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IRISHMEN IN AMERICA.

Great Convention of Patriots in the Windy City-Many Notabilities Present.

Number One is There, With O'Donovan Rossa and Other Leaders of the Fenians.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—The great convention of Irish societies was opened yesterday morning with a large representation of Irishmen from every part of the country. The convention will last three One general object is the organ ization of a united open organization for the furtherance of the Irish cause. Among the fifty delegates from New York city who have arrived are Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa and P. J. P. Tynan, the latter of whom became cele brated in 1882 as the "Number One," having in charge the removal of govern ment officials in Ireland. He it was who was accused of having conducted the murders of Chief Secretary Caven dish and Under Secretary Burke in Phoenix Park, Dublin, So carefully was the name of this man kept from his fellow conspirators that even James Carey, a leading member of the Invin cibles, knew him only as "Number One." Carey, however, when he became an informer, made it necessary for Tynan to come to this country, and during the year following the murders, Tynan was, t is said, a member of the Middlesex volunteers, a crack London corps, and was one of the men picked to escort the Queen to the opening of the new Royal ourts on the Strand. Rossa is well known for his dynamite campaigns. He was under a thirty year's sentence for his connection with the Fenian move He lately visited England, the

term of his exile having expired. The convention was held in the magnificent new Y. M. C. A. building on La Salle street, and started with the unique distinction of being the first assemblage of the kind held in America in twenty years. Not to be linked with the idea of main reliance upon parliamentary agitation a return to what they termed first principles seemed to be the idea prompting the delegates. "Compacts' and "treaties" with British statesmen, through which the forces of Irish revolution have been held in check for a definite period, were very loudly-condemned and Irish was the talk amongst those in attendance. Dwelling on this, no small portion of the delegates were inclined to discuss anew the posibilities-military and otherwise-of the famous Fenian maxim: "England's peril is Ireland's oppor-

tunity. The chief definite purposes of the convention, as far as could be gathered in advance of the proceedings, was the formation of a new national organization, to be made international if possible, and the taking of action of some sort in behalf of the Irish political pristhe sessions were held, presented quite a martial appearance with its elaborate

decorations of the stars and stripes, inmost conspicuous decoration was a full length portrait of Robert Emmett, the centenary of whose execution in Dublin may not unlikely be decided upon by the convention for a demonstration. convention was called to order by John J. O'Connell, of Chicago, who introduced as temporary chairman, ex-Congress man John F. Finnerty, of Illinois. The opening of the convention was

marked by intense enthusiasm. The formal opening of the proceedings was long delayed by the reading of telegrams from Irish sympathizers in all parts of the world and the delay was increased by the great care taken to prevent other than authorized delegates passing the doorkeepers. Chairman Finnerty's spirited address calling for prompt and efficient action on behalf of Ireland, and was frequently interrupted by the cheering of the enthusiastic delegates. No attempt was made to transact business at the opening session, and at the conclusion of Mr. Finnerty's speech the convention adjourned for luncheon. Every seat in the hall was occupied. The delegates were seated by states, every state in the Union being represented, as also was Canada and Australia. One of the scenes was the welcome tendered O'Donovan Rossa when he walked down the aisle and took a seat among the New Yorkers. There was one lady delegate, Miss Fanny O'Grady, of Chicago. This, however, is not Miss O'Grady's first appearance at Irish conventions. A feature of Chairman Finnerty's adsand armed Americans breaking the

the neutrality law with England in behalf of Ireland." semblage and had been cursed by all true accomplished the desired result being, in is opinion, the Fenian movement. Where Isaac Butte, Charles Stewart Parnell and other leaders have failed Fenian movement has succeeded. When the Fenian movement was killed, closed to reason. The speaker continued: "There are those who fear that we may do something here against he laws of the United States. B Qur loyalty to the United States is shown in the Stars and Stripes on our platform; but our loyalty is a matter entirely inlependent of and separate from the neutrality laws. When has England paid of great advantage. any attention to neutrality laws? Cerainly not in Canada, her very presence

the eyes of the children of Ireland are upon you in every part of the world." DURRANT'S DEFENCE BEGUN. In conclusion, Mr. Finnerty said: are here to proclaim to the world that the Irish race is by no means defeated or disheartened. There are more Irishmen to-day than there ever were before on the face of the earth. We'll circle England with a wall of fire which shall never be extinguished until Ireland is

After Secretary Sutton had read the call for the convention and the original circular, an Ohio delegate tried, unsuc cessfully to have a stenographer engager to report the meeting, but there were no funds for such a purpose. The secretary read the various telegrams of congratulation, each one bringing forth much applause. The only interruption, aside from the applause, was when a member of the Illinois delegation asked who signed one of the Dublin telegrams. "Never mind who signed it," answered the secretary. "The men who signed these telegrams don't intend to have themselves given away and their names made known."

GOSSIP FROM THE FAR EAST.

False Position-Rioters Convicted. Shanghai, Sept. 26.—It is reported that

tain for the banishmentof the ex-viceroy of Szechuan. Yokohama, Sept. 12 -From Chengta it is reported that the amount of indemn

ity to be paid to the Roman Catholic missionaries for the damage done by the rioters in that province is to be something like 700,000 taels. Furthermore, that the work of reconstruction of the Roman Catholic church at Yiungoh o has already been commenced. Through the Japanese legation at Pe-

king it is learned that United States appearance. The prosecution expects to Minister Denby has been instructed by score a strong point by demonstrating President Cleveland to institute an in- to the jury that the prisoner made false quiry into the safety of American resi dents in China, preparatory to making association with the girl whom he is demands upon the Chinese authorities for their permanent protection. A com- district attorney, it is said, will make mission will be appointed, consisting of United States officers, and including at- jury and will use it as the basis of an Tokio. Mr. Denby is said to be deeply these false statements were inspired by has placed himself by accepting a favor hide, it is argued, he would have told for his son from the Chinese governthe truth about his last meeting with the ment. From the blame attaching to that er- dence of Anthony and Vogel.

for he cannot escape, but his friends with he is assailed by foreigners generally, who do not hestitate to charge him with misdeeds which he has not the power to commit, even if he were morally capable of them. It is urged on his behalf that the line of policy laid down for the guidance of American representatives in China makes it literally mpossible for the minister to assume a vigorous course of action on his own responsibility. These statements, however, do not emanate from Mr. Denby himself, who preserves strict silence re-

specting his personal affairs. The latest advices from Foo Chow report that 126 suspected persons have been arrested; that twenty-six have signs of disturbance are detected in after parting at 9 in the morning. States ship Petrel is on the way from where Emanuel church is located. Japan to Foe Chow.

Swedish missionary was forcibly and in Emanuel church. There was no esno foreigners shall live here.

SPAIN'S FAMILY QUARREL

ing to the Official Reports.

eral Antonio Maceo, describing the victory which he and his brother General Jose Maceo achieved over the Spanish forces in the Pass Santa Maria. This afternoon President Palma received a long letter from General Carlos Loff. which describes a spirited engagement that took place near Los Pasitos, which is within hailing distance of Losvillas. The letter, which is dated Losvillas September 16th, says: "On the 16th I found myself in camp near the plantations of Pozo Azul, with forces under the command of Colonels Joaquin Castillo and Pedro Diaz, which included the celebrated "Cayo Hess" infantry regiment under Jose Raffel Zogon. He told me that it would be comparatively easy dress, which evoked enthusiasm, was to capture the forces of Don Faguazo the following reference to Cuba: "I am by surprise. I placed under Zogon 5,000,000 armed Americans breaking and Sierra, and later on by our entire arms, ammunition and provisions. and fervent Irishmen since the days of In the engagement we had six killed was allowed by the court for the pres-

its birth. The various attempts of Irish- and twelve wounded. The Spanish loss ent. men to make the English government to was heavy in killed and wounded. On Dr. C. E. Farnham, demonstrator in listen to reason were recapitulated by the 11th we made a junction with Gen. anatomy at Cooper medical college, said the speaker, the first and only one that Sarefin Sanchez at Los Pasitos, where that wooden blocks were used in the dis we were engaged by the Spanish column | secting room to elevate bodies. These which we repulsed. The enemy retreat | were placed under the head, hips and ed and took his position in a strongly legs of the subjects to be dissected. fortified house. We stormed the house Prof. Charles Shernstern, a violin repeatedly. We heard that reinforce teacher, had known Blanche Lamont ments were coming; we met the rein- two months, and had given her instructhe ears of the English government were forcements and at this date are keeping tions on the violin. He was shown a up a running fire. We are forcing the copy of the Examiner in which were enemy to retreat along the road to wrapped the three rings of Blanche La-Santa Spiritus."

The column of Lieut.-Col. Romero; consisting of infantry, cavalry and artil a standing memorial of her breach of lery, engaged the band of Suaroz, num- Emanuel church, said Durrant had a he neutrality laws. We aim to consoli- bering 600 men, at Loma Cruz, in the key which would unlock all the doors date the Irish race in a sensible aggres- province of Santa Clara. The artillery in the interior of the church. He had sive movement against the British em- is said to have done good execution. The frequently seen him opening these vari-Dire wherever we can strike her. In official report says that the insurgents ous rooms. the formation of plans for this work, lost two killed and 17 wounded.

The Task Commenceb of Freeing Him From the Prosecution's Close Coils.

Insinuation Threwn Out That the Parson is the Murderer of Blanche Lamont.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.-The case for the prosecution in the trial of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lathe weak places. The testimony of all the witnesses to-day was brief. The Catholics Get Indemnity-Mr. Denby's emet point which the prosecution sought to establish to-day was that Durrant had said that the last time he had seen Miss Lamont was when he parted China has rejected the demand of Bri- from her on the morning of April 3, she going to school, he to the Cooper medical college. In all his statements regarding the disappearance of Miss Lamont the defendant stuck to that declaration. That Durrant's story of his last meeting with Miss Lamont was to be questioned by the prosecution was evidenced from the testimony elicited from Mrs. Vogel, Miss Lanigan, Miss Edwards and Mrs. Dorgan, all of whom stated that they saw Durrant with Miss Lamont on a Powell street car at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of her disstatements regarding his movements and charged with having murdered. The use of the matter in his address to the aches of the legation in Peking and argument the gist of which will be that ensible of the false position in which he a sinister motive. If he had nothing to girl. That was the reason for the evi-

The first witness was Police Detective protest against the excessive virulence Anthony, who recounted the circumstances of Durrant's arrest in Contra Costa county. Durrant had said to him that the last time he saw Blanche amont was on the morning of April 3, when he rode on a car with her to school. Dr. Thomas Augustus Vogel, a member of Emanuel church and an intimate

acquaintance of Durrant and Miss Lamont, said that on Sunday, April 7, he met Durrant at church. In conversation Durrant said to him that he had not seen Blanche since that morning, April 3, when they went together, she to the normal school, he to the Cooper medical college. The testimony of the latter two wit-

nesses was to contradict Durrant's present admission, through his attorneys, Association hall, dedicated to "beace on guilty, and that thinty-one others are hoon of April 3, riding with her on a certain to be convicted. The assailant of Miss Hartford, the American missionary, has been captured. In spite of though Durrant when arrested, and though Durrant when arrested and the captured of the captur these apparently decisive measures, prior to arrest, said he did not see her other parts of the Fokien province, in fense now claims that Durrant left bed and asleep. which no steps have been taken for the Blanche at the corner of Market street, preservation of order. The United not accompanying her to Mission street, the chisel marks on the belfry door. He William Stirling, a plumber, testified

> with blows expelled from the city of caping gas that day except a slight odor natives have taken a solemn vow that on April 3, the day the murder is supat the church on April 4, when he completed the work of putting in the gas savers. When he entered on April 4 escaping gas was ever made to him by anyone connected with the church, and New York, Sept. 25.-President Pal- the small quantity escaping while he ma recently received a letter from Gen- was adjusting the gas savers was hardly discernible. On April 4, when he returned to work, he noticed that the knob of the belfry door had been broken off. He had been bothered, he said, by attorneys for the defense, who wanted him to go to their office to discuss the case, so he went to Detective Seymour yesterday to ask if he were obliged to go to the offices of defendant's attorneys. When he left the church on April 2' there was no escaping of gas. His testimony, both direct and on cross-examination, corroborated the evidence of Janitor Sademan about the absence of smell of gas in the church. He said there was no reason why gas should escape on April 3 unless some one opened the gas jet. Harry Partridge, a student in Coope

medical college, and a classmate of Durrant, said that he knew Durfant and as good a citizen as any man, but I twenty picked cavalrymen with whom recalled a conversation with the prisonwould welcome the sight of ten thou- he attacked the Spanish fort. He was er outside the college after Blanche Lastoutly resisted, however, and had to mont disappeared. Durrant had comneutrality laws in behalf of Cuba, and retreat. I reinforced him with the "Cayo mented to witness on the fact that loubly would I welcome the sight of Hess' regiment, led by Capts. Esguerra Blanche had disappeared, saying that she must have met with foul play or troop of cavalry. We advanced, and been enticed into a house of ill repute. after many spirited engagements last- Durrant had added that Blanche was Mr. Finnerty said the extinguishment ing until the ninth, Pomares, who com- an innocent sort of girl, and if anyone of the nationality of Ireland by fraudu- manded the fort, interviewed me and spoke to her she would respond. On a lent means had placed the smaller coun- unconditionally surrendered. We left question by the district attorney as to try at the mercy of the larger. The act him his sword, but captured twenty of whether Durrant had ever made any reunion was passed by a sectarian as- the civil guards with considerable stores, quest of witness about roll call there was an objection by the defense, which

> mont sent to the latter's aunt, Mrs. No-President Palma anxiously awaits ble, after Blanche disappeared, and befurther news of the engagement. If the fore the dead body was found. Shern-Cubans succeed in gaining a strong foot- stern was asked if he wrote his own hold in Santa Spiritus they will come name, which appeared in pencil on the into the possession of a strategic point margin of the newspaper inclosing the rings. Witness said he had not written his name there.

Allen Church, a former janitor

The prosecution then rested and the ou foundation.

defense asked a continuance until to-

Durrant's attorneys wish to ask a few questions of several witnesses who have aiready testified, and promise thereafter to proceed with the derense immediately The opening statement of the defense is awaited with much interest. Owing to the refusal of the court to admit evi dence of medical students of Cooper college relative to Durrant's attendance at the lecture on the afternoon of April 5, a number of witnesses summoned to testify were not called, and the prosecution therefore closed its case much ear-

lier than it had planned. The defense has now begun its case, Eugene Deuprey making the opening statement. His intimation that the murder was committed, not by Durrant, will resign. This would relieve the govmont is closed. To-day was spent in but by Rev. John George Gibson, pasputting the finishing touches upon the tor of Emanuel church, made in a sig- an extra session. The general elections testimony against the accused. Wit nificant allusion to the resemblance of nesses were summoned who, while they ing on the paper enclosing Blanche Lathe preacher's handwriting to the letterfurnished no additional links in the mont's rings, created a marked sensachain of circumstances against Durraut, fion. The address of Deuprey began were designed by the district attorney with definitions of the duties of jurors to strengthen the entire case by filling in | in capital cases. He attacked the newspapers for the articles written and published concerning Durrant, and warned the jury against improper deductions from circumstantial evidence. Deuprey then said: "The district attorney has produced a strong proof of circumstantial evidence, which at first would create strong suspicion of the guilt of defendant. We claim that beyond strong suspicion the prosecution has failed to. go. We contend that with all the testimony produced, the only issues to be passed on have not been answered. Where did Blanche Lamont forfeit her life? When did she meet her death? Who caused her death? These questions have not been answered. A fourth question is the cause of death. A fifth has not and cannot be answered. What was the motive of the accused to take the life of Blanche Lamont? are entitled to know, and shall know, where Durrant was and what he did on April 3rd, from the time he arose in the morning until he went to bed at night. The district attorney promised that Durrant was not where he should have been

> the lecture room at Cooper medical col-Where is the promised proof? prosecution has called between 40 and 50 witnesses; of that number ten have given material evidence; three elderly adies, three young ladies, a pawnbroker, Victoria hotel keeper, a police court Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 26.—Senor Alshyster and his colleague have furnishthe prosecution relies. We insist that zil. the proper proof is wanting to connect

on the afternoon of the third, namely at

Emanuel church." Durrant stated that her son returned defendant left home on the 3rd of April kissed his mother good-bye and saluted her in the same manner when he

Police Sergeant Reynolds described searched for a tool with which marks might have been made and in the Advices from Louhee state that a that on April 2 he put patent gas savers pastor's study found a chisel which fit-

ted the marks exactly. San Francisco, Cal. Sept. 26.-The dis-Chaohsien, on the left bank of the while he and his assistant were at trict attorney and the police scoff at the Yangtse, sixty miles from Wuhu. The work. He did not work at the chapel attempt made by the defence in the Durrant case, to cast suspicion upon the posed to have been committed, but was Rev. Gibson. The district attorney said in response to a question, that no order will be issued for the clergyman's arrest. Rev. Gibson himself denies that Is Not Progressing Altogether Accord- no gas was escaping. No complaint of he wrote the names on the newspaper as charged by Attorney Duprey. With reference to the Omaha dispatch stating that Durrant is known to have received a letter from Blanche Lamont the day after she disappeared, Mr. Dupey, said he knew nothing about any such letter.

CONTEMPTUOUS INDIFFERENCE Is the Thunderer's Feeling for the Irish Convention-Cable News.

London, Sept. 26.-The Times this morning comments on the Chicago Irish convention as follows: "It appears to be the embodiment of an effort by Mr. Finnerty and those behind him to muster as many Irish societies as they can beneath the banner of their presidential candidate. The performance will be re garded with contemptuous indifference in this country."

Silver ingots to a total weight of 35,-000 ounces, which had been shipped by Vivian & Co., Swansea, to Sharp & Williams, London, were stolen from the van in which they were shipped while in clue to the robbers has been obtained. Paris, Sept. 26.-Official dispatche.

from Madagascar have been received here, acording to which the French advance guard crossed the Ambehimena and met and defeated the whole of the forces of the Hovas, with thirty cannon. plete surprise. The French suffered no thusiastic over their victory, have arrived at Anteby, which is only forty miles from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Threshings of winter wheat show that the yield in Central Russia and in the black soil district of the Caucasus, and below the average in northern, southern and southwestern parts of Russia, and in the Molga governments. In the other parts of the empire an average yield of winter wheat is expected. Summer wheat has vielded above an average crop in the central governments and the Caucasus, Volga governments.

Report That Premier Bowell Will Resign, and So Removethe Dilemma.

Friday's Cabinet Meeting Will Tell the Tale-Girouard Will be a Judge.

Ottawa, Sept. 25 .- It is reported here this afternoon that when Lord Aberdeen reaches Ottawa, Premier Bowell erument of the responsibility of calling would likely follow.

Joneas and Langevin are mentioned as probable ministers. Girouard is certain of his appointment to the Supreme Court bench. Another impression prevails that a session will be held at once, remedial legislation passed, and an appeal made to the people. Hooper's father had an interview

with Sir Charles H. Tupper to-day regarding his son's release or a new trial. There is little chance of his getting Sir Julian Pauncefote comes to Ot-

tawa next week to discuss the sealers award with the government.

END OF FOUR BAD MEN. They Will Dance in Space-The Chica-

go Beef Trust. Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 26.—Lucky

Davis, Sam Simpson, Lewis Davis and Rufus Buck were sentenced in the U.S. court to-day to be hanged on Thursday. Oct. 31st. They are the Buck gang of outlaws who created a reign of terror in Halifax has largely decreased. Creek nation during the latter part of July and first of August.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.-Attor ney-General Harmon has decided to refer to the United States district attorney at Chicago the letter received by him from Secretary Morton in regard to the alleged beef trust. Mr. Harmon will No allusion to it has been made. The ask the district attorney to give immediate attention to the matter, and to take such action as in his judgment the evidence submitted warrants as to a

fonso Penna has been appointed presied the substantial testimony upon which | dent of the bank of the Republic of Bra-

Lima, Peru, Sept. 26.-The chamber the defendant with the murder. We of deputies has approved of a project will show that other men had access to that foreign insurance companies must, within six months, register the amount Mrs. Matilda Duurant, mother of the of their capital which is devoted prisoner, took the stand as the first wit- Peru, but the minimum must be 1,000, ness for the defense. She testified that 000 sous, of which 30 per cent. must on the morning of April 3rd her son was be invested in Peruvian property or diessed in a blue cheviot suit, the shares. The government is to appoint trousers of which she identified, and the an inspector of policies. Spanish disgarment was put in as an exhibit. Mrs. putes are subject to the Peruvian courts. Washington City, Sept. 26.—Secretary home that evening shortly after six Olney has received the following teleo'clock, dressed in the same blue che- gram from Ambassador Eustis, dated viot suit. He wore no overcoat. When at Paris, yesterday: "Mrs. Waller and ing producers as those already mention family have arrived at Paris. She has ed did when partially developed. decided not to visit her husband. It is . "Bourdary Creek, some sixty miles to neturned at night. The family dined in the evening at 6. Witness said that Amsterdam." Paul Bray, Mrs. Waller's of Trail Creek district, yet at the pres-Theodore had little appetite and did not look well. At 8 o'clock that evening department early to-day and was one of munication, and its development will be took his mother to a street car, and the first to be put in possession of the necessarily be slow. news concerning his mother. He has not received any word from her direct since before she left Mauritius.

BUYING GOLD AT A LOSS. What the Syndicate Lost-Yesterday's

Market Movements.

New York, Sept. 26.-The Evening Post's financial article says: The million dollar gold shipment placed for to-day's steamer is in several respects a curious transaction. Gold coin shipped to London, at sterling rates, would net a considerable trade loss. Shipments to Germany would not cover expenses, So far as the theory of a "triangular operation" is concerned, the bankers who conducted such operations here during the whole of the Austrian gold preparations for resumption, are authority for the statement that continential bills at the market are to-day a cheaper form of re mittance, as it happens that nearly all the continential exchange stands at present in London's favor. Berlin and Frankfort are at par, Hamburg only a ish Columbia is the fact that in the trifle, if any, lower. Of course there is short space of two or three years so nothing to prevent European importa- nany valuable properties have been de tion of specie at an apparent loss, any more than there was in 1892, when gold went out from here with actual sight quires much ingenuity to advertise a drafts selling 34 per cent. under to-day's quotations.

Since these operations, which puzzled everybody, this country has learned by its own experience how gold may be im- the millions. This incontrovertible ported in defiance of the movement of proof is found in the rich mineral fields exchange. This proviso was the very core of last February's contract. The \$14,500,000 of European gold brought to New York by the Belmont-Morgan syn dicate between February 16th and May transit from the Midland depot. No 29th came in at an actual trade loss reckoning from the sterling market alone of hardly less than \$200,000. How the importers were recompensed for the loss thus involved in the performance of their contract every one knows, but on the other hand, no such unusual inducement' is known to exist to-day in The attack upon the Hovas was a come any European market. Austria's cur- 3 1-2 per cent. Toronto debentures, sudrency reform is virtually completed, nor osses. The troops, who are most end is it clear that the Germans in the proposed conversion of their imperial debt, have any reason to offer the market a tain the slightest information concerning premium. Open subscriptions to a new German loan would attract the gold of declining to give any particulars for Paris and of London as quickly as the Chinese loan or the city of Paris loan The speculation yesterday, while ir regular at intervals, was in the main to ward a higher level. The volume of

this season will be above the average | drew gold from other European cities. business was about up to the recent average and the fluctuations in a num ber of instances were material. The influences bearing upon prices were contracts by the powerful syndicates here southwestern, northwestern, eastern and and in London to buy large blocks of American securities. In some cases the strike is imminent among the men on and below an average in the black soil | bonds have been bought ahead of desteppes districts and in the southern and | livery, as in the heavy purchase of Erie first consolidated lien four per cent Delegates of French and Russian bonds. For this reason the effect upon banks have gone to Shanghai on busi- the exchange market has yet to be reness connected with the establishment | flected. The engagement of the expectat that place of a Russo-Chinese bank. ed \$1,000,000 in gold by a large com-The bank capital will be \$4,000,000. The mercial house was announced and some reports which have been published of a surprise was expressed at the destina- mittee on ways and means for the nat-Franco-Russian loan for China are with- tion of the precious metal, Germany in- ional organization at the new Irish stead of London, as heretofore. An ad- movement convention to-day.

SESSION OR DISSOLUTION? ditional small engagement to Canada was also reported. The failure of the was also reported. The failure of the Rock Island directors to increase the dividend for the regulation half of one per cent. quarterly, had an unfavorable effect upon the entire Granger group. The industrials were sympathetically affected by strength in sugar on the furthei general advances reported to-day in the refined product. Furthermore & weak tendency in the sterling exchange market had bearings on the dealings. An important item of news did not become public until after the close of business, consisting of a further advance of 50 cents per ton in Western wholesale anthracite coal. The stock market opened weak on a moderate volume of business. The bulls soon took hold and, under the leadership of the industrials, the entire market improved.

GREELEY'S BONES FOUND.

By the Peary Party-Halifax Insurance Company Ceases.

St. Johns, Nfd., Sept. 26.-The Peary expedition left here by the steamer Silvia this afternoon, bound for New York. One of the party admitted before leaving that a number of bones were found near Greeley's camp on Cape Sabine. Sir Herbert Harley Murray, acting as relief commissioner during the recent distress in this colony, was sworn in as governor yesterday. It is not yet known when he leaves England to assume the duties of the position, but he will receive a warm welcome when he arrives. The appointment meets with the general approbation of the people of the colony. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 26.-A special meeting of the shareholders of the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company was held to-day, at which it was decided to close up the affairs of the company and discontinue business. During recent years the marine insurance business in

B. C. MINERAL WEALTH. Another American Visitor Pays Tribute

To its Greatness. Lake D. Wolford was in the city yes-

terday, having returned recently from the mining districts in British Columbia, To a Ledger reporter he said: "I spent most of the summer in the Trail Creek and Slocan mining districts.

The best feature of the Trail Creek district is the large ore bodies, showing great strength in vein, with promise that they will go deeper in the earth. While the general average of ores in this district is low grade, much of it being below the cost of shipping and treating at this time, yet cheaper facilities in the future, for mining, shipping and treating the ores will bring large bodies, not now of sufficient grade, to profitable propositions. It can be said with safety that the Le Roi, Josie, War Eagle, Iron Herse and Crown Point mines have a! ready been developed enough to insure them as great mines with large producing capacity for years to come. Many other prospects, and half-developed mines, give as great promise of becom

impossible to engage passage before Oct. the west, is an immense mineral field.

Toad mountain, near the town of Nelson, some forty miles to the east of Trail creek district, has the oldest and perhaps the best mine in the entire British Columbia mineral field. Millions of ore are in sight ready for transportation and the smelter. This famous property is the Silver King. A smelter plant of 100 tons capacity is now under con struction by the Silver King people.

"The Kaslo-Slocan district was dis covered in the fall and winter of '92, I believe. This district has many high grade silver producing properties, and has already shipped to the American smelters millions of dollors worth of ore. Both the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways have branch roads in the Slocan mineral belt. The increased fi cilities for shipping have given a great stimulus to mining in that district. The output, according to the official customs returns of these several districts since January 1 has reached about \$1,500,000.

"The best assurance we have of the futt re of these mineral districts in Britveloped, and have proved their value by shipping a vast tonnage of ore. It recamp, which does not prove itself by profits. The greatest as well as the simplest fact to prove merit is the official output, a vast tonnage, running into of British Columbia."-Tacoma Ledger.

TORONTO'S DEBENTURES.

Defence in the Litigation Postponed for a Month.

Toronto, Sept. 26 .- Following is a special cable to the Toronto Evening Telegram, dated Edinburgh: "The lawyers acting for the city of Toronto in the litigation instituted here by Paulin, Sorley and Martin over the sale of the denly decided to-day to postpone for one month the filing of Toronto's defence to the action. It was impossible to obthe nature of the defence, the lawyers publication, and an application to Messrs, Paulin and Sorley met with similar refusals. City Treasurer Coady, of Toronto, is here.

American News. Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 26,-The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce

building is on fire and is doomed. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26 .- The local representatives of the Wabash railway positively deny the report that a

New York, Sept. 26.-The Canadian Bank of Commerce has withdrawn \$50,-000 in gold from the sub-treasury for shipment to Canada.

Chicago, Sept. 26.-J. M. Brown, Toronto, and L. Markley, another Canadian, were appointed members of the com-