sibly Aserted-New Vaults Ordered.

WASHINGTON, April 16 -A lively senantion has its source in the discovery that the great vaults of the treasury, with their hundreds of millions of money, are insecure. In fact, Treasurer Huston has demonstrated that a bold, skillful burgher could have gotten away with all he could carry in an incredably short time, and perhaps without alarming those in charge

When Treasurer Huston came into When Treasurer Huston came into office, he receipted for \$771,000,000 from his predecessor. At present, \$100,000,000 for gold and silver are in one yault ; over of those killed, was the son of a well-

man—that is a man familiar with the methods of burglars—to tre the paper money vault, in which \$250,000,000 in paper money are stored. In just seventeen seconds this man had made a hole in the vault, and in sixteen minutes he had made an orange large engage to in the yault, and in sixteen minutes he had made an opening large enough to admit his body.

This discovery created a genuine stir in the department, and a scare masses.

was sent to the house appropriation com-mittee. A bill was immediately prepared authorizing the construction of new

wants.

The treasury officials are in a great flurry because the news of the insecurity of the vaults has gotten out. They had kept it a profound secret, and Treasurer Huston had sent a strictly private message to the house appropriation committee. There is now a very strong guard around the treasury vaults, and extra guards are placed throughout the building. Treasurer Huston has asked for an appropriation of \$350,050 to strengthen the vaults, and is much exercised because the appropriations committee is going slow in reporting a bill for this cause the appropriations committee is going slow in reporting a bill for this purpose, it will, however, is rushed through the house in a few days. The present doors to the vault are of iron of a poor quality, made years ago. The idea now is to make a poor quality, made years ago. The idea now is to make everything of hard steel, that cannot be pierced by the tools

A Silver Conference.

Washington, April 16.—Secretary Windom and Director Lee h, of the mint bureau, had a conference with the house caucus committee on the silver question. The chance of a veto of any bill that would not meet the president's stated views were discussed and it was agreed that caution should be main-tained in presenting a plan for the set-tlement of the question to the house. There was an almost general expression of opinion in clinging to the lines of the house bill with a concession to the silver men providing for the purchase of bullion certificates in lawful money or coin at the option of the secretary of

California "Doom Scalers."

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Sax Firancisco, April 16.—According to the prophecies of Mrs. Woodworth, George Erickson and several other revivalists who created considerable excitement in Onkland some time ago, yesterday was the day on which San Francisco and Oakland were to be destroyed by earthquake and tidal wave, and the cities of Chicago and Milwaukee were also to suffer the same calamity. There were no indications of any convulsion of nature here, but the convulsion of nature here, but the "doom scalers," as they have been termed, evidently held their faith in the prophecy up to the last moment.

The Labor Situation in Chicago.

Circago, April 16.—The industrial opponent throughout, situation in this city is fast becoming another week its effect will be to throw 150,000 men out of employment, as there will be nothing for bricklayers, holearriers, lathers, plasterers, painters and the vast army of laborers who find and the vast army of laborers who find work in connection with building oper-ations to do, and they must all wait for a settlement of the carpenters strike before they can resume their operations. It needs no argument to show how dis-astrous such a condition of affairs is likely to be.

A Bad Wreck.

Canistee, N. Y., April 16.—A bad wreck occurred on the Eric railroad at Adrian, about four miles east of here. The wre k was caused by a freight train, running at the rate of about twenty-free miles an hour, crashing into the rear of another train that was standing still. The engine and twelve loaded cars of the freight train were completely wrecked. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping. The latter received slight injuries about the head.

The Sawtelle Confession Discredited. GREAT FALLS, N. H.. April 16.—The alleged confession of isaac B. Sawtelle is universally discredited here and it is generally thought the story is a fabri-cation and that if Sawtelle is the author of it he has constructed it to explain the evidence against him in the most favorable light and to make it appear that the murder was committed in Maine, so that he may escape the gallows.

Election at Butte, Mont.

BUTTE, Mont., April 16.—In the municipal election held here yesterday the Democrats elected the mayor and six out of seven aldermen by decisive

Parnell Consults Gladstone. LONDON, April 16.—Mr. Parnell held a consultation with Mr. Gladstone pre-liminary to the introduction in the House of Commons by the former of a motion to reject the Irish land purchase bill.

Hick Carpenter Released. CINCINNATI, April 16.—Hick Carpenter, of the Cincinnati baseball club, has been released. There is some talk that he will be seen at Pittsburg this season.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

tre Ga grassional Committee and the Sub-

Treasury Bill. WASHINGTON, April 16.—About a score of congressmen, composing the National Legislative Alliance committee, met in-

AN EASY PREY

To the Daring and Experienced Cracksman.

Millions in the Treasury Vaults Insecurely Stored.

Treasurer Huston Convinced that the Hundreds of Millions in Gold, Silver and Paper are Not Safe-Has an Amateur Make a Text-A Big Burglary Possibly Aserted—New Vaults Ordered.

duced into congress.

President Polk, of the National Alliance, is to go before the sende committee on agriculture, to angular favor of the sub-treasury bill. It chains that there are forty-three members of the house who will support the measure.

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SON

Kills Two White-trans Who Were Whip-

ping his Father. DONDHAN, Mo., April 16.—Four mask-ed men visited the residence of an old man named Holland, living near here, Stong on an another, and stong of most start, and stong on a wind stong of silver in another, and the stong of silver in another, and the stong of silver in a third.

A few days age Treasurer Huston become possessed of the idea that these vanits were insecure. He, therefore, ascured the services of an annature cracks man—that is a man familiar with the silver forced their way into the bouse. They knocked the lather down and were kicking him, when the

New York, April 16.—One hundred and twenty six presbyteries of the Pos-byterian church have voted on the rerision of the confession of faith. These eturns show that eighty-two presbyte-ies have veted in favor of the revision and forty against it, and four have re-fused to vote. There are sixty six pres-syteries to be heard from, and the indieations are that the vote in favor of re-vision will be tearly, if not quite, two-thirds of all the presbyteries.

Pardoned by the Governor. ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Governor Gordon has purdoned Powell Howard, who was serving a litteen years' sentence

time to commence at the port of Pasca-

tierman-Americans from Lincoln. Bostos, April 16.—A memorial ser-vice in communication of the twenty-ofth anniversary of A r ham times and death was high force under the auspices of the lastsa turn versin. Along those present were tovernor brackets. President of me senate spin, a. chair-man of the Barrior Alderin a Wison. and of the managers of the state and any government. Addresses paying noting tribute to the character another and work of this of more being rest by Carl Eberherdt in common and the feet, br. Solumon Schimeler, in English.

Mariners Get Excited

New York, April 16.—The Marine society had an exciting in stong here. A motion to request the trustees of the Sailors Sing diactor to arrest gate the charges of crucity or the governor, Track, toward the amounts, and to a vident score, during which the fie was passed and bloom marr why prevented. The motion was fluincy carried, despite the angry protest of Track, who was present. who was present.

Corbett Defeats McCollecy New York, April 10.—James Corbett deteated Common McCourry in a four-round scientiste occur and neglic at the Brooslyn casino, The court 4 was a tame one, according to a set almost whosly on the defeasive. Coroct was in fine form, and that the best of his programme this a post.

FALL RIVER, Mass., April 19.—The unknown was an who was removed from the steamer Pucitan here is at the City hospital. Nothing can be learned as to her electify. It is thought that she came from kewport. She is evidently surturing from drugs administration of the second state of the second istered before see was put on the boat.

A French Prince for \$150,000.

Toronto, O., April 16,—Alexander Cameron, a wealthy Toronto lawyer who married a rich betreit widow who married a rich fortrait who we manded Ward, has autromoted the engagement of his step-dail; hier. Miss Ward, to Prince de henyou caraman, of france, hiss Ward is 17 years of age and has an income of \$100,000.

A Propelier Ashore.

BUFFALO, April 16.—The propeller F.
L. Vance, coming down the take in a
thick rog, went ashore on the Canada
side just arove winding a four, where
she is rock outlon and from six to nine
inches out forward. She has com from
thicago. She will promotely be got off
by fightering 6,000 to 8,000 bushels of
her cargo.

Indianapolis Carpenters Strike. Indianapolis Carpenters Strike.

Indianapolis, April 16.—The Meratonel strike of union carpenters for eight hours a day and 35 cents an hour bagan at 5 octoes last evening. There are fully 109 houses in the city in the several stages of erection and all these will stand as left until the matter

reaches a settlement. The New Handwriting.

Has anybody noticed the quiet changes that have been going on in fashionable handwriting? That once called "English" style has quietly vanished from polite society. In its place is found a rounder, more legible script that does not take up half the room, and is read in one-quarter time.
"Learn to acquire the angular hand" can no longer be set as a copy book text, if these signs of the times be true. By all the signs the principal object of the new handwriting is to make itself clear, and for this reason the rounded letters have quietly edged out the stilted ones, and once more carries the rule of common sense into a fashionable matter.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Smokeless Furnace.

A new feature in furnace building was introduced at the power house being erected in Allegheny City by the Plensant Valley Street Railway company. The novelty consists of a smokeless furnace. It is a contrivance Legislative Alliance committee, met informally the other evening, in a room on Ninth street, to discuss Alliance measures before congress. Among those present were Mr. Turpin, of Alabama; Col. Clark Lewis, of Mississippi; McJammy, of North Carolina; Featherston, of Arkansas, and Buffock, of Florida.

The sub-tressury bill was the leading thems of debate, but it was not finally decided whether to push it to a vote or not, though every one present agreed to Orleans Picayune.

TO HEAD OFF EMIN.

England Will Anticipate the German Expedition.

STANLEY TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK

Suspicious of the Objects of Emin's Expolition, the British East African Company Will Make a Rush for the Interior and Assume Possession of the Debatable Territory.

LONDON, April 16.—It is now no secret that the British East African society has decided and has already begun preparations to send an expedition from Mombassa to the debatable lake territory in the interior of Africa in advance of the proposed German expedition to be

headed by Emin. The various stories concerning the purpose of Emin's return to the inpurpose of Emin's return to the in-terior have aroused the suspicions of the British East African people that it is not philanthropy on the part of the former governor of the Egyptian equatorial crevince or his employers that induced Emin to engage to re-encounter the hardships of inter African life, but rather a desire to forestall the British which are all executation of the lake in the actual occupation of the lake country, the most fruitful and desir-able of any of the territory yet ex-

This suspicion having grown into con-viction it has been resolved to antici-pate the German movement as far as

the lake region is concerned.

Of this expedition, it is asserted Mr. Stanley will assume the leadership at a inter-late, and the fact that he has declined a number of invitations to banquets, receptions, etc., lends color to this statement. Assuming that Stanley has declined these honors because they would interfere with his preparations to return to Africa, it is fair to presume that he expects to take the lead of the new British expedition within a very short time. the lake region is concerne i.

Short time.

Commenting on these reports The Pall Mail Gazette sives the day of discovery and exploration in Africa is over. The dark continent has passed from the traveler into the hands of the dimencier and discovery, and discovery, and discovery. clop what has been discovered an I dis-

England, Portugal and Germany in Africa LONDON, April 16.—In the house of commons hast evening Sir James Fergusson, under for-ign secretary, statel that the negotiations with Portugal in regard to belogoa bay and Mashenaland were still unsettled. He would not, however doubt the good faith of the Portuguese government, which had declared that it would not sanction any expedition pending the negotiations. Germany, he said, had sent assurances that the Emin expedition would be confined to the German sphere. England, Portugal and Germany in Africa

Russia's Rigid Passport System. St. Petersbuio, April 16.—The Rus-ian government has issued orders that sian government has issued orders that
inenceforth the passport regulations on
the Austrian frontier shall be of a more
stringent character and most rigidly
onserved. The present passport system
on the Austrian border is even more
exacting than that which has operated
in termany in cen action with france,
and there is air only a groat deal of
maranting against the increased hardding processed.

Boulangism Still Lives. PARIS, April 16.—The Boulangists, presumably a the result of the recent ourerence with their chief on the sland of Jers y, are preparing to con-st every district in France at the next ceneral institute and are already casting about our available candidates. The its at our available candidates. The arising cont sits will be interly fought. The connect of elections at Paris has brown a sop to the securists by framing a policy upon democratic lines.

Hand vs. Nachtne Labor.
BERGES, A pril 16.—The hand weavers of Fort data, Frussia, have forwarded a stition to transpror William praying or permission to manufacture the garmaks for the Germin army now made y machines, claiming that for the ame money the government now pays ney can profuce articles of a much

Madraid, April 16.—The gas works of this city are on fire and obtaing fiercely, the flames have attracted thousands of people to the scene, and there is a de are of excit-ment justifying extraordi-mary vigilance on the part of the police to prevent disorder.

The Czar's Coustn Arrested. BUCHARIST, April 16.—A dispatch from Jassy to The Telegraful states that the Grand Duke Constantine Can-stantinovich, cousin of the ezar, has been arrested in St. Petersburg for connection with the revolutionary propaganda.

No Republicanism for Portugal. Lismon, April 16.—The returns show that in the election for the fifty elective memiers of the house of psers the Con-syntive and Progressist candidates have in every instance neen successful, not one Republican was elected.

Stanley Calls on Dom Fedro.
LONDON, April 16.—Mr. Stanley paid a visit to Dom Fedro at Cannes yesterday. The Emin relief committee has secided to give Stanley a reception here on May 2, on which occasion the Prince of Wales will preside.

Mr. Morgan's Body Sent Home. London, April 16.—The body of the late studies a dorgan will be placed on loard a steamship at lievre today for shipment to America to be interred in his native town.

Ban's of Bengal Discount. CALCUTTA April 16, -The rate of its discount has seen fixed at 12 per cent. by the Bank of Beegal.

For Shorte. Hours and More Wages. Vienna, April 16.—Six thousand car-penters have struck at Gratz for shorter lours and more wages.

Death of a larnellita. LONDON, April 16.-Matthew Harris, Parnellite, member of parliament for east Galway, is dead.

The Nile Tance a Tumble CAIRO, April 16 .- The Nile is falling

Got Away with \$10,000.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 16.—Cromer, the missing agent of the People's bank, at Edmunston, N. B., is reported to have carried away \$10,000 of the bank's money with him. Nothing is known of his whereacouts.

Biestreippers strike.

Boston, April 16.—Eleven employes of the electrotyping department of The Riverside Press, Cambridge, have struck because of the employment of a non-union man. Only three men are left.

An Atlanta Pallure. ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—S. H. Phelan & Co., dealers in cotton and produce, have failed. Liabilities \$60,000, been well ever since.

immense five story starch factory, at Chesterfield, southeast of the city, was destroyed by first like the city of destroyed by fire. It started in some shavings in the bot factory just east of the big brick building and quickly spread to the boiler room, where it burned off the hose and effectually prevented any effort at stopping the flames The fire quickly took hold of the factory and in less than an hour it was burned to the ground. No lives were lost; the whistle blew and gave all time to get

The fire department was summoned from the city, but could do nothing. The loss on the building machinery and contents is probe by \$500,000, and the insurance about \$200,000. The property was, it is reported, turned over to the starch trust a few days ago. The factory employed 112 men and about as many more children. It will no doubt be rebuilt.

The Mississippi Levees.

The Mississippi Levees.

New Orleans, April 16.—The Mississippi river has risen fifteen points in the last twenty-four hours, at all stations from Vicksburg to Baton Rouge, inclusive. The Nita crevisse is now 1,500 feet wide, and from eight to fifteen feet deep. There are four new breaks reported in Bayon de Glause and the Yellow Bayou lavae.

Stockholders Meeting. KNOXVII.E. Tenn. April 16.—Stock-holders of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia rails all met here. Five hundred thousand shares were representanimarest thousand snares were represent-ed—seventy dive per cent, of the stock— all by proxy. The proposition of the Queen and Crescent was approved of, and full power was conferred on the di-rectors to act in the matter, as well as to issue \$6,000,000 in bonds for improve-ments and similar purposes. The direct-ors were also authorized to act on the Memphis and Charleston railroad matter

Too Wet to Open a Canal.

BUFFALO, April 16.—Superintendent Haman sent the following in answer to a telegram from the Merchants' Exchange: "It will be impossible for me to open the canals of the state before May lowing to the extreme wet weather which has delayed the work of improvement now under contract. The contract will not be completed until May 1. If the western division is opened first it would be very difficult to control the water and more harm than good would result." Great dissatisfaction was expressed on change at this announcement and a number of old canal men expressed the opinion that some one was juggifing with the canal to favor the railroses. Too Wet to Open a Canal.

Blacklisting Dry Goods Clerks. Blacklisting Dry Goods Clerks.

New HAVEN, April 16.—Certain dry
goods concerns h re will attempt to
form a commination to govern the employment of clerks. They propose to
employ no clerk who for any cause
whatever has been discharged from any
city dry goods house. A female clerk
recently discharged by F. N. Brown &
Co., because she had been previously
dismissed by Win. Neely & Co., will
probably bring suit against the latter
firm.

the railroads.

A Strike of Street Cleaners. PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—About 250 Italian street cleaners went on a strike Italian street cleaners went on a strike for an advance of wages. They are determined to regain their old pay of \$1.50 a day, the present price being \$1.25. Contractors Josephs and Lunwright promptly agreed to return to the old prices. Contractor Wilson's men do not belong to the union and went to work as usual. All the employes of the other contractors remain on strike.

Cherenne Indians on the Warpath. Washington, April 16.—Dispatches received at the Indian office from Agent Upshaw, at Tongue River, Mont, report the northern Cheyenar Indians congregating and threatening life and property in that vicinity. Troops, he tole-graphs, are needed greatly. The dis-patches were forwarded to the war de-partment with a request to forward

Gosts Act as Shepherds.

In Switzerland and other mountainthe mountains, but it is in South Af-rica that it is regularly kept and em-ployed as a leader of flocks of sheep. Should a blinding storm of rain or hail drive the silly sheep before it, or cause them to huddle together in a the trained goat will wake them up, and, by a method best known to himself, will induce them to follow him to a place of safety.—New York Journal.

Europe's Shifting Population. Europe's Shifting Population.

Europe was settled from the south, and the very small portion comprising Italy, Spain and the islands of the Mediterranean sea were populous for centuries, while that we know now as France, Germany, England, Austria and Russia were forests and deserts, quite as barbarous and uncultivated as the present interior of Africa.

These were the countries of antiquity, North and South America and Australia being unknown. Yet the two former were densely populous in ages long ago.—Golden Days.

A Machine That Wraps Oranges An ingenious machine for wrapping

At ingeneous machine for wrapping oranges hails from Oneida county. It will wrap in paper 2,500 oranges an hour. It is compact and handy, 3 feet long by 3 feet high and 18 inches wide. The fruit passes from a cylinder down a slide, one orange at a time, into a wire cun, which opens and into a wire cup, which opens and drops the orange on a square piece of paper cut by the machine from a roller, then passes through an aperture which wraps the paper and trims it, and then it passes on to the carrier.—Now Orleans Picayune.

Unconscious of His Existence

A Maine soldier, who was a partici-pant in one of the battles of Sherman's March to the Sea, a fight lasting sev-eral hours, avers that from the firing of the first hostile gun until the battle closed, his conscious existence was lost, and he was never able to recall a single incident of the fight.—Lewiston

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