensen was a the time the shot was heard it will mean much to the accused, but it will be remembered that the man's wife said her husband went out with Hay. Where was he when the bullet was fired that ended young Hay's life? Does Mrs. Mortensen know? The prosecution would give much to be informed on

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI LAUNCHED

Ten Thousand People Saw the Great Defender Slide Into the Water-Everything Passed Off Without a Hitch-Event Occurred in Presence of a Most Distinguished Company.

Newportnews, Va., Dec. 28.—The bat- | ing from the steamer's deck. When tleship Missouri was launched at the shipyard here today at 11:12 o'clock. Fully 10,000 people, it is estimated, saw the big defender go into the water. The launching passed off without a hitch and none prettier or more successful was ever accomplished here. Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator F. M. Cockrell, was sponsor for the ship and she performed the duty assigned her, with the traditional bottle of champagne, using a bottle of Missouri product for the purpose. The number of guests gathered around the sponsor on the christening platform was larger than ever seen here.

Among them were Secy, of the Navy Long, Secy. of the Interior Hitchcock, Rear-Admiral Melville, U. S. N., chief of bureau of steam engineering; Rear-Admiral O'Neil, U. S. N., chief of ordnance: Judge Advocate Lemly, U. S. N., Lieut.-Gov. J. A. Lee, of Missouri, acting for Gov. Dockery: Gov. Tyler of

Virginia; Corwin H. Spencer of St. Louis, representing Louislana Purchase Congressman Exposition company; Rixey, representing the House commit-tee on naval affairs; Senator Cockrell and a number of army and navy offi-cers. Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of Presi-dent Roosevelt, came up from Oid Point on the dispatch boat Doiphin, cers. Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of President Roosevelt, came up from Old Point on the dispatch boat Dolphin, with her guests, and viewed the launch-

the big boat had glided off the ways into the water, the crowd on the guest platform gave three cheers for Miss Cockrell, three for the army and navy, three for Secy. Long, and another three for the shipyard. After inspecting the various departments of the plant, the guests repaired to the ship-yard wharf, where they boarded the steamer Washington, going to Old Point. At the Chamberlain hotel this afternoon the customary post launching banquet was given, the guests mentioned above being on the program as Hon. John D. Long spoke as foi-

"I have been interested in the circular signed by many eminent citizens my beloved freind, E. E. Hale at the head, in which they regret the estimate of \$100,000,000 for the increase of the navy. The size of the navy, if there is to be a navy at all, is a question like the tariff—of adjustment rather than of principle. Of course, it is rather a taking thing to say as a matter of theory, as this circular says, that \$100,000,000 for the navy means a tax of \$6 on every family in the United States, And yet, on the other hand, as a matter of fact, on the other hand, if that sum is spent there is probably not a family in the United States whose future accome could be shown to be \$6 less, and there are a good many families whose income would be \$6 more, and still more families whose income would be many times \$6 less if it were

spent in the employment of labor is the very best use to which it could be put.
"The great question of the day as to wealth is its distribution. While few could say that the whole community should be taxed for the purpose of distribution of the proceeds of taxation, yet it is some comfort to know of a tax

yet it is some comfort to know of a tax which, when it is laid on the community, returns again into it. If one hundred million dollars shall be appropriated for the navy by the present Congress, a small part will go for the purchase of raw material, and something for salaries, but the great bulk of it for labor in every part of the union.

Some how it just now seems that with larger revenues than we have had before in time of peace, and therefore with more direct and indirect taxation, there is more prosperity and more monthere is more prosperity and more mon-ey in the pocket of the citizen than ever before. Students may speculate over the economic causes, but this is the 'demnition total.'

"Undoubtedly Uncle Sam ought to reduce taxation wherever he can. On the other hand, it is shrewd and wise in him to run things so as to keep business good, and if as a result his income is large he confers much more benefit by spending it than he would by hiding it. Whenever the interests of the country require he should reduce his receipts but as they are now excessive, the great question seems to be how he shall get the proceeds back among the people. Another year he may not have so much money to spend. But If this year, having a surplus, he spends \$100,000,000 for the navy, let us remember that while it is spent under that name it is really spent, as I said before, in the employment of the people's labor and in the purchase of the material they have to sell and the people get rather more out of it than the navy does, for they get it all back

'Nor is it true as suggested in the circular, that a great navy necessarily influences the fighting spirit and leads to war. If my recollection serves me right, while Great Britain has had troubles in Egypt and Africa and else-where, she has had no conflict on sea for many years, and yet her navy has been twice as large as that of any othnavy did not induce the war with Spain which seems to have been inevitab On the other hand it is more than likely that if in the beginning of 1838 we had even as large a navy as we hav now, certainly as large a one as now proposed, there would have been no war with Spain and that country would have came to terms, as she was very

mear coming, without battle.

"At that time, however, it was the general impression of foreign powers and probably in Spain that her navy would blow us out of the water. "All the foregoing deals with ques-tions of expediency which are the only questions raised in the circular. But this is a question of principle and that question, strangely, the circular does

not touch. The singers, it seems to me, instead of raising the question of how big the navy should be, should have raised the question of whether there shall be any navy at all. This I do not propose to argue, as until the world moves much farther toward the millennium, it is hardly worth while to argue

"In determining the question what shall be the size of our navy, there are a great many things to be considered, some of which I have referred to.

For instance, our world relations have expanded vastly in the last three years in territorial extent, and vastly more in international extent. It has been an extension not only upon the continent, but upon the ocean fiself, and the islands of the sea in both hemispheres. Our commerce has greatly increased in volume and area, and our American marine is likely to follow suit. land, so on ocean, as you extend your commerce so you must expand your po-If there is to be a navy at all it should be commensurate with all these extended relations and demands. We are the richest nation of the world, with a larger income than any other. If, then, the size of our navy should correspond to our national and inter-national size, and we have the cash on hand, it would seem the simplest good usiness sense, the simplest good business care of our own interests to increase the navy, and whether this shall cost \$20,000,000 or \$75,000,000 or \$100,000,000 it is not an extravagance to cut out our garment according to our cloth, especially as last year there was no appropriation for such an increase. It is like the rich man grading his expenditures to his income, and thus making it serve the general welfare as well as his own. It is like having policemen enough instead of having a number so limited that the roughs are tempted to riot. There certainly is heap of comfort in feeling that if mil There certainly is a lions are now spent for the navy the money is in the till to spend. It is a

"I will not pursue the topic further, but a United States naval vessel carrying our flag into the ports and harpors of the world is something more than a fighting machine. It means relations with those ports: it means an awakening and lively respect there for our country: it means recognition of the outreach of our civilization, commerce and influence; it means just what would be meant if a fine representative of New York or Boston, carrying her prestige, exploiting her interests were in every other city of the union."

case where the people can have their cake and eat it, too; they can have

pockets the money paid for building

SCHLEY AND COUNSEL CONSULT Consider Question of Bringing Damage Suit Against Maclay.

Washington, Dec. 28.-Admiral Schley was joined at his apartments at the Richmond today by his counsel, Mr. Isadore Rayner and Assistant Counsel McTague, who came over to Baltimore at the admiral's request in order to take further steps if any were to be taken in the Schley case. The parties to the conference remained together throughout the morning and well into the afternoon. When representatives of the press sent up cards of inquiry they returned with the statement that there were no developments and noth ing to be made public at the present time. It is understood the purpose of the meeting is to decide what shall be done in the way of civil action against the author or publisher of the Maclay history, which was the basis of the re-

cent investigation. The conference between Admiral Schley and his counsel ended at o'clock, and Mr. Rayner returned to Baltimore; no statement was made as to the results reached, except that such further steps as might be taken would deal with the legal rather than naval phases of the controve sy.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley will leave

in about a week for a trip to the South to be gone about two weeks. He has not yet made up his itinerary, but will

do so next week American Historical Association.

Washington, Dec. 28,-At today's session of the American Historical association papers on historical records and h'storical research were read by Herbert Putnam, the librarian on Con-gress, Prof. Lucy M. Salmon, of Vassar college and Prof. George L. Durr, of Cornell university.

CANNON BALL EXPRESS WRECK

Cause of Accident, Dense Fog and A Misplaced Switch.

TWO MEN INSTANTLY KILLED

Train Collided With a Freight-Passengers Pretty Well Shaken Up, But Not Seriously Injured.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 28.-A dense fog and a misplaced switch in the north yard of the Boston & Maine ratirona in this city today, caused the wrecking of the "Cannon Ball Express," bound from Montreal for Hoston. Two men were killed instantly and about half a dozen persons were injured.

THE DEAD:

Edward Quimby, Concord, engineer, J. E. Marshall, Concord, fireman. THE INJURED.

Frank Crowson, Boston, conductor of in extra freight, bad scalp wounds. Robert Morrow, Concord, newsboy, injuries to right leg.
Several of the passengers of the "Cannon Ball" were bruised but it was

of necessary to send any of them to hospital. The wreckage caught fire, but the blaze was extinguished without further

The express collided with an extra freight, running from Concord to Roston. The engine of the passenger train struck the rear of the freight as the latter had hauled on to a siding to rearm of the control of the cont permit of the passage of the express.

Big Steel Plant for Teanessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—A special of the Sentinel from Elizabethtown, Tenn., says: Chas. P. Tonoray and Geo. E. Boren have returned from New York where they closed negotiations for the erec-tion of an electric steel plant at Eliza-bethtown. It is claimed that by this method steel ingots can be produced directly from iron ore in thirty minutes. An eight thousand horse power electric plant will be commenced as soon as the site can be decided upon on the Watauga river, near Elizabethtown, and this will supply the power for the

J. J. Kelly of Bordentown, N. J., Dead New York, Dec. 28.-John J. Kelly. former member of the New Jersey as-sembly from Bordentown, was found dead in bed in Jersey City today. Death was caused by inhaling fluminating gas. Kelly was its good spirite last night and his friends do not becommitted suicide. He was 58 years old.

Frenchmen Complain of Crimping

Nantes, Dec. 28.-The Petit Phare has published a letter, signed by eight French captains and dated Portland. Ore., Nov. 22, addressed to the French consul general at San Francisco, complaining of the crimping methods at Portland, asking the consul to interdenouncing the attitude French consular agent at Portland and demanding a government inquiry into the subject. It is expected that the British government may oppose taking joint action with the French.

Gov. Van Sant Off for Helena.

St. Paul, Dec. 28.-Gov. Van Sant and the attorney general left last evening at 10 o'clock last night for Helena to attend the conference of the northwest tates on the so-called merger of railroad interests. A telegram received by Gov. Van Sant today that Gov. Herrid of South Dakota, with the attorney gen-eral of that state had started and would be present at the conference on Mon-day. This makes representation from Minnesots, North and South Dakota, Montana and Idaho. Attorney General Stratton of Washington has signified his intention of being present and a telegram was sent by Gov. Van Sant to the new governor. McBride of that state asking him if the funeral arrangements for the late Gov. Rogers and official business permitted him Sant has no plans to announce, feeling that the object of the conference is rather to consider what may be done than for any one person to make out a method of procedure before consulting with the representatives of the other

Campbell - Bannerman to Rosebery.

London, Dec. 28 .- It is asserted upon apparently good authority that the lib eral leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Ban nerman, has written a letter to Lord Rosebery in the hope of restoring among the liberals, but that Lord Rose-bery declines to join his rortunes to those of the party in the present cir-cumstances. Should this statement rove to be correct it will be considered further proof of the sincerity of Sir Henry's efforts for party union and will give him a new claim to the loyalty of the liberals and thus strengthen his position as leader and the effectiveness of the opposition.

Minister Fleishman Arrives.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—John M. Fleishman, the United States minister to Turkey, arrived here today on his return from a visit to America.

Shot to Death by Policeman. Ceredo, W. Va., Dec. 28.-Michael West, engineer on the Norfolk & Western, was shot to death by Pollcemar

London Theatrical Season.

W. Freeman. West was resisting ar-

London, Dec. 28,-With thirty-five pantomines and children's plays open ing Dec. 26, (boxing day) the London theatrical world emerged from a state of lethargy. The magnificence and cost liness of these productions is unprecedented. Over £40,000 was expended by ore the curtain rung up at Drury Lone theater and the salary list may be estimated by the fact that Dan Lealone is pald £225 per week, more that double the salary of the chance lor of the exchequer. It is estimated that 120,000 persons attended by police amped out in front of the entrances

nours before the time fixed for the pening of the theaters. The court goes out of mourning in January and the theatrical people are awaiting the result as some indica-tion of the success or otherwise which will attend London coronation season. According to the leading manager the

popular favor during the past few years is rapidly on the wane. "Kitty Grey" is the only musical production which is now a success while "Irls," which is regarded as Pinero's most important effort, has failed to win public

As a rule the theatre reviews had lit-tie to commend in the dramatic author-ship of 1901 and the managers have just as little commendation in regard to the

Gen. Otis' Annual Report.

Chicago, Dec. 28,-The annual report of Maj. Gen. Elwell S. Otis com-mander of the department of the lakes, was made public here today. Gen. Otis calls attention to an increase in the number of desertions and calls at-tention to the need for additional recenthe number of desertions and calls attention to the need for additional room for confining military prisoners. There are at present 135 prisoners at the various posts, the majority of them being charged with desertion. During the year 20,329 persons applied for enlistment and 5,196, or 25.55 per cent, were accepted. For service in the may there were 1.140 enlistments compared with 975 last year. with 975 last year.

Gen. Bates Mustered Out.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.-Gen. John C. Bates, commanding the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha, has been mustered in as a member of the Ransom post, G. A. R. of St. Louis, which includes among its members some of the most promi-nent army men in the country. Among those who mustered in with the general were several surviving members of the Missouri delegation who went to the hicago convention that nominated Lincoln for President; pledged to the support of Edward Bates, father of Gen. Bates, Arthur West later became President Lincoln's attorney general.

President Receives Graduates.

Washington, Dec. 28.-President Rossevelt today received a delegation of twenty-five representatives of the Confederation of Graduate clubs now holding a convention in this city.

Counterfeit \$20 Gold Certificate.

Washington, Dec. 28.-Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, has issued a cir-cular stating that a counterfel: \$20 gold certificate is in circulation. He says it is an untinted photograph and would not deceive any who is accustomed to handling money.

King Edward to Open Parliament.

London, Dec. 28 .- The announcement of King Edward's Intention to open parliament in full state and the intimation from the lord chamberlain that peeresses will not be expected to wear mourning on that occasion insures a brilliant pageant Jan. 16, and the commencement of a period of festivity and costly entertainments from then on until the climax is reached in the corona-tion ceremony in June. Preparations for the opening of parliament are already advanced. Their majesties will use a gilded state coach and follow the same route as in February last. The queen and the ladies of the court will appear in colors and jewels.
The applications for the privilege of attending the ceremony are more now merous than on the last occasion. The queen will go to Sandringham Monday to spend the new year.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28,-The Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., capital \$7,500,000 The company is to manufacture kinds of tools. Incorporators, Clifford W. Perkins, K. K. McLaren and T. S. Balley, all of Jersey City.

Seey. Wilson Congratulates Gov. Shaw Des Moines, Iowa, Doc. 28.-Gov. Shaw received a letter from Secy. of Agriculture Wilson this morning, congratulating him and welcoming him into the cabinet with such cordiality as to show conclusively that at the time the latter was written he already possessed strong, if not absolute ances that there was no possibility of the advent of another countryman affeeting him. The expected letter ten. dering the appointment to the govero'clock, but will be receiver this after-

Ameer's Policy.

noon.

Allahabad, Dec. 28.—At a great dur-bar held at Cabul recently the ameer, Habib Ullah Khan, addressing the as sembled chieftains, promised to maintain the policy of his father, the late ameer, in guarding Afghanistan against foreign aggression, and in preventing the introduction of railroads, televraphs, Erropean trade and education by missionaries.

Cash Registers Incorporated.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28.-The Mechan ical Cashier company, capital \$5,000,000 to manufacture cash registers of kinds, was incorporated here today Incorporators H. G. Bold, Chas, Fair-child, Robert W. Hawksworth, all of Jersey City.

MACLAY'S DETERMINATION. Having Read Proctor's Letter, Will Let Whole Matter Drop.

New York, Dec. 28.-While he was drawing his pay at the store keeper's department at the Brooklyn navy yard Edgar S. Maclay said in an interview: "Now that I have read the letter of President Proctor, of the civil service commission I shall let the whole mat-ter drop. The third volume of my history has been revised and so far as I am concerned the Sampson-Schley in-

Maine's Oldest Woman Dead. Millbridge, Maine, Dec. 28.-Mrs.

Eliza Pinkham, the oldest women in Maine, is dead. She was born on Jan. 7, 1798, her birth antedating by nearly a cuartetr of a century the setting off of the province of Maine from Massa-chusetts. She had never been away from Washington county. Mrs. Pinkham was married in 1820 She raised a large family, and of her children five furvive. One, Paul Pink hart, is a well known Maine shipbuild

Doyle Wants Further Judgment.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 26.-In the district court today the attorneys for James Doyle filed a motion for judg-ment in the suit of Doyle against Jas. F. Eurns for \$438.748 in addition to the \$446,922 allowed by the jury in its ver-

The demand of the additional sum is made on the ground that the fury in its answers to special interrogatories found that a mining partnership agree ment or contract existed between Doyleand Burns and that this finding estab lishes the right of Doyle to a share in he Portland company stock issued for the Devil's Own claim, as well as the Bohtall No. 2, and the Tidal Wave claims in spite of the jury's refusal to include the Devil's Own in its verdict The additional amount demanded by Doyle added to the amount allowed by attractiveness of problem plays and the jury, would aggregate \$855,671.63.

FORTY MILLIONS FOR PANAMA GANAL

Will Be Offered to the United States for That Sum-Isthmian Commission's Report Basis of Tender.

Paris, Dec. 28.-M. Lampre, secretarygeneral of the Panama Canal company, sailed for New York today on the French line steamer L'Aquitaine from Havre. He will confer on his arrival in the United States with a number of Pamana company officers and make overtures for the sale of the property to the United States.

In view of the doubt existing in the

United States regarding the price the Panama Canal company's representatives intend to ask for the property, the correspondent of the Associated Press made inquiries from the best source of information on that subject, and is enabled to say that the price will be approximately \$40,000,000. This figure cannot yet be given as the exact one, because the company has not yet come to a definite decision, but it will not be appreciably higher. The isthmian commission's full report is

now in possession of the Panama company, and its valuations will be studied in the detail,

The report of the directors of the Panma company cabled to the Associated Press Dec. 21 said: "We offer to accept as the basis and principle of departure of fresh nego-tiations the figures and declarations tiations the contained in the isthmian commission's definitive report.

The estimates come to by such eminent men are not thought to be open to question, though possibly a few items are susceptible to reconsideration and a few matters may remain to be decided, such as a valuation of the company's stock of supplies; but none of these is calculated to modify the gross figure to any extent. The company does not intend to give the slightest ground for any further misunderstanding and believes the definitive price put forward will now be acceptable. With M. Lampre in America, it will not be necessary for the mandatory who is emto depart from France until later, when the negotiations are under way.

BRITISH LOSSES AT ZEEFONTEIN.

Included a Large Number of Officers Killed, Wounded and Missing-Casualties Were Such as to Make the Fight There Memorable in English Military Annals.

London, Dec. 28.—The war office this afternoon issued a list of the British casualties at Zecfontein, Dec. 24. (when Col. Firman's camp, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a Electromando under Gen. Dewet). The list indicates the entire success of Dewet's indicates the entire success of Dewet's attack. Six officers and fifty men were attack. Six officers and lifty men were pounder, after two rounds, became killed, eight officers were wounded and lammed. The men composing the defour are missing. It is presumed that the missing officers were taken along with the guns.

In a subsequent message Lord Kitch-behind. He saw two wagon toads of dead and wounded Boers carried off. ener sends a stirring account of the wounded and prisoners must number about 150. He says that in the absence oday filed articles of incorporation, of Col. Firman, Maj. Williams, who was killed, was in command. The column was encamped on the slope of a kopje, the southern side of which was precipitous. Outposts held the edge of the precipice.

The northern slope, on which the camp was pitched, was gentle. The outposts were well pushed out and the poltion, naturally strong, had been en trenched. It was a moonlight night The Boers appear to have climbed the precipice and mustering near the top at 2 a. m., suddenly attacked the picket on the summit. Before the men could get clear of their tents the Boers swooped through them, shooting the soldiers down as they came out. Mest of the British officers were shot while raided both Aville and captured 36 trying to stem the rush. Lieut. Harew Boers.

column, is now at Elands River bridge The repulnder are prisoners. A fifteen tachment stood by the gun and were shot down around it. Lieut, Scarlett, who was wounded, was overlooked by the Boers and left

fighting at Zeefentein, showing that the They were mostly bit during the first attack on the picket. The Boers, who apparently numbered about 1,200, under Gen. Dewet behaved well, leaving men to look after the

The imperial light horse were fourteen miles distant. They heard the fir-ing at 4:30 and arrived on the scene at 6:30. After breathing their horses they galloped after the Boers who, however, succeeded in reaching the broken country, where the light horse were use-

less against superior numbers. The number of the non-commissioned officers and men wounded and miss-ing have not yet been received, but the aggregate makes the Zeefontein affair a memorable disaster to the British. Simultaneously with the above the war office gave out a dispatch from Lord Kitchener reporting a minor success of the South African constabulary

UTAH SOCIALISTS IN CONVENTION

Gather for Purpose of Organizing a Regular Political Party-Woman Socialist Thinks Time is Opportune For That Work.

The Socialist party, or its nucleus, | on credentials had been appointed and met in convention this morning, in settled the complexion officially of the Federation of Labor hall to effect a convention. It was the hope to conermanent state organization, with the following delegates: H. P. Hansen, of Fishiore; M. E. King, of Kingston; Pe-Johnson, of Murray; Mrs. Ida C. Hazlett, of Denver, representing Man-tl, Richfield and Salina; C. J. A. Lindstrom, of West Jordan and Sandy; Mrs. Kate Hilliard, of Ogden; F. M. Mc-Quivey, representing Provo and Coyote, Garfield county; R. Wixon, of Cir-cleville; A. C. Jackson, of Logan; J. C. Williams, of South Cottonwood, and Prof. H. C. Lewis, of Cedar City. There ere a number of other Socialists from this city present.

The convention was called to order by Peter Johnson, and Prof. Lewis was chosen temporary chairman and M. E. King temporary secretary. It was de-cided to legalize the call rather than it, thus making the convention a legally constituted body. The ed to examine credentials preparatory to handing them over to the commit-tee on credentials to be chosen later. The morning was consumed in the tem-Then there was an adjournment until 2 m., when the matter of the constituion was taken up, after the committee cialist ticket last fall.

plete the business of the day this afternoon; if not, then the session was to be continued into the evening. The belief seemed to be general among the delegates that now is the accepted time to organize and give the party a great boom. Mrs. Hazlett, who is a promi-nent member of the Denver Woman's club, has been spending several months in the southern part of the state in favor of the Socialist party and its doctrines, and she stated today her be-Hef that a good strong wedge had been entered between the two parties in the southern part of Utah, so that by anfall campaign the Socialists vould be able to make themselves felt to some purpose of not holding the balance of power. Mrs. Hazlett stated her determination to remain in until after the next fall campaign, as she found people generally willing to listen to what she had to say and then to approve of the same. She is an oldtime woman suffrage advocate and says that the doctrines of this movement are part and parcel of the doctrines of

Delegate Hansen of Elsinore was elected justice of the peace on the so-

Verdict of Coroner Withheld for Fear of Violence to Girl's Loyer.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 28.-The erdict of the coroner on the death of Miss Nellie Cropsey, whose body was found in the Pasquotank river yesterday was read today in front of the cor-City. Because of the feeling agains James Wilcox, the sweetheart of th dead girl, the publication of the verdict in this city was deferred in the hope that the intense excitement would have

subsided by today. Lack of sympathy for Wilvox was marked in the large crowd gathered about the coroner's office to hear the reading of the verdict.

Can't Agree on Military Traffic,

Chicago, Dec. 28,-After a four days' meeting officials of western roads to day announced that it has been found impossible to agree to a settlement of the military traffic question raised by according to his physicians.

THE NELLIE CROPSEY MURDER , the Southern Pacific. The latter road's notice that it would withdraw from the old agreement Dec. 31, will therefore be carried into effect and a demoralization of rates all along the line in con-

> Attempt to Wreck Electric Car. Bowling Green, Ohio, Dec. 28 .- An at-

tempt to wreck a car on the Toledo, Bowling Green and Southern electric railroad was made near here early today. The car with twenty passengers ran into a pile of boards placed on the track where it runs along a deep gully. By good fortune the car did not leave the track and a calamity was thus averted. A deputy sheriff and posse arrested two men suspected of the crime. This is the second attempt of the kind.

Gen. Alger Improving.

Detroit, Dec. 28.-Gen. R. A. Alger passed another excellent night and is in a most satisfactory condition today,