## THE NEWS.

The U. S. Senate, on motion of Senator Martin, of Virginia, non-concurred in the House bill for a public building at Newport News, Va., to cost \$75,000, and asked for a committee of conference, Senator Martin Dopes to get the amount increased to \$100,-

Constructor Bowles, in charge at the New York navy yard, has reported to the Navy Department that the cost of repairing the damages inflicted by the guns of the Spanish ships at Santlago was \$1,303 in the case of the Brooklyn and \$4,993 for the Iows.

A Maysville, Ky., special to the Times-Star states there was an earthquake with pronounced vibrations there.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the President "to transfer Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson from the construction corps to the line of the United States Navy and to promote him to such position therein as, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, he may determine."

Managers of Ishpeming, Mich., mine have decided that their workmen shall have an increase in wages March 1. It is stated cent.

A span of the high bridge over the Mississippi River at Muscatine, Iowa, fell owing to contraction due to the cold. Patrick Curry was injured and four horses were killed.

A. Meyer, of Cleveland, Ohio, jumped from a third-story window of the Cannon Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Nearly every boue in his body was broken, and he died in a few and declared war. Sunday, issued another, hours. Meyer is said to be a merchant in Cleveland, and his affairs were recently put influence throughout this section destroyed. in the hands of an assignee.

The factory of T. B. Rice, manufacturer of packing boxes, located at Mifflin street wharf, Philadeiphia, Pa., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$60,000; partially insured.

The American Missionary Association has just made public its fifty-second annual report. A summary of receipts show a grand total of \$396,171. Of this amount the State of Massachusetts gave the largest sum, \$96,-230, with the State of Connecticut second, with \$65,112.

Maurice E. Fagen, aged 55 years, formerly a well-known lawyer of Philadelphia, but lately of Collingwood, N. J., committed suicide in Laurel Hill Cemetery by shooting himself through the head.

A petition has been sent to the United States Senate signed by 24 prominent men of this country, including ex-President Cleveland, protesting against the ratification of the peace treaty without modification of its terms.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of poisoning Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., by sending her poison candy through the mails, was sentenced to life imprisonment in California.

The United States transport Roumanian' has sailed for Porto Bico and Cuba to bring back the bodies of dead soldiers.

#### TO SOUTHERN FARMERS.

Secretary Wilson Advises Them to Improve Land and Diversify Crops.

Vicksburg, Miss., (Special.)-The State Farmers' Institute held three sessions here. The principal speakers were Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau. Secretary Wilson's subject was "The Department of Agriculture," and Professor Moore explained the relations of the weather bureau to the farmers. The Secretary said in part:



Aguinaldo Begs Otis for Cessation of Hostilities.

GENERAL REFUSES.

Many of the Natives are Tired of War-Filipinos Returning to the Villages-Admirable Disposition of Troops in Manila Prevented an Uprising in the City.

from Manila:

"Situation rapidly improving. Reconolssance to south several miles to Lagunade Bay, to southeast eight miles, driving straggling insurgent troops in various direcions, encountering no decided opposition; villages displaying white flag.

"Near Caloocan, six miles north, enemy nade a stand behind entrenchments; charged by Kansas troops, led by Colonel Funston. lose encounter, resulting in rout of the enemy, with heavy loss. Loss to Kansas-Lieutenant Alford killed, six men wounded. "On the 4th Aguinaldo issued flying procamation charging Americans with initiative tailing all to resist foreign invasion. His Now applies for a cessation of hostilities and tonference. Have declined to answer.

"Insurgent expectation of rising in city on general, with admirable disposition of "OTIS."

## Thanks from Dewey and Otis.

The following cablegram was received at the Navy Department from Admiral Dewey, in acknowledgment of Secretary Long's congratulatory message:

Washington:

"The commander-in-chief, officers and men thank the President and the Secretary of the Navy for their congratulations.

"DEWEY." Secretary Alger received the following ablegram from General Otis, in reply to his

essage of congratulation: "Manils .- Sincere thanks for congratula-

tions. All credit due to hearty response of troops to orders of officers. OTIS." OTIS FREE TO ACT.

He Will be Permitted to Use His Own Judgment.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-There was in the Philippines has held the officials of the Administration since the first startling news from Manila Saturday night. This was brought about through the receipt of a bulletin from General Otis summing up the latest results of the fighting he has had with the natives. The statement that Aguinaido's of hostilities and for a conference, was most fired twice, inflicting mortal wounds,

"I earnestly advise the Southern far mer acceptable, and was interpreted as an ad-

## SORNE OF THE BATTLE.

#### The Fighting Occurred to the Northward and Eastward of Manila.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-Members of the Filipino Junta who are in this city were shown dispatches from Manila and readily gave a description of the location of the places where the fighting occurred. Dr. Juan Luna, a member of the Junta, said that the places named in the dispatch lie to the north and east of Manila and that the native army in that quarter is small; a much larger force, he says, is encamped to the south of the city in the direction of Malate.

The American outposts are the ones for merly occupied by the Spanlards on the outskirts of the city, while those held by the natives are about half a mile away to the north and east.

The distance between the extreme points Washington, D. C., (Special.)—The War Department received the following dispatch most northerly of the Filiping outposts most northerly of the Fillpino outposts. This is the town spoken of in the Manila dispatch as having been bombarded by the Charleston and Concord, Dr. Luna said it was impossible for the American shells to have done any damage there, as the place is protected from the bay by a range of hills. that the raise will amount to at least 10 per army disintegrated and natives returning to The American ships, he said, could not take up a position close to the shore owing to shallow water in that vicinity.

Balik-Balik, where the natives had two field places, lies to the east of Calvocan and much nearer to the American lines.

KENTUCKY MARSHAL SLAIN.

Three Men Send Rifle Bullets Into Him From Behind a House.

Hazard, Ky., (Special.)--At the little hamlet of Donkey, three miles from Pound Gap on the Kentucky border, Edward Hall, a Deputy United States Marshal, was shot three times and killed while hauling wood sight of 4th unrealized. Provost marshal along the public road, a few yards from his home. The shots were fired from the rear roops, defeated every attempt. City quiet: and of a house, taking effect in Hall's body. business resumed; natives respectful and Hall ran about 100 yards down the road and theerful: fighting qualities of American troops a revelation to all inhabitants. fired the shots from rifles.

Hall shortly before his death, being suspicious, advised John Fulton, a deputy marshal and his right-hand friend, to go into a sertain house and watch the people there. Fulton returned, telling Hall that trouble was coming and to keep a sharp lookout. "Manila .-- To the Secretary of the Navy, Hall's friends swear vengeance upon his slayers.

## GIRL SHOOTS A POLICEMAN.

#### A New Orleans Provenzano Defends Her Mother.

New Orleans, La., (Special.)-Joseph Phillips, a policeman, was shot and mortally wounded by a young girl of 18, Mary Provenzano. Miss Provenzano is of a family which attained considerable notoriety in New Orleans some years ago, as the feud between the two Italian families, the Matrangas and Provenzanos, in which a number of lives were lost, led to the interference of the

It was in this affair that Chief of Police an almost complete release of the tension Hennessy lost his life, which was followed under which the rapid occurrence of events by the lynching of the Italian prisoners in the parish prison. Phillips boarded with the Provenzanos. He came home Friday drunk and became abusive. When the elder Mrs. Provenzano protested he promptly knocked her down, and, pulling out his pistol, waved it in the air and threatened the whole household. The younger girl, influence had been destroyed, and that the Mary, rushed at the officer, wrenched the Filipino leader was seeking for a cessation pistol from him, and, turning it on him,

#### REMEMBERING THE MAINE



# THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER

Generals Wade and Davis and Colonel Gillespie Constitute the Court Which Will Determine Whether General Miles' Charges Are Substantiated By The men on the firing line. Facts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., (Special.)-The Pres- fighting. The admiral, under date of Monident has appointed a court of inquiry to day, cabled that the "insurgents have atexamine into charges regarding the meat furnished the American army during the war with Spain, as well as other matters involved in the criticisms made by General Miles of the administration of the War Department. The court will consist of Major-Gen. J. F. Wade, Brig-Gen. George D. Davis, U. S. V., and Col. G. L. Gillespie, corps of engineers; now stationed in New

York. Order For the Court. The order for the court of inquiry is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT. ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE. Washington, Feb. 9, 1899.

Special Orders No. ---The following order is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

WAB DEPARTMENT, Washington, Feb. 9, 1899.

In accordance with the instructious of the city on February 15, 1899: Detail for the Court-Maj.-Gen. James

F. Wade, U. S. V.; Brig.-Gen. Geo. B. Davis, U. S. V.; Col. George L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.; Lieut.-Col. hour to an hour at a time.

George B. Davis, deputy judge-advocategeneral U. S. A., recorder.

fitness for issue of certain articles of food accurately located.

course of the inquiry. The officers named will repair to this city Lomin. is necessary for the public service.

#### B. A. ALOER, Secretary of War.

Officers to Conduct Inquiry.

the meeting of the court.

court, was a member of the court-martial were taken prisoners. which tried Commissary-General Eagan. In a subsequent telegram the following

Thatwork

SLAUGHTERED NATIVES. THE KEYSTONE STATE. Their Killed in the Engagement Reported To Be Up In the Thousands. A cablegram from Manila states that care ful estimates place the Flipino losses in the fighting there at 2,000 dead, 3,500 wounded

and 5,000 prisoners. The Filipinos have been driven back ten miles.

General Otis' official report shows that Sa Americans were killed, 41 were wounded and two were missing. Besides these two were wounded on the monitor Monadaock,

making a total of 43 who received wounds. Col. William C. Smith, of the First Tennessee, died of apoplexy while leading his A cablegram received in Washington from

Admiral Dewey caused naval officers to believe that there had been a renewal of the

tacked Manila." Secretary Alger is of the opinion that this dispatch was delayed and that it referred to the fighting of Saturday and Sunday. The Filipino junta at Hong Kong alleger

that the fighting at Manila was only an "outpost skirmish" intended to influence action on the peace treaty.

London, Eng., (By Cable.)-The Morning Post publishes the following account of the fighting at Maplia:

"The immediate cause of the attack was the advance by two Filipinos to the Nebraska outpost, on the northeastern limits of the city. When ordered to hait they refused and the sentry fired. An insurgent

signal gun was then fired from Blockhouse 7, and an attack was immediately begun on the Nebraska Regiment, which was encamped.

"The fighting soon spread on both sides President of February 3, 1899, a court of in- until firing was in progress on all the outquiry, to consist of the following-named of- posts around the city. The American troops fleers, is hereby appointed to meet in this responded vigorously, the insurgent fire being heavy and the attack evidently hurriedly planned.

"Firing continued throughout the night, with an occasional cessation of from half an

At daybreak the warships Charleston and Saliao began shelling the north side of the The court is hereby directed to investigate rity. Their fire was followed later by that certain allegations of the major-general of the Monadnock, on the southern side, the commanding the army in respect to the un- insurgent positions having been previously

furnished by the subsistence department to The Filipino loss is reported to have been the troops in the field during the recent op-erations in Cuba and Porto Rico. In addi-are now estimated at 206. Few Americans tion to its findings of fact, the court will were killed. The Americans began a vigorsubmit an opinion upon the merits of the sus advance all along the line and were case, together with such recommendations soon pressing back the insurgents in every as to further proceedings as may seem to be direction, maintaining steadily their adwarranted by the facts developed in the vanced positions and capturing the villages of San Juan del Monte, Santa Mesa and

for the purpose herein indicated, and upon The spiendid police system prevented a the adjournment of the court will return to general outbreak in the city, though several their proper stations. The travel epjoined soldiers were attacked by natives in the streets, Lieutenant Charles Hogan and Sergeant Wall were shot by three natives, the former being seriously wounded, and the latter slightly. Lieutenaht-Colonel Col-

Soon after receiving the order from the son was attacked by a native with a sword President as to the convening of this court while riding in a carriage to the front. He Adjutant-General Corbin took immediate lilied his assailant with his revolver. A steps for its execution, notifying each of the sharpshooter within the American lines shot members of the court by telegraph of his and killed a sergeant while he was sitting at appointment and instructed all to be in a window of the Second reserve Hospital. Washington on or before the date fixed for Col. William C. Smith died of apoplexy. Many of the insurgents were driven into the

General Wade, who is the president of the Pasig River and drowned. Several hundred

He was president of the Cuban evacuation statements are made:

ements have proved a veri

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts

INSANE BADLY HOUSED.

Deplorabe Condition of Affairs Shown by Report of the Board of Trustees in the Hospital at Harrisburg-Young Woman Ends Her Life Without Known Motive-Sledding Mishap on Steep Hill.

The report of the State Insane Hospital, near Harrisburg, has just been made public and shows a lamentable condition of affairs caused by overcrowding. The Board of Trustees anneunce that thus far not a penny of the \$150,000 appropriated by the previous Legislature for additional buildings, conditioned to such time as there would be sufficient money in the State Treasury, has been received, and that, therefore, ground could not be broken for these long-needed structures. The trustees further say in their report: "The present Board of Trustees request State aid during 1899 and 1900 for the following purpose: To build a chapel, the want of which is keenly felt both as a place of worship and room in which to entertain the patients. To build two nurses' homes, one for the male and another for the female attendants. At present they have no place wherein to seek rest from the strain of their arduous duties. Their sleeping quarters are immediately in the wards with the patients, where, by reason of the crowded condition, four and five are compelled to occupy a siagle room, thus allowing them no privacy nor moment's freedom from their surroundings, except such as they can get out doors when off duty, and that not always possible by reason of the weather; to build kitchens that will be properly arranged for distributing the food to the various dining halis connected with the wards. The present kitchen, answering for all, is removed at a considerable distance from all the wards, necessitating carrying the food through long corridors and in many instances through the length of the wards to reach the dining halls, thereby causing the food to grow cold, despite every effort to keep it warm, and this is another consequence of the miserable and antiquated buildings made to do service when long past their day of usefulness. To make these improvements we ask the following State sid: Chapel, \$30,0.0; two nurses' homes, \$60,000; gitchens, \$30,000; additional land, \$15,000. The additional land it is desired to purchase adjoins our property, which the board deem it the part of wisdom and foresight to acquire now, when it can be gotten at a reasonable figure. and which will add greatly to the support

Phoenixville Silk Mill.

of the institution."

The big Phoenixville slik mili, just completed, began work with about 25 operators, who have all been taught slik ribbon making in the textile school started here some months ago. The mill has a capacity of 400 to 500 operatives, and employment will be given to additional hands from time to time. The mill, one of the finest in the State, was built by Messre. Johnson, Cowdin & Co., Paterson, N. J., in co-operation with the Phoenixville Industrial Association, at a cost, including machinery, of \$200,000. The mill will manufacture silk ribbons.

make his land a little better every year instead of making it a little poorer. The nearer the farmer can get to independence of other farmers the better for him.

"In these days we cannot, of course, become independent of the factory and weave our cloth, knit our socks, and all that; but pose in the way of terms. there is no reason why the South should not produce all the grain it needs and have money crops, too.

"The time has come when the intelligent management of the farm promises as well as any other vocation in life. It will beat politics and be a neck ahead of the professions when all things are considered. Intelligent management of the farm comprehends the training of your labor to do what is most profitable to you and what will add most to the comfort of the worker.

"Your laborers can be taught to milk cows and care for them, grow the crops they require, feed the calves and run the separator, churn and butter worker, pack the but. ter and market it, make cheese under your the opinion is expressed by men here who supervision, care for sheep and lambs, shear them in season and become as expert along these lines as they now are with cotton.

"This diversification of farm work wil bring money to the States from consumers in our large citles. It will create a demand for farm literature and become an educative process that will lead along over pleasant paths to more productive fields, better farm conveniences, more comfortable houses and higher ideals of life."

### NATIONAL FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

J. C. Wilborn, of South Carolina, Chosen Freaident. Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The Na-

tional Farmers' Alliance and Industria; Union has completed a two days' session here during which many questions of interest have been discussed.

The convention adopted a platform re affirming the demands made at former gatherings and also made a plea for extension of the rural free delivery postal service. Officers were elected as follows:

South Carolina.

Vice-President-J. J. Miller, Waynesboro, Penneyivania.

Secretary-Treasurer-A, B, Welch, Victory, N. Y.

Executive Committee-John Breiney. Junction, W. Va.; C. W. Cravit, Mandana, N. Y.; D. P. Duncan, Columbia, S. C., and W. A. Garduer, Andrews Settlement, Pa.

#### FIELD OF LABOR.

New York has 4,000 drag clerks. Bussia announces glass skates. South Dakota has 200 creameries. Brooklyn hasn't a morning paper. Havana contains one soap factory. New York unionists talk of forming a la-

bor political party. New York has a Church Association for the advancement of labor.

The next convention of the Bricklayers' Union will be held in Rochester.

The initiation fee of the New York Gold Beaters' Union has been reduced to \$1. A bill before the New York Legislature re-

quires barbers to jass an examination The draft of a measure providing for the

taxation of churches that rent their auditorjums for entertainments is now in the hands of the District of Columbia Commissioners and will soon be presented to Congress.

Assemblyman O'Connell has introduced a bill in the New York Legislature requiring employers to maintain a repository for mechanics' tools or be liable for their value if lost from place of employment.

to turn his attention to industries that will mission that he had realized his terrible mistake. It is entirely improbable that he will be

able to restore anything like the status quo.

that he had given the General no instructions since the battle, and saw no reason for giving any. He realized, he said, that Generai Otis being on the ground and having proved his fitness, was in better position to Havana harbor tragedy. deal with the situation than any one in mission therefore to do anything, he would granted permission immediately. "Should he ask for instructions on any anniversary of the Maine disaster. point," said Secretary Alger, "he will be

told to exercise his own discretion."

In this view of the case it will be seen that no one here can tell at present how Ouis will act toward Aguinaldo's application. But know General Otis' experience with the Indians, that he will make the laying down of arms the condition of dealing with the insurgents at all, and if that condition is met. of course it will mean a speedler termination of the rebellion.

#### They Feared Wildman.

dependence fund last June, was to prevent Cuevas. his appointment upon the special committee

to inquire into the needs and wishes of the Filtpinos, as the committee feared that his knowledge might be damaging.

#### Blames the Americans.

London, Eng., (By Cable.)-The Filipino Junta here has received a telegram from Agoncilio, the agent of Aguinaldo, "deploring the hostilities, which have had the effect President-J. C. Wilborn, of Old Point, of securing the ratification of the peace treaty. Agoncillo also says he believes the out-

break was provoked by the Americans in order to insure the ratification of the treaty, and declares that the Filipinos, "far from being the aggressors, were taken by surprise and were unprepared."

#### Sending Spaniards Home.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-The repatriation of the Spanish troops in the Philippines is now being prosecuted with energy. General Otis has notified the Department that he had in Manila recently 5,600 prisoners to return to Spain.

Of these 2,000 have already been shipped, and of the remaining 5,600 he proposes to ship 120 officers and 1,800 men on two of the steamers now at Manila.

### Bank for Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, (Special.)-A rep-Muller, Schall & Co., of New York, has filed an application with Governor-General Henry for permission to establish an American bank here.

Will Not Ship Coin to Spain.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-It is stated at the Treasury Department that no concluion has yet been reached as to the method of paying to Spain the \$20,000,000 called for by the treaty of peace. It is altogether improbable this government will ship gold coin, as it would unnecessarily involve great risk and heavy expense.

New Battle-shi Keel to be Laid on Anniversary of Explosion.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special.)-The keel of or to obtain anything like the same terms at the new battle-ship Maine, the contract for were possible last week. No one here now the construction of which was a few months knows just what General Otls intends to im- ago awarded to the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, will in all probability be laid on Secretary Alger repeated his statement. February 15, the anniversary of the explosion in Havana harbor. The Messre, Cramp have been in receipt of many requests to 'remember the Maine" by laying the keel of her namesake on the anniversary of the

The Cramps furthermore announce that Washington. Should the General ask per- sflorts will be pushed in every manner possible to have the new battle-ship ready to be launched on February 15, 1900, the second

## CABINET OFFICER REMOVED.

Gen. Henry Calls for the Resignation of His Secretary of the Interior.

San Juan de Porto Rico, (By Cable.)-Owing to the general dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Department of the Interior by Dr. Carbonell, the Secretary of the department, Maj. Gen. Henry has called for his resignation, which has been tendered and accepted.

The affairs of the department have been temporarily intrusted to other officials. London, Eng., (By Cable.)-A dispatch members of the military administration and from Hongkong says that the purpose of the of the colonial cabinet. There will be no suit recently brought there by the Filipino appointment of a successor to Dr. Carbonell committee against the United States Consul, for several days, but the names of Senores Rounsevelle Wildman, to recover the sum Fellpe Cuevas, of Mayaguez, and Herminio of \$47,000, which the Filipinos claim was Diaz and Julio Larrinags, of San Juan, are deposited with him as treasurer of their in- urged upon the Governor, who favors Senor

## CYCLONE DOWN IN ALABAMA.

#### Houses and Railroad Cars Demolished, but no one Killed.

Birmingham, Aia., (Special.)-A heavy balistorm raged at Morris, in the upper part of this county. This seemed to start a cyclone and a path 500 yards wide was mowed for several miles. Trees, telegraph poles, houses, railroad cars and fences were blown down. Several people are reported injured, but, as far as known here, no one was killed.

At Dale, a stone quarry camp, tweive houses and a building commissary were leveled. Several people were badly injured. Railroad cars were blown off the track, and ome of them propelled a mile away.

One mile above Village Springs the cyclone olew down Lige Bowden's house, seriously njuring him and slightly injuring his fam ly. The storm seemed to break against a mountain at this point and was dissipated.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Paris police have arrested a former leutenant of infantry named Durand, whom Spanish transportation company's they charge with revealing military secrets. to a foreign government,

> American capital is seeking more extensive avestments in Mexico.

A mass-meeting in London, attended by 0,000 persons, sent a telegram to the Queen sking that steps be taken to suppress ritalistic tendencies in the Church of Eng-

The Spanish cabinet has decided to abolb the ministry of the colonies. It is reported in London that France is

egotiating with French and British finaners for a loan of from \$40,000,000 to \$50,-

The Canadian Grand Trunk Railway and s telegraph operators have accepted an ward of arbitrators which will increase the ay of about five hundred men.

to at table slaughter for the Flipinos, their kiliof the Department of Dakota.

General Davis is lieutenant-colonel of the ed being reported as amounting to thou-Ninth Regular Infantry, and as brigadier- sands. The American forces could scarcely general of volunteers is now in command have been better disposed. It is now known of the military department of Pinar Del Rio, that the attack was fully expected, and that every preparation had Leen made to meet Cuba.

Colonel Gillespie is one of the most dis- the contingency. tinguished officers of the engineer corps | Fire slackened at noon Sunday, the enemy and for some time has been in charge of being apparently demoralized. river and harbor works in the vicinity of

New York city. Col. George B. Davis, recorder of the reigns in the city. More than 100 wounded court, served as judge-advocate of the Eagan Filipinos, taken from the trenches, are being court-martial and is professor of law at cared for in the American hospitals. West Point.

This court of inquiry, it is said by persons MANGLED UNDER TRAIN WHEELS. versed in military jurisprudence, will be directed in its investigations against a state dorrible Death of Two Women Driving of affairs and not against a person, for although General Miles is named as the au-

thor of certain allegations in the formal order, it is these allegations, and not General Miles that is the subject of inquiry. The on courts of inquiry provides that they may be appointed to inquire into allegations against, or the conduct of, an officer or an enlisted man, but nothing is said about an

inquiry into a state of things.

No Reflection on Commission. It is not regarded as any reflection upon the war commission that another tribunat is now to undertake the investigation of a subject that was inquired into by that commission. The fact is that the commission had no legal power in its proceedings and Stabs Brother Four Times and Then Atits findings have no legal weight. It was intended to satisfy the President himself and the American public concerning the conduct of the War Department, and the quality of the food supply was only an incidental branch of the investigation. On the other hand, the court of inquiry has as much power legally to get at the exact truth as can be conferred by the Executive and can initiate proceedings which will lead to the punishment of any persons guilty of wrongdoings in connection with the subject which

it is specially charged to investigate.

#### CHINESE REBELS VICTORIOUS.

They Defeat Japanese Troops in a Handto-Hand Fight. Vancouver, B. C., (By Cable.)-The steam er Empress of Japan, which has arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, brings a report that Chinese rebels recently raided that city.

Kuel-Fu. About the middle of January a battle octhe Japanese troops at Talpehfo. The engagement resulted in a victory for the rel-

and coming to close quarters, fought hand- anyone. to-hand for three hours. Hundreds were cut down, and when the Japanese were finally beaten back they loft between 350 and 4.0 dead on the field. The rebel loss did not reach 100.

Advancing after their victory, the rebels captured Tzu Lan, about seven or eight miles from Lopeb. The inhabitants were terrorized, and there was a rush to Amoya for salety.

Several hundred children under the care of Roman Catholics were seized and drowned.

#### 4,000 WORDS A MINUTE.

New Company Formed to Revolutionize the Telegraph Business. Cleveland, Ohio, (Special.)-The Crehore-squire Company, of this city, has been inporated, with a capital stock of \$1,000,-000, to conduct a telegraph business.

Aguinaldo's private secretary has been arrested as a spy in Manila. Perfect quiet now

Across Bailroad Tracks.

Rochester, N. Y., (Special.)-While Mrs. Philip Synder and a lady friend were driving across the West shore tracks at Bergen a fast train crashed into their carriage. only regulation in the army manual bearing smashing it and instantly killing the two in her father's carriage house. No motive women.

> Mrs. Snyder was horribly mangled, and tracks a considerable distance from the

apparently struck first and hurled into the air and feil outside the tracks.

MANIAC WIELDS HIS KNIFE.

tacks Father and Mother.

Chicago, Ill., (Special.)-In a midnight struggle with his manlas brother James, Anton Pinchen, a farmer living near Cary. Iil., was stabbed eight times. In a subsequest battle a few hours later, the madman attack d his aged mother and father, who, because of their advanced age, may not recover from the injuries inflicted. James Pichen was taken to Eigin and put in the asylum.

## ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The Prince of Wales is fond of candy, but the Princess dotes on apples.

Andrews' leg was broken and he received Thomas F. Pendel, a White House guard, internal injuries. has been on duty for S4 years.

J. Eads How, of St. Louis, heir to \$1,000,-103, is leading a life of voluntary poverty in

wildly excited over an alleged discovery of sliver ore on the farm of G. H. Paulhamus, Queen Victoria, in spite of the fact that she has had to bear more than her share of Prospectors have been at work there, and curred between the Chinese insurgents and troubles, has only fainted four times in her they claim to have struck a vein of rich sil-

Aguinaldo, head of the Philippine insurels, who, after succeeding by their flank gents, is said to be a born leader. He takes movements in dodging the Japanese fire the initiative in everything, never consulting of Scranton, slipped on the ice and fell upon a spear-pointed iron fence in front of Man-

Judge Rose, the new Senator from Vermont, paid his way through Dartmouth Coilege by teaching for several years previous in the roadside schools among the Green Mountains.

George Manville Fenn, the novelist, now one of the busiest literary men, started his career at a compositor in a small printing fice in Shoe lane.

Professor Gardner, one of the instructors at Groton School, Groton, Conn., has preented the school with \$75,10 , to be used or building a new chapel.

ninutes. One horse was killed and the Verdi intimates that the four sacred comwagon demolished. ositions that he made known about six nonths ago contained the last that he feit Anthony Klovicki, formerly a lieutenant in the Russian army, and banished on ac-

was within him to compose, King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has onferred the Order of Vasa on August Peterson, of Washington, in recognition of his services in founding colonies of his countrynen in America

#### Will Rebuild Nail Works.

The F. A. Godeharies Nail Works Company has concluded to rebuild its plant recentiy destroyed by fire at Milton. It is one of the largest nall factories in Central Pennsylvania. The Borough Council has agreed to exempt the company from local taxes for the term of five years. The majority of the men who were thrown out of work by the disaster have been given steady employment ever since at the Watsontown Nail Factory. The Lewisburg Nall Works have been purchased and will be added to the plant.

#### Hanged Herself In Shed.

Miss Elizabeth D. Sahm, the 18-year-old daughter of Auron G. Sabm, a farmer residing near Hamaker's Mill, in Manheim Township, committed suicide by hanging herself for the act can be found. She had not been In ill-health or depressed spirits. She left pieces of human flesh were found along the 1 ome in the morning, ostensibly to visit a neighbor, but went immediately to the wreck. The body of Mrs. Snyder's friend wagon shed and hanged herself, her body was picked up about 300 feet away, and was not being found until late in the afternoon.

Child Burned to Death,

Helen, the 3-year-old daughter of Jacob

Winner, who resides in Morgan Valley, hear

Jersey Shore, was fatally burned. She was

engaged in playing near a stove and her

lothing caught fire. Her mother, who was

in the room at the time, rushed to her as-

sistance, but the child was so thoroughing

Coasted to His Death.

Shirley Andrews, aged 22, of Grandville

Centre, died at the hospital at Williamsport

from injuries received while coasting. The

roung man, with a number of companions,

control of the sled and ran into a fence,

Found Silver in Lycoming.

The residents of Anthony Township are

ver ore 100 rods in length and 300 feet wide.

Fatal Fall on the Ice.

gan's Hotel, on Lackawanna Avenue, and

received injuries that will probably result in

als death. The picket ran into his neck, just

Horse and Driver Killed by Train.

As the northbound Pennsylvania passen-

rer train was descending the heavy grade

rom Buffalo Mills, near Wolfsburg, it struck

wagon driven by James Hazelet, injuring

im so badly that they died within a fer

Fatally Hurt by Fall of Cont.

Shamokin. He is 35 years old and unmarris

ed by a fall of coal at Excelsior

below the chin, making a terrible gash.

Vincent O'Hara, a prominent contractor

was going down a steep hill when they lost

enveloped in flames that her efforts we

Iruitless.