CURRENT TOPICS

CHEMPSE MINISTER'S SPEECHES. Now that our relations with Asia to broadening out it is a pleasure to scover that the Chinese minister to he United States, Wu Ting-Fung, can green himself with facility in the glish language and make a very good speech at short notice on almost my subject. He was in Philadelphia set week and delivered an extended address before the University of Pennayivania on the proper relations of the United States with the orient. Before leaving the city he spoke to the pupils of several high schools and schools for girls, and, appearing in the garb of his own country, was certainly an interesting figure. One point he emphasized in the university address was that the customs, manners, language, mode of ducation and way of thinking in Asia are different from those in Europe and America, and should be judged considerately. It is, for instance, a compliment in China for persons just introduesd to ask each other's ages, a laudable action there, but one that would he unwelcome and misinterpreted in western countries.

THE BEAR AND THE LION. The St. Petersburg paper which defares that "England has fettered Rusin by many treaties, but the moment an come to break these fetters," may of voice the intention of the Russian versiment, but it undoubtedly exmes a desire of the Russian people. wined has for fifty years stood in he was of Muscovite ambition in Turand elsewhere. In 1854-6 England acht Turkey in order to defend Tur-In 1872 a British fleet stopped he victorious Russians in their march Constantinople. In other instances in the nest forty or fifty years the british have prevented Russian expanion in certain directions in which the imeevite government wished to exmd. Still, the chances are that no nate-Russian treaties or agreements will be torn up on account of the present war.

BOARD OF TRADE FRAUDS. The federal grand jury at Chicago as voted true bills against the members of a board of trade firm which is idleved to have engaged in bucketoperations. That there was ratty strong evidence of bucket-shopin this particular case may be infrom the indictments returned. aducting a bucket-shop is an offense under the laws of the state of Illinois. But probably all men with experience in such matters would have considered it almost uncless to attempt a prosecution in the state courts. The present indictment is for using the mails to decraud country patrons. What the country needs is a law that will prerent all kinds of speculating, whether it is trading in options or futures or anything that does not require legitimate labor.

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH. The relief of Ladysmith and the withdrawal of the Boers from Colesberg and Jamestown mark the beginming of the fourth stage of the camsaign in South Africa. The first stage opened with the advance of the Boers into Natal and Cape Colony, about the middle of October. The object was to diffice the British from the coal disricts of Natal, to gain possession o e raffroads extending into the Free tate and the Transvasi by way o Leing's Nok and Van Reenen's Pass, prevent the use of the railroads in porthern Cape Colony, and to promote a rising among the Cape Colony Butch.

A UNIQUE MEASURE. anique place of legislation is prein Smathr Harbaugh in the de degislature. He would make it a lemeanor for any person to write mail a student any essay, composior other literary production to be the unsuspecting her as the purchaser's own. The proposed is a fine of not less 55 hor more than \$50 for the tenne, and between \$50 and \$100 the second. The bill in one way erimination, in that it punishes fenders while it lets others muchly guilty of deception escape.

WHEN IS ONIO'S BIRTHDAY. definds tipelf in a peculiar dilemma. state intends to celebrate the cenand of the admission to the Union. unfortunately the date is not The United States census regiven Nov. 29, 1802, but this is all authority, nor, indeed, is it remarded as correct in Ohio, as most people favor holding nutal celebration in 1803.

ENERGY POR SOLDIERS. experiments have Germany to ascertain the seported favorably. Prof. uple proof that a segar

CURRENT MARKET PRICES.

GRAIN, PROVISIONS, ETC. Milwaukee-Flour-Five cents lower Wheat-Irregular; No. 1 northern, 640 5%c; No. 2 northern, 63665%c. Rye-Pirm; No. 1, 57%c, Bariey—Steady; No. 2, &c; sample, \$5\\\ \text{\$\tex{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$

Chicago—Cash quotations were as follows: Wheat—No. 2 spring, 64966½c; No. 2 red, 67%665%c. Corn—No. 2, 23%633%c; No. 2 yellow, 23%c. Oats—No. 2, 23%6 23%c; No. 2 white, 25@26c. Barley-No. 2 \$8639c, Mess Pork—Per bbl, \$9.70619.65. Lard—Per 100 lbs. \$5,12%65.77%, Short Ribs—Sides, loose, \$5.7065.95. Clover—Contract grade, \$8.25. Butter-Strong; creameries, 18624c; dairies, 16621c. Cheese-Firm at 12613c. Eggs-Firm; fresh, 16c. Indianapolis-Wheat-Firmer; No. 2 red. 69c, track 68%c on milling freight; No. 3 red, 65@68c; wagonwheat, 69c. Corn -Steady; No. 1 white, 34c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3 white, 33%c; No. 4 white, 31 633c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 27c; No. white, 26c; No. 2 mixed, 24%c. Hay-Quiet; No. 1 timothy, \$11.50@12; No.

imothy, \$10,50@11. LIVE STOCK. Indianapolis-Cattle-Good to prime steers, \$565.60; fair to medium steers. \$4.5005; stockers and feeders, \$364.60; helfers, \$364.50; yeals, \$5.5067.50; calves, 3.75@5.50. Hogs-Good to choice medium and heavy, \$4.85@4.90; mixed and heavy packing, \$4.80@4.85; good to choice lightweights, \$4.75@4.85; common light-weights, \$4.30@4.65; roughs, \$3.80@4.65. Sheep-Good to choice lambs, \$6@7; common to medium lambs, \$566; good to choice sheep, \$4694.50; fair to medium sheep; \$3.50 63.75; common sheep, \$2.50@3.25; bucks, Chicago-Cattle-Good to prime steers

5.3066; poor to medium, \$4.1064.30; stockers and feeders, \$3.4064.75; cows and helfers, \$364.60; Texas-fed steers, \$3.9065. Hogs-Mixed and butchers', \$4.6564.90; good to choice heavy, \$4.8064.90; rough heavy, \$4.6564.75; light, \$4.6564.82%; bulk f sales, \$4.75664.8213. Sheep-Sheep. \$4.50 \$5.90; lambs, \$567.40.

Milwaukee Hogs Light, 100 to 200 II common to choice, \$4.5064.75; rough

good heavy packers, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice packers, \$4.75@4.80; plain to good medium weights, \$4.60@4.75. Cattle-Good to choice beef steers, 1,050 to 1,250 lbs average, \$4,2565; fair to medium, 950 to 1,050 15. Sheep-Fair to choice, \$3.7564.25; poor to fair, \$2.5063.75; bucks, \$2.7563.50; lambs, common to good, \$4.7566.25; good to choice, \$6.2566.50.

PAUNCEFOTE TO BE RETIRED

British Ambassader's Term of Scryles Will End April 4. The diplomatic career of Lord Pauncefole of Preston, the British ambaseador to the United States, will terminate on April 1, when he will be placed on the retired list. Information has been received that the British government has under consideration the names of five men who are eligible to succeed Lord Pauncefote. Thomas H. Sanderson, K. C. B., is the best known of these. He is the pe manent under secretary in the foreign office, and a brother of Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general in New York. The Hon. Francis Hyde Villiers, C. B., whose name is being considered also, is an assistant under secretary in the foreign office. The British minister at Brussels, Sir F. K Plunkett, G. C. M. G., is included in the list, and another prominent diplomatic officer who may be chosen is Henry Howard, C. B., the British minister at The Hague. Mr. Howard served in Washington as first secretary of the British legation when Sir Edward Thornton was the British minister here.

Novel Defenre in Suit.

Mrs. Catherine Eisele, widow of Wil liam Eisele of St. Louis, has sued Jefferson lodge, No. 119, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for \$200, the amount of a benefit claimed to have been held by her husband in the lodge. The trustees of the lodge say Eisele before his death became a Catholic. and on his death bed, when the sacrament of extreme unction was administered, he renounced his allegiance to all secret societies. The contention is that this renunciation of allegiance vitlates all claims which he may have held against the lodge.

Hounds to Trail Criminals. A. E. Coon, a hotel-keeper of Rhinelander, Wis., is in Chattanooga, Tenn. for the purpose of purchasing some bloodhounds. He says Rhinelander is in the heart of a dense pine forest, and that lawlessness is rampant. A meet ing of business men was called, and it selected a committee, of which Coon was made chairman, to devise a way to prevent further outbreaks of lawleasness. Coon saw in a Chicago paper an account of the feats of Chattanooga bloodhounds in tracking eriminals, and he went there to buy three to protect his town.

WIN Look Into Charge. The navy department recently received a letter from an unofficial source in the Philippines, said to be reliable, charging that some of the offi cers of the cruiser Charleston were drunk when the vessel was wrecked off the north coast of Luzon. Some enlisted men of the Charleston are quoted in support of the charge. The navy department has forwarded the letter to Rear Admiral Watson at Manila, with instructions to investigate.

Tobacco Plant to Be Sold. P. S. Hill of New York has been appointed temperary receiver for Black well's Durham Tobacco company of Durham, N. C., by Judge Simonton of the United States Circuit court at Charleston. A permanent receiver will be appointed April 17 and a sale of the property ordered. The action is against the Blackwell's Durham company, W. A. Guthrie and others of the minority stockholders. The factory will continue in operation.

Jary Acquite the Miners. The jury in the celebrated Carterville riot case acquitted the men of the troops on sugar when charge against them. The scene in is required. According the courtroom when the verdict was read was one long to be remembered. The loved ones gathered around the prisoners, and for some time the scene was touching to the extreme.

> arg's Vardiet Is Not Guilty. After afteen hours' deliberation

Gen. Dundonald Has Raised Seige of Ladysmith.

BOERS SEEM PANIC STRICKEN,

a Severe Blow to the Sister Republic -Bulletins of Five Days Fighting-Other War Notes,

Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Gen. Buller has taken Pieter's hill after a heavy loss of men. His further advance toward Ladysmith is stubbornly resisted. Gen. Cronje and other Boer prisoners have been sent to Cape Town by Lord Roberts. Nineteen of twenty-four Inniskilling officers fell in an effort to drive Boers from Railway bill. Papers of Vienna demand intervention in the war. Berlin and Paris papers urge mediation. Lord Rosebery has startled British politicians by quitting the liberal party. French hostility to Great Britain is increased by Lord Roberts' success in South Africa. Queen Victoria is now accused of meddling in Martinique, Gen. Count von der Goltz of the German army believes the final defeat of the Boers by the British is certain. Later-Official report says Ladysmith has been entered by Dundonald's cavalry.

Thursday, March 1. The siege of Ladysmith has been raised, the Boers flying to the north as Buller's army advanced. Great Britain appeals to her colonies to send more troops to South Africa, as British troops are required to protect the empire's interests elsewhere.

Friday, March 2. Boers are said to be at Osfontein. near Paardeberg, and also at Makauw's drift, near Modder; 7,000 men may intend to harass Roberts' march. Main body of Boers reported concentrating at Winburg, seventy northeast of Bloemfontein, which would mean abandonment of half of Orange Free State: Bloemfontein is small town, difficult of defense. Buller said he was surprised at decisiveness of his victory. Evident that Boers could have captured Ladysmith any time during last week, garrison being too weak to regist; 8,000 men in hospitals. Public sentiment in England insists upon absolute supremacy of Great Britain in Boer states after the war's end. Pope concluded birthday celebration with an invocation for peace in Africa. Colesberg's provisions almost exhausted when relief came. Paris subscription to present

sword of honor to Cronje. Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4. Roberts has 60,000 men near Kimberley, 40,000 in Natal and 50,000 in Cape Colony. Boer force estimated at 50. 000. French found Boers in strong position on kopje near Osfontein. Shots exchanged without casualties. Four Boers retreating north from Lady-

smith. Bank of France and French capitalists loaned money to England for Boer war. British government offers grants of land in the Transvaal to Australian settlers. Growing belief that ministry will dissolve to take advantage of war's popularity. Bourke Cockran declared that America ought to side with Boers against England. Princess Salm Salm arrived in Chicago to organize an ambulance corps. Cronje arrived at Cape Town and was imprisoned aboard the Doris. Brabant's horse took La Buschagnes nek. Brit ish captured position near Dordrecht.

Monday, March 3. Roberts' plans carefully concealed. Natal army temporarily inactive. Mafeking's relief likely to be attempted next. House of commons adopted war budget. Irish opposed whisky tax. Healy declaring it an attempt to bleed Ireland. Victoria stays at home because of possibility of European complications, Minister Venosta said time is inopportune for Italy to offer mediation. White planned pursuit of Boers, but found his men too weak. Basutos may fight Boers.

Charged with Stealing a Pursa. Mrs. Zimmerman, who is charged with stealing a purse from an Albion college co-ed, was put on in the Circuit court at Marshall, Mich., Wednesday. The girl, whose name Martha Gordon, alleges that while shopping she laid her purse down and that Mrs. Zimmerman took it. The purse contained \$387. Mrs. Zimmerman's husband is well off, and good legal talent has been engaged to de-

Mrs. Rose Tauro is Missing. Rose Tauro, whose case for seconddegree murder was called at Warren Ohio, Thursday, is reported to have disappeared from Niles. Mrs. Tauro, it is alleged, shot Frank Augusta, who she claims killed her husband. She was released from fail under \$10,000 ball on account of her baby. Niles officers, acting on the story of a relative that she had started for Italy or South America, wired New York officers to watch for her.

Patal Explosion of Powder. A keg of gunpowder stored in the residence of Gustavus Horn, four miles east of Dunkerton, Iowa, exploded Wednesday morning, wrecking the house and fatally infuring two children. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were at the barn doing the chores at the time. A they started toward the house they were met by their children, whose clothes were all ablaze. The flames were extinguished, but the burns proved fatal.

Christian Science Church Dedicated. The Marinette (Wis.) Christian Science church was dedicated Sunday. Scientists from Chicago. Milwaukee. Green Bay, Oshkosh, Iron Mountain and many other places attended the services. The church cost \$10,000, all of which has been paid. The handsome pipe organ was the gift of Mrs. thousand British cavalry pursuing A. C. Merryman, wife of a wealthy lumberman.

MANY HURT IN WRECK.

Disectrous Collision on Altaois Control

Near Brandview, fit. A rear-end collision on the Illinois Central railroad near Broadview, Ill., at 6 o'clock Monday morning, between stock and a freight train, resulted in the injury of twenty-one men, two of whom may die, and the destruction by Are of a passenger coach, caboose and stock car. The accident was caused by the breaking of a coupling on heavy grade at Junction "C," a side station, near Broadview, Ill., allowing the rear end of a stock train, to which was attached a passenger coach containing about thirty stockmen, to dash into the head end of a freight train that was following.

Preached for Sixty Years.

Elder Jonathan Van Cleave, living

near Crawfordsville, Ind., who is now in his 95th year, is ill with the grip. and no hopes are entertained for his recovery. He is a minister of the Primitive Baptist church, or Hardshell Baptists, as they are sometimes called, and has preached for sixty years. He has never received a cent for his work all this time. Elder Van Cleave believes in the two-seed doctrine, or the doctrine of the elect; that there are two classes of people born into the world, one of which will be saved regardless of anything they may do, and the other class that will never be saved. He also believes in a literal hell, and that unsaved persons will be consigned to a burning take of fire, to suffer eternally.

Natural Gas in Kane County.

On the farm of John Meinke, near Old Harmony, Kane county, natural gas has been discovered. Herman Abraham was boring a well and at a depth of 114 feet encountered the fluid Mud and water were expelled to a great altitude from the four-inch bore. When a match was applied the flame shot up several feet, and is still burning. Mr. Meinke is more in need of water than of gas, and instead of feeling joyous over a result that may prove valuable, is troubled at not getting good water.

City to Own Water Works. The Dubuque, lowa, council's contract to buy the water plant for \$545,-600 was carried with little opposition at a special election Wednesday. The system is forty-two miles in extent and is supplied by artesian wells. The company was chartered in 1870 for fifty years, with a provision that the city might buy after twenty years at a price to be fixed by appraisers.

Cruisers Sent to Isthmus. The cruisers Detroit and Marblehead have been ordered to Central America to protect American interests. The Detroit is on her way to the coast of Nicaragua. The Marblehead is at San Diego, Cal., and will go to the Pacific side of Central America. The latest

information shows that the whole of Central America is excited, and that an outbreak may come at any time.

STORY OF THE SIEGE OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH.



Nov. 2—Boers surround the city. Nov. 15-Lieut. Churchill leads as-

Grange near Ladysmith: 11 killed. about city and are opposed by Gen. White with losses of 160.

and is driven back with heavy loss. Dec. 22-Gen. White tries sortie and is repulsed with severe losses.

lines about the city.

Jan. 17-Buller again crosses Tugela simple. on way to relieve besleged city and is

To Develop Its Coal Fields.

ent north shaft at Virden, Ill. The

contemplated mine will have a ca-

pacity of 150 cars per day. President

Felton has matured a plan for the full

development of the coal fields con-

tiguous to the Alton lines, and the

Highbinder War On Again.

again in Chinatown in San Francisco.

and the bitter feud between the Suey

Sing and Sim Yup sides resulted in

the killing of one man Sunday night.

the murder of two more and the

\$10,000 Damage Sait Filed.

Suit has been filed at Bedford, Ind.

against the Consolidated Stone com-

pany for \$10,000 damages by John D.

Morgan as administrator of the estate

of Albert Cass. Cass was killed Jan.

24, near this city, while at work in one

Appointment for Deway.

If Admiral Dewey carries out his re-

ported intention of going to Paris for

the exposition he will probably be

United States to the International con-

designated no the delegate of

wounding of two Monday.

of the defendant's quarries.

rence of navigation.

The Highbinder has broken out

necessary capital has been secured.

The Chicago & Alton Railway com-

again repulsed.

pany will at once begin work on the Monday at Warren, Ill., and severely

sinking of a coal shaft near the pres- | injured George Stickman, a workman.

sault on besiegers; is killed with 58 gate to Ladysmith) ends with defeat of the meantime Roberts is moving to-Nov. 16-British driven from Willow meantime Boer siege has been weak- Joubert sees the British strategy, and to city deserted by Boers. Dundonald longer besieged. Dec. 15-Gen. Buller crosses Tugela encamps north of Ladysmith.

Feb. 24-Buller crosses Tugela again triumphal entry into Ladysmith. with 30,000 men and is driven back in March 2-Great joy in Ladysmith disorder. Losses reported 1,500 men. and Gen. White, who held city against Jan. 16-Boers again tighten their This effort further weakens Boer siege besiegers, declared the real deliverer lines and Dundonald's task becomes by Dundonald and the citizens.

Feb. 20-British defeated at Colenso.

An acetylene gas tank exploded

Feb. 21-Buller pushes his army Jan. 25-Battle of Spion Kop (south across the Tugela for fourth time. In Buller, who retires in disorder. In ward Bloomfontein after Cronje. Gen. ened by voluntary withdrawals to de- instead of fighting Buller's advance Nov. 30-Boers tighten their lines fense of Spion Kop. Buller dispatches withdraws his entire army north to cut Dundonald's cavalry to north entrance Robert's advance. Ladysmith is no

March 1—Dundonald's cavalry makes

The anti-trust people are organizing all over Kansas and will assist the populists in the election this fall. Ex-Congressman Simpson says the Anti-Trust league members number 10,000 in the state.

sue will produce an inflation of the currency without adding to its elastic-

President McKinley attended church in New York Sunday and heard his colonial policy condemned by Bishop Andrews.

Six men were burned to death in a New York lodging-house fire and two others were injured Sunday.

The United States government will

establish postal service to Nome City. Chairman Towne says silver republicans will hold a national convention

Patrick Crowe, suspected of being implicated in the daring Northwestern train robbery between Maple Park and DeKalk on the night of Oct. 13, was arrested Monday afternoon in Chicago and has been spirited away by the police. The place of his confinement is kept a secret.

Hort by an Explosion-

occurred. Besides burning the men about the head and body much damage was done to the store and the stock.

and A. F. Grabner, the proprietor of

the drug store where the explosion

Two Cities May Unite. At a meeting of a number of prominent citizens of St. Joseph, Mich., Tuesday the discussion turned upon the consolidation of that city with Benton Harbor. The project met with considerable favor. The name of Pere

Marquette was thought to be a good one for the consolidated cities. Business Part of Clarion Burned. Fire destroyed the business section of Clarion, Pa., early Tuesday, and resulted in the death of former Judge W. W. Barr, who dropped dead from excitement. Fourteen business houses

to \$150,000. Double Murder and Suicide.

were destroyed. The loss will amount

At the town of Littleburg, West Virginia, Tuesday night, James Glenn killed his daughter and her sweetheart and then committed suicide. The participants in the tragedy were among the most wealthy families there.

Die from Blood Polsoning.

Peter Gruenfelder and George Hubert died in St. Louis Monday from blood poisoning, developed from frost bites sustained during the storm of last week. Gruenfelder was on the way to the city when he was overcome by the cold and sank into a lethargy. He was discovered by a farmer and brought to the city. Both of Hubert's feet were frost-bitten while tramping in search of work.

Smallpax Seizes a Student.

Miss Clara Davis, a student of Indiana university, has smallpox. She was exposed to the disease by her roommate, who clandestinely kept company with a young man who was quarantined a few weeks ago.

Deposit of Money Found.

A tin box containing \$2,280 found Monday in the cellar under the old home of the late George Schwartz. a few miles north of Delaware, Ohio. The paper money was covered with mold, but the major portion of the amount, being in gold, was in good

condition. Edwin A. Potter, president of the American Trust and Savings bank, has been selected to succeed the late Gen John McNulta as receiver for the National bank of Illinois

OUR CALENDAR.

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World-Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Twenty men were seriously injured in a collision of stock trains near Broadview, III.

A bill before the New York legislaare will put the entire burden of supporting the state upon a bond and mortgage tax.

Two men were killed and more than forty injured by a wreck on the Chiago & Eastern Illinois Monday.

Wreckage washed ashore at Pubnico. N. S., indicates the steamer Planet Mercury has gone down.

W. H. Weaver, prominent in religious work at Independence, Iowa, was strested Monday at Michigan City by

postal inspectors. The Compressed Air Motor company will increase its capital etock from \$1,250,000 to \$2,000,000.

The outlook in New York points to a reduction of the National Baseall league to eight clubs.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey igned articles to tight twenty-five rounds before the club offering the largest purse.

Bureau chiefs oppose Secretary Root's army reorganization bill The president has sent to the senate

the correspondence and instructions, bearing upon the Philippine insurrec-Taxes in England are materially in-

creased to pay the cost of the war. Rumors that Salisbury is about to resign are not generally believed. Soldiers of the Ninth American infantry burn a Filipino village in re-

venge for the murder of Lieut, E. F. Koehler, Baron Banffy, ex-premier of Hnn-

gary, has sent a challenge for a duel to the editor of the Vaterland. Gen. Bates' forces have occupied

Nueva Caceres, Dact and other towns h southern Luzon. "Sapho," Daudet's novel, has been

adjudged an immoral publication by a jury in a Philadelphia court and Frederick Kohler, a local dealer in books and stationery, was sent to the county prison for one year.

Chicago and the entire middle west was snow-bound Wednesday by the heaviest fall of snow recorded by the weather bureau since it began its record in 1888. In the twenty-four hours ending Wednesday night at midnight 11.4 inches of snow fell, and the effect was disastrous on travel and traffic. Business of all kinds was practically suspended.

Japan is said to be increasing its standing army to 300,000 men

David Starr Jordan denounced British aggression and predicted the dismemberment of the British empire. The French residents of the islands

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of St. Pierre and Miquelon show violence to the British. The Chilean minister in Peru resigns

on account of hostility to his mission. The Kliene Journal of Berlin says little kindliness of feeling is shown America in the meat bill discussion. Foreign-born sons of naturalized

Americans, who are minors and abroad when their fathers secure naturalization papers, are held not to be American citizens. The artist Raffaelli predicts that Chi-

cago is to be a great art center.

it is predicted that the new note is-

at Kansas City July 4.