THE NEWS.

The house of Frank Jones, near Drennon Springs, Kentucky, was turned, and Jones' wife and two children were burned to death. Jones was so bally burned that he will not recover .---- Three employes of the True American, an A. P. A. newspaper at St. Louis, were handcuffed b; masked men and the subscription book + of the paper stolen. -At Burlington, Wis., the Foltz and Buell Block was burned; loss to T. W. Buell, hardware, and C. T. Foltz, dry goods, \$75,000. -Jas. Donohue, engineer, was badly hurt in a railroad wreck near Rhinechiff, N. Y .----Theodore Pencil and John Mack were instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler in Cobb's sawmill, in Towanio, Pa. --- Peter May, a negro farm laborer, shot and killed W. B. Lyle, the overseer of the South Christian farm of W. S. Cheatham, near Hopkins ville, Ky.

railroads temporarily blockaded, suburban Nicolas Weter had his neck broken at a roads impassable and the milk supply not fire at Lynn, Mass .---- Harold M. Cavelle, equal to the demand were some of the most who was charged with being a matrimonial swindler, has disappeared from Chicago .----Baltimore was concerned. At Springfield, Iil, Carrie McGregory and George Harpole, of Fairfield, Ill., were found dead in bed at the Brunswick Hotel. They Blue Ridge mountains for two days. The blew out the gas .--- In a collision between Washington county roads were so blocked locomotives on the Castle Shannon Railroad that the star-route mails were stopped. in a tunnel, near Pittsburg, five trainmen Torough trains east and west were delaye1 were hurt and a locomotive and a number of In the Alleganies, and the thermometer fell cars demolished .---- Counsel for the defence to 15° below zero. made the opening statement in the trial of Harry Hayward, and showed that an attempt would be made to prove that Blixt had Alexandria, Va., and the passengers were another confederate whose identity he was trying to conceal .--- A bill was introduced in the New York legis'ature to prohibit the formation of pools, trusts and combines. ----Walter Gedney, aged twenty-five years, of Washington, shot and killed himself in Philadelphia. ---- An Alleatown, Pa., fire damaged the furniture store of the C. A. Dorney Furniture Company to the extent of \$3),000; fully insured.

The long overdue French steamer La Gas cogne arrived off Sandy Hook. She signalled that her machinery was disabled. The steamer was sighted by other vessels earlier in the day, and the good news caused relie! and rejoicing among the many friends and relatives of those on board, ---- Nine prison ers escaped from the jall at Athens, O .---Mrs. Wm. Seifert and her two children were drowned in the Obio River, a few miles from Pittsburg, by breaking through the ice .---Geo. M. Irwin, the discretionary pool operator, was placed on trial in Pittsburg on # charge of false pretense. Several prominent Chicago brokers testified to Irwin's specula tions in grain .---- Charles Lockbart, an al leged counterfeiter, was to have had a hear ing before a United States commissioner it 'loledo, O., but when the deputy marshal sought to find Lockhart, he had left the city in company with a girl named Lena Richter Sulsequently, it was ascertained that the couple had eloped. Lockhart leaves a wife and several children.

Waiter A. Scott, aged twenty-nine years of Weston, Mass., confessed to the murder of James Slamin, a coachman at the Back Bay, Boston, on December 5. ---- Theninth annual convention of the National Brick Manufac- th-rmometer registered 15° above. On Januturers' Association was held in Cleveland, O.

communication can be had with it. The THE GREAT STORM. James is closed to navigation-a rare occurrence and without precedent in (wenty-five years.

> MARTINSBURG, W. Va. - There has been a considerable moderation in the cold weather here. The mercury, which has been bobbing about zero, rose as high as 30° above.

> The committee appointed at the citizen's meeting to collect and distribute contributions for the poor during the sevel e weather. has been instrumental in accomplishing much good. The entire city has i een gone over systematically and relief afforded in many instances.

DAMAGE IN FLORIDA.

Early Vegetable Crop Ruined and Budding Orange Trees Killed.

The full extent of damage done by the cold wave through Florida will be hard to estimate for some days because returns will be slow in coming in from all points. Advices from different sections of the State indicate that the damage done is equal to, if not greater, than that of the December freeze. The area of low temperature has extended as far south as in December, and vegetation was not in as strong condition to stand the cold as then. To recoup the losses of the orange crop many orange-growers immediately planted vegetables. There had started into a vigorous growth and were developed to exactly the point where they could be most damaged by severe cold. It appears now that the vegetable crop of Florida is an entire loss. Older orange trees turough the State had already shown signs of recovery by putting out a new growrh, and along the Hallfax and Indian rivers and in the southera portions of the orange belt had come to bloom. As far as can be learned this bloom and growth have been destroyed. Pineapples were a s , beginning to bloom in Indian river country, and these now, too, have been ruined, but advices from Palm Beach and Lake Worth are toat damage done there is very slight. An experienced truit-grower estimates that the damage throughout the State will reach \$10,000,000.

NEW YORK'S EXPERIENCE.

Conditions Have Nearly Returned to the Normal

Transportation facilities in the city have about returned to normal conditions, although on the water there is a great de ay in the ferriage owing to thick ice. Thousauds of men and teams were at work clearing the snow from the streets and late in the day satisfactory progress had been maie in rendering all the principal streets below the Harlem river fit for travel, veh.cles and pedestrians.

Order came out of the chaos of suspended rairoad communication. In the early afternoon traveling facilities were in almost a normal condition. A threatened milk famine was averted by the arrival of trains that had to cede the right of way to belated passenger trains.

PHILADELPHIA.

ary 6, 1884, it stood at 9°. Ice is thick enough Food Supplies Scarce-Bai'zood Traffic

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS. SENATE.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY -- In the Senate the postoffice appropriation bill was considered but no vote was reached. Mr. Alien (populist, of Nebraska) continued his discussion of the alleged election frauds in Alabama. Ma Morgan, replied denying the charges. Mr. Jones (democrat, of Arkansas,) from the finance committee reported a biil for the free coinage of silver. An adverse report was made upon the bill providing for the election of Senators by popular vote,

FIFTY-SECOND DAY .--- In the Senate the chief leature was the financial question. joint resolution in accordance with the Preident's annual message concerning the Ven-ezuela-British Guiana boundary was passed. On and after tomorrow the Senate sessions will begin at 11 A. M. House resolution extending the time for making returns on the income tax to April 15 was passed.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY .--- In the Senate a debate was expected upon the financial question, but none occurred. The Honduras Lottery Company was again brought to the attenti of the Senate by Mr. Call (Democrat, of Fior ida.) but was Inid aside. A reply was re-ceived from Secretary Carlisle to the Senate resolution introduced by Mr. Gorman, in re gard to the treasury gold reserve. The post-office app opriation bill was taken up. The amendment giving the Postmaster-General discretion over the \$3,200,000 for postal cars was voted not to be in order. The amend ment providing for an appropriation of \$167,000 us a subsidy for the Atlantic Coast Line from Springfield, Mass., to Atlanta and New Orleans was also defeated. By the action of the Senate the service remains as heretofore.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY.-In the Senate the postoffice appropriation bill was passed. Several attemps were made to reduce the rental for postal cars and the item for fast rental for postal cars and the item for last mail service, but they were voted down by decisive majorities. The agricultural appro-priation bill was discussed. Senator Butler argued in favor of the railroad pooling bill. The finance committee reported favorably the bill to repeal the discriminating duty on sugar imported from councries which pay a boost to sugar bounty to sugar growers.

HOUSE

FIFTY-FIRST DAY .-- In the House of Representatives the executive and judical appro priation bill was passed after conside controversy. The pension office cierical force was one of the chief items discussed. There was an exchange of personalities be-tween Mr. Cooms (democrat, of New York,) and Mr. Van Voorhis (republican, of New York). Several local bills was passed. The The provision of the appropriation bill to allow each member a clerk at \$1,200 per annum was defeated.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY .-- In the House of Representatives the day was devoted to a con-sideration of District of Columbia bills, several of which were passed

FIFTY-THIRD DAY .-- In the House the entire day was devoted to the consideration of the cent. bond resolution, which was defeated by a vote of 47.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY .--- In the House the day was spent in discussing the naval appropri-ation bill. Considerable opposition was manifested to the proposed increase of the navy by building three battleships and tweive torpedo boats.

THE INCOME TAX.

An Addition Proposed to the Law by the Senate Finance Committee. The senate committee on finance authorized a favorable report on the House concurrent resolution, extending the time for

making return. under the income tax law from March 1 to April 15, with the following addition: "Be it further resolved, that in computing

THE BOND CONTRACT.

Full Text of Agreement With Bankers to Replenish the Gold Supply

The full text of the bond contrac: is as follows:

This agreement, entered into this 8th day of February, 1895, between the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of the first part, and Messrs. August Belmont & Co., of New York, on behalf of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, of London, England, and themselves, and Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., of London, and themselves, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

Whereas, it is provided by the Revised Statutes of the United States (section 373)) that the Secretary of the Treasury may purcha-e coin with any of the bonds or notes of the United States authorized by law at such rates a d upon such terms as he may deem most advantageous to the public interests. and the Secretary of the Treasury now deems that an emergency exists in which the public interests require that, as hereinaiter provided coin shall be purchased with the bonds of the United States of the description hereinafter mentioned, authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875, being bonds of the United States described in an act of Congress approved July 14, 187, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt." Now, therefore, the said parties of the secand part hereby agree to seil and to del.ver

to the United States 3,500,000 ounces of standard gold coin of the United States at the rate of \$17.80441 per ounce, payable in United States 4 per ceat, thirty-year coupon or regis:e:ed bonds, said bonds to be dated February 1, 1895, and payable at pleasure of the Unite1 States after thirty years from date, issued under the acts of Congress of July 14. 1870, January 20, 1871, and January 14, 1875, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly.

First-Such purchase and sale of gold coin being made on the following conditions:

1. At least one-half of all-coin deliverable hereinunder shall be obtained in and shipped from Europe, but the shipment shall not be required to exceed three hundred thousand ounces per month, unless the parties of the second part shall consent thereto.

2. All deliveries shall be made at any of the sub-treasuries or at any other legal depository of the United States.

3. All gold coins delivered shall be secured on the tasis of twenty-five and eight-ten hs grains of standard gold per dollar if within limit of tolerance.

4. Bonds delivered under this contract are to be delivered free of accrued interest, which is to be assumed and paid by the parties of the second part at the time of their delivery to them.

Second-Should the Secretary of the Treasury desire to offer or sell any of the bonds of the United S.ates on or before the first of October, 1895, he shall first offer the same to the parties of the second part, but thereafter he will be free from every such obligation to the parties of the second part.

Third-The Secretary of the Treasury hereby reserves the right within ten days from the date hereof, in case he shall receive aubority from Congress there; or, to substitut

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

David Kocher, of Nesquehoning, committed suicide at that place. He attempted to cut his throat with a bread knife but failed to make the cut deep enough. He then wandered on the railroad track with the blood flowing from the wound and hurled himself in front of a locomotive. He had just buried his wife and it is supposed that brooding over her had caused him to take his life. He leaves six small children.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of John Piumon, a Slav, charged with killing Jobr Kannicer at a Polish christening at Ben's Creek.

Broker George Irwin appeared in his own defense in his trial at Pittsburg.

The Court at Wilkes-Barre refused to grant W. P. Bowman, convicted of murder in the tirst degree, a new trial,

William Giliespie, fire boss, and Michael Dunlavep, miner at Preston No. 3 slope near Ashland, died from injuries received by ar explosion of gas.

Hugh W. Titus, who sued to recover \$5,00! damages from H. L. Arnold for stander at Doylestown, was awarded 6 cents.

Rivermen on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers apprehend trouble from the ice gorges.

Myra, 2-year-old child of George Thompson, of Adamsburg, while left on a rocking chair, rocked herself into an open grate and was burned in a terrible manner. Fears are had that she cannot recover, and in the event that she does both hands will have to be amputated.

the Shenango Valley Electric Street Railway, operating between Sharon and Sharpsville, was seized by the Sheriff on an execution issued by J. P. Stone, of Beaver Falls, a stockholder in the company. The company was incorporated with a capital of \$103,030. Judges Bechtel and Weldman granted the liquor licenses for Schuylkill county. The otal number granted was 955. There were refused 104 applications and eight others were witadrawn. Last year there were but 897 licenses granted.

Lundis Levan, miller on the Conestoga, about a mile below the city, brought suit against the city o. Lancaster to recover \$25,000 damages caused by the city sewage. which enters the creek a short distance above the mill, clogging the water wheel of his mill. A councilmanic committee male aa investigation some time since ant reported that the city was not liable.

A House bill for the ramoval of the Eastern Penitentiary was referred to a special committee. Senato: "T40mas appointel a com ni tee to investigate the in--ane hospitals,

Joseph Boscaino was convicted at Wilkes-Barre of murder in the first degree for «laying Frank Conforti

By an explosion of natural gas at Meadville one man was killed, three persons were severely injured and several buildings were wrecked.

Independent crude oil producers met at Bradford to organize a pure oil company in opposition to the Standard Oli Company. Farmers met at Norristown and discussed

between three and jour hundred delegate being in attendance .---- The United Mine Workers of America met in Columbus, O .----Bill Cook, the notorious Western outlaw, was sentenced to forty-five years in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y .--- Judge Grosscup, in the Untted States Court, Chicago, postponed the Debs trial until the first Monday in May, having discharged the jury, on account of the serious illness of one of them. The majority of the jury were in Debs' favor.

-Joseph Averick, a triple murderer, was caught in Columbia, S. C., and will be taken to Savannah for trial. There were rewards aggregating \$1,200 for his capture. ---- The big hotel at Browns-Mills-in-the-Pines, near Mount Holley, N. J., owned by the Forest Spring Hotel Company, was burned. Loss, \$150.000-Fire at Bluefield, W. Va., destroyed a number of store-houses, causing a loss of \$10,000 .--- The Elgin National Watch Company and the Waltham Watch Company are reported to have been sold to an English syndicate.

Miss Lizzie Laird, a teacher at the Lakeview, N. J., public school, was struck by a train and killed .--- The car barns of the Lincoln avenue cable line in Chicago we:e burned out, the loss amounting to \$250,000. ---- Federal Judge Hanford has ordered the Northern Pacific receivers to pay bills aggregating \$900, presented by storekeepers, liverymen and others between Tacoma, Centralia and Spokane Falls for supplies, lodging, board, etc., furnished the deputy marshals during last summer's strike, ---- The contempt rule against George M. Pullman in the Debs case was dismissed by Judge Grosscup in the United States Court, Ch.cago, Mr. Pullman explaining that he meant no disrespect to the court by his trip East .---- At a meeting of oil producers in Pittsburg it was decided to form a charte ed company to be known as the Pure Oll Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000-By an explosion of natural gas at Meadville, Pa., two buildings were wrecked, one person killed and several injured .---- The annual meeting of the Associated Press members was held in Chicago. and the Eastern members gave a banquet to the Western members. ---- The three-masted schooner Rose Esterbrook sank off S apleton, S. L. soon a ter her crew had been taken off.

NINE BROKE JAIL

Prisoners Escaped and Crossed the Ohio River on the Ice.

Nine prisoners escaped from the Athens County jail. They bored out a panel of the inside door of the jail, giving access to the outer door. Six of the men were in for felonies.

Four went east on the Baltimore and Ohio Belpre. Officers are in close pursuit. The packets remain at the bank. principal prisopers are Joseph Richardson, John Rasmunson, Frank Conroy, William Nelson, Isaiah Moon and Howard Bowen.

BILL COOK SENTENCED.

The Notorious Outlaw Given Forty-five Years in Jail.

The notorious outlaw, Bill Cook, was sentenced at Fort Smith, Ark., to serve fortyfive years in the penitentiary at Aibany, N. Y., in the United Slates Court.

here for skating. CHARLESTON, S. C .- The temperature at 7.30 A. M. was 12° above zero, the lowest for

South Carolina Strawberry Blos-

soms Turned to Ice.

A DISASTROUS FREEZE.

Intense Cold and Heavy Snows in

the Mountains and Valleys-Dela-

ware, Pennsylvania, and New

York in the Storm's Grip.

Interrupted rapid-transit, delayed mails,

conspicuous results of the storm so far as

Snow drifts have blocked railroad traffic in

Western Maryland, and no trains crossed the

A half doz in through trains, as well as

ocal and freight tra ns, were show-bound at

quartered at hotels and boarding-hou-e in

that city. Trains were also snow-bound at

Charlestown, W. Va., on the Vailey Divi-ion

of the Baltimore and Ohio Road, and on the

In Washington city the storm was very so-

vere and the temperature descended to zero.

The United States Senate appropriated \$:0, .

000 for the immediate relief of the poor. Steps

were taken to protect the bridges across the

The temperatue in the South reached the

owest point in many years. The strawberry

and early vegetable crops in the Carolinas

and Georgia were ruined. The unusually

In Pennsylvania, New York and New Eng-

and the cold was intense, gaies prevailed

The Delaware Rillroad was completely

Four men engaged in shoveling snow from

the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Luck-

now, near Harri-burg, Pa, were killed by

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Strawberry and Other Early Crops Ruined by

the Freeze.

this was the ocldest spell here in 24 years.

Only about one-fourth of an inch of snow has

fallen, but the wind ranged from 40 to 46

miles an hour near midnight, and it kept at

this rate for several hours. At 8 o'clock the

WILMINGTON, N. C. -With one exception

the Pacific express running them down.

and the snow practically stopped traffic.

cold weather caused much suffering.

Norfols and Western Road.

Potomac.

blocked.

any February day on record in this vicinity. B. ;h westward winds raged at an average of 26 miles an hour. It has moderated considerably. All tender plants above ground-have Jersey. beed killed Strawberry blossoms are killed and the berry will be delayed four weeks beyond the usual time. It will be April before the first berries ripen. The cabbage crop will average only 25 per cent. of a crop. Lettuce, marrowfat peas and smaller variaties are all killed. The destruction is universal over the Southern trucking section and extends to Florida

SAVANNAH, GA .- This was the coldes: wave in the history of Savannah, as far as official advanced. records can determine. The thermometer at the weather bureau registered 12° above zero. Much suffering exists among the poorer class of whites and among the negroes whose houses are not built for severe cold and who are not supplied with fuel and proper clothing. The entire country is frozen. Truckers

had little in ground to lose. BIRMINGHAM, Ala .- Alabama is experi-

encing the coldest weather for thirty years-The thermometer stood 8° above zero at 9 o'clock A M. The wind broke many plate glass windows here. Business in the small owns is practically suspended. The loss of cattle is heavy.

ATLANTA, Ga. - The mercury here dropped to zero. The reports from different sections of Georgia indicate that the oat crop throughout the State has been entirely destroyed by the freeze. In counties where the last cold spell did not hurt or only partially damaged the crop, the entire crop this time has been killed. In many sections the crop has been replanted and has been killed for the second time.

TAMPA, Fla .-- Snow fell there the first time on record. The mercary fell to 24° above but rose slowly. The orange trees, which had begun to grow freely, are all killed, and the damage to truck and frui farms is enormous.

MIDDLESBORO', Ky .- The mercury fell to 15° below zero. The wind blew a gale from the northwest. Suffering among the poor is intense.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-It is the coldest here with one exception in 25 years, the thermometer averaging six degrees below zero. The viver is very low and freezing over.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn .- The thermometer registered 3° below zero, the lowest since 1886.

LEXINGTON, Ky .- The thermometer at the State Coilege weather observatory registered 14° below at 6 A. M., the lowest since 1872. MEMPHIS, Tenn .- Two and two-tenths de-

grees below zero, the coldest since January and crossed the Ohio River onithe ice at 8, 1886. The river is full of ice, and local

> RICHMOND, Va .-- The cold here was in nost respects unprecedented. In twenty years the James River at this point has not been hitherto frozen over. It is now closed

from shore to shore. The monitors at anchor in midstream three miles below Richmond are in a peculiar condition. The guaboats are in the midst of an area of ice which

Is not yet firm enough to safe y bear a man, but is too thick for the launches and small boats to get through under the circumstances and the fleet is at present isolated and no bere is that the danger of wards now over. board."

Delayed.

In this city the weather has grealig moderated. The Delaware in front of the city is badly obstructed with ice, in some parts so thick as to allow persons to walk across to

Much discomfort is still being felt from the scarcity of milk and meat. Some relief is expected, when it is thought, the milk trains from the country will be running, but it may be several days before the Western cattle trains can reach town. It was next to impossible to procure milk in this city Sunday. There are enough cattle at the abattoir to prevent any serious distress from the scarcity of meat, though prices have slightly

The railroads entering the city are still suffering from the blockade, although some improvement has lately been manifested. On the Pennsylvania Road trains from New York, Washington and Baltimore are several hours late, as is also the case with the Reading and the Baltimore and Ohio, but local trains are running with little difficulty.

The Boston s'eamers Parthian and the Brilish steamships Guildhall, from Carthagena, and City of New Castle, from Calamata, are all aground off New Castle and assistance has Leen sent.

A MOTHER'S TERRIBLE ACT.

Jumped Into a Hole in the Ohio With Two of Her Babies.

Mrs. Amelia Seibert, of Coraopolis, Pa., drowned her two children in the Ohio River and then committed suicide. The tragedy occurred at the lower end of Neville Island about 9 o'clock. It was originally reported to have been a triple drowning due to thin ice, but a Coroner's investigation shows that i is worse. The deed was due to temporary aberration of the mother's mind,

Mrs. Seibert was the wife of William Seibert, a well-to-do Coraopolis coal dealer, During the blizzard while the wind was sweeping the Ohio Valley the house of John Seibert, his brother, caught fire. His family barely escaped with their lives, the house being ablaze in an instant. In a few moments the house was a heap of ashes.

In the excitement one of John Selbert's children was missed. The little one was in the house wien the fire broke out and the child was supposed to have been burned. John Seibert, his wife and their two remaining children went to William Selbert's house, There was wild rejolcing in the Seibert nousehold. The child had hidden itself, frightened at the fire. But the strain proved oo much for Mrs. Ssibert and unbalanced her mind.

DANGER OF WAR IS PAST.

Mexican Officials Now Inquiring Into Claims Against Guatemala.

Judge Joaquin Calderon, of San Juan, Bautista and staff, are on their way to points near the Guatemaian border, where they will against Guatemala,

This is one of many indications that a set. tlement has been virtually arrived at between and as the sea was by this time ve.y rough the two countries. The universal opinion

incomes under said act, the amounts necessarily paid for fire insurance premiums and for ordinary repairs upon any real estate shall be deducted from the rents accrued or received from such real estate. "And also resolved, That in computing in-

comes under said act the amounts received as dividends upon the stock of any corporation, company or association shall not be included in case such dividends are also i able to fax of two per cent, upon the net profits of said corporation, company or association, although such tax may not have been actually paid by said corporation, etc., at the time of making returns by the person, corporation or association receiving such dividends.

"Be it further enacted, That no taxps ter shall be required in his or her annual return under said act to an wer any interrogatories except as specifically provided in said act " The resolution, as amended, was afterwards reported to the Senate.

----AN ELBE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Scene on the Steamer's Deck When the Boat Was Launched.

The scene on the Elbe when it was known among the passengers that the vessel was sinking is described in graphic terms by Eugene Schlegal, one of the survivors who arrived at New York on the Umbria. He says; "When the command was given from the captain that all women and children should go to the starboard side there was a great rush of women and children to that side o the ship. I helped my sister to get to the front, where they were lowering a boat. Then I went to the other side, as it was understood that only women and children were to be put in the boats on this side, being more sheltered and not so windy.

"Thinking my sister safely in the boat I looked for a chance to get on board a boat, and reached to port side just in time to see one boat containing about ten passengers being lowered. By some mistake only one of the ropes was lowered. In this boat, I think, was Miss Buecker,

"I then saw another boat, which contained the men of the crew who were saved, and then one of the sailors in the boat ordered another, who was standing on the deck, to cut the ropes, so that the boat could get away. Thinking this my last chance I jumped into the boat, and a minute atterwards Mr. Vevera jumped and landed on Chief Engineer Naussell's shoulder.

"During all this time the ocean was fairly mooth, but the suction produced by the sinking of the stern of the steamship threw us between the two aftermasts and we had to pull at the cars with all our power to get away before the sus ion could carry us down with the steamer and we finally succeeded in getting away.

"Just at this time we saw at a distance of about S03 metres from our boat another lifeboat loaded down with people. In the darkness I was unable to see what proportion of the crew was in the boat which hailinvestigate the claims of private individuals | ed us, but the next moment it disappeared and we saw it no more. Alter drifting around for five hours we fell in with the Wildflower, we had considerable difficulty in geting on

any bonds of the United States bearing three per cent, interest, of which the principal and intere t shall be specifically payable in United States gold coin of the present weight and fineness for the bonds herein al-uded to such 3 per cent, bonds to be accepted by the parties of the second part at par-i. c... at

\$18.60455 per ounce of standard gold. Fourth-No bonds sha | be delivered to the parties of the second part or either of them except in payment for coin from time to time received hereunder, whereupon the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States shall and will deliver the bonds as herein provided at such places as shall be designated by the parties of the second part,

Fifth-In the consideration of the purchase of such coin the parties of the second part and their associates hereunder assume and will bear all the expense and inevitable loss of bringing g ld from Europe hereunder, and as far as hes in their powar will exert all financial influence and will make all legitimate efforts to protect the Treasury of the United States against withdrawals of gold pending the complete performance of this contract.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set the r hands in five parts this 8:h day of February, 1895.

[Signed] J. G CARLISLE, Secretary of the Treasury. AUGUST BELMONT & Co., on behalf of Messrs, N. M. Rothschuld & Sons, London, and themselves.

J. P. MORGAN & Co., on behalf of Messrs, J. S. Morgan & Co., London, and themselves.

Attest; W. E. CURTIS, FRANCIS LYNDE STETRON.

THIRTY MEN DROWNED AT SEA.

Collision of Two Unknown Schooners, Both of Which Sank Instantly.

It is believed in Philadelphia that at leas: thirty men were drowned or frozen to death through the collision during last week's storm of the two unknown schooners off Five Fathom Bank lightship. These sunken schooners were reported by the steamer Algonquin, which arrived at New York from Jacksonville. The Algonquin passed near the wrecks, and reports them sunk with all

This would indicate that the vessels had sunk very quickly after having collided. Even if the crews had time to escape in their boats it would nave been impossible for them to have reached land, as the point where the vessels lie sunk is at least fourteen miles from the New Jersey coast, the nearest land,

FIFTY CENTS THE ACRE.

Four Million Acres Open at That Price in the Sioux Reservation.

Four million acres of Sloux Indian Reservation land are now open for settlement by the purchase at 50 cents an acre. This is under an act passed in 1889. Many settlers linve claims, and a great rush is looked for when Spring opens.

United States Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard has rented a large house on Eaton Square, London.

any matters pertaining to their calling Several passengers on a trolley car were released after being snow-bound for three days within a few miles of Chester.

Two bundred prominent citizens of Freeland met and declared their opposition to the passage of the Quay bill.

Two warranto wris will be issued against President Judges Rec. Archibald and Searle asking by what right they have convoked a Common Pleas court in Sullivan county.

So much water has been used in fighting the Haxei Mine fire that the upper part of Hazieton is suffering from a water famine. William Rice, a Polander aged about 35 years, met with a irightful accident at Oak Bill Colliery, which was attended with fatal results. He was at work inside the mine loos ning some ice in a ditch, when his pick struck a spiece of dualin, which had been carelessly thrown there. A terrible explosion ensued, and one of the unfortunate man's eyes were literally blown out, while the other one was so badly injured that the sight was destroyed.

George Probst, of Bart Township, lost three children from malignant scarletina within tweaty-four hours. The fourth child is also down with the disease, and is in a critical condition. The children died so sudden y that it was at first thought that they were poisoned, but an autopsy made by physicians showed that malignant scarletina undeveloped was the cause of death.

Frank Potter, 33 years old, in the Western Penitentiary for burglary, committel suicide by hanging himself in his cell with his suspenders. He had served sixteen mouths of a four years' sentence. The body was cut down and the authorities worked over it for one hour without effect. He was convicted from Mercer county and sived in Onio.

The State Printing House at Harrisburg was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$50,-200.

Fottery manufacturers at Pittsburg reported that peace had been made between he manufacturers and jobbers at a recent conference.

Mrs. James Shriver, of Wilkes-Barre, died suddenly of heart failure while attending church.

Leonard Hobart Eaton, president of the Western Penn-vivania Humane Society, died at his home in Pittsburg.

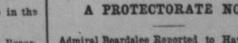
Katie, the 3-year-old child of John Thomas of Wilkes-Barre, lell into a tub of boiling water and was so severely scalded that she died a few hours afterward.

Isaac H. Betz, aged 40, was instantly killed in Frames coal yard at the loot of Bingaman Street, Reading. He was engaged with a number of others in loading wagons when a sudden slide of coal caught him and he was crushed beneath the weight of several tons.

A PROTECTORATE NOW.

Admiral Beardslee Reported to Have Takes Possession of Pearl Harbor.

The San Francisco "Examiner" prints a story from its correspond at at Honolula te the effect that Admiral Beardslee has taken possession of Pearl Harbor, and declared : protectorate over the Hawalian Isian is Thnews came to Victoria by the steamer War



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