> NEWS SUMMARY >

Eighteen persons were injured as the result of a passenger train wreck pear Towner, N. D.

According to the latest returns nearty a million persons in Japan are on the verge of starvation.

Provincial Councilor Filonoff was tava, Russia, by an unknown assassin.

Lubbock, Tex., as it is the only fuel ment. they can get. Coal is worth \$30 per

anticipation of a possible strike of the

probably fatally, in a railroad wreck near Durham, N. M., seven cars being It is announced upon reliable au-

thority that Admiral Togo will visit America in April with two armored One miner was killed and three

others were seriously injured by an explosion in Ball Knob mine No. 2, near Delorme, W. Va.

An agreement providing for the esrates between Sweden and the United States has been concluded.

A race war has again broken out in the region between Elizabethpol and Shusha, where the Armenians and Tartars are massacreing each other.

Four more anarchists, making six teen during the past fortnight, were shot without trial in the citadel at Warsaw. Of the total fifteen were

The double tracking of the railroac across the Isthmus of Panama is pro gressing rapidly, and it is expected that both tracks will be ready for ser vice in July.

The funerals of the thirty-two men who were killed by machine guns at Vladivostok January 23, near the com mandant's house, were held in solemn state on the 30th

Rocco Bell, who had been arrested on a charge of burglary, committed suicide in the county jail in Chicago hanging himself with a rope made from the bed sheet,

The president has sent the nomina tion of James Smith of California to be governor general of the Philippine islands, vice Henry Clay Ide, resigned to take effect June 1, 1906.

Lady Grey of London, wife of Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister who sustained concussion of the brain by being thrown from her trap at Ellingham. Northumberland, is dead.

It is reported in Vienna that a milltary convention has been concluded between Italy and Montenegro, for the purpose of breaking down Austria's predominating influence in the Bal

Frank Willard, a half-breed, who murdered Sheriff Smith at Ukiah Cal., on December 22 last, has beer sentenced by Judge Burnett of Santa Rosa to be hanged at San Quentin or

Doubt as to the marriage of Mrs Charles T. Yerkes to Wifson Miznet have been set at rest by the filing of the certificate of the marriage with the bureau of vital statistics in New York City.

House committee on the District o: Columbia has decided to report with out recommendation the Adams bill providing the whipping post as a punishment for wife-beaters in the Dis trict of Columbia.

A statement prepared by the depart ment of commerce and labor shows that the commerce between Italy and equally divided between imports and exports.

Informal negotiations for the float ation of a Russian loan have again Hopeful of a Tariff Agreement Bebeen taken up in Paris. The amount mentioned in official circles varies but \$400,000,000 is generally spoken of, with the price at 90 and interest at 5 per cent.

William Walter Hamilton, a negro, as hanged in the jail in Washington or the murder of Lizzie Lyman, his common law wife. The drop fell at 7 o'clock and death ensued twelve minutes later. The crime was a particularly brutal one.

William Clark was acquitted by the jury at Dubuque, Iowa, of the murder of Leroy Summer, whom he found with is wife. The jury had been out several hours. The plea of temporary insanity was made, but the real ples was defense of home.

Miss Bruer of Minneapolis, whose uncle, I. G. Bruer, a Minneapolis lum erman, was drowned on board the encia, has engaged an Indian gir. Victoria to the scene of the wreck to the claims of members of the search for her uncle's body.

LAS VEGAS TIMES GERMANY HOPEFUL OF PEACE OVER MOROCCO

Inspired Newspapers Make the Statement That France Won't Fight Over the Questions Involved.

Berlin.-While government circles maintain an outwardly hopeful attitude regarding the conference at Algeziras, the indications are that much concern is felt about the outcome. Even a failure to reach an agreement on the police question is regarded as probable. This inference is drawn fired at five times and killed at Pal from the fact that the inspired press has begun discussing the probable re-Many people are burning corn at sults of a failure to reach an agree-

These papers assert that a failure would not involve the danger of war Vast quantities of soft coal are be so far as Germany is concerned, and ing stored in vessels at lake ports in they argue that France would never go to war on account of Morocco. These papers interpret the warning Fifteen persons were injured, two of the Havas agency against "excessive optimism" as proving the pacific intentions of the French government. The result of a failure to reach an agreement would be, according to German inspired utterances, that Mo roccan affairs would continue to be

More critical observers point out that the controversy of 1890 originated despite the arrangement, and that the conference being due to German initiative, its failure would involve

serious damage to German prestice. The Hamburger Nachrichten says a tablishment of parcel post at cheap failure of the conference would intensify the friction between Germany and France and compromise Germany's

APOSTLE MERRILL DEAD.

Pioneer Passes Away After Long Bat tle With Disease.

Logan, Utah.-Marriner W. Merrill apostle of the Mormon church and president of the Logan temple, died at his home in Richmond at 11 o'clock Tuesday night. He had been ill a long time with a kidney affliction which caused his death.

Apostle Merrill was a strong character and for many years his influence has been dominant in church affairs here, and he was also a potent factor in civil matters.

Marriner W. Merrill was the son of Nathan Merrill and Sarah Ann Reynolds. He was born September 25 1832. in Sackville, Westmoreland county, New Brunswick. Of a family of thirteen, he was the fourth son, and while a youth joined the Mormon faith. In 1853 he left his native country and after landing in Boston pushed his way across the country to Salt Lake City.

SEIZE A SMALL ISLAND.

Hardy Scots Take Possession of Prohibited Game Reserve.

Edinburgh, Scotland.-The Crofters of Parra island, Hebrides, have seized the neighboring island of Vatersay, and declare their intention to resist by force of arms any attempt to dislodge them. A regular expedition was fitted out by the invading islanders, who collected a fleet of boats and soon effected a bloodless landing on Vatersay, hitherto used as a game pre-

The barramen for years have claimed the right to cultivate Vatersay, but have been unable to get the necessary permission from the author ities, and now they have seized the isl and, have apportioned it into small farms and have distributed them among themselves. There are no police or troops in the immediate vicinity of this faraway islet, so that the government's action is hampered.

DIDN'T HAVE LICENSE.

Fighter Charged With Manslaughter for Killing Opponent.

San Francisco.-As a result of the autopsy performed on the body of Alexander Dovin, the boy who was killed in an unlicensed prize fight at the Colmo club's pavilion at Colma on Monday night, by "Chiefie" Johnson, a the United States in the fiscal year charge of manslaughter has been 1905 aggregated \$77,500,000, almost placed against Johnson, and his whereabouts are being sought by the sheriff of San Mateo county and by the local police.

tween Germany and Uncle Sam.

Berlin.-It was reported in commercial circles on Wednesday that a tariff arrangement between Germany and the United States, to last one year, had been agreed upon, but inquiry at the American embassy and at the foreign office established the falsity of the report. The foreign office, however, apparently is more hopeful now. The officials expect that some sort of an agreement will be reached before the end of the month.

Controversy is Settled.

Washington.-Secretary of War Taft has advised Senator Dolliver and Representatives Hull and Lacey lowa that he will order the mon ments upon the Shiloh battle field to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth lowa regiments inscribed with the time of the regiments' arrival, as desired by those organizations, stating in the inscription that the time is that given by the commanding colonels. The war de-

Runaway Freight Crashes Into Passenger Train Near Helena, Montana,

Every Coach in Passenger Train Burned and Express Messenger Burned Alive While Rescuers Were Trying to Pull Him Out of the Wreck.

Helena, Mont.-A runaway freight train on the Northern Pacific crashed into a passenger train Monday about two and a half miles from here, result ing in the death of three passengers, whose names are known, and of two others who were burned in the wreck and whose names have not yet been learned. The known dead: J. S. Robinson of Missoula; Charles Brickle, conductor on passenger; S. J. Jessup, express messenger.

Edward Brown of this city, brakeman, was so seriously injured it is regulated under the arrangement of thought he will die. Other passengers were slightly injured.

> Every coach in the passenger train was burned and the freight train, which was made up of cars loaded with lumber, was also burned.

> The passenger train preceded the freight out of Austin, about eight miles west of Helena. At Austin the engine was detached from the freight. There is a heavy grade from Austin to Helena and the freight got loose. The passenger train was waiting at a crossing, when the freight came thundering down. Before it could get out of the way the freight crashed into it, throwing all the passenger cars into the ditch.

> The passenger engine became uncoupled and kept on the track ahead of the freight. After the freight had got a quarter of a mile beyond the passenger wreck it went into the ditch and caught fire. A carload of shingles was dumped on the passenger train wreck and made a terrific fire.

Messenger Jessup was burned alive while four people were trying to pull him out of the wreck. He was caught under wreckage and could not be

WOULD CONCILIATE CHINA.

Revision of Regulations for Admission of Chinese Planned.

Washington.-Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor has taken most important action, which is expected to ameliorate siderably the friction between this country and China and perhaps cause the abandonment of the anti-American boycott, when he approved the report of the special commissioners composed of Assistant Secretary Murray, Solicitor Sims and Richard Campbell of the bureau of immigration, providing for a radical revision of the existing regulations under which Chinese may enter and reside in this The commission's report country. touches by way of either excision or amendment twenty-four of the existing regulations, the changes being made in the direction of liberalization.

Fought in Church.

Paris.-Mm. De Billy and Petit were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$40 for connection with the recent disturbances at the church of St. Roch, when an inventory of the property of the church was being made in conformity with the church and state separation law. Several other persons were given sentences ranging from two to six months and fines of \$40 for resisting the commissioners at St. Clothilde's church.

Accused of Kidnaping Women.

San Francisco.-Captains of whaling vessels have been accused of kidnaping native Alaskan women and the United States government has ordered a rigorous investigation. Collector Stratton has received instructions from the department of commerce and labor ordering him to investigate the matter and arrest the offenders. The charge is made in a report to the department by Captain Hamlet of the revenue cutter Bear, who cruised in northern waters during the winter.

Three Killed and Two Injured.

Salt Lake City.-In a dense fog and without a moment of warning the second section of freight train No. 81 crashed into the rear of the first section at Beryl, Utah, on the Salt Lake Route at 4:30 Monday morning, killing the conductor and both brakemen of the first section and injuring two men who were traveling on the train. The engineer and fireman on the second section escaped by jumping from the engine when they saw a collision was inevitable, and thus the list of fatalities is minimized.

Anna Gould Wants Divorce.

Paris.-Countess Boni de Castellane (formerly Anna Gould) entered a plea for divorce Monday. Representatives of the countess and the count appeared before a judge who, according to the French law, endeavored to arrange a reconciliation before allowing a divorce suit to proceed. It is said that the judge's efforts were not successful and that the suit will proceed. proceedings here it is difficult to conm this report.

TO FORCE ABROGATION OF THE EXCLUSION LAW

Chinese Expect to Adhere Rigidly to the Boycott Plan Until Laws Are Made in Their Favor.

Washington.-Reports continue to pour into the department of state from diplomatic and consular agents in China regarding the rapid increase of feeling against America. Americans and things American, as exi pressed in edicts issued by local authorities in various parts of the empire. For six months the situation in China has been the subject of very genuine concern to the department, and Mr. Rockhill, the American min-Ister at Peking, is under instructions to keep Washington thoroughly and frequently informed of the situation. He is also exerting himself at the Chinese capital in an effort to check or allay the anti-foreign feeling that appears to be growing. While not admitting that the situation is one of immediate danger, the officials here would not be at all surprised at any developments a month may bring

Although at the outset demanding only a return to the provisions of the original exclusion treaty of 1880, which excluded from this country Chinese laborers, without specifying the classes of Chinamen which should be admitted, in some provinces manifestos have been issued declaring that if the boycott is rigidly adhered to America will be forced to forego any exclusion at all. Such expressions have been immediately denied by Mr. Rockhill at Peking.

Although directed primarily against Americans, the feeling of ill will that seems to be growing in various parts of the empire is interpreted by Orientalists to have a far deeper meaning. In a word, it is declared to be antiforeign, and there are indications that all foreigners, with the possible exception of Japanese, will soon be as keenly affected as are Americans.

ONE WOMAN ESCAPED.

Nine Colored Persons Are Cremated in Maryland.

Baltimore.—An isolated small frame house near the village of Curtis bay; in Anne Arundel county, was consumed by a fire in which were burned to death nine colored persons. The only inmate who escaped with her life was Ella Webster, a woman, who managed to get to a window and jumped from the second story to the ground. For a few minutes after striking the ground she was uncon scious, and on recovering made her way to neighboring houses and gave the alarm. When the neighbors arrived the house was a pile of blazing and smoking debris, and when the bodies were recovered nothing but the charred bones of the victims were left. According to the statement of the survivor the fire was caused by one of the younger children, who got up to stir the fire in the chimney place and accidentally scatttered coals on the

DATE FIXED FOR ELECTION.

Russians Will Have First Experience With Ballot April 7.

St. Petersburg.-The elections to the national assembly are fixed for April 7. The opening session will take place April 23. April 7 is the Feast of the Annunciation, one of the great Russian holidays. The three weeks' interval between the elections and the convocation of the assembly is the shortest time in which representatives from Siberia and other remote localities could arrive here.

15,000 HOMESEEKERS COMING.

Railroads Bringing Thousands From the Congested East.

Chicago.-Between 15,000 and 25,000 homeseekers started for the west and southwest Tuesday through the gateways of Chicago, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, according to declarations by passenger men who have been closely watching the movement which has been going on ever since the cheap rates were put into effect late last fall.

Body Found in Thicket.

Pittsburg.-The badly decomposed body of a man with a bullet hold through his head, which was found in a thicket on the outskirts of Roanoke, Va., is believed to be that of Sturley C. Armstrong, the cashier of the Washington National bank, who mysteriously disappeared from this city on January 2. Mr. Armstrong had held responsible positions for twenty years. Mrs. Armstrong declared it was her belief that her husband's mind had become deranged from overwork and

Meteor Falis Near Rhyolite, Nevada.

Reno, Nev.-Word has been received in Reno to the effect that an immense meteor fell a few miles north of the town of Rhyolite. W. E. Turner, well known in this city, together with others, witnessed the descent of the meteor. It fell at an angle of 45 degrees and left a trail of fire 300 yards long in its wake. The heavenly visitor was seen and heard to strike the ground and though every effort was but because of the secrecy in divorce made to find its location since it has been without success.

CASTRO WON'T STAND FOR FRANCE'S BLUFF

Sald to Have Issued Orders to Fire Upon the First French Vessel That Is Seen.

Willemstad, Island of Curacoa .-Passengers on the Red "D" line steamer Philadelphia, from New York January 20 and La Guayra, Venezuela, which arrived here Sunday from the latter port, report that President Castro is making every possible war preparation. They said that orders have been issued to fire on the first French vessel sighted cruising in Venezuelan

Castro, it is asserted, regards the whole French movement as a "bluff" and says he "will not be bluffed" and will retaliate, prohibiting the importation of French goods into Venezuela,

UNIONIST PARTY SPLIT UP.

Balfour and Chamberlain Agree to Disagree.

London.-That there is a split in the Unionist party is recognized as an existing fact by the Unionist newspapers. They say it is definitely known that Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain have agreed to disagree and that it is believed Mr. Chamberlain will withdraw from his adhesion to Mr. Balfour and organize a separate party on tariff reform. This, it is admitted by the Standard, the Morning Post and other Unionist newspapers, will be the only course open to Mr. Chamberlain unless, indeed, Mr. Balfour decides to call a meeting of the party and allow its members to decide the question of leadership.

BOYCOTT BREAKS OUT ANEW.

Chinese Discharge American Directors of Education.

Pekin.-Yuan Shi Kai, vicerov of Chi Li province, has discharged Professor C. D. Tenney, the foreign director of education, who organized the new school system in this province and within three years made it a model for the empire. Strong opposition has arisen lately to foreign management of the schools and particularly against Dr. Tenney because he is an American. Yuan Shi Kai told Dr. Tenney that he appreciated his work, but Yuan Shi Kai has so many enemies that he could not afford to keep

KILLED BY BAD AIR.

Two Men Meet Death in a Cripple Creek Mine.

Cripple Creek, Colo.-Bad air in the Blue Bird mine caused the death of two men and the injury of three others Sunday. Allen Webster and T. Ole son were overcome and were being hoisted to the top when Oleson tumbled out of the cage and was dashed to death. Webster expired from asphyxiation before the cage reached the surface. Fred Benjamin was waiting to be hauled to the opening at the top of the shaft, when in some unaccountable way he became wedged between the shaft wall and the cage and was badly crushed about the body. He may not recover.

Large Tract Is Withheld for Irrigation Purposes.

Washington.-The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from all forms of disposal 500,000 acres of public land in Utah for irrigation and forest reserve purposes, as follows: Two hundred and thirty thousand four hundred acres in the Salt Lake land district, for irrigation purposes, and 270,000 acres for the proposed Pavant forest reserve, along the Pavant range, between Richfield and Fillmore.

ONE DEMAND GRANTED.

Russia Will Abolish Capital Punishment, But Not Siberian Banishment.

St. Petersburg.-The abolition of capital punishment by the civil tribunals of Russia, which was one of the main demands of reform parties, will soon be an accomplished fact. The project will be considered this week by the council of the emptre, and there is a strong chance that it will be approved and signed by the em-

BLUE LAWS IN INDIANA.

Man Arrested for Shining Shoes at Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind .- As a result of the strict enforcement of the Sunday closing law thirty-seven offenders were arrested Sunday. Hotels, restaurants, drug stores and news stands were the only business houses open. Twenty-four bakers were among those arrested. One man was arrested for shining shoes and another for washing a buggy at a livery stable.

EASILY RECOGNIZED

Russian Rebels Foolish Enough to Get Photographed.

St. Petersburg.-Vanity proved the undoing of scores of the Letts leaders during a service immortalizing their connection with the armed insurgent military maneuvers. The leaders were photographed in groups wearing the uniforms, and these pictures subse-quently fell into the hands of the authorities who thus easily traced the originals and tried them by court

NORTHWEST NOTES

C. P. Davis, ex-deputy sheriff of Umatilla county, Oregon, was convicted at Pendleton of the larceny of \$4,200.

It is quite likely that the president will appoint C. E. Vilaf of Seattle, assayer in charge of the Seattle assay office, in succession to F. A. Wing, who recently resigned.

Dan McMasters, well known in the western part of Montana and at one time a member of the Butte police force, committed suicide at Bonner Mont., by taking carbolic acid.

Charles Quinn, the conductor of the eastbound Great Northern Oriental limited, which collided with the west bound near Columbia Falls, Mont., is dead, at Kalispell, from his injuries. He is the fourth victim. A prairie fire near Cheyenne de-

stroyed great quantities of hay. Pine Bluffs, a small town, was threatened, while at Salem, a Swedish settlement. a number of buildings were destroyed. There was no loss of life.

One of the largest funerals held in Nevada in years took place at Carson, when the remains of the late Reinhold Sadler, former governor of Ne vada, were consigned to the grave in the Masonic cemetery at Carson.

Practically all the 300 red cedar

shingle mills in northwest Washing

ton resumed operations last week after a close-down, practically complete throughout the state, for the months of December and January. Roy Gray, a young resident of Eu reka, Cal., fell from a train at Sparks

Nev., last week. One leg was caugh. under the wheels and crushed to such an extent that amoutation was neces sary. He stands a chance to recover The senate in executive session on the 1st confirmed the following nominations: Charles D. Ford, register of

the land office at Denver; William S

Graham, surveyor-general of Califor nia; Merritt A. Baker, postmaster Wenton, Or. W. B. Higbie and J. H. Berry, representing Swift & Co. of Chicago, are in Portland, Or., perfecting plans for the construction on the St. Johns peninsula of an immense abbatoir and

hood of \$1,000,000, Frank Jackson of Seattle, a passenger on the steamer Multnomah from Olympia to Tacoma, ripped eight or ten life preservers open on that vessel last week and found them filled with tule reeds, and threw them over

packing plant to cost in the neighbor-

board. He was arrested. Governor Brooks of Wyoming has appointed District Judge C. H. Parmelee to the vacancy in the supreme court of that state, caused by the resignation of Judge Van Orsdel, who has been appointed assistant attorney general of the United States by Presi-

dent Roosevelt. President J. E. Stubbs of the University of Nevada has placed the stamp of disapproval on hazing at the university. It was stated by him at a public meeting that hereafter all students found guilty of participating in hazing would be immediately dis-

missed from the college. What is known as the Mahoney cu. on the Union Pacific, between Lookout and Hanna, is giving the contractors considerable difficulty. It is the largest undertaking of the kind which is being done in connection with the laying of double track, and preparations are being made to put two steam shovels to work.

A crazy man, intent upon almost any crime his diseased mind might think of, escaped from his attendant at the railroad station at Reno, Nev., one day last week and caused much uneasiness among the citizens until he was finally recaptured.

W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific, says that within a short time the double-track operations in Wyoming will be in full swing and an army of from 3,000 to 4,000 graders will be employed between Cheyenne and Green River.

Fire of unknown origin partially destroyed Senator W. A. Clark's Butte reduction works last week. The plant will be rebuilt as soon as possible. In the meantime all ore from Clark properties will be treated at the Washoe smelter in Anaconda.

The state supreme court at Cheyenne has decided the Agricultural college case in favor of the University of Wyoming on every point, declaring the act of the legislature of 1905 abolishing the so-called Agricultural college at Lander constitutional.

With \$30,000,000 worth of gold bars on hand awaiting coinage, the new Denver mint began operations last week. About 100 persons are employed. The first work undertaken was the recoining of \$130,000 silver in dimes, quarters and half dollars.

Beatty, Nev., the place famed in the desert regions for having an ample supply of free water for all comers, is the scene of a great strike, which is considered significant in that it shows the extension of the mineral beit to be much longer than was