#### Latest Charge Against Him is That o Blowing Open a Safe.

Meridian, Miss. (Special.)-The postoffice at Enterprise, Miss., was blown open with dynamite Monday and the perpetrator essaped after obtaining a considerable amoun of stamps, money orders and cash.

It is now supposed that the robbery was committed by Thrasher Meade, one of the most desperate criminals in this country. Meade was arrested in Mobile and brought to Enterprise, but not until after a desperate fight with the officers. A large quantity of postage stamps, blank money orders and \$1,138 in cash, stolen from the safe in the Enterprise postoffice was recovered.

Meade has a criminal record that is hardly second to that of the notorious Rube Burrows. For nearly ten years he has infested the railroads of Mississippi and Alabama, and is known to have been intimately connected with a band of negro robbers in Chicago. He broke into the postoffice in Ackerman, Miss., in the latter part of 1896, was arrested and taken to the jail at Aberdeen. In December, 1896, he sawed his way out,

and was next heard of in Chicago. He was arrested at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1897 and taken to Koselusko, Miss. While there he formed a conspiracy with trusties, who were allowed outside of the cage, and they overpowered and choked Sheriff Mc-Millan and escaped with six other.

Meade is known to have been implicated in five train robberies and the Southern Express Company has proof that he blew open safes in their offices at Aberdeen and Durant, Miss., during the past year. He has escaped from twenty-one jails and once from the Alabama penitentiary since he began his criminal career. The Postoffice Department and the express companies offered large rewards for his arrest and the officers who effected his capture will receive several thousand dollars.

#### FIRE IN MEMPHIS.

#### Started In a Dry Goods Store-Gave the Firemen a Tussie.

Memphis, Tenn., (Special.)-A fire broke out at 7.30 o'clock Thursday evening in the wholesale and retail drygoods house of the J. S. Menken Company, one of the largest establishments of its kind in the South, and caused an estimated loss of \$450,000.

The Menken building occupies a frontage of 125 feet on Main street and extends 150 feet on Gayose street. It is five stories in height and joins the Gayoso Hotel.

On account of dense smoke the firemen were unable to get an entrance to the building for a time and they fought it entirely from the outside.

The building is valued at \$150,000 with insurance of \$70,000. The stock was valued at about \$300,000, with insurance of \$275,-

#### WRECK ON UNION PACIFIC.

#### Four Killed, Seven Injured, Engines Smashed.

Sidney, Neb., (Special.)-Four deaths and injuries to seven persons were caused by a wreck on the Union Pacific Railroad at Sunal, 13 miles east of Sidney.

An eastbound passenger train had started to take a side track, but had not left the main track when a westbound passenger train, running at the rate of 45 miles an hour, crashed into it. The engines were piled up in a mass of scrap iron and the cars were badly broken up, also taking fire.

Four cars were consumed by fire and several others were so badly damaged as to be practically valueless.

### Criminal Laws for Alaska.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The House completed and passed the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, upon which it has been working for a week. An amendment was adopted providing a high license system in the territory, with a species of local option. Liquor dealers, by its provisions, are to pay a license of \$1,000 per year, and the consent of a majority of the white citizens residing within two miles of a liquor dealer's establishment must be obtained before a license can issue.

### The President Cannot Comply.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)—The President has decided it to be incompatible with the public interest to comply with the request contained in the Hoar resolution, to supply the Senate with the instructions given the American Peace Commissioners. If any reasons are given for the declination, the leading one will be the fact that, as the treaty is subject to action in Spain even after ratification by the Senate, its consummation might be jeopardized by the publication, at this stage, of the confidential in-

### Whole Family Dies of Pneumonia.

Metropolis, Ill., (Special.)-Dr. H. Y. Mangum, a prominent citizen of this county. died on December 26 of pneumonia. Twenty-four hours later his daughter Lucy died; three days later his wife also died, and the only remaining member of the family, the grandmother, Mrs. Worley, is also dead. All have died from the same disease-pneumonia.

### Ex-Queen Lil Protests.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-A petition from the former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawall was presented to the House protesting against the United States assertion of ownership to the crown lands of Hawaii as a taking of property without due process of law, and appealing to the President, Congress and the people for a restoration of these lands. The same petition was presented to the Senate.

### FIELD OF LABOA.

Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, favors 4-cent street car fares. Chicago has a woman architect, Miss Mel

Dora Tic, of Clifford, Ill. A Bridgeton (N. J.) firm has shipped ma-

chinery for a Chinese mint, The Ediaburgh Evening Dispatch has successfully utilized pigeons in carrying news. The strike of the Montreal, Canada, rail way telegraphers has been settled by arbi-

The United Mineworkers of North America will hold their convention in Pittyburg

More than 200 municipalities in England, Scotland, and Ireland now own the municipal gas works. A carriage trust is projected in Michigan

by Eastern capitalists. They are dickering with Pontlac manufacturers. Farmers will have a majority of seven in

the next Missouri House of Representatives and lawyers will prevail in the Senate. All prod poles have been barred at the South Omaha stock yards and the packers will now be expected to instruct their men to equip themselves with the new style of

The Chicago Building Trades Council has begun an agitation for a Saturday half-holiday for all the members of its twenty-seven

# SCANDAL IN THE ARMY

### Eagan's Course Denunciation of General Miles.

### THE EMBALMED BEEF.

General Miles' Statements Fiercely Denied-Commissary-General of Subsistence Testifies Before the War Investigating Commission in Answer to Charges Made by Miles in an Interview.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The climax in the controversy between General Miles and Commissary-General Eagan over the subject of beef furnished the army during the war with Spain was reached Thursday at the session of the board investigating the question, when General Eagan repeatedly declared that General Miles had "lied" and had made statements for which he should be drummed out of the army. General Eagan did not make these accusations in the excitement of the moment, but read them all from a carefully prepared paper which he submitted to the board for its information.

The nature of the charges made against General Miles by a junior officer are said to have been unparalleled in the history of military discipline in this country, or, perhaps, any other, and the general verdict among officers is that a court of inquiry must follow, and possibly a court-martial. The fact that General Eagan is not only junior to General Miles in rank, but that he has assailed the personal integrity and con-

duct of the highest ranking army officer of the government is declared to be so grave and serious a matter that it cannot be passed over by the War Department, even should General Miles not ask for a court of inquiry.

Statement Carefully Prepared. Those who know General Eagan were surprised at the unexpected and sensational turn which the investigation took, and say that had he, in a burst of passion and excitement, made his charges in such plain, outspoken language there might have been some little excuse for him, inasmuch as it is asserted he is quick tempered, trascible and just how highly irritated that his bureau

should have been reflected on. No official notice was taken of what transpired, and it is not likely there will be any until the record's of the day's proceedings have been received. General Miles would not say what he contemplated doing, if anything, and General Eagan seemed satisfied that he had delivered what he states are his opinions of General Miles.

Officers of the judge-advocate-general's department express the belief that General Miles cannot avoid asking for a court of inquiry, as the ranking officer of the service cannot countenance such serious violations of discipline, respect due superiors and conduct "prejudicial to the interest of the service.

### Cause of Eagan's Outbreak.

The events which led up to the sensational proceedings began ten days ago, when it was announced a board would be appointed to investigate reports received by General eneral Miles has recently stated that he did not prefer charges against General earlier hearings numerous reports were read | maker's art ever seen in this country. from officers, showing the beef was frequently unfit for use, and when not nausehe had received numerous other communications of the same sort, among them one from Governor Roosevelt, who says he forbade his men to eat the beef furnished them

by the commissary-general. From a prominent and wealthy man in New York, whose son, it is claimed, was made ill by eating the beef, General Miles received a letter reciting the circumstances and offering financial aid, if necessary, and "his services in any trial that might take place." General Miles showed numerous similar letters. He made no comment on any of them.

Gen. Eagan is a small man physically compared with General Miles, but carries himself with soldierly bearing and does not look as small; therefore, as he really is. If he lives and comes out of his pending controversy unscatched, he will not retire for age until 1905, and will be one of the first heads of his department in late years having a tenure of office so long.

Animosity Toward Miles. General Eagan is understood upon prevlous occasions to have shown considerable animosity toward General Miles, and especially, it is said, when they were together years ago in Arizons. It is state I that some time ago another high-ranking army officer youngest son, Sam, was buried the following | was on the verge of ordering a court-marweek. Tuesday word reached here that the tial for Eagan for some intemperate remark

made by him. General Eagan's career in the army was not conspicuous, it is asserted by his brother officers, either during the civil war or since He served throughout the war without promotion, and when mustered out was first lieutenant of a Washington Territory company, with which he entered the army. Born in Ireland, he came to this country when a lad, and made his way to California, where he was soon closely identified with a famous company of the vigilant days, known as the

Young America Company. Members of Congress from the Pacific slope say that Gen. Eagan in the early "50" a" was in Mexico on filibustering expeditions and later went to Washington, where he lived when the war begun. One of those members described him as being 'hotheaded" and prone to speak occasionally without due thought of what he was saying or appreciating the full effect of his

#### utterances. In the Regular Army.

On being mustered out at the close of the war he was appointed a second lieutenant of the Ninth Infantry, but for one year and a baif, between 1869 and 1871, he was unassigned. The reason for this is not given in the army register. In June, 1874, he was transferred to the commissary department, with the rank of captain and became a major of the same department in 1892 and lieutenant colonel in 1897. He was for many years stationed on the Pacific coast, where he is widely known. Walle there he became interested, it is said, in coffee growing in Hawall, and is believed now to own considerable property in the islands. He has been known as a thrifty officer generally.

Last spring, when a new commissary general was appointed every few days and then retired for some good reason, Colonel Esgan became suddenly one of the ranking officers of his department and a candidate for the commissary-generalship. Just at the time war with Spain was declared he was appointed by the President, but not, it is said, until be had promised that he would make no rash statements.

### THE NEWS.

One of the most disastrous fires in recent years visited Memphis, Tenn.

The product of precious metals in the territory west of the Missouri river is said to be the greatest on record.

Books of the United Miners, which are being investigated by a special committee of the national convention, were found to be mutilated.

Stockholders of a Chicago Klondike company headed by Frank B. Vrooman ask for a receiver, charging that he misused \$40,-000 of the funds.

The House committee on claims has agreed to report favorably a bill to pay William Edward Bailey, of Hampton Roads, Va., \$5,000. Balley was hit above the eye by a spent ball from the receiving ship Franklin and lost the sight of his eye. Representative Wise, of Virginia, introduced a bill to allow him \$10,000 for the injury, but the committee reduced it one-half.

New York State purchased, for \$21,500, thirty-three acres of land on Stony Point Peninsufa, on the Hudson river, in Rockland county, the scene of Mad Anthony Wayne's capture of Stony Point from the British army during the revolutionary war. At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania

Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States it was unanimously voted to present to Rear-Admiral Dewey the gold insignia of the order, which the government permits to be worn by army and navy officers. Admiral Dewey is a companion of the order, and the voting of the insignia is an honor which has heretofore been granted in but one instance-when President McKinley became a member.

A banquet was given by the Houston, (Tex.,) Cotton Exchange to celebrate the receipts of 2, 00,000 bales of cotton from September 1 to December 25, a record said to surpass that of any port except Liverpool. Governor-elect Savers was the guest of honor. Many speeches in glorification of the city's commerce were made.

#### DECISION IN THE DREYFUS CASE.

Soir Declares Court of Cassation is Convinced of His Guilt.

Paris, (By Cable.)-Le Soir says it learns from an indisputable source that the Court of Cassation is convinced that Dreyfus was justly condemned.

M. Quesnay de Baurepaire, President of the section of the Court of Cassation, has resigned his position in consequence of a disagreement regarding the Dreyfus in-

M. Beaurepaire resolutely declines to assign the motive for his resignation, which remains a mystery, but it is believed that he is angry at the government's treatment of the affair. According to the Matin, Mme. Dreyfus has

received a cablegram from her husband saying that his health is perfect, physically and morally. The London Daily Telegraph published

a dispatch from Cayenne, capital of French Guiana, confirming the report forwarded last week that Dreyfus has had a serious attack of dysentery, and that a physician was summoned from Cayenne to Devil's Island to attend him.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The sword Miles while in Porto Rico respecting the of honor voted to Rear-Admiral George character of the beef served the troops. Dewey, the naval hero of Manila, by joint resolution of Congress in June last, was received at the Navy Department from New Eagan, but simply presented reports made York, and has been placed on exhibition in to him, which, he believed, called for in- the office of the Secretary. It is said to be vestigation and official notice. At one of the one of the finest specimens of the sword-

With the exception of the steel blade and the body metal of the scabbard the weapon ating was unpalatable. General Miles said is composed entirely of 22-karat gold. Although not yet settled, it is more than probable that the sword will remain in the possession of the Navy Department and be on exhilition in a glass case until Admiral Dewey returns to this country and takes peronal charge of it.

England Welcomes Mr. Choate. London, Eng., (By Cable.)-In a chorus of welcome the morning papers greet Joseph H. Choate as Colonel Hay's successor in London. The purport of their comment upon the appointment is that the new ambassador "will not have to remove difficulculties, but only to foster friendship " as the Daily Telegraph puts it, and the Times says the selection is "not only one to which no exception can be taken, but even a high compliment."

### Gagged and Robbed by Burglars.

Warsaw, Va., (Special,)-At a party given by colored people near this place Frank Swartzwalder, white, and William Glascoe, colored, got into a shooting scrape. Each fired three shots from their pistols. The former received an ugly wound in the leg. Four of the Trainmen Killed and Two
The latter escaped with only a burnt hole
Others Injured. through his overcoat. No arrests have been made.

Three masked men entered the dwelling house of Jack Sebastin, in Westmoreland, and at the point of the pistol compelled him to open his safe. They secured forty dollars in cash and valuable papers, afterwhich the robbers bound and gagged him

### CABLE SPARKS.

The Paris Soir states that the Court of justly condemned.

The Ameer of Afgbanistan is ill and his death is expected soon. The annual pilgrimage to the tomb of Louis Auguste Blanqui, the famous socialist, in Paris, led to riots, and many arrests

were made. Residents of Calcutta are organizing an educational project like the Johns Hopkins

University. Princess Tetus Marama, who once held great power in the South Sea Islands, died at Papcete.

At last accounts the Filipinos had barricaded the streets of Ilolio and were reported to be preparing to burn the city if attacked. Aguinaido has issued a proclamation, stating that he never agreed to recognize American sovereignty in the Philippines.

viceroy of Indis. The foundation stone of Gordon Memorial College, at Khartoum, was laid by Viscount

Lord Curzon was installed at Calcutta as

Persons arriving at Hong Kong deny the reports from Madrid that all the Spaniards on the Island of Balabac, in the Philippines, have been massacred. Senor Silvela, who is expected to succeed

Sagasta as premier of Spain, made a speech in Madrid, urging domestic reforms and the development of Spain's industrial resources. The German freisinnige party will force the imperial government to decide how far the Bundersrath may interfere with the

sovereign rights of German states. Mrs. Clara Jessup Bloomfield Moore, formerly of Philadelphia, died in London from a broken heart due to the recent death of Inventor Keely, in whose motor she had profound faith.

# FILIPINOS UGLY,

Relations With Our Consul at Hong Kong Severed.

## TO DRAW NAVAL CORDON

Committee Applies to Court to Becover Funds Which the Filipinos Claim to Have Deposited With Wildman-Declare the United States Government Recognized Them as Belligerents.

Hong-Kong, (By Cable.)-The Fllipino Committee here has broken off all relations with the United States Consul, Rounsevelle

Wildman. The committee issued a writ in the Su preme Court to recover the sum of \$47,000 which the Filipinos claim to have deposited with Mr Wildman as treasurer of the Fillpino independence fund in June last.

The members of the committee further allege that sensational disclosures are probable, showing, they add, that the American Government recognized the Filipinos as belligerents by affording them assistance in arms and moral influence to co-operate against Spain, "thus indorsing the agreement made with Aguinaldo at Singapore in April."

#### Feeling in Washington.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-Although nothing of an alarming nature has been received from Iloilo, there is no doubt that members of the Administration view the situation as somewhat serious, and are anxiously awaiting further news.

No apprehension, however, is felt as to the result of any collision which might take place between United State forces now on the island and the natives, but the President is very anxious to avoid any encounter whatever. He feels certain that if the natives can be made to understand that the Government comes to them in the most friendly and helpful spirit there would be no further trouble, and so he has given instructions to General Miller that the utmost patience must be exercised and every reasonable request granted in order to avoid an open rupture.

#### Delay Caused Trouble.

Members of the Administration expressed the opinion that the delay of the ratification of the treaty of peace has contributed not a little to the belligerent spirit shown by the natives, and as soon as that has been disposed of it is believed that the recalcitrant element will accept it as a notice that the sovereignty of the islands has passed in fact to the United States and that no opposition to it taking formal possession will be toler-

At the Cabinet meeting the situation in the Philippines was gone over, and some time was given to questions of administra-

tion in Cuba. It can be stated on authority that such news as has been received from General Otis is rather reassuring than otherwise, as to the situation in the Philippines and that he made no allusion to a hostile collision. He has been instructed to use gentleness in dealing with the insurgents and to advise

#### and co-operate with Admiral Dewey. A REVOLT BY CUBANS?

#### Plan to Rise Against Americans in the Rainy Season.

Chicago, Ill., (Special.)-Juan Ferrano, a pose is to revolt soon against American rule. Arms and ammunition, he states, are being secreted already. It is said that the Spanlards of Mexico will afford material assistance if the insurrection begins.

"I was in Cuba for some time," Mr. Ferrano said, "and I know a movement is under way looking to a conflict with the Amerthe United States intends to keep that couptry. This idea is furthered by many officers and soldiers of the insurgent army. Spanish this is the first step in the destruction of merchants of Havana and other cities of the social order." island are helping the plot, as they fear American business competition.

"There is a conservative element which strongly advises that the conflict be postponed until the beginning of rainy season. dians of its sacred honor, that its laws are The war, as planned, is to be of a guerrila character, pitched battles are to be avoided | tion and punishment shall follow crime with and disease and the climate are to be left for | certainty." the greater part to do the work of decimating the American armies.'

### BAD WRECK ON SOUTHERN.

Knoxville, Tenn. (Special.)-Four dead, two injured, one of these perhaps fatally, and the loss of property on the Southern Railroad to the amount of about \$25,000 are the results of a wreck on the Knoxville and Ohio branch of the Knoxville division of the Southern Railway, one and one-half miles west of Elk Valley.

The accident occurred at 11.30 o'clock, when a double-header freight train loaded with coal and merchandise, crashed into a mixed local passenger train while both were Cassation is convinced that Dreyfus was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The engines met head-on, the force of impact being terrifle. The coming together of the two trains were so sudden that the trainmen were unable to jump and save

The passenger train was running fifteen minutes late, having waited at Knoxville for connections with a Western train, and had the right of way. All the freight trains on the division had been notified that the passenger train was on a late run, and the only cause for the accident that can be given is that Engineer Maxey, of the freight train, misread his orders.

Immediately after the crash the wreckage caught fire. The passenger train carried about twenty passengers. None of these was injured.

### SLASHED HER WITH A RAZOR.

#### Mrs. John Lemon Tried to Cut the Throat of Her Rival.

Wilmington, Del., (Special.)-Mrs. John Lemon, who was heavily velled, suddenly attacked Mrs. Laura Streets and attempted to slasb her throat with a razor, at the corper of Sixth and Market streets.

Mrs. Lemon accused Mrs. Streets of being too friendly with her husband, John Liemon a well-known bottler. She attended a matinee at the Wonderland Theatre and saw Mr. Lemon sitting beside Mrs. Streets and

another woman. After the performance Mrs. Lemon followed Mrs. Streets, who was walking with another woman, and made the attack. She cut Mrs. Streets on the eye and was about to slash her on the throat with a razor when Detective Witzel, who had then following her, attracted by her suspicious actious, in terfered and arrested her.

#### PERSUASION BEFORE POWDER,

### This is the American Programme in Deal-

ing With Filipinos. Washington, D. C., (Special.)-It is be lieved here that General Otis is framing a plan of campaign which will result in the extension of his control over Iloito without actual hostilities, or, if it must come to warfare, with the least possible exposure of the American troops.

Probably the first step in the campaign has been taken by this time in the establishment of a camp on the Island of Gulamaras, lying only a few miles from Iloilo and easily accessible to the warships. This probably will be made the base of operations if hostilities become unavoidable.

The government here has not abandoned hope that a peaceful solution can be reached. Its plan is to use persuasion before powder. The government's instructions sent to General Miller at Iloilo were to land and get in communication with the insurgents. This is as far as his orders have gone, except that when he has established communication with the insurgent officials and people he is to make public the purposes of the United States. Not a shot is to be fired by

attacked or until further orders are given from Washington. The President, it is said, views the situation in a hopeful manner. He believes that the Filipinos will become less suspicious when they understand more fully the intentions of this country. Careful work on the part of prudent officials, he thinks, will convince the Filipinos of American earnestness and of the purpose of this government to

#### protect their lives and property. WAR ON OUR BICYCLES.

#### German Manufacturers Hit Upon a Plan to Injure Our Trade.

Washington, D. C. (Special.)-The length to which European manufacturers are willing to go in their efforts to crush out American competition is shown in the following report to the State Department by Dean B. Mason, vice consul at Frankfort:

"Failing to obtain from the imperial government the prohibitory import duty on American bicycles, which they have so earnestly and pereistently demanded, the members of the German Bicycle Manufacturers' Association have decided upon the following simple but ingenious plan to kill the American cycle trade in this country. From this time forward they will unanimously refuse all credit to any dealer who handles, as part of his stock in trade, a bicycle of Amer-

loan origin. "The association includes in its member ship nearly one hundred of the most important bleycle makers in Germany, who have been accustomed hitherto to give retail dealers from 1 wo to four months' credit, and very liberal terms in respect to parts and repairs.

'Since the majority of independent bloycle dealers in Germany are in close business relations with, and under personal obligations to, one or more manufacturers, it is expected that the effect of this heroic policy will be to seriously injure the sale of American bicycles, unless exporting manufacturers in the United States take an aggressive attitude and make the competition so hot that the German makers will be compelled to make peace by rescinding the present de-

## GOVERNOR AGAINST LYNCHING.

### South Carolina Executive Says the Rem-

edy is Easy. Columbia, S. C., (Special.)-The General Assembly of South Carolina convened in actual session Tuesday. There are eighty Spanish resident of New York city who is new members in the body. In the House ow here, says there is in course of organi- | the former Speaker, Frank B. Gary, was zation in Cuba a secret order, whose pur- unanimously re-elected. In the Senate the Governor's message was read. Governor Ellerbee in his message took occasion to refer to a matter now very much in the public mind, the subject of lynching. He says as

"During the last several years there has been an apparently increasing disposition for 1898, approximately \$280,000,000, is among us to attempt the righting of real or amazing. Notable increases have been in icans. The Cubans, or many of them, believe supposed wrongs by the law-breaking practice of lynching." He says "it means the abolition of the regular order of justice and

Concluding, he says the remedy suggests itself, and adds: "See to it as conservators of the peace of the State, as makers of its laws, as the guar-

# so enacted and so administered that convic-

#### STORMS IN THE SOUTH. School Children Killed in Arkansas-A

Cyclonic Blow in Georgia. Savannab, Ga., (Special.)-A severe cyclone is reported to have passed over a section of Liberty county, about twenty miles south of this city. The wind sttained a velocity of from 75 to 80 miles an hour. At Johnston Station it is estimated the wind blew 90 miles an hour for ten minutes. The storm swept through a turpentine country and the trees were leveled in the path of the wind for miles. Fortunately the path was narrow, being not more than one or two hundred yards wide. The storm came out

of the northwest. Little Rock, Ark., (Special.)-A heavy windstorm swept over the remote section of Scott county last Friday. At Boles a schoolhouse was blown down and three pupils were killed, and a dozen or more sustained more or less serious injuries. Those killed were the children of Joseph Lawrence, Mr. Frost and Mrs. Rutledge, respectively. A child of Joseph Lawrence was fatally wounded.

Fifty-one Bridges for B. & O. R. R. One of the largest bridge contracts that as been awarded in many years has been let by the Receivers of the Baltimore and

Ohio Railrond. In order to place the lines west of the Ohio River in proper shape to handle the heavy freight equipment that is being used east of the river the Receivers found it necessary to rebuild fifty-one bridges between Benwood, W. Vs., and Chicago. Tust the structure might be rapidly pushed to compistion it was decided to divide the work

among three companies. The total cost of these bridges is in the eighborhood of \$300,000, and it is expected that all will be in place by September, Nearly 6,000 tons of steel will be needed for the structurer.

### Spain's New Red Book Madrid, (By Cable.) -- Senor Montero Rios,

the President of the Senate, who was president of the Spanish Peace Commission, has been in conference with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Duke Almodovar de Rio, relative to the early publication of a Red Book. Replying to a dispatca from General Rios the commander of the Spanish forces in the Philippine Islands, the Minister of War. General Corres, insists upon his securing the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Philippine rebels.

### WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert appeared before the House Naval Committee to urge a widening of the channel in front of the navy yard at Norfolk.

Senator Perkins, of California, introduced a bill for the construction of a revenue cutter of the first-class to be used on the Pacific coast, the cost not to exceed \$250,000.

Representative Fitzgerald of Massachuette, introduced a bill granting an unconditional pension to all soldiers and sallors of the civil war after they are sixty years of

Senator McMillan, from the Committee on Commerce, favorably reported to the Senate a bill for the construction of two first-class revenue cutters for service on the great lakes, the cost not to exceed \$165,000 each, Senator Frye favorably reported from the Commerce Committee a till authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to donate one set of life-saving beach apparatus to the Imperial Japanese Society for saving life from sbipwreck.

Among the bills and resolutions introduced in the House were the following: By Mr. Griffin, of Wisconsin, to increase the army the forces of this country unless they are ration; by Mr. Davenport, to promote the efficiency of the cierical service in the United States Navy.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs decided to reconsider action taken last April in ordering a favorable report on a bill providing for the restoration of the annuities to the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sloux Indians in South Dakota. The matter was

referred to a sub-committee. Representative Spight, of Mississippi, introduced a bill to prohibit the payment of bounty or prize money to officers or sailors of the United States Navy. This prohibition, however, shall not extend to any rights acquired before this time. All money obtained from prizes, the bill provides, shall be covered into the Treasury.

#### LA BOURGOGNE TO BLAME.

#### Admiralty Court Fixes the Responsibility for Marine Disaster.

London, Eng., (By Cable.)-The Admiralty Court found that the officers of the steamer La Bourgogne, of the French Transatiantie Company, were alone to blame for the collision with the British ship, Cromartyshire, July 4 last, near Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia, which resulted in the sinking of La Bourgogne and the loss of 584

The owners of the Cromartyshire were awarded damages and costs.

The court found that La Bourgogne was traveling at an excessive speed in the fog and must have ripped more than one of her thirteen bulkheads, which accounted for her sinking so rapidly. It was further found that the Cromartyshire could not have ren-

dered any more assistance than she did. In the judgment of the court the loss of life on La Bourgogne was attributable to the fact that the Cromartyshire raked her starboard side, thus damaging the starboard boats, and to her subsequent list to starboard, rendering the port boats unavailable.

### METAL PRODUCT OF 1898.

#### Said to be the Greatest on Record West of the Missouri.

San Francisco, Cal., (Special.)-John J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Fargo & Co. Express, has issued the annual statethe production of me in the States and Territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia

and the Northwest Territory, for 1898. The aggregate valuations are shown as follows: Gold, \$78,461,202; silver, \$39,016,-565; copper, \$46,200,648; lead, \$18,344,251;

total gross results, \$177,022,666. It is said the year's combined product of the metals named is the greatest in the history of the countries-United States of America and British Columbia and the Northwest Territory-that of gold, \$78,461,-202, being above any previous record officially reported. The world's output of gold South Africa, \$25,000,000; the British possessions of the Northwest, \$6,000,000; Australasia \$6,00,000, and the United States of

### America, \$3,000,000.

To Buy the Dock at Havana. Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The government of the United States expects to become the possessor of the fine floating dry dock at the Havana navy yard, having made a proposition for its purchase to the Spanish officials which, it is believed, will be accepted. Some private bidders entered the field against the government in the hope of profit as middlemen, but were soon confronted by the disagreeable fact that the site of the dock was not to be sold with the dock itself. The price offered for the prop-

#### erty is believed to be fair to both sides Sleigh Struck by a Train.

New York, N. Y., (Special.)—Levi Lyons and his daughter, Elia, of Pompton, N. J. were killed by a train on the Greenwood Lake Division of the Eric Railroad as they were driving over the Riverdale crossing in

### INDIANA'S NEXT SENATOR.

Republican Caucus Nominates A. J. Beveridge to Succeed Turple. Indianapolis, Ind., (Special.)-A. J. Beveridge was nominated for United States the eleventh ballot at the Re

publican caucus. Mrs. Place Must Die Albany, N. Y., (Special.)—The Court of Appeals has denied a new trial to Mrs. Martha Place, of Brooklyn, who is under sen-

#### tence of death for the murder of her stepdaughter, Ida Piace. She will be the first woman to be electrocuted in this State.

Lodge Re-Elected. Boston, Mass., (Special.)-Hon, Heary Cabot Lodge was unanimously re-elected United States Senator by the Mas-achusetts Legislature in joint convention. The choice was made by acclamation.

### ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The late William Morris' library brought at its sale the total sum of \$54,96 . Mrs. Russell Sage was born Miss M. Ollver Slocum, in Syracuse, N. Y., 70 years

Sir Henry Irving has almost completely recovered from his recent serious illness, and has gone to Bournemouth. Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson's econd wife, who is still alive, was a Miss

Admiral Bunce, whose term of service in the United States Navy ended on Christmas Day, 1898, was born on Christmas Day,

Mary Thatcher, a niece of Longfellow's first

In pleasant weather Associate Justice Mc-Kenns, of the United States Supreme Court, always walks to the sittings of that tribunal.

The youngest captain in the army during the Spanish War was J. D. G. Oglesby, aged 18, who commanded Troop K, First Illinois