United States Refuses to Accept Cuban Interpretation

OF THE PLATT AMENDMENT.

A Reply Is Prepared-Secretary Roo Puts Our Government's Answer to the Must Not Pervert Amendment.

Washington, D. C., June 3.-The administration has decided to reject the plan of relations defined by the Cuban constitutional convention, the full text of which was received by Secretary Root from Havana. This action was determined upon at the Cabinet meeting after a careful reading of the docan appendix to the Cuban constitution, and after a full discussion of the Cuban interpretation of the clauses of the Platt amendment. Accordingly Secretary Root has prepared a reply to the convention which sets forth that the United States government cannot agree to the constitution adopted. The text of Secretary Root's reply cannot be learned at present, but it is known to be an able and diplomatic response, avoiding any severity in tone which might give offense to the Cubans, and merely indicating the disapproval of this government of incorporating in the plan of relations an interpretation which might be misleading. It is made plain, however, that the United States will be satisfled with nothing but an unqualified acceptance of the terms of the Platt amendment, without any additions by the Cubans, setting forth their understanding of that act. Members of Congress freely expressed their disapproval of Cuba's attempt to define a law of the United States, and insisted that it would be ridiculous for the United States to accept as satisfactory a plan of relations in which Cuba attempted to alter the Platt amendment. It is declared that the text of the clauses of interpretation show in 000. It developed that the liabilities many instances an attempt to pervert only amounted to \$18,000, and the the meaning of the Platt amendment | cause of the excessive assessment is This is particularly true of the inter- said to be the likelihood of the assessvention clause, the purpose of which is to keep Cuba from making any treaty with foreign powers which might affect the position of the United States in the West Indies. It is pointed out that the Cuban interpretation of this clause very closely alters the meaning of the Platt amendment on this point, and while it shows that the Cuban understanding was that their officials should make treaties with the United States, it did not show that they understand that Cuban officials should not enter into negotiations with foreign countries.

CUBANS TAKE DECIDED STAND.

Not Likely to Rescind Their Action or Platt Amendment.

Havana, June 3.—Washington advices regarding possible complications over the acceptance of the appendix to the constitution have caused some uncured its adoption, but the disposition is to wait official information. Inquiry showed that there is no probability that the convention would make further changes in the form in which acceptances was couched. Opinion is pronounced that such an attempt would disrupt the conservative forces, which succeeded in having the Platt amendment interpreted and adopted, and would place the radicals in full control of the situation. Most of the delegates who voted for acceptances say that the subject is concluded and the only thing left for the convention now is to frame an electoral law, or else to be dissolved by military authority and the status quo remain unchanged. They do not anticipate the latter alternative. Some of them criticise the reports that the convention was not expected to incorporate the substance of the interviews with Secretary Root, and say this criticism should have been formulated earlier, since such a purpose has been manifested by the convention since the delegates returned from Washington.

Music Room in a Posthouse. Wichita, Kan., June 3.-The pest-

a music room and all of the fifty innet, banjo and guitar. Several nights ago a raid was made on the Union hotel and five musicians were taken to the pesthouse. They were allowed to take their instruments with them, and now they have agreed to teach every inmate for \$1 each, to be paid after they are released. None of the victims is seriously ill and they are able to take one lesson each day.

76,303,387 Is Correct. Washington, June 3.—The census bureau has made its final announcement of the population of the United States as recorded by the census of 1900. It is 76,303,387. A previous announcement, November 27, placed the population at 76,304,799, but, as stated at the time, this figure was subject

to changes. Shoots Himself to Escape Arrest. Chicago, June 3.—Pursued by citizens and police after having stolen a horse and wagon, A. W. Griffing, formerly a private detective, escaped arrest by committing suicide. Griffing fired the fatal shot on Halsted street, fifty feet north of Monroe street, at 4:30 o'clock.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN.

Happenings of the Week Briefly Related.

WILL INTEREST MICHIGANDERS

Have You Money Coming From the State as the Result of Paying Double Taxes -Petoskey Barber in Trouble - Jackson Woman Sues Her Hubby

Machinists Cause Trouble in Detroit. What threatened to be a lively riot occurred at the Olds Motor Works, in Detroit, late on the afternoon of May Convention in Diplomatic Words—Cuba 31, but the prompt arrival of the police averted serious trouble, yet just a little blood was shed. There are at present about 60 men, mostly machinists, employed there. The cause of the trouble is that non-union men were suspected to be working there. When the excitement commenced there were only about a half dozen strikers present. But by the time the extra squad of policemen arrived fully 500 men, comument adopted by the convention as prised principally of workmen of different shops, had assembled. More police protection was telephoned for and upon their arrival the ringleaders of the crowd had succeeded in working their listeners up to a point where they were willing to make a rush on the works and cause the non-union men to cease working. When the signal was given the crowd started, and for awhile the scene presented was similar to that of a lot of boys playing "pom, pom, pull-a-way." Finally some members of the crowd made a rush for the opposite side of the building and in this way came in contact with the non-unionists. Three of the latter received badly swollen and black eves and suffered with bloody noses, but the police reached the building in time to prevent anyone from being badly hurt. The police accompanied the company's men away from the scene at quitting time, and patrolmen went most of the way home with the more nervous of the workers.

Are You Affected. Policyholders of the defunct Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance company, of Jackson, are up in arms. The cause of the excitement is an assessment by Receiver F. C. Badgley of former policyholders to the tune of nearly \$133,ments of many stockholders proving uncollectible. It is claimed that pol icyholders are not liable beyond the amount fixed in the premium note signed by the applicant for insurance, therefore the exhoritant assessment is held to be illegal. The assessable policvholders are scattered all over the southern part of the state.

Have Money Coming.

Certain property owners in the state are receiving postal cards from persons at Lansing who pore over books in the auditor-general's office, to the effect that they are entitled to a refunding of a given sum occasioned by a double payment of taxes. Those who have something coming are informed that for a consideration they will be furnished with valuable information. Auditor-General Powers notified county treasurers to notify these property owners who may come under his notice, that the auditor's department will cheerfully furnish this information gratis. These persons have received notices that they are entitled to refunding, from the auditor's office, but have overlooked them.

Petoskey M. D. Fled on His Wheel. Dr. Parquhar McRae, a whilom doc tor, of Petoskey, who is the proprietor of a fine barber shop, fled on his wheel on the 27th to escape a warrant for alleged criminal assault that was being prepared on the complaint of A. Cohn, a merchant of that city, whose 14-yearold daughter was an alleged victim. McRae, who is 48 years old and married, has been known for years to be conducting a shady resort, but has heretofore escaped arrest. His flight. and that of his porter, reveals a shock ing state of depravity among the young men and women who have frequented his place. More flights or arrests may

Sues Her Husband for Damages. Mary J. Creech, of Jackson, on the 27th began suit in the circuit court against her divorced husband, David H. Cheech. This is a sequel of a shooting affray which occurred at the home of Mrs. Cheech when, following a decision of the supreme court sustaining house in this city has been turned into the lower court in granting her a divorce, Cheech shot his wife four times mates are learning to play on the cor- in the head, badly wounding her. She recovered from the wound and now sues for \$5,000 for injuries sustained

> and expenses incurred. Court Must Decide.

Suit for \$7,000, growing out of the recent failure of the First National bank of Niles, has been begun in the U.S. circuit court against the First National bank of Chicago. The action is brought by Jos. W. Selden, receiver of the insolvent Niles bank, to recover drafts presented at the defendant bank after notice of the insolvency of the other institutions had been sent out.

A fruit canning company, with \$250, 000 capital, has been formed at Kalamazoo.

No more board walks goes in Northville-the council recently decided not to grant any more permits for such.

Cement will be used. Fruit growers around Saranac expect a record-breaking crop this year, and are making preparations accordingly for the shipment of the fruit.

Four hundred men are now working on electric railroads in Ottawa county. Two lines are now in course of construction, and two more in prospect.

Numerous farmers in Berrien town shin are chewing the bitter cud of reflection now that they congot recall pose of purchasing farm land. The who were sent out by the state tax commission to ascertain whether or not the township supervisors in Berrien county are doing their duty by assessing land at its actual cash value. The deputation struck Berrien Center the other day and unraveled a plausable tale about being sent into that section by a colony of people who had recently located in northern Michigan, where, owing to the nature of the soil, they were unable to raise satisfactory crops, hence they desired to purchase more productive soil in the Michigan fruit Center, who is well-known among the prospective buyers, and introduced were eager listeners to the yarn told by the agents of the tax commis-The outcome was that land which the owners maintained, in the presence of the township supervisor, as not worth above \$40 or \$50, suddenly increased amazingly in value. \$100 per acre, and in most cases the The strangers departed and the supervisor of Berrien township has been notified by the tax commission to raise the assessment to the amount which the owners claim the land is worth. The deputation of innocent lambs tried the same wrinkle in Niles township, but the farmers had a tip in advance, hence the men from northern Michigan found farms for sale at a bargain n this vicinity.

Berries Township Farmers Trapped.

Fruit Growers are Discouraged. Fruit growers in the vicinity of Benton Harbor are nearly discouraged over the prolonged cool weather. The prospects for a big strawberry crop as given out is not what it was 10 days ago. The big melon growers are still holding their plants in hot beds waiting for a warm wind and already many of these plants are dumping down. On the big peach farms hardly an old tree will bear a peach and this means twothirds of every farm. The cause, as heretofore announced, was the early fall freeze before the limbs had been tempered by any frosts.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS. Memorial Day was appropriately ob-

served throughout Michigan Monroe has a good chance to secure beet sugar factory, and may land it. Work was commenced at Rockwood

on the 28th on the electric road running between Detroit and Toledo. Martin Tiffany, of Mankatau, suicided at Chicago on the 30th by the carbolic acid route. Motive unknown.

Bears are wandering about near the village of Hatton and the children don't require a curfew bell to keep them in at night. The frost did quite a lot of damage

around West Branch. It is feared that

the huckleberries are ruined, as they are just in bloom. Coldwater has not far from 40 miles of Portland cement sidewalks: in fact the city claims to have the best sidewalks in America for a town of like

A small boy at Athens called the vilficer proved that the boy was right by arresting him and taking him to the lockup.

The recent petty thieving at Detroit has led the police to believe that it is the work of an organized band of boys, and they are now working on this theory.

Since promising coal indications have been found in Meridian township, Ingham county, the farmers there are enjoying good times, as capitalists are buying leases of all the land they can

Obeying the instructions of the mayor, Marshal Ross, of Owosso, kept his eagle eye open on the 26th with the result that he got evidence against seven dealers for selling cigars on Sunday contrary to his honor's orders.

The decomposed body of an unknown man was found on the 25th on the top of a wild and desolate hill known as Buzzard's Roost, which overlooks the Vermilion river in Illinois. From the fact that the head was cut off it is thought he was decoved there and mur-The man had been dead about six months.

The Howard City high school was the scene of much excitement on the 27th. Prof. Fuller undertook to punish Wm. Steenman, who retaliated on the professor in John L. style, giving him three hard blows. The professor then blacked Steenman's eyes and put him out of school. Steenman would have graduated this year.

The project to connect Saginaw and Grand Rapids by means of an electric railway is now assured of success, the company having been incorporated with \$1,000,000 capital and the bonds having been taken by an eastern syndicate. The route will be from Grand Rapids to Greenville, thence to Stanton, Edmore, Lake Odessa, Alma and St. Louis.

Dr. D. C. Thomas, aged 66, of Adrian, died very suddenly on the 30th of heart failure. He was on his way to the Lima Northern depot and ran a short distance in order to get his train. he being a little late, and as he reached the depot he suddenly sank lifeless to the platform. He was on his way to fill an appointment to deliver a Memo-

rial Day address. The divorce business in Calhoun county has taken a big jump and all records were broken during the month of May. County Clerk Austin commenced 12 cases and issued only 37 marriage licenses.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The house passed the following bills on the 28th: New barbers' law; corwhat they had to say to several genteel | recting errors in Bay City charter; conpersonages who visited them during stitutional amendment relative to the the past few days for the alleged pur- division of state and county taxes and finances; authorizing Crystal Falls visitors in question were land experts township school to borrow money to erect building; authorizing Ontonagon county to maintain an abstract system; authorizing Blissfield to borrow money to improve bridge across the Raisin river; detaching certain territory from school district No. 2, Marion, and attaching same to district No. 6; amending Saginaw charter relative to the pay of aldermen when acting as supervisors; Detroit bridge bonding bill; extending time of payment of indebtedness of counties and townships; freight classification bill; providing that no person acting as an agent for a contract with belt. A prominent citizen of Berrien a deceased person shall be a competent witness equally within the knowledge farmers, volunteered to accompany the of decendent unless called by the heirs; authorizing county road commissioners them to the land owners, who to grant street railway franchises for territory within their jurisdiction; amending compulsory education law so as to provide that children between 8 and 15 years shall attend school at least 10 half days each week and five months a year, instead of eight half days and four months a year; author No farms were for sale short of \$75 to | izing common carriers to sell perishable freight within 24 hours after owners held that the land was really charges have not been paid, and aniworth more than was asked for it. mals within a week; regulating the granting of franchises in the city of Detroit; Ann Arbor charter.

The senate passed the following bills on the 28th: Amending the Grand Rapids primary election law by providing for independent candidates and decreasing the fee for some minor candidates; to amend Saginaw charter; to authorize Detroit to build another bridge to Belle Isle; authorizing Blissfield township, Lenawce county, to borrow money; relative to school taxes in Crystal Falls; to reorganize school districts in Marion township, Osceola county; amended by house-relative to the East Saginaw school law: Barnaby primary election bill for Kent county; to make Monroe county the 38th indicial circuit.

The house passed the following bills on the 29th: Proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to indeterminate sentences; general budget bill, carrying \$6,544,501.12; regulating railway service on steam railways; compelling county and municipal officers to keep accounts; amending railroad incorporation act so that projectors of interurban electric railways need secure the consent of only two-thirds of the abutting property owners for a right of way.

The senate passed the following bills on the 27th: To amend Saginaw's charter; to amend Sault Ste. Marie's charter; to give Detroit power to license branch laundries; to amend Bay City's charter; relative to assessments in Detroit: Detroit water board bonding bill; giving the state auditors power to settle with H. M. Kingsley, of Van Buren county; to prohibit net fishing in waters tributary to the Saginaw river; to allow Blissfield to bond for \$5,000.

Gov. Bliss on the night of the 27th sent to the senate the names of ex-Senator Ira T. Sayre, of Flushing, and Graham Pope, of Houghton, as the two additional members of the state tax commission. Sayre gets the long term to 1906 and Pope's term will expire in

on the 27th: Amending Grand Rapids | the order, congress must be called or primary election law; authorizing the store of the games played | the goods will continue to come in | a large meeting of Dowieites held in | on Sunday, June 3: primary election law; authorizing the village of Blissfield to borrow \$5,000 for street improvements; amending horseshoers' act so as to provide for renewal of licenses.

The budget made up by the state accountant shows the total for 1901 and 1902 to be \$6,927,781.24, which is an increase of \$293,265.57 over the total taxes levied by the last legislature.

Stabbing Affray at Monroe. A stabbing affray occurred at Monroe on the afternoon of the 30th that may result in murder. Wm. Stokes, colored, stabbed William Rudert, a butcher, with a putty knife during an altercation in Jacob Hermann's saloon, on Monroe street. The men had been drinking heavily all day and at the time of the trouble both were intoxicated and quarrelsome. The knife entered between the two lower ribs on the left side and went through the lung and into the spleen. Stokes was immediately arrested. In the meantime a crowd had collected at the police station with the determination to break into Stokes' cell and take him out and hang him to a tree in the park. While the crowd was raving outside the officers took Stokes out of the back door of the station house and down the allev to the county jail, where he is now confined awaiting the result of Rudert's injuries.

The office of the Wenona Coal Co., near the mouth of the Kawkawlin river, was burglarized on the night of the 27th. The robbers got \$25 in cash and \$27 worth of postage stamps.

The project of forming new local military companies is being actively agitated at Ionia and Ludington, which cities are now not represented in the state national guard. There is also considerable talk at Escanaba along the same line.

Nearly 10,000 people witnessed the unveiling of the memorial cannon on the court house square, Mt. Clemens on the 30th. The monument was erected in memory of Maj-Gen. Alex. Macomb, for whom the county was named.

Judge Wiest, in the circuit court on the 28th ordered the state cases against Chas. H. Pratt, Edgar J. Adams, Wm. A. French and J. H. Brown placed on the calendar. Prosecutor Tuttle had requested that the cases be nolle prossed, but Judge Wiest could not see it in that light. The cases were continued until September term.

TARIFF DUTIES IN A MUDDLE

The Recent Supreme Court Decision in Porto Rico

MAY NECESSITATE NEW LAWS.

If the Tariff Schedule Promulgated by the President is Insufficient Congress Will be Obliged to Act or Imports May Enter Free-Decisions Explained.

Constitution Must Follow the Flag. In the Downes case the U.S. su preme court declares, in an opinion by Justice Brown, that while Porto Rice is a territory of the U.S., it is not such for tariff purposes and that the Foraker act is constitutional. The judgment of the circuit court was affirmed. The following were the principal points of the majority decision: 1. Territory cannot be foreign and domestic simultaneously.

2. Porto Rico is not foreign territory. 3. Congress has authority to control and legislate for territory acquired by war or treaty.

4. Territory acquired by treaty belongs to the U. S. and is subject to the disposition of congress.

5. Congress derives its authority not necessarily from the territorial clause of the constitution but from necessities of the case and the inability of the states to act.

6. The collection of duties on imports from Porto Rico since acquisition s illegal.

7. Porto Rico became domestic territory the moment it was ceded to the U. S., no act of congress being necessary to make it such.

8. Import duties levied in Porto Rico after ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain are held to be invalid. Four justices dissent.

Philippine Tariff Duties in a Muddle. Continuing the logic of the decision in the Delima case it is apparent that the whole Philippine tariff situation is upset. It was decided that goods comng into this country after the ratification of the Paris treaty and before the enactment of the Foraker bill were entitled to be admitted free. In the case of Porto Rico the duties received under the Foraker act will be kept. The Dingley duties collected previously will be refunded. In the case of the Philippines there has been no Foraker Duties have been charged on act. Filipino goods under the Dingley law since the ratification of the Paris treaty. The force of the present decision would be that all duties collected on goods coming from the Philippines must be refunded. This would make a difference of millions of dollars

to shippers. Under the authority of congress the President has the power to institute a new Philippine tariff. Under this authority he might by executive order institute a tariff similar in effect to the Foraker act and thus stop the Philippine goods from coming into this country free. At this point the question would arise as to whether the congress could delegate its constitutional authority to the executive or an officer of the executive. If the congress cannot empower, and did not empower, the President to issue such an order for a Philippine tariff then it will become necessary for congress to be The house passed the following bills | called into extra session to pass such a law. If the President cannot make the goods will continue to come in duty free.

Pretty Girl Visited Saloons on Sunday. Miss Addie Berry, the 19-year-old daughter of Frank Berry, of Carlyle, Ill., has inaugurated a sort of Carrie Nation crusade against the saloons in that city. On the 26th she created suspected of stealing for some time, consternation among the drink dispensers, visiting every place where intoxicating beverages are sold. The saloons are not kept wide open on Sunday, but a person can obtain entrance via side or rear doors. Miss Berry has assumed the responsibility of putting a stop to this practice. She went into the interior of saloons, pencil and tablet in hand, and leisurely iotted down the names of those who were in the room at the time.

Didn't Want to Kill the Kalser. A newspaper published in Verona, Italy, reports the attempted suicide of a youthful blacksmith named Pietrucci, who has confessed that he belonged to a society of anarchists and was chosen by lot to kill the Emperor of Germany. He preferred suicide to making the attempt. In his confession he also disclosed the names of certain of his comrades who had been selected to kill Queen Helena, of

Italy, President Loubet, of France, and

the Czar, of Russia. Pounded to Death by Robbers. Christian Stahl, a farmer living near Navarre, O., was brutally murdered by two masked burglars on the night of the 26th. The men broke into the house and demanded Stahl's money. On being refused, they bound him and the other members of the family with ropes, and after beating Stahl until he was unconscious the men left the house. Stahl's sister managed to free herself and gave the alarm. Stahl died after being freed from his bonds.

The First National bank, of Mineral Point, Wis., was robbed of \$20,000 on the 25th. The loss is covered by insurance.

After a session of three minutes on the 28th the U. S. supreme court adjourned until the second Monday in October.

The safe in the Mechanics Banking Co.'s office, at Bradner, O., 12 miles north of Fostoria, was blown open by burglars on the night of the 28th and \$10,000 taken. The burglars got away on a hand car. The bank building was partly wrecked by the explosion.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Special dispatches from St. Petersourg assert that Dr. Hendrick Muller and Dr. Leyds, representing the Boer republies have appealed formally to The Hague arbitration court, promising to abide by the decision of the tribunal regarding the issues involved in the South African war and pointing out that several of the paragraphs of the constitution of the court of arbitration signed by the powers represented at the peace conference bear directly upon the South African case.

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated the 28th, says the Boer general Schoeman and his daughter have been killed and his wife and two others have been badly injured by the explosion of a shell. Gen. Schoeman, his family and some friends were examining a 4.7 inch lyddite shell which they kept in the house as a curiosity when the shell exploded, killing the general on the spot and mortally wounded his daughter, and severely injuring his wife and two other persons.

The following was received from cradock on the 27th: "Kritzinger's invaders of Cape Colony captured a British post of 41 men near Maraisburg after a stout resistance."

Seven Persons Drowned.

on the 30th and seven of them-five girls and two boys, all of Philadelphia, Pa., -were drowned. The young man saved is John Moore, aged 21. The party is composed members of the Elm Social club, one of the numerous associations in that city, organized for the promotion of picnics and other social functions. Early in the morning the entire party embarked in gaily decorated wagons and pitched their camp at Rose Glen, along the Schuylkill river, on the northern outskirts of the city. After dinner the party split up for a row on the river, eight deciding to go in one boat. All the girls were huddled in the stern, one of the boys was rowing and the other was sitting on the bow of the boat. After getting in the middle of the river and finding the current too swift for comfort, the boat was rowed in toward shore. During this time it was carried slowly down stream. The boy doing the rowing decided to go through the locks and as he approached the dam, he was hailed by the lockkeeper not to approach any closer. The warning was not heeded and the young oarsman kept on rowing until he found that the lock was closed. The boat and entire party was carried over the dam, and the five girls never rose to the surface.

Dowle Says He is Elijah. "I am Elijah the Prophet, who appeared first as Elijah himself, second as John the Baptist and who now comes in me, the restorer of all things. Elijah was a prophet, John was a preacher, but I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, priest and ruler over men. Gaze on me then; I say it fearlessly. Make the most of it, you wretches in ecclesiastical garb. I am he that is the living physical and spiritual embodiment of Elijah and my coming to earth a third time has been prophesied by Malachi, by God himself, by his son Jesus, by Peter and three thousand years ago by Moses. All who believe me to be in very truth all this, will stand up." And over 3,000 people rose to their feet and Chicago on the 2d.

Five California Men Lynched for Stealing. | Chicago...... Details have been received of the lynching of five men at Lookout, Modoc county, Cal., early on the morning of the 31st. The men lynched had been and recently they were arrested, and a search of their premises revealed the stolen plunder. On the day in question a mob, variously estimated at from 30 to 50 people, suddenly made their appearance at the hotel and, pointing their guns at the two officers on guard, commanded them to observe silence while they secured the five prisoners, placed ropes around their necks and dragged them to a nearby bridge, and strung the entire bunch up. One of the prisoners made such strong resistance that the mob hanged him before it got to the main bridge. Both of the guards were compelled to accompany the prisoners to the scene of the execution.

21 Men Killed in Mine Explosion. At the Richland mine of the Dayton Coal & Iron Co., two miles from Dayton, on the 27th, a terrific explosion of coal dust resulted in the death of 21 men, all white, and most of them married and with families. The explosion was caused by what is known among miners as a "blown blast." It is the custom of the miners to place blasts and fire them off at quitting time each afternoon, leaving the coal thus thrown down to be loaded and hauled from the mine next morning. The Richland Chicago mine is destitute of water and great *Detrolt volumes of fine particles of coal dust, invisible to the naked eye, accumulate at the eye of the mine. The dust is subject to explosion if exposed to flame. Thirty-four men were in the mine at the time, and 21 of them were killed and nine of them burned, most of them fatally.

There are several cases of smallpox in Tuscola county. A warm rain put out the forest fires that have done such damage in West

Branch and Oscoda counties. The sultan of Morocco has yielded in the main to the French demands. There are still some matters to be set- side, three freight cars were detled, but the danger of serious trouble

Four hundred men are given employment in Ottawa county in the building of electric roads. Two lines are now being built through the county with more in prospect.

is averted.

Fred Rochelle, a Negro, aged 35, who at noon on the 28th, criminally assaulted and then murdered Mrs. Rena Taggart, a well-known and respectable white woman, of Bartow, Fla., was burned to the stake in that city on the night of the 29th. The assault and murder was one of the boldest and coldest-blooded crimes ever committed in Florida. On the day in question, Mrs. Taggart went fishing in a small boat that she kept at the city bridge over Placo creek. This is in full view of the public thoroughfare. A few minutes before noon, desiring to return home, she rowed her boat to the bridge and made it fast. She started home and had proceeded only a few steps in the swamp toward the open prairie and thence to the street, when she was approached by Rochelle, who had been hiding in the swamp. He seized her and she broke loose and screaming ran from the swamp into the prairie, where he overtook her. After the assault, while she was prostrate, he held her with his hands and knees and taking his knife from hi pocket, cut her throat from ear to ear, causing instant death. He then took the bleeding form in his arms and carried it back to the swamp, threw it down, and escaped into the interior of the swamp. After his arrest the pris-A rowboat containing a merry party oner was taken from the jail to the of eight young persons was swept over scene of the crime, chained to the stake Flat Rock dam in the Schuylkill river and saturated his clothes and some wood with kerosene oil and a match applied. Fifteen minutes later nothing remained of the body but the char-

Burned to the Stake.

Cracks in the Earth.

red bones.

The strange sliding movement of the city of Butte, Mont., which has been noticeable at intervals for several years, has again manifested itself by five large cracks in the earth at different sections of the city. In the western part of the city a crack 12 inches wide and of considerable length and depth has appeared. Three of the openings occur on the west side of the town and two on the east side. There is no caving but a distinct parting of the earth and the granite walls can easily be seen in them. The gas and water companies have much trouble from the strange movement, which frequently breaks their underground pipes.

Our Dealings With France. In a further series of extracts from the forthcoming volume two of commercial relations dealing with United States' trade in France, Consul Brittain, of Nantes, notes the development of the trade in American machinery in western France. During the past season, he says, about 800 reapers, mowers and horse hay rakes arrived at that port. American mowers give good satisfaction and the increased prices asked for farm labor will stimulate the demand for such machinery in the future. The American mowers were a common sight in the havfields last summer.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

A dispatch received at the war department from Gen. Chaffee at Taku. says that the transports Sumner and Lennox sailed on the 27th and that all of the troops that are to leave China are off for Manila.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of greeted the declaration with cheers the American and National league clubs on Sunday, June 3:

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THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN, ETC. Wheat Corn Oats No. 2 red No. 2 mix No. 2 white New York 81@811% 49@49 74707496 4470441% 28/0.281/ 75@75% 42@42% 31@311/2 Toledo 74@74% 44@44% 29@29 Cincinnati 75@751/ 44@44 31@31 77@77% 44@44% 33703314 Pittsburg 76@76% 43@431/2 Buffalo 32@321/ *Detroit-Hay, No. 1 Timothy, \$12 75 per ton. Potatoes, 55c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 102 per b; fowls, 0½c; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 10c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 12c per dozen, Butter, best dairy, 14c per 1b; creamery, 18c.

Freight Hit Load of Dynamite. A push car loaded with 48 boxes of dynamite was struck by a Great Northern freight train near Skyhomish, Wash., on the 28th. A terrific explosion followed. The engine was hurled some distance up the mountain molished, and about 500 feet of track torn up. A steam shovel standing near was reduced to scrap iron. Engineer McGrouty was seriously hurt.

The German marines are quitting Pekin.