THE NEWS.

James Gillespie, son of a minister of Hampton, W. Va., was attacked while on his way home from church by an unknown negro and stabbed to death. - In view of the proposed Confederate veteran reunion in Richmond in May a number of new Confederate veteran organizations are being formed in Virginia.

- The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities applied to the United States Court in Philadelphia for a decree for the sale of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad upon foreclosure of the general mortgage. - Barney O'Neill was sentenced to eighteen years' hard labor for murderously assaulting Mr. and Miss Davis at their cottage in Atlantic City, N. J .-- In Greer county, O. T., R. T. Anderson, lately from Belleville, Ill., quarreled with his employer, H. O. Buckley, and fatally wounded him. Anderson fled to the woods, and when a posse went after him, he shot Constable Ferris, and kept the crowd at bay for hours. He was finally captured .- By the collision of two trains on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Gallitzin tunnel, three men were badly injured and a number of cars were destroyed, the wreck taking fire. - Fire at Manchester, Ct., destroyed property valued at \$60,000. The heaviest loss was on the tobacco warehouses of Harkman Brothers (\$35,000.) The origin of the fire is believed to have been incendiary.

John Johnson was convicted of murder in the first degree in Lancaster county. Va .---Evidence was continued in Newport, Ky., in the case of Scott Jackson, on trial for the murder of Pearl Bryan. - James Cufbertson, of Chicago, shot and killed his wife and himself. --- The opening of the United States Dry Dock at Port Orchard, Puget Sound, the third and largest in the world, by the docking of the government coast defense vessel Monterey, was a complete success. The British bark Republic, from Newcastle for San Francisco, has been out ninety-two days, and fears are entertained that she is -A Louisville and Nashville fruit train and Louisville, Terre Haute passenger train collided at a crossing near Mount Vernon, Ind. Alex. Briscoll, brakeman on the latter train, was killed, while James Covington, engineer, and F. R. Thompson, brakeman on the fruit train, were seriously injured. --- Charles Pustalka and Louis P. Herman, two wife murderers, were electrocuted at Sing Sing, New York .- The wife of Herman Scharwitzka, a wood carver of Cleveland, Ohio, in trying to kindle a fire with coal oil, fatally burned herself and her two children .- John Hibbs, an old farmer of Manington, W. Va., was swindled out of \$700 by a confidence man .- In a jealous rage Edward Karleskind shot and killed his wife, and then cut his own throat at Meadville, Pa.—H. Gordon, a prominent timber dealer of Huntington, W. Va., made an as-

Fire at Williamsburg, Va, destroyed ar entire block on Maine street, including the stores of Samuel Harris & Co. and W. H. Baithwait, merchants, and a dozen resi dences. Loss estimated at \$20,000; partially insured .-- Dr. H. P. Roedel made un assignment in Lebanon, Pa., to David W. Miller. The amount involved is between \$30. 000 and \$40,000. It is expected that the assets will cover the liabilities --- George B. Rogers, a lawyer, who has been in Memphis, Tenn., six months, was arrested and taken to Pemiset county, Mo., charged with murdering a constable there in 1890, ---- Mrs. Hannah Chard celebrated her 108th birthday at Paulsboro, N. J .- The General Society of the Sons of the Revolution in session in Savannah elected officers. --- Miss Annie Boatner, of Hickory Ridge, Pa., was nearly lynched by infuriated women because she refused to tell where she had buried her new-born babe. --- A tornado swept over the northwestern part of Sandusky county O., causing the death of two persons and destroying considerable property.---James Rowe, of Newburg, W. Va,. was crushed to death by a fall of slate at the Davis Coal Company's mine.

Charles Holmes, assistant cashier of the Merchants' Bank at Lake City, Minn., is under arrest in Worcester, Mass., awaiting the arrival of an officer from Minnesota. He is charged with being a fugitive from justice. It is alleged that he and his uncle, who was cashier of the bank, embezzied about \$50,000 of the bank's funds. The uncle was arrested. --- Captain T. D. Slattery, the well-known elevator and general business man of St. Louis, was drowned at Kings Lake, on the Keokuk and Great Western Railroad. whither he had gone on a fishing excursion with a party of friends, --- Patrick Breitigan, a brakeman on the Reading and Columbia Railroad, was instantly killed in a wreck at Manheim, Pa., and Freight Conductor Johnson received a broken arm and other severe injuries. - Linford C. Biles, sixty-four years old, of Philadelphia, was instantly killed by coming in contact with an electric wire which crossed the roof of his house, and his son was probably fatally injured, ----A skiff with nine men in it upset in the river near Charleston, W. Va., and three were drowned .-- Thirty-three persons in Pittsburg were poisoned by eating impure food. All have recovered .- Mrs. Edward Miller, living near Alliance, O., was frightened to death during a storm. -- Bob Kennedy, sheriff of Dallas county, Ala., shot and killed Percy Wood of Montgomery.

PRESIDENT'S HORSES FELL.

Mr. Cleveland Narrowly Escaped a Serious Accident.

An accident to the team in which President Cleveland was driving to Woodley caused alarming statements as to the safety of the President to spread quickly over Washington.

Mr. Cleveland left the White House at 6:30 o'clock and just after crossing a cartrack on the city's boundary the nigh horse slipped and fell. The other horse, becoming frightened, plunged about and himself fell over the pele of the carriage and on top of his

A large crowd gathered and the frightened horses were quieted. The President had remained perfectly cod and stepped from the victoria. By cutting some of the harness the horses were liberated. A lamp had been kicked off the carriage, but other than this the vehicle suffered no damage. The President continued his trip to Woodley in the carriage of Mr. Gardiner Hubbard.

DIAZ RELEASED.

With His Brother, He Must Leave Cuba.

FEELING AGAINST THE U.S.

The Missionary, in a Letter, Tells How He Has Been Persecuted in His Work and Preaching-

Progress of the Revolution. The newspapers of Madrid discuss the rumors of the negotiations between Wash-

ngton and Madrid regarding Cuba. El Liberal thinks that Spain might yield to the friendly suggestion from the European powers that she give Cuba liberties compatible with Spanish sovereignity, but never to the suggestion of the United

The Imparcial says: "If the government tolerates the intervention of the United States in Cuba the nation will repudiate

The Nacional expresses the opinion that the insurgents will not lay down their arms even in exchange for autonomy and that therefore "the only way to terminate the rebellion is by arms and not by laws."

The Nacional concludes: "There is no government in Spain which dare now offer (Cuba) anything but bayonets and bullets." TO BELEASE DIAZ.

HAVANA, -- Captain-General Weyler, it just became known has decided to release the Rev. Albert Diaz, the American Baptist missionary, and his brother Alfred, from custody on condition that they will immediately

A dispatch from Matanzas says that two American newspaper correspondents, Messrs. O'Leary and Daly, are detained by the authorities there.

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS.

The Atlanta, Ga., Journal prints a letter from the Rev. A. J. Diaz, the Baptist missionary in Cuba, who is now in Morro Castle. The letter, which was written three days before his arrest, was addressed to Dr. T. T. Tichener, secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, and is in part as fol-

"Dear Sir-We have suffered the usua persecutions of our enemies. You may read the enclosed communication which I had ready for you last month, but I did not send it because I did not want to create any trouble between our government and this government. We will suffer long for the cause of our blessed Saviour.

"Last Thursday evening I had a congregation of 1,000, and nearly 500 were a moving congregation that disturbed us in such a way that we were not able to distribute the 'Lord's Supper.'

"At San Miguel the priests used their influence with the Spanish troops in order to menace Mr. Bueno, and they did it so roughly that Bueno had to escape to Havana with his family to save their lives. We are not safe here and they may kill us at any time they want. Our church is still crowded with good congregations.

"Next Sunday I shall baptize six girls belonging to our female school. I do not preach as usual, and I feel little excited after service because I did not say all I ought. Pray for us, brother, and over all pray that the Word of God be free among us, as it is with you. For nearly a year I don't preach free. Could you ask for protection for our churches?"

HIT WITH A SPONGE CUP.

Two House Members Have a Pitched Battle in

Committee Room.

Representative Hall, of Missouri, and Senator-elect Money, of Mississippi, engaged in a pitched battle in the room of the House Committee on Naval Affairs about 12 o'c ock Thursday morning. The two men hurled inkstands and sponge-holders at each other, and Mr. Money was severely cut on the left side of the head. The wound bled profusely and had to be sewed up by a surgeon, who was hastily summoned to the Capitol.

Messrs. Hall and Money were both in the Naval Committee room at the time stated. Mr. Money was writing a letter. The committee was not in session, and the discussion which ensued was wholly of an informal na, ture. Mr. Hall made a comment on the Squire-Wilson bill for the reorganization of the personnel of the navy. This measure has engendered a great deal of feeling, and the committee quarrel over it is a continuation of an old fued which draws its inspiration very largely from what are known as the

line and the staff officers of the navy. Mr. Hall is a supporter of the Squire-Wilson bill, which proposes to graduate naval engineers outside of the Annapolis Academy. Mr. Money is understood to be opposed to it. The two men got into a discussion over

Mr. Hall remarked that the charges made by the line officers against the bill were based on falsehood. Mr. Money demanded to know if that statement included him, and asked whether he meant to assert that those who made such allegations were not telling the

The two men were on opposite sides of the table, but not far away from each other. Mr. Hall grabbed an inkstand, which stood on the table and hurled it at the head of the Mississippian. Mr. Money dodged and the missile flew past his ear. Quick as a flash he seized another inkstand and hurled it at Hall. It came with the speed of a rifle ball, but Hall ducked his head, and the glass missile smashed against a more solid substance than the Missourian's cocoanut, splashing ink in every direction. As Hall ducked he reached out his hand for the next portable object on the table. It was a heavy glass sponge holder, and this he let fly at the Mississippian with the rapidity of a pitched ball. Had the heavy glass object struck Money full on the head it would probably have caused the affair to take a serious

The Fenlan leader, J. S. Casey, who was one of the originators of the Land League, died at his home, near Cork, Ireland.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

HOUSE. 106th Day.-The bond resolution was temrarily displaced by unanimous agreement a the Senate in order to permit action on the sumerous appropriation bills. The Indian, naval and sundry civil appropriation bills are on the calendar and the river and harbor, on the calendar and the river and harbor, fortifications and the District of Columbia bills will be ready as soon as the others are cleared away. The agreement was not reached, however, without a protest from the friends of the bond resolution. Mr. Peffer, author of the resolution, wanted a time set for a vote, but Mr. Hill declined to assent. Mr. Allison's plea for the appropriation bills finally induced the friends of the bond resolution to give way. The Indian bill was de-bated at some length.

107th Day. - The House unseated James E. Cobb, (democrat,) representing the fifth Alabama district, and voted to seat Albert T. Goodwin, (populist,) but the point of no quorum being made, the House adjourned with the final vote still pending.

108TH DAY.—The House entered upon the consideration of the general pension bill re-corted from the invalid pension committee. It amends the existing pension laws in some very important respects. Mr. Pickler, the chairman of the committee, addressed House for three hours in support of it. fore the pension bill was taken up. Mr. Goodwin, populist, was seated in place of Mr. Cobb, democrat, from the fifth Alabama

SENATE

106th Day.—The House passed and sent to the Senate the last of the regular appropria-tion bills—the general deficiency. The House sat later than usual in order that the bill might be disposed of. Some very breezy political talk was indulged in during the de-bate. Mr. Dockery charged that this was distinctively a "do-nothing" Congress. Mr. Dingley, the leader of the majority on the floor, explained that the House alone is re-

107th Day.—The Senate spent the day on the Indian appropriation bill, but did not complete it. The sectarian school question brought out animated debate. Senators Gallinger, Thurston and Teller opposed and Senators Gray and Pettigrew supported the amendment offered by Mr. Cockrell, extend-ing for two years the time for the entire abandonment of sectarian Indian schools.

abandonment of sectarian indian schools.

108TH DAY.—The Senate disposed of the sectarian school question by adopting a compromise framed by S nator Cockrell, of Missouri. The Indian bill, as it came from the House, provided that "no money herein appropriated shall be paid for education in sectarian schools." This proposition is struck out by the Cockrell amendment, as adopted. out by the Cockrell amendment, as adopted, and it is declared to be the settled policy of the government to make no appropriations for sectarian schools after July 1, 1898. Dur-ing the day the bill was passed providing government regulation of excursion fleets attending regattas; also, the resolution calling for information as to the arrest of Bishop Diazin Cuba. The President's vetoes of two ension bills brought out some criticism, but no action was taken.

T WOSHOCKED TO DEATH.

Wife Marderers Sit in the Patal Chair at Sing Sing.

Electricity ended the lives of two wife murderers in the State Prison at Sing Sing, N. Y. The men put to death were Louis P. Herrman and Charles Pustalka, both of New York city. Herrmann asked as a special favor that he be put to death first, and Warden Sage granted the request, though he had originally intended to send Pustalka to the chair in advance of Herrmann.

It was not until a few minutes before 11 o'clook that Warden Sage went into the death house with Principal Keeper Connaughton and the clergymen, and told the men that the time for their death had arrived. Herrmann was cool and unconcerned, while Pustalka appeared very nervous, and looked as if he would break down before he was put into the chair.

Louis P. Herrmann shot his wife through the heart and killed her on the afternoon of July 17, 1895, in the apartments of Charlotte Palmer, at 304 East One Hundred and Fifth Street. The wife murderer had just been released from the penitentiary after having served a year's term there. He found his wife at the place named and chided her for not having visited him while he was in the penitentiary.

When the deed had been committed the murderer went out on the stoop of the building in which the crime had been perpetrated and sat down on the steps to smoke a cigar. Here he was found by Policeman Johnson.

The murder for which Charles Pustalka was tried and found guilty was a particularly atroclous one. Early on the morning of August 28, 1895, while his wife was sleeping. after having spent the night away from home, Pustalka entered his apartments on the top floor of the flat house at 515 East Thirteenth Street, and, procuring a big knife went to his sleeping wife and stabbed her in the throat. He then seized the woman by the hair, and, dragging her into the kitchen, which adjoined the sleeping apartment inflicted wound after wound upon her.

When the woman died the murderer took \$200 from her dress. He then washed himself, changed his clothing, and, kissing his little 10-year-old daughter, who had witnessed the whole affair, left the house. When Pustalka was arrested he was found in the Cafe Waldorf, which was owned and operated by his wife.

DR. NANSEN NOT HEARD FROM. Noching Known of Him at Ust Yanak

Whence the First News Came.

The Russian police have a report from Ust Yansk, Northern Siberia, that nothing is known there of Dr. Nansen. Ust Yansk is mons. the point east of the Lena Delta, from which was dated the first report by Kushnareff, a Herr Adt's motion calling upon the German contractor for Nansen, that the explorer had

reached the pole and was returning. The report which the police have now received also says that the natives who stayed from May to November on the Linkhoff and Kotelny Islands, where Baron Toll's provision stores, intended for Nansen's use, are placed, saw no wreckage or sign of Nansen

ELECTROUUTED ON HIS ROOF.

Foreman of the Jury Which Convicted Holmes Instantly Killed.

Linford C. Biles, 64 years old, of 1031 Tasker street, Philadelphia, was instantly killed by coming in contact with an electric wire which crossed the roof of his house, and his son was probably fatally injured.

Mr. Biles endeavored to remove a telephone wire which had been crossed with an electric light wire during the storm. The son was shocked while endeavoring to rescue

Mr. Blies was foreman of the jury which on May 7, for the murder of B. F. Pietzel. | the Players' Club, of New York.

A TORNADO.

Two Persons Killed and Many Others Injured.

DAMAGE PROPERTY

Every Building in the Path of the Storm Destroyed-A Tree Blown Across a Freight Train on the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad.

A tornado, accompanied by a heavy rainfall, swept over the northwestern part of Sandusky county, Ohio, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, killing two persons, injuring a number of others and doing great damage to property.

The tornado came from the Southwest with great fury and every building it struck was swept away. A big tree was blown across a Wheeling and Lake Eric freight train, crushing the caboose and came near killing a number of trainmen.

The barns of Jacob Engler, J. Hefftinger, pton Bergoon and Anthony Swintfirst went down before it. The house of James Green was destroyed. Green's aged father, Wm. L. Green, was killed outright, his wife fatally hurt and the baby carried across the road in its cradle. The child escaped uninjured.

Next the barn of Amos Hetrick, in which Hetrick and John Low were shearing sheep, was crushed. Low was blown across a field against a tree, being instantly killed. Other buildings destroyed were the barns of Al Fairchild, Wm. Hensel, Perry Parish, George Waggoner and Charles Tucker. Tucker's child was badly hurt.

At Booktown, a hamlet near Fremont, nearly all buildings were destroyed, but there was no loss of life.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY.

A Letter From President Cleveland Read at an English Celebration.

The celebration of Shakespeare's birthday in Warwickshire, the poet's county, wa in a most fitting manner. In Birmingham there was the annual commemoration by the Dramatic and Liberty Club, of which Mr. George F. Parker, of New York, the United States consul, is president.

United States Ambassador Bayard, who was the guest of the club, presided at the dinner, responding to the principal toast, "Literature," The following letter, written by President Cleveland to Consul Parker, was read:

"I have received your letter informing me that the Birmingham Dramatic and Literary Club intend to celebrate the birthday of Shakespeare on the 21st of April and extending to me, on behalf of the club, an invitation to be present upon that o

"Everything that tends to keep alive the memory of Shakespeare and preserve a proper appreciation of his work challenges my earnest interest and approval, and though I cannot be with you upon the occasion you contemplate, I am glad to know that our American people are prominently represented at the celebration.

"There is much said and written in these days concerning the relations which should exist, bound close by the strongest ties, between the English-speaking people and concerning the high destiny which awaits them in concerted effort. I hope we may never know the time when these ennobling sentiments will be less often expressed or will in the least lose their potency and influence. Surely if the English speech supplies a token for united effort for the good of mankind and the impulse or exalted intermission, we do well to honor fittingly the name and memory of William Shakespeare. Yours, very GROVER CLEVELAND."

CABLE SPARKS.

A scouting party sent out from Buluwayo. have found the natives in great force within a few miles of the town. Property to the value of over \$2,000,000

was reported to have been destroyed by Cuban insurgents recently. The Rev. George P. Knapp, the American missionary who was expelled from Bitlis,

has left Aleppo for Alexandretta. There has been flerce fighting at Omduraman, the headquarters of the Khalifa, and

500 of the bodyguard of the latter have been killed. A serious condition of affairs exists at Bar-

acoa, Cuba, where the mortality has risen to an alarming figure owing to the famine prevailing in the region. The water in the St. Lawrence and other

Canadian rivers is higher than during the great flood of 1865. Many bridges and buildngs have been carried away. The bill regarding the appointment of the

commission which is to sit at Victoria, B. C.,

and take evidence upon the Bering sea claim has passed the Canadian House of Com-The Reichstag has unanimously adopted government to energetically combat with all

the means in its power the illegal practice of Spanish newspaper discussion of the rumors of meditation in Cuba reveals a hostil, ity to such a suggestion from the United States, but an inclination to listen to advice

from a European power. The endangered Dutch post in the Atchin territory, Java, has been relieved after a fight with the rebels, who lost seventy killed and had two hundred wounded. The Dutch loss was one officer wounded and thirtythree killed or wounded.

The French ministry tendered its resignation without waiting for a vote in the Chamber of Deputies, which was in sympathy with the cabinet. A presidential crisis is considered probable as an outcome of the quarrel with the Senate.

The Shakespeare memorial window, con. tributed by Americans, was unveiled in the church at Stratford-on Avon by Ambassador Bayard. A portrait of Edwin Booth was also convicted H. H. Holmes, who will be hanged presented to the Shakespeare Museum by mann, the governor of German East Africa,

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned Prom Various Parts

Edward Carr, of Beaver Brook, has mysteriously disappeared. His family fear he wandered away and committed suicide, Ivan Kosac, an Austrian, of Pittsburg, was given a verdict of \$550 for the death of his daughter on the Second Avenue electric line. The jury decided this was all the girl could have earned from the time of her death until her majority, rating her services at \$3 a week. The girl was killed twenty minutes after she had reached the home of her parents, at Braddock. She came from Austria

and knew nothing of trolley cars. In transferring a circus tiger from a shiftbox to a wagon cage at Washington, the animal escaped, and before the showmen could prevent him the tiger leaped from the den and stood in the center of the building. his eyes glowing and his tail lashing. One of the keepers seized a pitchfork and started to drive the maddened beast back into his den, when the tiger sprang upon him, breaking the oak fork handle and hurling him to the ground. The roaring of the tiger and the groans of his victim, added to the wild neighing and plunging of frightened horses, the howling of other animals and the hoarse shouts of the men, made a horrible pande monium, while above the din rose the sonorous trumpeting of the elephants. The tiger took refuge in a barn where he was captured. The injured keeper will recover,

The boiler in Noah Mumpher's sawmill, three miles from Lewiston exploded, demolishing the mill and throwing debris across the river. B. Evans was seriously hurt about the side and arms, and another man, whose name is unknown, was injured about the feet and legs. The cause of the explosion is unknown

Jacob Copple, a Lewistown farmer, aged 65 years, was robbed of \$137 by three masked men. The old man refused to tell where his money was hidden, whereupon he was beaten and bound hand and foot. This means failed, so they placed a lighted lamp to his feet until the old man was compelled to disclose his secret. After finding \$137 the robbers again applied the lamp, torturing the aged sufferer in a horrible manner. The robbers then beat him into a state of insensibility, gagged him and after ransacking the place left without securing any more booty. How long he remained unconscious Copple is unable to tell, but when he recovered he wriggled toward the door which he succeeded in opening with his chin. No one living near, he called for help for several hours. Then a passing farmer liberated him. Copple's face was a mass of bruises and his feet were horribly blistered. He did not recognize any of his assailants. The robbers evidently expected a big haul, as the old farmer was supposed to have much money concealed about the house. The money stolen was valuable coins worth many times their face value. Officers are making efforts | tions. to capture the assailants and robbers.

While Mike Labant and his wife were absent from their home in Bloomsburg, a ten", ear-old daugter put a stick in the fire and when it began to burn set fire to the clothes of her five-year-old brother and three-yearold sister. The children screamed but beore help arrived the boy was so badly burned that he died in less than an hour. The baby's life was saved by a neighbor, who mothered the flames, but she is very badly burned. The case will be investigated, as it s thought the girl is insane. Labant and family are Polanders.

In a sandpit at Merion street, Scranton, workmen unearthed a skull and other suman bones. They were found about fifeen feet below the surface, and from appearance must have been buried many rears. Some of the bones crumbled into fust when touched. It is probable that the oones are those of an Indian, or one of the sarlier settlers in this region. The appearance of the top of the skull would indicate that death was due to violence, as it has every evidence of having been badly frac-

A special election was held in Sunbury to Jecide the question of building a \$50,000 central high school, and those in favor of the school won by 237 majority.

Miss Hattie Cramp, aged 16 years, of Cohera, was run down by a bicycle rider near the West Lebanon Hotel, on West Lehman street. The young woman was picked up and carried to her home in an unconscious condition. She was found to be badly hurt internally.

Melvin Kiehl, aged 17 years, was drowned while bathing in the Conococheague Creek, near Plainfield. His body was found some time afterward near the place where it had sunk. He was seen go down by several persons, but they were unable to rescue him. The place where he bathed has always been considered dangerous, and during the past year six persons have drowned there.

John G. Rielly, a youth who last week attempted to assault a young girl on the outskirts of Lancaster, and who also was accused of a grave attack on a boy, pleaded guilty to both offenses and was sentenced by Judge Bruebaker to thirteen years' imprisenment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

While repairing a fence around his house in Bellefonte, Henry McMullen was accidentally shot in the right temple by Harry Hassinger, who was hunting wild ducks about 300 yards away. The ball crashed into the skull and was flattened by the force. It was | and command: probed for and found imbedded an inch and a half from where it had entered his head. McMullen now lies in a precarious condition and his chances for recovery are very slight. He had just gotten over a long sick spell. Hassinger will not be arrested, as McMullen will not appear against him.

The farmhouse of Henry S. Bollinger, in Woodward Township, was destroyed by a fire of mysterious origin. Mr. Bollinger was in the barn feeding his stock when, happening to look out, he saw his house completely enveloped in flames. His family were all in bed asleep, and the horror-stricken man had operating in the field. considerable difficulty in wakening them and getting them out. They escaped in their night robes.

Chief Mbarukaziz and his followers, who have been causing so much trouble at Tanga fled from the British to the German territory and has now surrendered to Baron von Wiss-

DOUBLE MURDER.

Two Women Beaten to Death at Hill Top, Md.

KILLED WHILE THEY SLEPT.

Scores of Armed Men Scour Southern Maryland for Burglars, Whom Joseph Cocking Alleges Robbed His Store.

Charles county, Md., was startled by the news of an atrocious double murder at Hilltop, eleven miles west, the victims being Mrs. Joseph Cocking, aged thirty years, wife of the storekeeper there, and Miss Daisy Miller, aged eighteen, her sister.

Mr. Cocking, the husband, was found in the cellar of his store, slightly injured. His feet were tied with a clothesline. The front door of the store was broken open, as was

also the cash-drawer. The whole county is being scoured for the

murderers. THE HUSBAND FOUND FIRST. Between day break and sunrise Nicholas Jones, colored, aged sixty-five years, went to Mr. Cocking's store to buy a plow point. He

found the front door of the store ajar. Jones, not finding Mr. Cocking, called him and heard an answer. He thought from the sound that Mr. Cocking was outside and went to find him. He called again and found that Mr. Cocking's voice came from the inside, Jones entered the store, and after repeated callings discovered that the voice came from the cellar of the store. He found a trapdoor, which he says was closed. Then Jones saw Mr. Cocking lying in the cellar. There were bruises over his right and left temples, and four scratches on his forehead, from two of which a little blood might have flowed. His nosehad been bleeding, his hands were scratched and on his shirt front was a splotch of blood about two and a half inches square, with other drops of blood near by. His right shirt sleeve from the elbow down was saturated with blood and there were

stains on his left shirt sleeve. Mr. Cocking seemed dazed when found, but later recovered and remained conscious. Jones assisted him up the cellar stairs and into the store, Mr. Cocking walking with

Jones's assistance. "TOO TERBIBLE TO TALK ABOUT." According to Jones Mr. Cocking then said to him: "There is something wrong upstairs.

Go up and see." Jones objected to going

into the ladies' rooms, but finally went and found Mrs. Cocking and Miss Miller dead. Returning, he told Mr. Cocking that what be had seen was too terrible to talk about. He said Mr. Cocking asked no more ques-

To other persons afterward Mr. Cocking said that when the family retired at night there were in the house himself and Mrs.

Miller and a colored servant. BAYS TWO MEN ATTACKED MIM. Mr. Cocking says he slept in the small hallroom with his little boy. The child states that he slept there alone. The bed showed the impress of but one body, a small one. Mr. Cocking's story is substantially as fol-

"Thursday night I retired as usual, after locking up the store and the house. I went to bed in the hall room with my son. My wife was in her room and her sister in hers, on the other side of the hall. My two eldest children, a girl and a boy, were spending the night with Mrs. Miller, their grandmother. The colored servant was in the rear of the

"Something awakened me between one and two o'clock. Then I heard a noise in the store. Pulling on my trousers I went down, passing from the hall into the diningroom from, which a door entered the store. I opened this door and was faced by two men. I cannot tell whether they were white

or black. "As soon as I opened the store I was struck with some kind of a blunt instrument. They both may have struck me; may be with their fists. I fell in the doorway. I was unconscious, but I have a recollection of feeling the men moving my arms and legs. I suppose they were tying me. Then I was carried through the general store into the grocery. They opened the trap-door and threw me into the cellar. That is all that I remember."

WEYLER OFFERS PARDON.

A Proclamation to Insurgents Offering Inducements to Surrender.

Captain-General Weyler has just issued the following proclamation, called out by the condition of affairs in Pinar del Rio. After the usual heading and preamble the prociamation says: "It having reached our knowledge that rebel parties in the Province of Pinar del Rio are in distress through the constant pursuit by the troops and the impossibility of breaking the military line between Mariel and Majana and through other insurmountable difficulties, and being fearful of surrender under the fear of the death sentence, the certainty of which has been falsely disseminated among them, I proclaim

"Clause First-The rebel leaders who surrender within twenty days from this date with their firearms, will be at once pardoned. "Clause Second-Those who are not leaders, but who surrender under the same condition, with their firearms, will also be par-

doned, "Clause Third-Those surrendering without their arms will be likewise pardoned, but the military authority will designate their place of residence in the island.

"Clause Fourth-The surrender must be made to the military authority or to columns

"VALERIANO WEYLER."

A Blow to the North Pole Story. A dispatch from Christiana says that the Governor of Yakutsk reports officially that the inhabitants of Ust-Yansk have not heard anything about Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, who was recently reported to be returning after having discovered the North Pole. The Governor adds that the ivory seekers on the new Siberian Islands did not see any ship between May and November of last year.