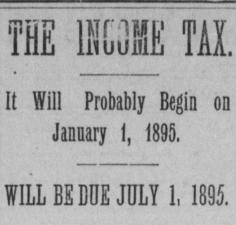
THE NEWS.

Henry Harbuck, eighty years old, from Collinsville, Iowa, was killed by a train on the Texas and Pacific Road near Marshall, Texas, ---- The recent storm did much damage to the Tillamook Rock lighthouse on the Pacific coast .---- Annie M. Brewer, who shot her lover at Lynn, a ass., was captured. She said she did not regret her action. ---- James Vivian killed himself at South Fork, Pa .----Daniel M. Robertson was hanged at New Bedford, Mass., for killing his wife in September, 1893. ---- Charles Miller was shot and killed at Chicago by Maggie Tilley, who charged him with robbery .---- The courthouse at Lewiston, Illinois, in which Lincoln delivered his famous speech, in 1858, was burned. The records were saved .---- A serious riot occurred near Cabaniss, Georgia, in which three whites were shot by negroes .---At Newark, N. J., fire destroyed the factory of Meyer's United States Standard Scale Company, on Frelinghuysen avenue. The loss was \$75,000; partly covered by insurance. ----The sheriff made a levy on the property, in Allentown, Pa., of the Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie and Boston Railroad, and will sell it on January 4th to satisfy James Clarke's execution of \$48,910. --- Policeman D. D. Leary had a pistol duel with a desperate burglar in Avondale, Pa., in which Leary was shot in the arm and a resident named Sarch, attracted to the scene, was shot in the abdomen. The burglar was finally captured .---- The Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie and Boston Railroud, extending from Slatington, Pa., to Columbia, N. J., was sold at master's sale in Bangor, Pa., for \$35),000. The purchaser is W. B. Scott, chairman of the Construction Company of the bondholders

A band of about twenty Yaqui Indians visited the ranch of Ruis Borceno, situated west of Hermosillo, Mexico, and killed four cowboys employed on the place. The Indians burned all of the ranch buildings .----Some hunters in the Cherokee Strip have discovered the remains of two men and a boy in a cave several miles north of Aetna, Birber county. In the pocket of one was an envelope addressed to Julius Viggian, Herman, Mo. All three had been shot, and their clothes had evidently been rifled, as nothing else was found on them. --- Myron Myers and George Wheeler have been arrested at Caldwell, Idaho, for counterfeiting. Wheeler is thought to be at the head of a gang operating extensively. Myers is a farmer, and has lived here for twenty years .-- Two-thirds of the business portion of Gallop, N. M., was burned. The fire started in Beltz & Johnson's butcher shop from an unknown cause. The loss is fully \$50,000, partially covered by insurance .---- The cruiser Minneapolis, the fastest ship in the world, went into commission Thursday at the League Island navyyard. There was no distinguished guests present, the transfer of the big ship to Captain G. H. Wadleigh, her new commander, being devoid of any unnecessary display.-Francis J. Oakes, a millionaire of Brooklyn, was granted decree of divorce from Lucila Oakes upon a statutary grounds. The suit has been on trial for more than a week, and developed many sensational incidents.

J. M. Turner, a real estate dealer of San is under arrest charged with ex-



The Collection Approved By Mr. Carlisle-What You Must Pay on; How You Must Pay it-Now a Question of a Senate Appropriation.

The Secretary of the Treasury approved the regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the enforcement of the collection of income tax under the late tariff act.

Under the regulations provided and approved pursuant to law, every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing or doing business in the United States who has an annual income of more than \$3 500 shall make a full return of the same, verified by his oath, to the collector of internal revenue of the collection district in which he resides, or, if not a resident in which his business or property from which income is situated, on or before the first Monday in March of each year. The first return under the law shall be made on or before the first Monday in March, 1895, and shall include all income from every source received in the year 1894, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December In said year.

Guardians, trustees and all persons and corporations acting in any fiduciary capacity are required to make similar return on or before the day mentioned, for all minors, wards or beneficiaries for whom they act. Persons having less than \$3,500 annual income are not required to make the return, but all persons baving an income in excess of that amount, whether it reaches the taxable limit of \$4,000 or not, must make return as prescribed

The blank form prescribed by the regulations for the annual returns of persons contains a list specifying all souces of income and all allowable deductions to be filled out by the person making the same, with footings for gross income and total deductions allowed, leaving the taxable income upon which the 2 per cent, tax will be assessed. The affidavit attached to the list must be subscribed and sworn to by the person making the return, and is to the effect that the amant has included in said return all gains, profits and income from every source whatever received by him, or to which he is justiy entitled for that year, and that he is honestly and truly entitled to make all the deductions entered on his return, and that he has truly answered the interrogatories set forth on said blank form. When completed and duiy

tained by summoning the person an 1 examining his books, and from all other evidence obtainable, and shall add 50 per cent, to the amount of tax found due as a penalty in case of neglect or refusal to make return, and 100 per cent, penalty in case of a false or fraudulent return. The penalties and interest will be adde I after notice to the party, and full hearing, if such be desired by him Where the tax has been returned and paid in another district, or where the party has not a taxable income, he may so declare in printed affidavits on the blank annual returns.

All corporations, companies and associ ations, both resident and foreign, doing business for profits in the United States, shaii make annual returns of all net profits above business and operating expenses on a separate blank prepared for them, and when duly verified by the oath of the president, or other chief officer of such corporation, the return must be delivered to the collector on or before the first Monday in March of each year. The first return of corporations shall cover all net profits, and income for the calendar year 1894 The exemption of \$4,000 allowed to persons is not extended to corporations, "but the return must cover all net profits without exemption. The annual return of corporation . must includ .:

HOW CORPORATIONS MUST PAY.

First-The gross profits from all kinds of busines»,

Second-The expenses exclusive of interest, annuities or dividends,

Third-The net profits without allowance for interest, annuities or dividends.

Fourth-The amount paid on account of interest, annuities or dividends.

Fifth-The amount paid in salaries of \$4,000 or less to each employe.

Sixth-The amount paid in salaries of more than \$4,000 to each employe and the name and address of each of such employes.

The gross profits include:

1. All profits of trade or business.

2. Interest, or coupons from bonds or other securities of any corporation.

3. Dividends received from any corporstion.

Undivided profits of any corporation.

- Premium on bonds, notes or stocks,
- Commission or percentage.

Interest on government securities, not

exempt by law.

8. Interest on other notes, bonds and securities.

Profits from sales of real estate.

10. Fr. m rents,

11. Profits from all other sources to be enumerated.

The operating expenses shall include:

1. Interest paid or accrued within the year on bondel or other indebtedness of such corporation.

2. Losses actually sustained during the year, which must be separately stated and sully described as to cause, date and amount. 3. All taxes actually paid.

Salaries and pay of officers and employes acutally paid during the year.

Rents and necessary repairs.

All other necessary expenses which must be itemized and fully explained in the return.

The net profits shall include:

enforced in the same manner as in cases of enforcement and collection of other taxes under the internal revenue laws of the Unit od States.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

SENATE.

SEVENTH DAY .- Senator Morgan occupied SEVENTH DAY.—Senator Morgan occupied the attention of the United States Senate lor two hours in a speech in favor of the bill providing for the reconstruction of the Nic-araguan Canal. Senator Call introduced two resolutions, one requesting the govern-ment to commence negotiations with Spain for the recognition of Cuba s independence. and for the guarantee by the United States of the payment of such a sum as shall be agreed on between the United States and Spain for Spain's relinquishment of her con-troi of Cuba. Senator Call, of Florida, in-troduced a bill for the protection of railroad

EIGHTH DAY .- The consideration of the

TENTH DAY .- The United States Senate adjourned Thursday until next Monday. Practically all the time of the ses ion was onsumed in the discussion of the bill to eslabiish a National University at Washington and the Nicaraguan Canal bill, Hunton, of Virginia, and Vilas, of Wisconsin, addressed the Senate in support of the former, and Mr Morgan practically concluded his speech on the latter. During the day he asked the Senate that unanimous consent be given fixing a time for a vote on the bill, but this was refused. Senator Call presented an amendment to the Nicaraguan Canal Bill, providing that, instead of siding in the construction of the proposed canal by guar-anteeing its bonds, the government shall construct the canal outright. It provides meads for acquiring title to the company's oncessions, and that the canal shall be uilt on the lines of the surveys.

ELEVENTH DAY .- The United States Senate was not in sussion to-day.

HOUSE.

SEVENTE DAY. - The House of Representatives devoted the day under the rules to bus-iness reported from the District of Columbia Committee. Several bills of purely local im-Committee, Several bills of purely local im-portance were passed and a resolution was adopted setting aside the third Saturday in January for eulogies on the life and charac-ter of Marcus D. Lisle, late a representative from the Tenta Kentucky District. Mr. Raw-lings, of Utab, introduced a bill annexing that portion of Arizona north of the Colo-rado River to Utab. rado River to Utah.

EIGHTH DAY .--- The struggla over the bill to authorize railroad pooling was terminated in the House of Repres n atives by the pas-sage of the bill by the decisive vote of 166 to 110. The Cooper sustitute, which placed the entire control of the conditions of pooling in the hands of the Intersta e Commerce Commission and gave the absolu e power in the matter of revokin; pooliag orders, wadefeated, as were all subs-quent efforts to amend and recommit it, and the bill passed as rep orted from the committee.

NINTH DAY -- The House entered upon the consideration of the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation bill. The bill contained two dis-180 (13) u ed items-the appropriation for special pension examiners and the appropriation for the collection of the income tax. The former appropriation opened the doors for a d-bate on the conduct of the pension officers especially the practice of summarily sus-pending payment of alleged (raudulent penions, and the debate on the income tax appropriation was especially lively, but the motian to strike out was defeated in committee by a vote of 54-127.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEM3.

Epitome of News Gleans! From Various Part of the State.

David Thomas and Davis Bolton were arrested at Larksville for burning in effigy Mrst. Martin and John Jones.

Charles G. Garreit, charged with killing his wife was put on trial at Lebanon.

The first annual report made by the trustees of the State Insane Asylum at Wernersville was made public.

Judges Barker, Dotu and Rayburn have been appointed by Governor Pattison to try the contested Judgeship election of ex-Judge Blair vs. Judge White,

The State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, session at Harrisburg, re-elected Wor Master Rhone by a practically unanimote vote.

The Allegheny Grand Jury ignored for bills against F. X. Deviin, agent for a di cretionary pool concern.

Frank Morris, aged 17 years was coard ed of murder in the first degree at Unions for the killing of Bernard Loker.

The infant child of G. A. Baker, of Hor stead, was drowned in a tab of water.

Four thousand men and boys were pended for the week by the Lehigh Cos Navigation Company on account of searily empsy cars.

While at work in Milnesville collie Henry Manduras was killed," A piece of ing coal hit him in the neck and severe 1 head from the body.

The Lattimer colliery of C. Pardee & has suspenned operations for an indem period. About 350 men are rendered Dull coal trade is said to be the cause of . pension.

William E. Wright, aged about fifty, Bristol, who was found in the bottom creek near the Pennsylvania Railroad g South Bristol by Albert Fetrow.

The dry goods house of Emery Horshild of Corry, was selzed by the sheriff on exem 'ions amounting to about eight thousa dollars. The assets will amount to seven times the liabilities.

Thomas Casey, of Salem, Va., was arress and brought to Lebanon by a Constate charged by William L. Black, of Jacks Township, with fraudulently obtaining nos to the value of \$3,000. He entered ball,

Fred. Ely, aged 15, fell beneath an emp cart at Lansford and sustained injuries fra which he died an hour later.

Difficulty has arisen between the Cour Commissioners and Assessors at Allenton The trouble is caused on account of a redu tion in the registration fee.

Charles Brown, a brakeman employed the Crane Iron Company, at Catasauque had his arm badly mangled by being caugit between the bumpers.

Eleven mules were drowned in the old No 1 slope of Big Mountain Mine by an immens body of water that broke through the abay doned Mahanoy Drift Workings.]

It is alleged that Mrs. Gerst, of Pittsburg has signed away her rights to bank deposit in Cleveland to defraud the pool victims.

E. E. Gould filed a petition with the con asking that the bill against Director John R "The next day the Dart went to the south Murphy, of Allegheny be returned to the side of the island, and while rounding Dip Grand Jury. . J. C. Cornell, a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, was cruelly hazed.

A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE Earthquake Shocks Alarmed the Natives, Who Fled in Terror from Their Homes-Britsh Officers Saw a Stream of Moulten Lava Rush Into the Sea.

employes engaged in interstate commerce. Nicaraguan Canal bill was contin United States Senate. Senator Dolph made. a long speech in favor of the pending bill, in the course of which he advocated the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

NINTH DAY .-- In the Senate an unsuccess ful attempt was made by Senator Gray to have considered the bill reported from the have considered the bill reported from the Finance Committee striking out all differ-ential duty in favor of refined suzar, and leaving all sugar dutiable at forty per cent, ad valorem. A majority vote of ten a ainst taking up closure resolution, which fol-iowed, indicates, it is believed, the improbability of changing the rules at this session. Mr. Morgan again addressed the Sena e on the Nicaraguan Canal bill, and in concluding, expressed his intention of soon asking that unanimous consent be given, flxing a time for a vote on the bill.

tensive land swindling. ---- Farticulars have been received at San Francisco of the outrage on William Henry Argall, an American citizen, by the Gautemalan government .---Henry C. Lorenz, of Boaring Springs, Pa., has been appointed receiver of the Biair and Cambria Lumber Company, an extensive concern, having interests through Central Pennsylvania. President C. A. Griscom, of the International Navigation Company, of Philadelphia, is opposed to the free ship bill as recommended by President Cleveland, -----Henry Shoemaker, one of a gang of outlaws who murdered Edward Townsend, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life at Guthrie. O. T. -- Alva Johnson, a ranchman, has confessed to his participation in both of the Roscoe robberies of Southern Pacific Express trains. He says that Kid Thompson was his accomplice. ---- President Crane, of the Shoe and Leather National Bank, of New York. kindly greeted his defaulting bookkeeper, S. C. Seely, at Chicago police headquarters but the prisoner declined to make any statement as to the defalcation or where the money had gone .---- Some sixty security holders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad met in New York, heard speeches by Isaac L. Rice and Henry Clews, and adopted a resolution condemning the Olcott-Earle plan, ---- W. L. Corrigan, a brother of Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, and Dr. George Corrigan, of San Antonia, Florida, was sent to Milledgeville, Ga., in the custody of a guard, where he will be placed in the Invalids' Home for the Insane.

The passenger and freight depot of the Chicago, Iowa and Dakota Raliway, at Hughes, Ia., was set on fire by masked men and entirely consumed. It is reported to have been done by citizens of Hughes, who desire that a new station be erected .----George R. Sheldon, Robert Maclay, Charles T. Barney and Simon Wormser have agreed to act as a committee under au agreement filed with the KnickerLocker Trust Company, of New York, to protect the interests of the Northern Pacific and Montana bondholders. -A freight train on the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad ran into a landslide near Oil City, Pa., and a dozen cars were overturned. Engineer Kirk, his fireman and Brakeman Kirkland were buried in the debris. The latter is probably fatally hurt ---- Fire broke out in the Vulcan Coal Mine, in the new slope, in Newcastle, Col., in which fifty-five men were employed. It is supposed that the fire was caused by the ac. cumulation of gas, ---- A package containing \$1,500 is reported to have been lost in the New York postoffice. It is said that it has been traced to either the registry or postal money order department. ---- Claus Blixt, the murderer of Catharine Ging, at Minneapolis, insists that Harry Hayward, who hired him to kill the woman, had hynoptic influence over him, and that he had so exercised the same power over Miss Ging .---- The Bouthern Hotel, at Chattanooga, Tenn., was burned. All the guests (scaped but C. S. Todd, who was badly injured.

John Erlesson, with the possible exception of Edison, was the most prolificatinventor of this century. He was the originator of nearly 1,000 devices, but he will ever be remembered as the creator of the Monitor.

verified by the oath of the person rendering the same, the return must be delivered by mail or otherwise, to the collector at any time between the first day of January and the first Monday of March in each year.

WHAT YOU MUST PAT ON.

The gross gains, profits and income returned by persons shall include:

1. Gross profits of any trade, business or vocation, wherever carried on,

2. Rents received or accrued during the year.

3. Profits from sales of real estate purchased within two years. 4. Farming operations and proceeds,

5. Money and value of all personal prop-

erty acquired by gift or inheritance. 6. Premium on bonds, stocks, notes and

coupons. 7. Income from trade or profession, not by

stated salary, and not heretofore enumerated.

8. From salary or compensation other than that received from the United States.

9. From salary or compensation paid by the United States.

16. Undivided gains and profits of any partpership.

11. Interest received or accrued from all notes, bonds or other securities.

12. Interest on bonds or coupons paid of any corporation.

13. Dividends from corporations.

14. Income of wife or minor child or children.

15. All other sources of income not above enumerated.

WHAT YOU MAY GET OUT OF PAYING.

The deductions allowed on the return and therein enumerated are:

1. Four thousand dollars exempt by law.

2. Interest due and paid within the year. 3. National, state, county, school and municipal taxes paid, not including assessments for local benefits.

4. Amount expended in purchase or production of line stock or produce sold within the year.

5. Necessaay expenses, specified by items, actually incurred in carrying on any business or trade.

6. Losses actually sustained during the year, specified.

7. Actual losses on sales of real estate purchased within two years.

8. Debts contracted and ascertained in the year to be worthless.

9. Salary or compensation over \$4,000 from which the tax of 2 per centum has been withheld by disbursing officers of the United States Government.

110. Dividends included in the estimate of gross profits from corporations on which the 2 per cent tax, has been paid by such corporation.

HOW YOU MUST PAY.

The blank form contains full printed instructions as to the manner of making return and the method of computing the net income for taxation. In the case of nonresidents the return must be made and filed i in the manner provided for residents, and, if not so filed, the collector must make return for the non-resident, making no allowance for exemption.

If any person fails to make return in the shall make the return from evidence ob-

All amounts paid to stockholders or shareholders,

2. The amount of undivided profits on band or carried to surplus on any other fund, 3. Amount of net profits used for construction, enlargement or improvement of plant.

4. All good expenditures or investments from the net profits.

Corporations are required to keep accurate books of account, and may be requested to allow collectors to inspect the same in verifying returns. If the annual return is not filed with the collector in the time required by law the corporation making default shall forfeit a penalty of \$1,000 and 2 per cent. a month on the fax due until paid.

EXEMPT FROM PATING.

Certain specified corporations for charitable and like purposes and certain savings banks, mutual insurance companies and building and loan associations are exempt from income tax. In such cases it is held by the department that the intention of the exemption is to extend benefits to the small depositor and beneficiaries of such mutual and savings in titutions, and that the corporations, as such, and those who speculate in the shares, stocks of funds are not the intended beneficiaries of the exemption.

Collectors are required to examine the articles of incorporation and business methods of corporations claiming exemption, and where such are not in the class specifically exempt to cause return to be made for taxation, as in the case of other corporations.

THESE WILL PAY PROMPTLY.

The tax due from salaries of officers and from pay of employees of the United States will be deducted from the first execss payment over \$4,000 by pa masters and dis. bursing officers in paying the same, and will be paid over to the collectors of the several disricts wherein such disbursing officers reside or make payments. It is proviced that no part of the salary, fees or emoluments of any state, county or municipal offleer is subject to income tax, and no return thereof shall be made of the salary or fees of such officers. Salary received by government officials in 1894 shall be included in their first annual return, to be made on or before the first Monday in March, 1895.

Appeals, and the methods thereof, are allowed and prescribed in all cases where the person charged with the tax is dissatisfied with the decision of a deputy collector or collector. In the first instance the appeal is to the collector, and if dissatisfied with his decision, the appellant may have the entire cause, with papers and evidence relating thereto, transferred to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for his decision.

Several penalities are imposed upon all officers and other persons who make known, In any manner, any fact as to the sources or amount of the income of any such person, Collectors are strictly directed by the regulations to rigidly enforce this provision. As all original returns are forwarded to and filed in the office of the commissioner of internal revenue, the opportunity for exposure of the facts protected by this provision wilbe greatly reduced.

The tax on incomes for the year 1894will be due and payaple on or before the first day of manner and time provided by law, or make | July next, and if not paid at that time the the unemployed, on the promise of the City a false or fraudulent return, the collector | penalities will attach for non-payment. The collection of the tax when delinquent will be

TENTH DAY .- The House of Representatives passed three appropriation bills—the Urgent Deficiency, Fortifications and Mili-tary Academy—and made fair progress on the Pension bill. Mr. Cockran secured record-making vote on the appropriation for the collection of the income tax by moving to recommit the bill with instructions to tax by moving strike it out, but his motion was defeated by 120 majority, the vote standing 49-169. Th Fortification bill passed carried \$1,879,057-85,478,646 less than the estimates, and the Military Academy bill \$457.678-\$127, 182 ess than the estimates. The Pension bill carried \$141,381,570-\$230 000 less than the estimates, and \$10,200,000 less than the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

ELEVENTH DAY-The House passed the Pension Appropriation bill. The bill carries \$141,381,570. The Hitt resolution of inquiry, calling on the Secretary of State for the cor-respondence relating to the payment of \$425,000 to Great Britain in connection with the fur scaling controversy, was adopted.

DIED AT WINSDOR CASTLE.

Eir J.hn Thempson, At acked by Heart Disoace While in the Queen's Palace.

Sir John Thompson, the Canadian Prime Minister, expired at Winsdor Castle after the meeting of the privy council, at which he was sworn in as a member.

The Canadian Premier was the first to arrive at Paddington Railroad Station, London, in order to accompany the cabinet ministers and members of the privy council on the special train bound for this place, where a meeting of the priv/ council was to be held at the castle,

Sir John waited on the platform of Paddington Station for half an hour before the special train started, and during that time he conversed in an animated manner with Lord Bredsibane, the lord seward of the Queen's household, and with Mr. Arthur Moriey, the postmaster-general; the Marquis of Ripon, the colonial secretary; the Indian secretary, Mr. Fowler, and with Sir Charles Lennox Peel, clerk to the privy council. Up to the time the trais started Sir John Thompson had not shown any signs of fatigue or excitement. His appearance and manner did not give the slightest indication

that he was suffering from any illness, After attending the privy council meeting, Sir John adjourned with the ministers and others to luncheon. Suortly alter this he became suddenly ill and expired almost immediately. Dr. Ellison, one of the surgeons in ordinary to the household at Windsor, was sent for promptly, but he was unable to save Sir John's life.

The Marquis of Ripon says that when Sir John Thompson was first selzed with illness he was given some brandy and appeared to recover. But shortly after he explied suddenly. It is presured that his death was caused by heart disease.

THE Park Board, of St. Paul, Mian., has turned all of the funds at its disposal (about \$50,000) into a general fund for the relief of Council that the Board would be reinbursed at some future time.

Point a sudden outburst, accompanied by continuous violent explosions, took place. About two miles to the soutwest of Mission Station the cliffs were seen to be falling inland and flames appeared over the crest of the gap between the mission. The natives were assembled in terrified groups on the Leach, and I accordingly sent boat in, offering to take off all that wished to come. The group was in a state of terror and the noise of the eruption was indescribable. Dust and debris from the burning brush fell continually. Throughout the next day earthquake shocks were severe."

EARTHQUAKES.

Baptism of Fire in the New He-

brides Islands.

The Australian steamer Warimoo, which

ust arrived at Victoria, B. C., brings start-

ing news that a majority of the islands of

the New Hebrides group are passing through

a baptism of firs, earthquakes and volcanic

disturbances, threatening the very existence

of several of the largest and best islands.

including Ambrym, celebrated for the excel-

ence of its coffee. On the latter an entire

village of nativeswas recently carried into the

sea , the loss of hife being estimated at sixty

coseventy-five men, women and children,

while in others of the groop satalities are

A layer of ashes from two to six inches

seep covers the once fertile fields. At Epi

on November 2 there was a severe earth-

junke in the early morning, which opened

an entire volcano crater on the west side of

Ambrym, and on the next day the whole

island trembled. Since then it has opened

in five or six different places. Even the island

of Epi, which was much less affected, had

ap to the 7th of November, felt sixty-three

listinct shocks and for weaks had been cor-

ered by clouds of ashes and smoke. Natives

from a 1 the volcanic islands were flocking to

Commander-in-Chie! Admiral Bowden

Smith has given the press the following re-

port made to him by the commander of the

Dart: "While we were lying at Dip Point,

Ambrym Island," he writes, "an eruption on

that island took place. It presently became

svident that a lava stream, marked by a

dense column of smoke, was making its way

through the bills to the sea. The ship was

stopped some 303 yards off shore waere it

was seen the stream would emerge, and soon

alt-rward tongues of flames were seen

among the trees, and presently the head of

the stream appeared a red-hot mass, with

"When it reached the water a most mag-

lumps of slag tossing about on the surface.

nificent sight ensued. A dense pillar of

steam rose rapidly, in a perpendicular di-

rection, to a height of about 4,500 feet. A

few seconds later violent submarine ex-

plosions of steam took place, the water ris-

ing in huge bubbles some one hundred feet

high and bursting in all directions in radiat-

ing tongues of water, mixed with black

masses, presumably of lava. A considerable

swell was sent out afterward, and, as the

are of explosions seemed to be extending

rapidly, the ship was moved to a safer dis-

tance,

the centres of civilization for safety.

ilso reported.

NOT BARBARIANS.

The Japanese Deny the Stories of Murder and Mutilation at I ort Arthur.

The following statement was issued from the Japanese Legation, Washington: "The Japanese Minister expresses the strongest disbelief in the reports of the atrocities alleged to have been committed by Japanese troops at Port Arthur.

He does not hesitate to denounce as un qualifiedly false the statement contained in one account telegraphed from Yokohama that there was an unrestrained reigh of murder at Port Arthur for three days after its capture, and that practically all of the inhabitants were butchered in cold blood.

The high reputation of Marshal Oyama, whose orders to his troops against excesses of any kind were of the strictest nature, and the discipline maintained in the Japanese Army, in his opinion, renders such a state of things impossible. He believes, therefore, that these reports are grossly exaggerated, and thinks that the official account of what really happened, which will certainly be

made public, will prove them to be +o. The legation has as yet no definite advices apon the subject beyond a report that a number of Japaness laborers, who had been armed with swords for their own protection, entered the town during the battle and were guilty of some excesses. After the fights at King-Chow and Talien-Kuan, the Ja; anese dead were found decapitated and otherwise horribly mutilated.

It is possible that the Japanese laborers, infiamed by the recollection of these atrocities and intoxicated by liquor found in the captured town, may have done some of the things alleged while the fight was going on, but the officials at the legation are positive in the belief that the acts charged could have gone no further than this, and are certain that the culprits will be summarily and severely dealt with.

The circumstances attending the capture of Port Arthur show that something of this kind might easily have happened. It was not until late on the afternoon of the 21st of November that the right wing of the Japanese Army entered the town. Some of the forts forming the coast defence still held out and the battle practically continued all night and until 10 o'clock the next morning. It may have been that during this internal excesses were committed by camp-followers, but it is not believed by the Japanese Minister that they could possibly have been either of the nature or of the extent described.

Senator Coke, of Texas, has served his State as Supreme Court Judge, Governor and Senator. He will be 66 years old when he retires from office next March.

A mandamus was served on Samuel S. Martin, treasurer of Lancaster county, commanding him to pay over \$32,000 to the city of Lancaster.

Judge Woodrow at Wilkes-Barre in a coal lease cuit decreed that failure of coal in mines does not discharge leasers from their obligations.

The tin plate manufacturers and workers adjourned at Pittsburg without having reached any agreement.

Three long-term prisoners, George Boehmer, Frank Miller and Michael Welsh, broke out of the Schuylkill County jail, at Pottsville, and escaped.

The second day's meeting of the State Grange Patrons of Husbanpry was held at Harrisburg.

The story is told of how Mrs. Matilda Gerst escaped from the Pittsburg house in her servant's clothes, taking with her \$140. 000 in a valise to Chicago,

John Troxell, postmaster at Portage, Cam. bria county, was arrested and pleaded guilty to the embezziement of Government funds,

Secretary Jarrett said at Pittsburg that all the tin plate mills will now run non-union owing to the failure of the recent conference to agree as to a wage scale.

The coal operators of the Pittsburg District have already declared the miners' scale abrogated and begun the reduction cf. wages.

Clerk John E. Stott, of the State Treasury Department, was vindicated at Harrisburg. after an investigation of the charges against bim.

State Superintendent of Banking C. Krumbhaar made his annual roport to Get. Pattison.

Andrew Jentter committed suicide at Brid ford because of financial troubles.

Diphtheria is raging to an alarming tent in Spring City, forty cases being rep ed by the Physicians.

Daniel Keim, an old miser of Pike Township, dropped dead at a funeral and these was a prolonged fight over the disposition of his body.

A motion for the postponement of the tria of Charles Garrett for wife murder at La. hanon was denied by the Court, and the case will be open on December 12.

Ex-Congressman Daniel W. Connolly, of Scranton, died after a short illness.

The assignees of Robert Coleman, of La banon, have filed their first account, charging themselves with \$4,141,116.60.

The Superintendent of Public Printing insued his annual report, which shows the cost of State printing to have been \$139,771.

At a meeting of the railroad coal operators heid at Pittsburg, a resolution was passed declaring it impossible to compete with firms not paying the scale rate.

A committee of prominent Philadelphians appeared before the State Board of Charities at Harrisburg and asked for relief from the overcrowded condition of the Blockley Almahouse of Philadelphia.

Tur Turkish version of the Armenian outrages is that it was the Musselmen who were the victims of atrocicus cruelties.