

THE INDEPENDENT.

PLYMOUTH, INDIANA.

ALL EYES ON EGYPT.

IS GREAT BRITAIN READY TO EVACUATE?

Sultan Promises to Maintain Neutrality of the Suez Canal—Mob at Wichita, Texas, Averages Murder of Cashier Dorsey—Died from Overwork

Discuss British Evacuation.
The Paris Figaro dwells upon the reports in circulation concerning the willingness of Great Britain to evacuate Egypt, and distinctly asserts that in spite of the statements to the contrary from London, the European Governments are discussing the Egyptian question from its various aspects, whether Great Britain has engaged to evacuate the occupied territory, as to the moment being favorable for the evacuation now that the British authorities admit that Egypt is tranquil and prosperous, and in view of the fact that Turkey has promised to insure the neutrality of the Suez Canal in a manner similar to that adopted in the case of the Straits of the Dardanelles.

TEXAS ROBBERS HANGED.

Foster Crawford and Younger Lewis Suspended from a Telegraph Pole.

Foster Crawford and Younger Lewis, alias "The Kid," who attempted Tuesday to rob the City National Bank at Wichita Falls, Tex., killing Cashier Dorsey and wounding Bookkeeper P. P. Langford, were lynched Wednesday night in front of the scene of their crime. The two men were arrested near Fort Worth after a desperate battle with the rangers. With the announcement of their arrival in the city a mob of several hundred persons was quickly gathered and, with cool leaders, went to the jail and demanded the robbers and murderers. Captain McDonald refused to give them up and threatened to repulse the mob with force if force was used to break into jail. The mob then withdrew. A few hours later Captain McDonald received a telegram calling him and his men at once to Amarillo. It is now believed this message was a ruse to get him out of the way. At night the mob, reinforced by thousands of curiously inclined, attacked the jail and their work was soon done.

MOTOR-CAR RUNS AWAY.

Passengers at Cleveland Have a Narrow Escape—Brake Failed to Work.

While a heavy motor car, filled with passengers, was descending the long, steep hill at the foot of Scranton avenue, Cleveland, the brake failed and the motor-man lost control of the car. It at once plunged forward at a terrific rate, and it is estimated, reached a speed of a mile a minute. Half way down the hill the motor crashed into a heavily loaded truck. It plowed through this obstruction and then struck a coal wagon a few hundred feet on. William Marx, driver of the truck, was hurled thirty feet, while the driver of the coal wagon was pitched headlong to the side of the street. Marx received many wounds, and is probably internally injured and may die. The front of the car was smashed and the motor broken. The passengers became terribly panic-stricken, and would have jumped if the conductor had not held the door.

WORKED DAY AND NIGHT.

Lonshoremen's Apprentices at London Labor 144 Hours a Week.

As a result of a coroner's inquest upon a lonshoreman's apprentice who recently died in London as a direct consequence of overwork, a special committee which has been making an investigation reports an appalling condition of affairs, and the matter is to be brought before Parliament at an early date. In the case of one lad of 17 years the evidence, confirmed by the time sheets of the employers, showed that his total weekly hours of work, without sleep, for nine consecutive weeks ranged from a minimum of 108 to 144. In another case of a lad of 16 the time sheets showed that during the week preceding his examination he had worked continuously 114 hours, or nearly five days and nights, without rest.

Will Meet in St. Paul.

Gen. Ivan N. Walker, head of the Grand Army of the Republic, has sent to Adj. Gen. Robbins, at the Grand Army headquarters in Indianapolis, his proclamation calling the annual encampment at St. Paul in the first week of September. Gen. Walker said he had lately visited all the principal Northern cities and found there was strong opposition to the project to hold a "blue and gray" parade in New York city on the Fourth of July.

Where is Mrs. Cody?

Arthur R. Cody of Chicago, whose wife, Mrs. Grace Goodrich Cody, disappeared from Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 31, 1896, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for finding and restoring her to him alive, this offer to hold good until May 1 next. Mrs. Cody was suffering at the time of her disappearance from a nervous trouble.

Coal Men to Form a Big Pool.

Vesselmen in Cleveland received word that the coal companies in the receiving ports of Lake Michigan, principally Chicago and Milwaukee, were about to form a pool similar to that at Duluth. The object is to prevent the cutting of prices, all the sales and vessel charters being made by one agent.

Cat Bite Causes Death.

At New York, Matthew J. Robbins, 52 years old, a janitor, died from blood poisoning, following the bite of a cat.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Two children, aged 3 and 5, belonging to a Mrs. Hotchkiss, were burned to death in a tenement house fire at Brooklyn, N. Y. John Gallagher, who was sick on the third floor of the building, was rescued with great difficulty by a fireman. The property loss was \$2,000.

Dyer is a Young Desperado.

Elliot Dyer, the 18-year-old son of Green Dyer who shot and killed himself near Hindman, Ky., a year ago, tried to kill his mother and sister at their home in Knott County by beating them with a club.

THE PEARL BRYAN MURDER



THE people of three States are still talking about the Pearl Bryan murder. Kentucky has claimed the accused on the ground that the final scene was enacted within her domain, but the crime may be said to have been committed in all three States—Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky—for it was one of many acts. It is a crime so surrounded by mystery, sorrow and horror that the smallest details have been eagerly read and discussed. Ministers have preached about it. Thousands of prayers have been sent up for those connected with it, and its awful lessons so savagely enforced are being repeated in every household and are carrying their warnings to young men and young women everywhere.

Jackson and Walling, the young medical students accused of the crime, are securely jailed at Newport, Ky., and the officers now claim to have a complete chain of evidence against them from the time Pearl Bryan went from Greenacres, Ind., Monday, Jan. 27, until Friday night, Jan. 31, when she was murdered in a secluded spot between Port Thomas and Newport, Ky. Each of the prisoners denies guilty knowledge of the brutal deed and declares the other to be the murderer. Jackson has made a long written statement in which he recites the incidents leading up to the murder, but claims steadfastly that Walling and not he did the killing.

There is a reward of \$600 by two morning papers of Cincinnati and \$50 by the owner of the farm on which the murder was committed for the discovery of Pearl Bryan's head, with a prospect of \$500 more from citizens of Greenacres, making \$1,150. This, with the intensifying interest in the solving of the mystery, stimulates the search by everybody.

NATIONAL BUTTER MAKERS.

Stringent Laws for Filled Cheese Demanded at the Convention.

The opening session of the fourth annual meeting of the National Creamery Buttermakers and Cheesemakers' Association was held in Lincoln Club rooms at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was well attended. After the address of welcome by Mayor Burridge and the president's address the secretary made his report, in which he said that the membership had been increased since the last meeting by over 300. The total receipts up to the present time were \$1,275; expenses, \$1,065, leaving a balance of \$210.

Mr. Burridge recommended that a number of changes be made and that a committee be appointed at this meeting to revise the constitution. Papers were read by several members of the association on topics of interest

only to the members. The convention unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That this association demand the passage of the Wilbur bill now before the Committee on Ways and Means, placing filled cheese under the control of internal revenue officers, and a tax and license on its manufacture and sale."

MISS FLAGLER'S SENTENCE.

A Fine of \$500 and Three Hours in Jail for Killing a Little Boy.
Miss Elizabeth Flagler, daughter of Gen. Flagler, chief of ordinance, U. S. A.,



MISS FLAGLER.

who last spring shot a colored boy named Green, son of a Treasury Department messenger, was arraigned in court at Washington, D. C., Tuesday. She pleaded guilty to involuntary murder and was sentenced to three hours in jail and to pay a fine of \$500. Gen. Flagler paid the fine and the young lady was conducted to jail to serve the three hours.

BIG BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

Structure Connecting Rock Island and Davenport Goes Down.

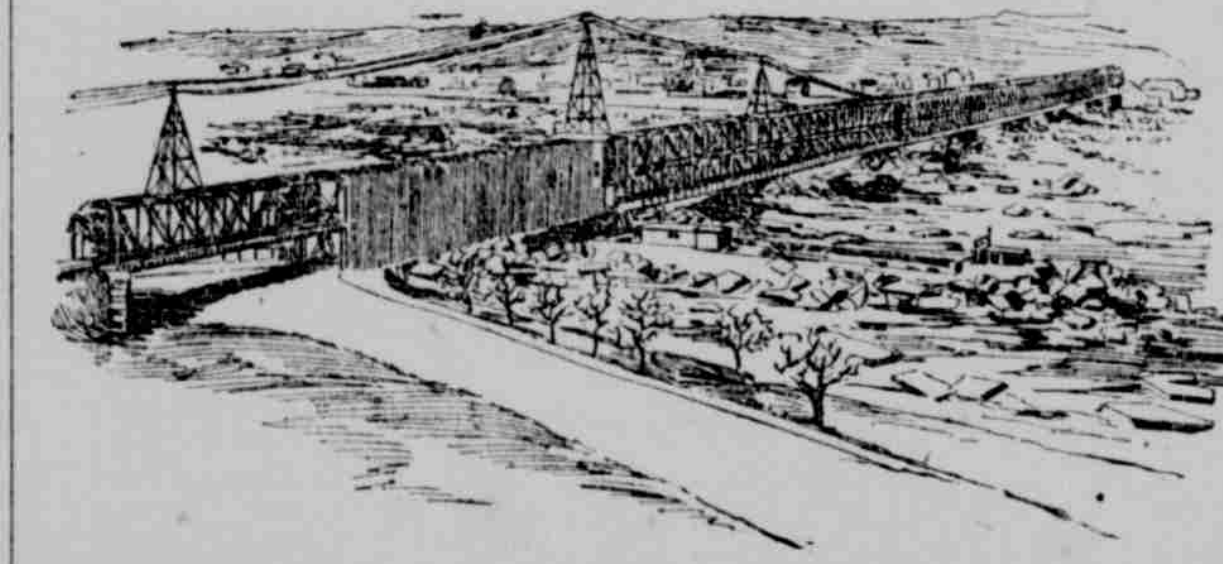
With a crash that could be heard for blocks, a 180-foot section of the Government bridge between Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa, dropped into the Mississippi river Tuesday, carrying with it the derricks and other appliances that were used in the reconstruction work that was in progress, and involving in the wreck the cables of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, the Central Union Telephone Company, People's Light Company, and Tri-City Railway Company. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific found its system cut in two by the gap and made arrangements to send its southwestern and western business

for the east over the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern tracks to Clinton, via Columbus Junction and West Liberty. Another result of the accident was the shutting down of the street car system of Davenport.

One workman was injured, Bert Kustard, a Swede, having both legs broken. A train of cars loaded with sand occupied the bridge at the time for the purpose of adding to its stability by its weight, but was to have been removed in a few minutes to permit the freely passenger to cross. The latter train stood upon the sound portion of the bridge when the drawspan went down, and hastily backed to a safer location in time to save passengers from anything worse than a bad fright.

The Phoenix Bridge Company was rebuilding the bridge and widening its upper deck so as to allow the Rock Island road a double track, the Government and the road sharing the expense. Residents who know the terrible impact of the ice at the spring break-up have shaken their heads and speculated upon what would happen when the ice came down against the false work that upheld the drawspan. Work on this span was being hurried so that it could be swung for the first time after navigation opened, but the predictions of the wisecracks came true. A five-foot rise was followed by a movement of the ice that snapped the heavy timbers upholding the span like so many toothpicks and utterly wrecked the draw. The ice field, having done its work, moved down the river. The Phoenix Company estimates its loss at \$500,000.

Near Sardis, Dallas County, Ala., during the progress of a country ball Virgil Morrisette became jealous of the attentions to his wife of young Andrew Wilkins and forbade them dancing together. Later on he saw them waltzing. Snatch-



GOVERNMENT BRIDGE OVER THE MISSISSIPPI AT ROCK ISLAND. Shaded Portion Shows the Section that Collapsed.

ing a pistol from his pocket he fired upon them. The ball struck Wilkins in the left side, penetrating his heart, and he fell dead at the feet of his partner.

TARIFF BILL DEAD.

Morrill's Unsuccessful Effort to Have the Measure Taken Up.

After some routine business in the Senate Tuesday Mr. Morrill, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a resolution to take up the tariff bill. Mr. Morrill began with a brief statement as to the complications on the tariff bill. He said it had been apparent for many months that there was a deficiency in the revenues. During every month since the present tariff bill went into effect there had been a deficiency.

"How was it before?" interjected Mr. Cockrell.

Mr. Morrill went on to state that the deficiency up to this time had reached \$20,000,000. If we went on at the same rate the deficiency would be \$30,000,000 for the year. It was certainly manifest that Congress should do something to relieve the treasury and assist in the revival of business. Therefore, concluded the Senator, he moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the tariff bill.

The roll call proceeded with many interruptions in order to allow Senators to pair. The announcement that Mr. Morrill's motion had been defeated—yeas, 22; nays, 33—was not unexpected in view of the vote some days ago. The detailed vote was as follows:

Yeas—Republicans, Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Brown, Burrows, Cameron, Clark, Cullom, Davis, Gear, Hale, Hansbrough, Hawley, Lodge, Mitchell (Or.), Morrill, Nelson, Perkins, Proctor, Quay, Sherman, Shoup—22.

Nays—Republicans, Cannon, Carter, Dubois, Mandle and Teller (Or.); Democrats, Bacon, Hale, Berry, Caffery, Call, Chilton, Cockrell, George, Gordon, Gray, Harris, Hill, Lindsay, Martin, Morgan, Palmer, Pasco, Roach, Tamm, Vest, Wall, White (Or.); Populists, Allen, Butler, Jones (Tex.), Kyle, Peffer and Stewart (Or)—total, 33.

The announcement of the vote was the signal for a remarkable colloquy between Mr. Morrill and Mr. Teller.

As soon as the vote was announced Mr. Morrill again addressed the Senate. It was now evident, he said, that the Republican party was in the minority in the Senate.

A chorus of derisive laughter came from the Democratic side of the chamber at this statement.

Mr. Morrill, not noticing the interruption, proceeded to state that in his judgment the tariff bill was defeated by a vote including five silver Republicans and six Populists. There was no substantial change in the present and former votes. It settled all questions of doubt. The Senator said the Republican members of the Finance Committee would be ready at any time before Congress adjourned to come to the relief of the treasury.

"But as to the bill," concluded Mr. Morrill, "I do not think it would become me to ask any further time."

Mr. Teller secured recognition as soon as Mr. Morrill concluded. The Colorado Senator spoke with intense earnestness and feeling and at times a vein of sarcasm and bitterness was evident. He referred scornfully to the assertion of Mr. Morrill that there was not a Republican majority in the Senate. That was a fact that had long been understood. This statement, said Mr. Teller, came with a motion out of time and out of place to proceed with the tariff bill. The Senator from Vermont, Mr. Morrill, declared that certain Senators on the Republican side of the chamber are no longer members of the Republican party. The Senator from Montana (Carter), who was in the judgment of Mr. Teller as good a Republican as the Senator from Vermont (Morrill), had moved to recommit the bill.

"I change," proceeded Mr. Teller, "and I will seek to prove later, that this tariff bill was never presented with any purpose of passing it."

"If the Senator from Vermont," continued Mr. Teller, "thinks he can embarrass those who have been as devoted to the Republican party as he has been, then he is mistaken. I will follow my own judgment on this question. And I will stay in the Republican party in spite of the Senator from Vermont. This shallow effort to pass a tariff bill, added Mr. Teller, was degrading to the American Senate. It was degrading to those who took part in it.

Mr. Morrill interrupted to say: "I have read no man out of the Republican party."

Mr. Teller responded that the whole spirit of Mr. Morrill's course in this line of driving out of the party all those who did not agree with himself, was the same intolerance shown by the metropolitan press, which had already read the silver Republicans out of the party.

Mr. Sherman followed with a severe arraignment of the inaction of Congress, saying it was a crime against the country and against civilization. He declared that he would continue to urge action on the tariff bill.

Mr. Frye (Rep. Me.) took the floor to declare that the tariff bill was dead as Julius Caesar. Business interests demanded that the statement be made emphatically that the bill was dead. He hoped it would never be heard from again and that the responsibility should rest where it belonged.

The report made by the United States geological survey on the geology and mining industries of the Cripple Creek district of Colorado has been published. Five thousand copies of the report have been authorized by Congress, the greater portion of which are for distribution by members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The final stage of the Royal Geographical Society incident at Madrid was reached when Minister Taylor waived the prof-

CATTLE TO BE KILLED

ILLINOIS FEARS EPIDEMIC OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Spain Suffers from Wholesale Destruction in Cuba—Tariff Bill Defeated in the Senate by Silver Republicans—Cost of Weather Signal Service.

Many Herds Diseased.

Tuberculosis seems to be manifesting itself in many portions of Illinois, and a Springfield dispatch says the hope is general that a regular epidemic of this disease is near at hand. During the last week the State Board of Health examined several herds of fine dairy cattle, taken from the choicest herds. Twenty-eight cattle were found suffering from the disease, and four out of five that were selected from one herd for slaughter were found almost choked up with tubercles. Other herds were found equally infected and all were quarantined. The board advised steps being taken at once by the owners of the herds affected to stop the disease. Other localities in the State are believed to be largely infected. From a lack of a sufficient appropriation the State Board is unable to promptly notify needed investigations and the spread of cattle themselves will have to bear all expenses of such investigations as allow the disease to become epidemic throughout the State.

WHOLE ARMY IS LOST.

Fifteen Thousand Men Missing from Spanish Force in Cuba.

A dispatch to New York from Havana reports 15,000 Spanish soldiers missing in Cuba. The fact has been communicated to the Madrid Government and the search for their whereabouts is going on day and night. Official circles are alarmed, for 15,000 men, with 15,000 rifles and 70,000 cartridges, are an enormous host of the Spanish army. The disappearance of the men will ultimately be traced to either death in battle, the number of which has been concealed to hide Spanish losses, details to positions in various parts of the island of which no record has been kept, or desertions to join the insurgents. The Spanish records show that entire garrisons have joined the rebels with their arms in every province in the island. An order was issued by Gen. Weyler several days ago for a report of number, position and condition of the army. The responses to this, it is said, have increased the confusion, and there are reports now from reliable sources that there are 20,000 men, instead of 15,000, to be accounted for.

MONEY VALUE OF WARNINGS.

Chief Moore of the Weather Bureau Presents Interesting Figures.

Chief Moore, of the weather bureau, has made a special report to the Secretary of Agriculture with reference to the actual money value of cold-wave warnings to the people of this country with special reference to the cold wave of Jan. 2 to 5 of the present year. The cold wave which was one of unusual severity, spreading over the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains, with the exception of the southern portion of Florida. At every weather bureau station throughout this region the cold-wave flag was displayed and the warnings were distributed at least twenty-four hours before the cold wave occurred. Reports received from 192 stations indicate these warnings were directly instrumental in saving from destruction property exceeding \$5,500,000 in value. This estimate takes no account of property saved as the result of these warnings distributed from the weather bureau stations to thousands of small towns and cities from which it has been impossible to obtain reports.

BALLINGTON BOOTH MAY LEAD.

Staff Captain Caygill Says Strong Secession Sentiment Exists in Army.

Col. Nicol, of the Salvation army, has sent out an appeal by mail and wire to officers and soldiers in which he refers to the action of Ballington Booth and his wife as a "terrible step" and describes the members of Gen. Booth's family as "crushed with indescribable sorrow." He appeals to the army to be loyal. Staff Captain Caygill, discussing the situation, said: "Commander Booth will soon decide whether to lead an independent movement. His decision will depend on our action in the meantime. There is a strong secession sentiment and if it develops into an open revolt we will insist upon Ballington Booth leading us again."

RIVAL OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Rich Gold Mines of Mashonaland Are Being Rapidly Developed.

The Transvaal may find a formidable rival in the near future as a gold-producing State in Mashonaland, which United States Consul Hollis treats in a report to the State Department from Mozambique. He says that seven or eight years ago the mining industry in the Transvaal was in about the same condition as to development as that in Mashonaland today. Now they are turning out \$42,000,000 gold per annum. Reliable mining experts have stated that the gold reefs in Mashonaland and Matabeland are, on the whole, richer and more extensive than those of the Transvaal.

Kill the Tariff Bill.

After a most exciting debate Tuesday, the Senate, by a vote of 33 to 22, defeated the tariff bill. Five silver Republican Senators, Cameron, Carter, Dubois, Mandle and Teller, voted with the Democrats.

Charges Against Captain Munger.

Lieut. Ross, formerly of the revenue cutter Corwin, has forwarded charges of a very serious nature to the Secretary of the Treasury against Captain Munger. The charges assert that Munger was drunk during most of the time the fleet was in Behring sea last season.

Murder Over a Collar Button.

At Chillsburg, Ky., Sunday, Henry Renton was shot and killed by Bob Tommey. Both are colored. The row grew out of the loss of a collar button two years ago.

Youthful Train Wreckers Indicted.

The grand jury of Oneida County, N. Y., has found against John Watson, Hil-dreth, Herbert Plato, Frederick Belsol and Theodore Hibbard, the boys who wrecked the New York Central fast mail last December. The boys will be tried separately.