................... **CURRENT TOPICS**

PARIS SHOW IS OPENED. Though several of the buildings of the exhibition at Paris are far from completion, the great world's fair was opened Saturday. Sunday was originally selected, but the representatives of the governments and exhibitors from the United States protested

against the desecration of the day and

the managers yielded to the demand. The preliminaries have furnished the full share of drawbacks. First, Germany was slow to respond to the invitation to take part. Since French pride was humiliated by the march of the victorious legions of Germany into Paris thirty years ago the conquerors have twice been ignored in the requests made to the world to participate in the colossal exhibitions in the capital of France. At last, however, Germany will be represented in a way that will appeal to the pride of its people. The haiser will be among the guests, and more Germans will patronize the show than those sent out by any other forsign nation. The second setback was the siding of France with Spain in our war with the latter. While the government observed neutrality, the people were openly and defiantly our enemies. It looked for a time as if the bitterness thereby aroused might prevent the United States from making an exhibit at all. But the decisive ending of the war brought Frenchmen to their senses and led to a restoration of the good feeling that has existed for over a century between the two countries. The present war in South Africa ganged France against Great Britain, and the resentment it gave birth to came near shutting out the latter power from the exposition. Only for the sagaciousness of the prince of Wales in frowning upon such a boycott Great Britain would have held aloof from the show. But the royal interposition saved Paris from such a costly blunder and thus what threatened to

MATEROADS AS ARBORICULTURISTS. Some of the railroads, it appears, have decided to enter into a new industry, the successful prosecution of which promises to be a great public advantage. Publicly and privately the wanion destruction of the forests of the ountry has been commented upon, and tentorian protests have been sounded regarding the disasters likely to accrue from a continuance of the foolhardy policy that has been followed in this respect. Now, it is announced, a number of the roads have decided to come to the country's rescue, not in the way of the forcible stopping of the acts of depredation so loudly complained against, but by entering upon the replenishment made necessary by the previous waste. They have decided to go into the forestry business on an extensive scale, and are making arrangements to set out with young trees whole tracts of country, where soil and elimate are best adapted to their cultivation.

be a severe blow is happily averted.

HOT AFTER WAR TAXES.

The agitation for a reduction of the tax has started special interests all over the country to sending personal delegations to congress to plead for reduction or total abolition of the tax on their special products. At the next meeting of the house ways and means a large delegation of druggists, liquor men and other interests will appear. Chairman Payne has held several conferences with administration officials. and it is understood that he will take the lead in resisting any attempt to deerease the taxes. But a number of representatives have openly showed their mitention of bringing up the subject on the floor of the house, and threaten to earry the matter into the presidential campaign if congress refuses to make the reductions.

SOCIATION IN ENGLAND.

After municipal landlordism, what? We have commented lately on the promise of the Salisbury government to appoint a parliamentary committee for the investigation of the question of he housing of the poor, especially the poor of London and other great cities. Under existing law British municipalities have the power to tear down inanitary and unsafe tenements and ulid new ones. They can become andlords on a large scale, but they must acquire land for building pures within their respective jurisdic-They have asked for authority to purchase land and build outside of the city limits, and it will no doubt be

ROOSEVELT'S DECLINATION.

scording to Associated Press dissatches, President McKinley, not in his Micial capacity, but as the leader of the republican party, has tried to pre-H upon Gov. Roosevelt to consent to come a candidate for the vice-presintial nomination. But it is underiod that the result thus far has not of an encouraging character. Mr. es to reconsider the resolution he d some time ago. He is a cauCASUALTIES.

Too much pressure exploded a defective gas pipe near Logansport, killing two men.

A woman took a leading part in a Boers Gain labor riot at the Merchants' Loan and Trust building, Chicago, in which many were injured.

Landslip buries half the houses in BOERS MOVE ON SMITHFIELD the village of Klappai, Bohemia, the occupants barely escaping with their lives.

Anderson-McKelvy Lead and Oil company's big building in Pittsburg collapsed, killing four persons.

CRIME.

Plot to dynamite the fall at Watseka, Ill., and free James Duniap, held for bank robbery, is discovered. Two Fort Dodge girls sent to reform school because they attended theatrical performances twice a day.

Berlin society women fought a duel Man arrested in New York accused of complicity in theft of \$16,000 worth of beer stamps.

Melba's husband, Charles N. F. Armstrong of Texas, secured divorce on ground of desertion.

Porch climbers entered the house of O. W. Potter, Chicago, and stole \$20,-000 worth of jewelry and other valuables.

M:SCELLANEOUS.

Marquis de Gallifet, French minis ter of war, believed to be dying of pneumonia.

Rome fearful that meeting of emperors threatens Italy's interests in dreibund. German Colonial society may ex-

periment with cotton in Africa. Two French merchant vessels to be

built in Germany. More Russian troops sent to Port Arthur.

Pugilist Terry McGovern will become an actor with a "speaking part." Gov. Taylor of Kentucky is in Wash-

ington looking over his case before Supreme court. Troops sent to prevent rioting by strikers at the Croton dam.

Automobiles to be used on the La Parra ranch in Texas. New York's Easter parade larger

than usual. Senator Hanna ill with the grip. Real estate in Fifth avenue, New York, is held at \$7,000 a front foot.

Women in a Cleveland church abstained from new Easter millinery and gave the money to raise church debt. Dr. Parkhurst wants a revision of the Westminster confession, declaring it an incubus that prevents Presbyte-

rian progress. President Harper will invite Count Toistoi to visit Chicago.

Secretary Root asked congress to establish six additional brigadier generalships as reward for officers.

Secretary Root favors sending staff men back into the line every now and

Navy department agreed to pay \$150,000 for the Holland submarine

Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Illinois will give away \$500,000 to celebrate his eightieth birthday.

German paper is stirred to anger by the election of American trade promoters to membership in a Lucatian chamber of commerce. Miss Helen Gould is besieged by

thousands of applicants asking millions in charity. In one week the requests eggregated \$1,548,502. Miss Neille Lewis is awarded damages in \$50,000 for breach of promise

against Millionaire Sam Strong of Cripple Creek, Colo.

Commodity prices show no sign of a reaction.

The largest and most powerful locomotive in the world is being built in Pittsburg and will be exhibited in Paris. Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, Dr. Hen-

ry Wade Rogers, and other prominent educators lost money by fostering a scheme to take 3,000 teachers to Paris for study and to see the exposition.

Wall street men are elated over the showing of the weekly bank statement. Colorado college built a \$60,000 laboratory and will get \$50,000 from Dr.

The opening to the public of the exposition at Paris drew an immense crowd Sunday, although few exhibits had been placed.

The Rev. Walter Delasteld, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, Chicago, died of neuralgia of the heart. Charles Wagner, Chicago, hanged himself because his sweetheart, Ida Keller, was murdered.

Two inches of snow fell in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri, breaking April record. Envoys from the Transvaal arrived

at The Hague, accompanied by Dr. Russian oil competing with Ameri-

can product in Europe, the Levant and Japan. Duke d'Arcos, Spanish minister to

the United States, refuses to attend the Dewey celebration at Chicago.

A stranger startled worshipers in Trinity Episcopal church, Chicago, by striding up to the chancel and shouting, "I am the Resurrection and the

Danger of famine in Persia. Col. Bacon of New York has issued a publication accusing Theodore Roose-

Robbers beat Kate Sullivan to death and her sister Joanna until she became insane in an Ohio farmhouse, where the two women, who were re-

velt of "quitting" at the battle of San-

puted to be wealthy, lived alone. Prince Ferdinand will not attend the wedding of Prince Louis of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and Princess Mathilda of Bavaria because Prince Regent Luitate for governor of New York for | pold doesn't like Ferdinand's proposed change of religion.

Decided Over British.

British Troops Kept Busy in Natal as Well as the Orange Free State-les portant Eattles Expected Soun-Will the Caar Ask Intervention?

Wednesday, April 11. Boers shelled British at Ladysmith

with gun mounted on a Biggarsberg spur, and Buller returned fire; little damage on either side. London papers believe attack was to cover another movement. Lourenco Marques reported 35,000 Boers with ninety guns between Kroonstad and Winburg, forming an almost impregnable line of sixty miles. Fischer, chief of Boer mission, said he hopes to negotiate peace without prejudice to political rights or independence of Boers. Messenger boy sailed from New York with greeting for Kruger from 28,000 children. Boers formally protested against landing of British on Portuguese territory. British casualties were eleven killed and forty-one wounded at Wepener. Col. Baden-Powell reported dead.

Thursday, April 12. News from South Africa is very meager, but the Boers seem to keep in America. Prof. G. Ruhland of the

FARMERS IN A BIG International Combine to

Prices

All other trusts and combines pale into mere trifles when compared with the trust it is proposed to form among the farmers of the world at the agricultural conference to be held in Paris July 9-16. The farmer has heretofore been held up as the especial sufferer from trusts, but the latter-day farmer reads the papers and by observation finds that a trust may be formed that will benefit him. Consequently the wheat-growing farmer calculates that a trust in his business would enhance prices. In order to make the new combine a success it is necessary to get a majority of the wheat growers into it, and this is to be the object of the conference. It is hoped to arrange to restrict the production, reduce the output by perhaps 20 per cent, and then when the actual number of bushels on hand is closely estimated, to hold the grain until the price reaches a figure determined upon. Dollar wheat is the slogan of the farmer. If the present plans go through it will be impossible to buy any wheat under that figure in the course of two or three years. J. C. Hanley of St. Paul, Minn. executive agent of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union, the National Cotton Growers' association, the Farmers' Federation of the Mississ!ppl Valley and the National Grain Growers' association, is the chief promoter of the international agricultural trust

HOW BOERS CLIMB THE KOPS.



BLOCK AND TACKLE USED BY THE BURGHERS IN PLACING ARTIL-LERY IN POSITION.

we'll as in the Orange Free State. Roberts' forces are now in good condition, and London war experts expect it is hoped to have established a peran important battle at an early date. Paris rumor that the czar has prepared association. a demand for intervention. Kimberley uneasy owing to Boer activity. Boers moving on Smithfield.

Friday. April 12, Roberts will send no further trocas to Mafeking's relief, depending on Carrington's 5,000 bushmen, who are in that vicinity. London Mail estimates Boer losses to end of March at 12,000. Bloemfonetin declares it is in no dar. ger from the Boers. British checked Boer advance at Wepener. Buller holding his own in Natal.

Sunday, Apr 1 15.

Capture of Boer besiegers of Wepener rumored. Earlier reports showed British making stubborn resistance. with reinforcements on the way to both armies. Boers destroying all mines in vicinity of Elangslaagte, but unable to get Buller into a genuine fight. Duke of Marlborough appointed assistant secretary to Lord Roberts. Schiel attempted to escape at St. Helena. Boers said to rely on American

Monday, April 16. News from Boer sources show burghers holding ground near Wepener, with several small victories scouted by Loudon press. Delarey waiting for Methuen near Vaal river. Boers control Bloemfontein water works and are strong at Elandslaagte. The Times says Boer raid upon southern portion of Free State seems to have spent its force. Lourenco Marques reports burghers tired of war and anxions to attend to neglected crops. British claim Boers abandoned Wepener Maleking bombarded on April 6.

Aguinaida May Be in Manita. "I scarcely doubt the truth of the current rumors that Aguinaldo is concealed in Manila. If he were, I do not think that the authorities would make much effort to catch him. capture and imprison the insurgent chief would be to make a martyr of him and the effect on the natives would be bad. If he is let alone, the Macabebes will assassinate him, for they have no love for him." This statement was made by First Lieut. George H. Knox, who was for over seven months chief of police of the Quiapo district. He was also assistant chief of police under Major Tiernon of the Sixth artillery.

Favs Preschers Are Accered. Bishop Hardy, the venerable presiding officer of the Virginia conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, created a sation by announcing that he received letters making charges of drinking, dishonesty and immorality against some of the preachers then on the conference floor. said that he would the entire matter in the hands of an investigating committee and that the guilty preachers need expect no quar-

· the British troops busy in Natal as University of Fribourg, Switzerland, is the chief promoter of the plan in Europe. Following the Paris conference manent international grain growers'

Million for Road and Land.

A heavy transfer of property in the upper peninsula of Michigan was completed in Cleveland when Attorney John M. Duffy of Chicago, representing several Chicago capitalists, purchased and took over all the interests of a number of well-known Cleveland and New York men, including Secretary of State John Hay, Dan P. Eells, Fayette Brown, C. A. Otis and others, in the Munsing Land company and the Munsing Railway company. One hundred thousand acres of hard-wood land and sixty miles of railroad in operation from Munsing bay to Little lake passed into Chicago hands by the transfer. A large sum, said to be near \$1,000,000. was paid over. No radical change in either the management or policy of the railroad or land company is expected

James Tuttle Passes Away.

James Tuttle of Atlanta township. near Lincoln, Ill., whose funeral oration Col. Robert G. Ingersoll had promised to deliver, died Sunday evening. He was past 93 years of age and was a native of Ohio, moving to Illinois when 10 years of age. He amassed quite a fortune at farming. In 1847 he was a member of the old state constitutional convention and for several years was a member of the county board of supervisors. In politics he was always a republican. Mr. Tuttle and Col. Ingersoll were close friends, having become well acquainted when Mr. Ingersool practiced law in that locality, Mr. Ingersoll years ago promised Mr. Tuttle that when he died he would deliver the funeral oration. The men were of the same belief.

Heavy Deat in Zine Lands. A great zinc-mining deal was completed at Joplin, Mo., the first, it is sair of several big deals to be made by a \$10,000,000 English syndicate. The property purchased was the South Side Mining and Milling company's eighty acres of zinc and lead mineral land at Galena, Kan., containing ten mills and afteen producing mines, sold by C. C. Moore of Galena to Henry Seeley of London. The consideration is not given, but it is said to be about \$500, 000. The purchasers will organize a \$17,000,000 stock company to operate

Lack of Foneral Carriages. The body of Harry Keyes, the Indianapolis boy who was killed in the blowing up of the battleship Maine. was not buried at Indianapolis Wednesday, as was planned, on count of a lack of carriages. Thirteen funerals took place in that city that afternoon and the funeral director who had Keyes' body in charge could not secure carriages enough for the cortege. When the coffin was opened for complete identification a skeleton wrapped in a soldier's suit was found The remains, however, were identified

the South Side mines.

Proceedings of National Congress.

PUERTO RICAN TARIFF LAW

Senator Burrows Urges the Senate to Refose to Scat Matthew Quay-Resolution for Survey of Illinois and Desplaines Rivers-Washington News.

Wednesday, April 11. House passed Foraker Puerto Rican bill, under special rule to prevent amendment, yeas, 161; nays, 153 Crumpacker (Ind.), Fletcher (Minn.), Lane (Iowa), Littlefield (Me.), H. C. Smith (Mich.), Heatwole (Minn.), Mc-Call (Mass.), Lorimer and Warner (Ill.), republicans, voted in negative. Illinois congressmen assured of favorable report on resolution to survey Illinois and Desplaines rivers with view to making deep waterway. Lieut. Col. Webb Hayes will leave army, al leging its dignity has been insulted by a Sulu Dato. Senator Davis introduced bill to determine feasibility of establishing national park in Minnesota. Senate passed bill appropriating \$3,-000,000 for cable line to Honolulu, Senator McMillan will introduce bill to re-survey great lakes. Condition of Puerto Ricans reported to be worse than ever.

Thursday, April 12. House rivers and harbors committee decides to report favorably the resolution for a survey of the Illinois and Plaines rivers. Archbishop Chapelle finds serious obstacles to "Americanizing" the Catholic church in the Philippines. President McKinley signs the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill. Senator Burrows strongly urges the senate to refuse to seat Matthew Stanley Quay.

Friday, April 13. Ill-health forced resignation of John Addison Porter, secretary to the president. Bill introduced to increase salaries of director of census and his chief clerk. The Mayflower will be the official craft of Gov. Allen of Puerto Rico. Efforts to consider Nicaraguan canal bill failed in house.

Saturday, April 14. House committee on agriculture denies that there is any intention to pigeon-hole the oleomargarine bill. Republicans of the house have ready a bill to require trusts to publish periodically sworn statements of their capital, earnings, expenses, profits and dividends. Congress may add a commission to investigate public building sites to the many bodies already authorized. March exports broke the record. Increase in exports during last nine months was chiefly in manufactures.

Monday, April 16.

Foss, in house, opposed establishment of government armor plate factory. Cummings said United States bought armor cheaper than did any other nation. Congressman Richardson opposes free distribution of "the Messages and Papers of the Presidents," as it might interfere with the sale of book by his agents. Ways and means committee will hear arguments on repeal of war taxes. Brewers want tax on beer reduced. Supreme court decides congress cannot forbid express companies collecting war tax from shippers. Elaborate ceremonies will mark inauguration of Allen as governor of Puerto Rico. Secretary Gage recommended placing of more lightships on the great lakes.

POLICE SLAIN AND BURNED. Anti-l'ingue 'I seures at Camppore Lead

entarement of anti-plague measures at Cawnpore, near Bombay, led to a serious riot. A mob attacked and burned the segregation camps and some mills. The police, who attempted to restore order, were overpowered, and five of them were killed and their bodies thrown into the flames. Troops were ordered out to suppress the rioters, but they did not succeed until ten of the mob had been killed. Order was then restored, but the populace is sullen and business has been stopped.

Cried Three Days and Died. Frederic Kestermeir of Marietta, Ohio, after a short Illness, died Friday morning, aged 83 years. His son, Frederic, Jro lived with him and they kept house together, all other relatives being dead. Ten minutes after the father died the son, who had cried for three days, went to his bed, threw himself down, and was dead in a few minutes. Physicians say he died of a broken heart.

Fire Destroys Elevators and Grain. Fire at Lesterville, S. D., totally destroyed the McCall-Webster grain elevator with 6,000 bushels of grain and the Hunting elevator. The latter was rented to Chladek & Kolda for a machinery warehouse. They lost \$400 worth of wagons and 500 bushels of corn. The elevators and the McCall-Webster grain were fully insured. Chladek & Kolda had no insurance.

Spring Tornado in Kansas. A storm approaching a tornado in proportions is reported near Winfield, between Wichita and Newton, and in the vicinity west of Clearwater. Two deaths are reported and four persons are said to have been injured by overturned houses. The storm area, so far as can be learned, extends over about ten counties and at the southern line of the state. The cyclonic disturbance seems to have followed the trend of the Arkansas river. At Putnam several houses were blown down and several persons were seriously injured.

Stomach Troubles In Spring

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Never Accepted a Pass. Senator Bate of Tennessee, a writer in the Washington Post says, is one of those "old-fashioned" statesmen who believe that a legislator should not be under obligation to a corporation. He says that he never accepted a railroad pass. He pays, too, for his

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