THE HAMILT ON TMES

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1908.

HON. MR. GRAHAM IS SOUND.

The Government is moving to carry out its policy of extending the juris diction of the Railway Commission to telegraphs and telephones, and yester day Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways, moved the second reading of the The occasion was seized upon by Mr. Lennox, M. P., who is a fanatic in the advocacy of public ownership and operation, to air his hobby, and to queson Hon. Mr. Graham on the subject. That gentleman gave him but little encouragement. Canada's experience with Government ownership of railways was not such as to encourage observant statesmen to extend it. The Govern ment was strongly impressed with the idea that private ownership, with publie control, would secure to the people a good service at fair rates, and that the end to be desired.

It is gratifying to find at the head of the railway department a man who has not been inoculated with the socialistic virus, who has not fallen into the idolatry of public officials, and who has used his powers of observation with the good effect indicated by Hon. Mr. Graham's words. The less we have of officialdom in the business operations of the people, the better it will be for the country, and the more effectively will economy be served. If Government will undertake the proper discharge of its own functions—the duty of govern-ing, enforcing the just laws made for benefit of all the people, and providing for the arbitration of all differ ences arising between them-the people of Canada may be trusted to do the business which naturally falls to then as individuals and associations, with greater economy and efficiency vernment, even at its purest and best, can hope to do, and without the manifold evils and stunting influences of So-

STARVING DEMAND.

We hear a good deal in Canada from the organs of the Cotton Combine about dulness in the trade, and attempts are made to convince the Canadian people that they should become reconciled to lower wages for the cotton workers, and higher tariff which means higher prices for the consumers. But similar complaints are heard from the home of King Cotton. In the south, the cotton manufacturers are pursuing a policy calculated to produce artificial scarcity of goods and lower wages for the operatives. The trade is thoroughly organized; it knows what it wants, and it does not purpose to allow the interests of the consumers or of the cotton mil hands to stand in the way of obtaining it. A great meeting of State cotton manufacturers was held at Charlotte, N. C., the other day, when it was decided to continue the policy of curtailment until Sept. 1 at least. The cotton mill men's policy was expressed by the president as being a determination "to let demand get good and hungry before feeding it." In view of the apparent adoption of a similar policy in Canada, the appointment of W. L. MacKenzie King to inquire into the conditions of the cotton mill industry in Canada, is fully justified. The interests of the conrs and operatives deserve some consideration.

ELECTRICITY BY ELECTRICIANS.

The meeting of the Canadian Electri-cal Association in Toronto has been productive of some very informing discussions. Papers read during the meeting dealt with some phases of electrical supply in Switzerland, especially electrical development by the city of Geneva. Electrical science has made great progress in the republic, and the informa tion given in these papers was very interesting. It will be a surprise to many of those Canadians who are accustomed to expect from municipal operation or for small users of power to learn that rule, the price for 1 horse-power is \$64 a from \$60 a year for 1 horse-power to \$29 a year for 100 horse-power on an 11ur basis. There is not, in these figures, any reason to expect the extravagant reductions to small consumers from the Hydro-Electric scheme,

Yesterday Mr. James Bicknell discussed "Electrical Franchises," dealing with the question of control of the streets and highways. He very naturally took issue with that heresy common to so many narrow minds in municipal life and expressed in their assumption inicipalities "own" the highways. Mr. Bicknell pointed out that the streets and highways are, as a re cent High Court judgment declares, "the King's highways," the property of the n and they are not under the absolute control either of the municipality or of the Province which organizes it. and delegates it authority. He declares that the Dominion Parliament has the right to confer upon any properly incor ver the streets and highways of any municipality in Canada. By this means any effort on the part of a municipal neil or a local legislature to hold up unjustly or improperly a railway, telegraph, telephone, power or other under-taking which may be for the advantage of the country at large, can be effectu ally checkmated Hitherto, the exerof the powers of the Dominion in this connection has been infrequent, but in helping the banks, in the period of stance, in regard to such matters, when

certain municipal "statesmen," show that the power is one that exists for

the benefit of the country.

Mr. Bicknell has given some study to the Hydro-Electric scheme, and the burdens which it will impose upon the muni cipalities entering it. After considering the obligations which the Hydro contract would place upon them, Mr. Bek

nell concluded: "If these provisions are carried out in good faith by the municipalities it is possible that no municipality will be able to afford to supply light, heat or power at as low a rate as an electrical company efficiently and economically

It is greatly to be regretted that the scussions of the practical men of the Electrical Association could not have been heard by every alderman in Hamilton—indeed by every municipal owner-ship fanatic in the country. We doubt not that even His Worship Mayor Stewart might have learned something to his

ATTACK ON DR. SHEARER.

The Hamilton Herald charges Rev. r. Shearer with acting the part of a 'politician" at the General Assembly of e Presbyterian Church. It alleges that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was alarmed about the Pringle exploitation of alleged Yukon immorality in official life, and wrote to Dr. Shearer suggesting that would be best to have the matter dealt with as quietly as possible so that public opinion might not be aroused." Then it proceeds to intimate that Rev Dr. Shearer steered the Assembly by the Pringle charges by a resolution complimenting him and Dr. Grant, his fellow missionary, and expressing satisfaction at the improved Yukon conditions. And it thus impeaches Rev. Dr. Shearer's onesty as a moral teacher:

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The moral reform agent of the Presbyterian Church may not be a present-day Elijah like Rev. Dr. Pringle, the heroic missionary who has the courage to denounce not only sin but the sinners in high places. But in worldly wisdom and subtle diplomacy the missionary from the Yukon is as a child to a giant in comparison with the smooth, emollient Dr. Shearer.

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The Herald's insinuation is a vile one and is made on sheer assumption and without a scintilla of evidence. And The is not the first time that it has flung coarse insults at that gentleman, and, a it does now, reflected upon the Church of which he is an officer.

EDITORAL NOTES.

The G. T. P. is to do a share of the grain transportation this year between Saskatoon and Winnipeg. The work of "enlarging the spout" is progressing rap-

The report of Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician of the I. O. F., states that 17.58 per cent, of the deaths in the order are due to tuberculosis. That is a reminder of the prevalence of the great white plague. And the proportion is not excessive, as statistics go.

The power monopoly organ has not yet corrected the false statement with which it introduced that power contract -that the Cataract Company stipulated for a yearly peak load, while the Hydro offer called for a monthly peak load sys tem of measurement. Why, think you?

The Toronto Mail and Empire chuckles gleefully over the fact that Whitney's false statement of the situation as to that bond guarantee prevented MacKay from offering opposition. But Whitney's deceit in that matter is hardly an ac implishment of which decent men or journals would feel like boasting.

In the choice of Taft for Presidential andidate on the first ballot the Republican convention has met the expectations of the politically wise. Perhaps the greatest surprise of the vote was the poor showing made by Hughes, Can-non and Knox. Fairbanks was never in the running according to the pro phets, but from Hughes a better showing than a vote of 63 was looked for.

The Sarnia Canadian (Tory) chortle over the dismissal of the suit of the in Geneva, where small users are the Florence Mining Co. against the Government, and affects to view it as a refuta some other plants prices run tion of the charge of "claim jumping against Whitney. Yet, Mr. Justice dell expressed himself that under the law the commandment "Thou shalt no steal" could not be enforced against the Ontario Government. Is the Canadian which some people affect to look for really proud of a legal victory so won

Some people got an idea from the statements of the Ontario Ministers and the wording of the Power Act that the Hydro-Electric scheme was controlled by the Commission under the statutes. That seems to be erroneous. We gather now, from the Toronto Telegram, that the en tire scheme and its future is managed from that paper's sanctum, and that it will deal hardly with this city if it does

The shrinkage in United States for eign trade continues, indicating the prevalence of business depression. The imports for May were \$84,231,443, compared with \$126,512,106 in May last year. The value of the exports for May \$113,397,223, compared with \$134,759,568 in the same month last year. Such figures, taken in connection with the home ward rush of steerage passengers to Europe, indicate to a prevailing degree, depression from which we in Canada are comparatively exempt.

Now arises George E. Foster to try to condemn the Government for taking its action, so widely asked for and so generally commended as wise and tir assumptions of Toronto, for in- financial stringency, to move the crops! George is not only a "squealer," but his Radial Railway Bill was under dis-on, and the growing arrogance of bitterness, and mental strabismus makes

it impossible for him to see good in anything that comes from the Govern-ment. How he must hate the sunlight, the birds and the flowers in a land that enjoys Liberal rule!

In his article on municipal ownership Mr. Edward Harris pointed out the advantages of the German over the Canadian system of municipal government. Preaching from the same text, the Boston Transcript admits the superiority of the Burgomaster over the American Mayor; and in many cities on this continent there is a disposition to try some other system than that in vogue at present.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Get after him, Mayor Stewart! Make

Get after him, Mayor Stewart! Make him admit that there are exceptions—at least one exception-to prove the rule The idea of unfavorably comparing you wtih any German burgomaster! Such an insult is not to be tamely endured.

Foster emitted a wail yesterday over literature of the land scandals and his connection with the Foresters' funds. How thin-skinned he is! Liberals need no better campaign literature, as far as he is concerned, than the sworn admissions of George E. Foster and the other witnesses examined on the subjects men tioned. Yet while he squeals this way, Tory literature slanders Mr. Jackson. Selkirk, by circulating broadcast a false statement (since withdrawn) made by Mr. Foster himself in Parliament! And what else has he been doing most of the session but slandering opponents from behind the protection of Parliamentary privilege?

Notwithstanding the fact that it was admitted in the House the other day by the partisans of the Manitoba voters lists that they were not prepared by the judges, the chief Tory organ reiter ates the falsehood that they are. Its cunning deceit is displayed in its allegation that "the Manitoba lists are made up by the judges." In no place is it so stated by the Manitoba statute. On the contrary, the registration clerks, named by the Government, do this work of com piling, and all that is left for the Judge (and it is not even required that it be a judge, merely an appointee of the Government), is to hear disputed cases. is even left in the power of these partisan registration clerks to say whether personal registration shall be required.

The junior local Tory organ, in its eagerness to serve the machine, credits the Civil Service Bill introduced the other day to Borden's Halifax platform. It says:

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The Laurier Government could not afford to allow the Opposition leader the great advantage of going to the country as the promoter of this great reform, with the party in power tied up to the discredited and obsolete patronage system. So the Government has deprived Mr. Borden of his advantage and forestalled him by appropriating his civil service reform policy.

Our contemporary has all the reshuess.

Our contemporary has all the rashness of the zealot. If it had taken time to look back a little farther it might not have made its absurd claim. Moreover, it would have found historical evidence that Tory promises of civil service reform, even to introducing a bill in the House, was no indication that the party

Good Fighters.

For lively debating and keen fighting no Legislature in Canada is to be compared with the Synod of Toronto.

The Yellow Peril.

A quarter of a million dollars in Yu-kon gold bars has just been stacked up in Vancouver. This is the one form of the yellow peril to which British Colum-bia does not object.

INSTANT RELIEF OF ITCHING HUMOR

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw Feet Too Swollen to Get Shoes -Sleep Completely Broken by Intense Itching and Burning-Well in Two Days and Says That

CUTICURA IS AMONG HIS HOUSEHOLD GODS

"God bless the man who first compounded Cuticura. Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so awollen that I had to split my drawers open to get them on and could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six life ferent remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and that their less. One mornitation of the second of

FOR BABY RASHES Eczemas and Irritations, Cuticura is Worth its Weight in Gold.

The suffering which Cuticura Scap and Cuticura Ointment have alleviated among the young, and the comfort they have afforded worn-out and worried parents, have led to their adoption in counties homes as priceless for the skin and scalp. Infantile and birth humors, scalled-head, eczemas, rashes, itchings, chafings, and every form of itching, scaly, pimply skin and scalp humors, with loss of hair, are speedily, permanently and economically cured.

Complete External and Internal Treatment

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Complete External and Internal Treatmentor Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adult Cutleurs. Olintment to Heal the Skin, and Cutleurs. Continuents for Heal the Skin, and Cutleurs. Resolvent (or in the form of Chocolate Coater Pills, in vials of 60) to Purify the Blood. Solt Hroughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp... Solt. Props... Boston, Mass. ... of Palaised Tree, Cutleurs Book on Stin Diseases.

BIG SAVINGS AWAIT YOU HERE

Women's sample Lisle Gloves in wrist length; all colors and sizes; a bargain chance up to 50e for 19c; up to 75e for 29c

The more people practice economy the more money they The more people practice economy the more money they have to use. Economy means putting money to the best possible use. We offer you the goods you want now—best quality and money-saving—that's an invincible combination. Then read of prices that back up the statement.

White Nottingham Lace Curtains, assorted new designs in single border, 3 yards long, 50 to 60 inches wide, clearing Saturday 980

Children's Wear

DRESSES, in White Lawn and Cambric, Check Gingham and Stripe Galatea, made in Buster Brown and Mother Hubbard styles, sizes 1 to 4 years; regular 85 and 75c, for ... 49c DRESSES-White Lawn, Mulls, Colored Ginghams and Cambric, all styles

Ginghams and Camore, need, sizes to 8 years; regular \$1.19 \$1.50, for BABIES' BONNETS in embroic white lawn, shirred front, with strings; regular 40c, for

Shirt Waist Suits

MADE OF WHITE LAWN, with small black polka dot, fancy pleated waist, with lace trimming; skirts are pleated with strappings, piped with black, all sizes; regular \$3.50, for \$1.98

WHITE PIQUE JUMPER SUITS

Women's Wear

8.30 a. m., \$1.50, for
DRESSING SACQUES, in fancy
floral muslin and cambric, also plain
white, styles in straight and poplin
effect, with half belt, long and ¾
kimona sleeves; regular \$1.00, Saturday for 79c

Glove Savings

Die, for LISLE GLOVES in black, grey, tan, white and mode, extra fine qualities in full elbow length, mousquetaire style; regular 75e, for 59e
SILK GLOVES in black, white and
brown, some double tipped fingers, two
button, 24 inch length; regular \$1.00,
clearing pair. 69e

clearing pair, SILK GLOVES, in extra heavy Mil-anese qualities, shades in tan, brown, navy, white, black, and evening colors, two button mousquetaire style, in ex-tra elbow length, all sizes, worth \$1.25.

CHILDREN'S Tan and Brown Lisle

Millinery

LATEST NEW YORK STYLES, in Large Sailors, rolling brim, turban and other stylish shapes, trimmed with flowers, wings, fancy mounts, ribbons, tulle and velvet. Colors are in navy. Copenhagen, brown, tuscan and green. See these Hats. Regular \$8 and \$10, priced Saturday at \$5.00

UNTRIMMED SHAPES, in rustic UNTRIMMED straw, colors in brown, old rose, green, and sky, all sizes, regular prices to \$1,

Shantung Silks

STRIPE SHANTUNGS, in the new graduated and hair line stripes, French weave, cream grounds, with stripes, in all colors; also a few pieces of Shan-Silk, in Japane dark colors, regular \$1.50, Saturday

DYED SHANTUNGS, in the rough DIED SHANTUNGS, in the rough pongee weaves for dresses and suits. Plain colors, in browns, navy, reseda, grey, myrtle, black and natural, 27 inches wide. Sold everywhere for 75c, clearing at ... 59c

TUSSAH SILK, the latest silk weaves for dresses and suits, natural shade, in heavy, firm quality, 27 inches wide, regular \$1, Saturday 75ce

Further Savings in Covert Coats

\$7.50 Values for \$3.19 Two offers in Coats. Though reductions are big, styles and materials are standard values. You will need one of these for cool summer evenings, showing in plain and stripe coverts in loose, semi and tight fitted styles, with many novelty trimming effects, all sizes; scores of styles, with one that you'll like at a big saving.

A Suit Clearing; Values to \$20.00 for \$10.50 If you are going travelling or even staying at home, you will need one of these suits at this big price saving. Pla in Panamas in navy, brown, tan, black, shepherd checks and fancy cloth Suits; coats are in all styles, with many novelty effects, silk lined; skirts are pleated with circular fold; regular \$18.56 and \$20.00, clearing at \$10.50

Stripe and Plain Linen Suits \$8.49

Unusual Price Chances in Blouses

This store's supreme value giving is responsible for these unusual prices. Blouses in white Persian and India lawns, spotted and crossbar muslins, some have Val. lace pointed yokes; also embroidery fronts with lace necks, while still others are of fine Swiss embroidery frontings, sizes 32 to 44. Scores of pretty styles for choice at

98c for Blouses at \$1.25. \$1.19 for Blouses at \$1.50. 59c for Blouses at 90c. 79c for Blouses at \$1.00.

NET BLOUSES, in fine plain Brussels net, some fancy guipure insertion yoke, while others are trimmed with Oriental and German Val. lace on

\$7 Panama and Fancy Cloth Dress Skirts \$3.69

and white India head, made in gored and pleated styles, with circular all sizes to clear, early at

Great Dress Goods Distribution

Clip, clip, clip, every tick of the clock should see a busy measuring and cutting in the dress goods section—for the sheers that cut the goods cut the regular prices deeper than ever. Here's the list:

All Wool Fancy Stripe French Voiles, in the staple and novelty shades.

All Wool Navy Panamas, 44 and 52 inch, dust proof finish, best quality

Regular 81 and \$1.25, for 69e
All Wool Navy Serge and English Panama for Suits and Skirts, 85c for 59e; 75e for 49e, and 65c, for 39e

A Scatter in Muslins Regular 15c for 6c On Sale 8.30 to 12 a.m.

goods, regularly 25c, for . 20c. 25c and 30c Dress Muslins and Voiles 9c yd.

Beating previous records in the sale of Muslins only justifies such a great price reduction as this, but remember, only for the morning, if the quantity lasts that long. Muslins in black checks and stripes, polka dtos, floral stripe effects and plain floral Volles. Come early and expecting great bargains, 30 pieces in all to go on sale, 8.30 until 12 a. m,. for

On Sale 8.30 to 12 a.m. only

FINCH BROS.

29 and 31 King St. West

Belt Purchase

A SPECIAL PURCHASE from a manufacturer of Leather Belts. All styles in tan, brown, black, fancy, ten, brown and white, also gold braid, with leather. Newest Buckles, all sizes, hemmed edges, plain and shaped styles, regularly 50c, for ... 35c WASH BELTS, in linen and cotton, in newest embroidery patterns, gilt and pearl buckles, all sizes, regular 25c Belts, for 15c; 35c, for 25c

Embroideries

8.30 a. m. 5c

ALL-OVER White Swiss Embroidery
To blusse fronts and trimming, shadow and eyelet patterns, 24-inch
width, \$1.00 and \$1.25, for . 6De BLOUSE FRONTING, in fine Swiss Muslin, newest embroidered pattern, %-yard lengths, 85c, clearing. 49c LACE YOKES and Collars in Bat-

tenburg, Baby Irish and Oriental Laces, all styles, in white and ecru, for yokes in blouses and dresses, regu-lar price \$1.00, clearing 49c

Hosiery

COTTON HOSE, in fine quality and fast black dyes, spliced heels and toes, sizes 9 and 9½, regularly 20c, Satur-

Underwear

LADIES' Fancy Ribbed Vests, in sleeveless and half sleeves lace trim-med neck and sleeves, assorted styles, regularly 121/2 and 15c, Saturday at 10c

CORSETS, in fine white coutil, new summer styles, in medium and girlie length, steel filled and lace trimmed, all sizes, regularly 50c, Saturday 30c

Men's Wear

Men's fine Balbriggan Shirts, extra

man makes, and Hermsdorf black, double heels and toes, sizes 10 to 11, regular 25c and 30c, for 19c

MEN'S fine Summer Brasces, light colors, elastic ends, regular 35c, to clear 19c

Staple Section

seilles pattern, double bed size, hem-med, regular \$1.25, for 89c, and \$1.35, TABLE DAMASK, Irish make, cream, 60 inches wide, soft, heavy make, for wear, regular 50c for 29c

Summer Parasols Two dozen only Ladies' fancy Sun Parasols, in plain colors and fancy stripes, and checks, in light and dark grounds, regular price \$2 and \$2.25, for \$1.65

RAIN UMBRELLAS, Women's sizes, in best strong English frame, with twill covering, in a fast black color, newest handles, regular \$1.25, for 98c

20% off

EVERY PAIR of our entire stock of Swiss Net Irish Point Applique Cur-tains, comprising a large collection of this season's best makes and styles in white, ivory and two tone effects in 3½ yards long, clearing Saturday at 20c per cent off. See these on the first floor.

Our Exchanges

Could Not Have Read It.

(Beleville Intelligencer.)
The Hamilton Times man recently preached a sermonette on influence which proves that a man can write about a thing whether he possesses A Great Port.

(Toronto Globe.)

Montreal is destined to be the great-est seaport of the continent. The Gov-ernment is not content with watching things grow, but is pursuing a judicious policy of forcing. Is This Right? The hotelkeeper at Hayesland surely deserves special consideration. He charged R. A. Thompson \$10, it is said, for his meeting, while \$4 was what he charged for Wilson's meeting, as in other years.

Others Will Follow (Ottawa Free Press.) The Toronto World has joined Col Sam Hughes in the demand for the production in Canada of a Canadian service rifle made by Canadian labor The others will follow in course of

(Christian Guardian.)

We think the greatest care should be taken to see that amongst our Italian immigrants, as they come to us, there should be no criminals; this is the first step; and then the law against carrying concealed weapons should be rigidly enforced, if need be, by reliable Italian of ficials. In addition to this, any volun-

tary movement on the part of the Italian-Canadians themselves should be welcomed and encouraged. It should be borne in upon the minds of all immigrants into Canada, that in this country men do not need, and will not be allowed to carry concealed weapons.

DEAN FARTHING HONORED.

Receives Degree of D. C. L. From King's

University.

Halifax, N. S., June 18.—King's University, Windsor, at its closing today, conferred the degree of D. C. L. on Rev. Dean Farthing, of Kingston, Ont., and on Chief Justice Townshend, of Nova Scotia Rev. Dean Crawford of Nova Scotia, Rev. Dean Crawford, of St. Luke's, Halifax, formerly of Ontario, was given the degree of D. D. The convocation sermon was preached The convocation sermon was I

Welligton Farmer Falls Dead. Guelph, Ont., June 18.—John Ellis, a well-known farmer near Marden, three miles from this city, dropped dead yesterday afternoom—while unhitching his horse from the plow. Mr. Ellis was one of the pioneers of the township, having reached the age of 80. He was one of the best known farmers of the district.

Welligton Farmer Falls Dead.

Newburg Laborer Drowned. Newourg Laborer Drowned.
Woodstock, N. B., June 18.—Albert
Sparrow, of Newburg, a laborer on the
C. P. R. near Lower Brighton, lost his
life this morning owing to the horse
which he was driving backing over the
steep dump into the river. Horse and
man were both drowned. Sparrow was
about thirty, and leaves a wife and several children.

Hill Goes to Electric Chair Week of July 26th.

Little Valley, June 19 .- Murder in the first degree and sentence of death at Auburn Prison, the week commeacing July 26th, was the verdict and sentence

parently utterly indifferent. Justice Pond at once asked the prisoner to come forward for sentence. As he stood before the bar his face paled slightly,

before the bar his face paled slightly, but he answered the questions regarding his birth and habits, in a perfectly steady voice and replied to the judge that he had nothing to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced.

As Judge Pond sentenced him to death, Hill never moved a muscle, and was by far the coolest man in the court room. As sentence was gronounced, Mrs. Hancock, mother of the murdered girl, sobbed aloud, and was taken from the court room. Sheriff Ames will take Hill to Auburn Friday morning.

SENTENCEDTODEATH | FOUNTAIN GROVE.

Manor House of Englishmen's Colony Burned Down.

Santa Rosa, Cal., June 19. - The Manor House, the central dwelling of the "Fountain Grove" colony, founded by Thomas Lake Harris, the English Mysin the Pacy Hill murder case, which tic, was destroyed by fire caused by the terminated to-night. The jury was explosion of a kerosene lamp, yester-

terminated to-night. The jury was charged by Justice Pond and retired at 4.25, returning just one hour later.

The clerk asked the jury if they had agreed on a verdict and they reported "Yes," all eyes turned toward the prisoner. Except for a slight flushing of the face there was not the least sign of anxiety or excitement, and when the foreman answered "Guilty as charged," Hill never stirred, apparently utterly indifferent. Justice Pond at once asked the prisoner to

Reading, Pa., June 19.—The large store of Slichter Hardware Co., in this city, was destroyed by fire to-day and several nearby buildings were damaged. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. WANT INDEPENDENCE.

Manila, June 19.—The Philippine Assembly to-day on the eve of adjournment, declared by a vote of 57 to 15 that independence was the aspiration of the Filipino people, and that they were ready for immediate independence.

DOCTOR SUICIDES.