

which was partially destroyed. Large numbers of the residents had narrow escapes from drowning. Those who took refuge on the tops of their shacks were carried along by the swirling tide, many of them escaping when the broadening expanse of water hurled their shattered tenements to dry land on either side of the flood as it made its way to Union bay. Strike at Manchester

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MANCHESTER, Eng., Feb. 9 .- The dockworkers here went on strike today because the shipping companies continue to employ non-union laborers. A general strike of the transport workers is threatened.

U. S. Army Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 .- An attack' on the proposed service corps in the army in the house today furnished the first indication of the fight that will be made next week on this feature of the Hay army reorganization plan, as a part of the military appropriation bill now being considered by the house.

Victoria Ladies Defeated

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 .- The Vancouver ladies' field hockey team defeated the Victoria ladies at Brockton point this afternoon by a score of 2 goals to 1. In the Mainland championship match between Vancouver and the Highlanders, the former won by a score of 1 goal to nil.

Miners Trapped

DANVILLE, Ills., Feb. 9.-Fifty miners were trapped tonight in the Fairmont Coal company's shaft at Bennet Station. They have been there since early morning, and there is no prospect of release before tomorrow. All are believed safe. A hoisting wheel broke and the cages were stuck in the shaft. The only egress was by way of the air shaft, which was choked with ice.

Parties in Reichstag

BERLIN, Feb. 9 .- The result of the election of the officers of the Reichstag shows that the old Conservative alliance with the Centrists is still in operation. It lacks only three votes in order to obtain a majority in a full today with Frank M. Ryan, the presilouse. The opponents of the alliance, members of the progressive parties, are said he had heard about the governunable to muster their full strength, as number of National Liberals are proving unreliable when called upon to tion that may develope," said Mr. But-choose between a Socialist and an ler, "I probably will be at home in anti-Socialist.

who connect Viscount Haldane's mission with impracticable pacific pro-

The press this morning is practically unanimous in praise of - Winston Churchill's declarations yesterday at Churchil's declarations yesterday at Glasgow. Even the newspapers which most vigorously opposed his Home Rule attitude at Behfast support the First Lord of the Admiralty in his declara-

tion that England must and will retain her naval supremacy.

Kaiser's Idea

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—An interesting story of an incident which may have led to Viscount Haldane's mission to this city is told by the Berliner Tagebiatt. According to the paper, efforts have been made for some time past from the Eng-lish side to bring about an improvement in Anglo-German relation Though they had no immediate tangi ble result, they evoked the following utterance from the Emperor: "The English would look at things

quite differently if their ministers would give themselves the trouble once ia a while to visit us in person. A man I regard as most suitable for the pur pose is my friend Viscount Haldane." This remark, the paper adds, was re-ported to London, and resulted in Lord Haldane's mission.

Calling For Mr. Boosevelt

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- Eight governor and delegates from 28 states met today, and in an informal conference organiz-ed a permanent committee to push the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for president. The governors, after an executive conference by themselves, addressed a letter to Colonel Roosevelt, asking that he let it become known that a demand from the people that he accept the nomination would not be unheeded.

Dynamite Conspiracy

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10 .-- J. T. Butler of Buffalo, N. Y., vice-president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, conferred dent, concerning reports which 'Mr. Tyan ment's investigation of the dynamite conspiracy. "We are ready for any ac-Ohio next Tuesday."



Blaze Breaking Out in Big Department Store Brings Great Growds to Block the Streets .

PRINCIPAL DAMAGE DONE BY WATER

TORONTO, Feb. 10 .- Fire caused by a cigar stub in the basement of Eaton's lepartmental store this afternoon threatened a panic for a short time. Smoke was first noticed on the street pouring from the top of the ventilating shaft on the roof, and great crowds gathered outside on the street. The em-ployees of the store, as soon as smoke was observed, unreeled the hose from the racks, and in five minutes had nev eral streams of water playing on the

blaze. Upon the roof two lines of hose were manned by the employees, and water was poured down the ventilating shaft. This caused the chief damage, which altogether would have been only a few thousands. The fire happened at the busiest time,

the store being filled with people. Imnediately there was an alarm, a squad of detectives was sent over from the police headquarters, and these, aided by floor walkers and store managers, aided in keeping the big crowd in order.

Life Sentence Affirmed

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 10 .- The state superior court affirmed today the conviction and sentence to life imprisonment of Mrs. Della Totten of Cashmere The woman was found guilty of shooting to death James Sutton, who tried to drive across her mother's property over a road that had been blocked. This is one of the few cases in recent years where the supreme court has been called upon to uphold the conviction of a woman on a murder charge.

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by the distribution here of 119 children whose parents are engaged in the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass. Their arrival had been heralded as due early in the afternoon, but owing to the failure to make connections at Boston the children did not arrive until five hours later, and during the time a crowd of several hundred Socialists stood shiver-ing in the Grand Central station, awaiting their coming. Red banners and a large number of Socialistic emblems were borne by the crowd, and when at last the train arrived a band blared forth "The Marseillaise" and cheers were given.

> At the Labor Temple, to which they were taken, the children were arranged around long tables and fed. By the time PREMIER'S PLEA the meal was over, the children were feeling happy enough to cheer and sing "The Marseillaise."

A large crowd outside the doors took up the words of the revolutionary hymn, and it was sung and re-sung. Among those who offered to take care of the children were Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, pastor of the church of the Ascension. Mrs. Belmont and the minister were denied, however, being told there were more than 700 applications and only 119 children.

When the distribution of the children began, difficulties were encountered when it came to splitting up a family. One little golden haired girl burst inte tears and cried loudly for her brother. The scene convinced the committee that it would not do to separate families and many persons egreed to take five and even six children temporarily until a further distribution would be made,

chant's association announced that it will oppose any extension of the parthe small shopkeepers.

Governor Wilson's Campaign

Governor Wilson's Campaign CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Governor Wood-row Wilson of New Jersey will open his campaign in Illinois for the Demo-cratic presidential nomination on Mon-dar, Lincoin's birthday, when he will be the guest of the Iroquois club at a luncheon and deliver the principal ad-dress.



mark during the last 24 hours. Re-cords completed today show that the January just passed was the coldest Chicago has experienced in 35 years.

Sudden Drop

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- The cold wave from the west arrived in New York today on the wings of a 20-mile wind and within 12 hours had sent the mereury down to two degrees below zero. This was a drop of 30 degrees within 12 hours. The mercury was almost sta-tionary for four hours and the local

Cold in Montreal

MONTREAL, Feb. 10 .- The city is suffering from a sudden drop in temperature, the thermometer registering 19 below with a strong wind blowing.

Escape All Penalties

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 .- Lack of jurisdiction will prevent the local United States steamboat inspectors from taking any action against the pilots or officers of the steamships Virginian and Strathalbyn, which were in collision off Robinson point several weeks ago. It was announced today that at the time of the collision the officers of the vessels had turned their ships over to the command of the pilots, who are amenable only to the state law, which provides no penalties for a case of this kind. One seaman aboard the Strathalbyn lost his

ARNST vs. BARRY

World's Sculling Champion Will De-fend Title in September on Thames River

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 9.-Dick Arnst of New Zealand, holder of the single scull championship of the world, announced today that he had

accepted the offer of Edward Barry, champion of England, to row a match race over the Thames course next September. The professionals will row for a purse of \$2,500. Arnst will be allowed \$2,500 for expenses by the English of-

\$2,500 for expenses by the English of-ficials who are promoting the match. In their last race Arnst won. The world's champion is doing light training now, but will leave Australia early in March for England, where he will finish his training. He will be accompanied by two trainers

ing on a regular plan; no sensational or violent departure from existing methods was required. Navies could not be created or disbanded in a year. Their regular development could be best secured by large annual supplies of money, not by means of great loans. (Cheers.)

Mr Churchill thought, however, that instead of an annual appropriation the naval expenditure should be presented in the house of commons so as to com-mand a survey of a period of several years. There was no need of any anxiety as to our shipbuilding capacity. It was sufficient to say that it was unequalled in the world.

There was no chance of our heing overtaken in naval construction while money for shipbuilding was left, and no occasion for alarm, either in regard to the personnel of the navy. There were 135,000 trained long-service men, also the naval reserve, of which more use would be made in the future. Whatever might happen abroad, there would be no whining here, no signals of distress. No cries for help would go up. We would face the future like our ancestors, without fear or arrog-ance, but with solid and inflexible determination.

Great Britain, said Mr. Churchill in continuation, would be the first power to welcome a retardation or slackening of naval rivalry. She would meet any such slackening not with words, but

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Eastern Hockey

MONTREAL, Feb. 10 .-- Wanderers 10, Ottawa, 13; Quebec 5, Canadiens 3.

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FOR RATIFICATION PARIS, Feb. 10 .- The Senate today ratified the Franco-German accord on

the subject of Morocco and the Congo. which was signed on November 5 last. by a vote of 222 to 48.

The ratification of the accord, with the concurrence of the chamber of deputies, was signalized by a dramatic speech by ex-Premier Clemenceau in which he characterized the treaty as a "diplomatic monster." He contesting as a the concessions made to Germany saying the negotiations should not life in the collision. have taken place under the threat of the "Panther's guns." He doubted if the accord would be an instrument of peace, as he saw no indications of goodwill and moderation on the part of Germany, which five times since