THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW ON WHEELS.

President McKinley Starts on His Long Trip Westward.

WARM WELCOMES IN VIRGINIA.

President Looked Well, and the Journey Was Begun Under Agreeable Auspices--The Train Heavy With the Fragrance of Beautiful Flowers, Which Made It Look a Fairy Bower.

The Presidents' trip will extend through 25 States. It will pass over 10,500 miles of railroad tracks.

It will take 48 days. It will be shared by 80 persons, 40 of

whom are servants. The other 40 include the Cabinet offi-cials, their families and other guests. Six reporters, four photographers, two telegraphers and three stenographers are taken along.

Eight finely furnished car's make up the special train. Of these the most magnificent is the Olympia, in which the President rides.

Bristol, Tenn. (Special).-The first day of the President's tour to the Pacific Coast lay through an historic section in Virginia, across the valleys of the Rapidan and James, in sight of the homes of Madison and Jefferson, up past the Peaks of Otter, so dear to the heart of the Virginian, into the picturesuqe Blue Ridge Mountains. The Tennessee line was reached at 10.55 p. m. with the arrival of the train at Bristol. The route as far as Lynchburg was over the Southern Railway. There the train was shifted to the tracks of the Norfolk and Western for a short cut to Bristol, where it resumed its flight over the Southern road. The Presidential party received a flattering ovation from the time the train left Washington. Large crowds assembled at every station; the country side and crossroads each had its little group of waving watchers straining their eyes to catch a glimpse of the Chief Magistrate as the train whisked by. At Charlottes-ville the students of the University of Virginia turned out; at Lynchburg, Senator Daniel, Virginia's crack orator, made a speech greeting the President, and at Roanoke two bands crashed out their welcome. At each of these places the President responded to the loud calls made upon him and spoke briefly from the rear plaform of his car.

If the reception through Virginia is an indication of what is to occur throughout the rest of the trip, the President's tour across the continent will be a triumphal one. Some of the people in their eagerness to grasp the President's hand clambered up the railing surrounding the platform. The President received these demonstrations good naturedly, and never failed smilingly to grasp their hands.

Real Tragedy in a Play.

Burnsville, N. C. (Special).—While playing the tragedy "Last Upon the in the closing exercises of the Stanley McCormick High School, at Burnsville, a real tragedy was enacted, without a license. when R. N. McInturf, one of the students, was shot and killed by Baccus Bailey, another student, both representing characters in the play. When it became necessary for Bailey in his role to defend himself with a revolver against a drawn knife in the hands of McInturf, he used by mistake a loaded pistol, instead of the one with blanks, and in the presence of several hundred people Mc-Inturf was shot dead on the stage.

Department Store Burus.

Pittsburg (Special).-Fire at the corner of Carson and Seventeenth streets, of mental incapacity. south side, caused a property loss estimated at \$225,000, consumed over a dozen buildings and rendered a score of families homeless. The flames were discovered in the basement of the fourstory department store of George E. Lorch & Bro., and in a short time the entire building was burning furiously. It was in ruins within thirty minutes. A panic ensued among the customers and employees, which resulted in a report that eight persons had perished.

More Gushers in Texas.

The first is on what is known as the losses, into Shansi. Gladys City property, owned by the J. M. Guffey Company. It is close to the other gushers. The other well is owned tary of state and that Cardinal Ferrata at Boksburg. by the Texas and Colorado Illuminat- will succeed him. ing Company. It is of importance chiefly because it widens the oil circle. being furthest from the original Lucas

Fire Follows Explosion.

Ashtabula, Ohio (Special).-Robbers blew open the safe in the store of Richards & Herrick, occupying a large frame building on Main street. Fire quickly broke out after the explosion of dynamite. The Richards & Herrick building was totally destroyed, as was also an adjoining business house, the losses aggregating \$20,000. What the robbers secured is not yet known.

Will Make McKinley an LL. D.

Boston (Special.)—At a meeting of the board of overseers of Harvard University held here, the question of granting the degree of Doctor of Laws to President William McKinley was taken up informally, and the sentiment expressed was unanimously in favor of the step. The matter will come up for formal action at a meeting of the overseers just, before commencement in June, according to the usual custom.

Albany, N. Y. (Special).—Governor Odell has signed the bill reapportioning the State for Congressional Line of Mrs. Bloomfield Moore.

The flagship Brooklyn with A to the control of Mrs. Bloomfield Moore. the State for Congressional districts, able Remey on board, arrived at Syd-

Planter Shot by a Negro.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).-Vernon Watson, 25 years old, a prosperous and popular planter of Anderson county and Exchange. a member of an influential family, hearing that Charlie Owens, a negro tenant, sold at \$140 Friday, the highest price aged 18, had stolen a pig and was going ever reached. to move off the place that night, went to Owens' house. The negro boy's mother have elected Alexander Miller secretary. barred the way, while Owens, standing Mr. Miller is also secretary of the behind her, fired at Watson with a shotgun. The entire load tore through the shot him in the back, killing him,

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

Judge Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, in New York, granted a divorce to Frederick Allien, whose wife had se-cured a divorce in Dakota, the judge holding that the Dakota divorce was

worthless Mabel Strong, who ran away from Cleveland with Charles W. Wildrick, is dying in a New York hotel, while Wildrick is in jail on the charge of beating hotel.

At the Wynne Coke Works, near Uniontown, Pa., eight colored men and two colored women brutally assaulted Hiram McMiller, white, and his wife. Henry Freeman was arrested in Salina, Kan., on suspicion of having mur-dered Frederick Kinney, of Salina,

Kan., who disappeared in August., The Philadelphia delegation in the Legislature adopted a resolution favoring the removal of the State Capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

The men employed in the shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad have asked for a reduction in the hours of labor

The Dorothy Coal and Coke Plant, at Latrobe, Pa., was destroyed by fire and several miners are reported killed. The McCarton family, which had been

living in Philadelphia in style, without paying anybody, disappeared.
Mrs. Carrie Nation was released from ail temporarily, to attend the funeral of her brother, at Lewisburg, Kan.

Joseph Norris, a prominent dentist. died while sitting at the bedside of his sick wife, in Charlottesville, Va. The fifteenth annual convention of the Theosophical Society in America was

held at Indianapolis. A cat that had overturned a lamp in Philadelphia and set herself on fire set

James Douglas Reid, known as "The Father of the Telegraph," died at his home in New York.

Joseph E. Widener, son of the Philadelphia traction magnate, was fatally injured by the overturning of a coach on which he and other wealthy young men

The sealing schooner Enterprise arrived at Victoria, B. C., with the flag at half-mast, two of her hunters having been drowned, while a third died on the

Rev. Frank H. Gunsaulus delivered oration at the Grant anniversary celebration in Galena, Ill., and severely denounced the disfranchisement of the

The members of Harvard Alumni who object to the university granting a de-gree of LL.D. to President McKinley mailed 7,000 copies of the protest to

Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of Emanuel Smith, who lives near Gettysburg, Pa., committed suicide by drowning herself in Rock Creek.

Minister Conger said in San Francisco that he had been assured his course in China had been entirely satisfactory to the President.

John Broderick, a Baltimore crook was sentenced in Hanover, Pa., to the penitentiary for receiving stolen goods. Rev. Robert Julien, a well-known Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Bordentown, N. I.

W. A. Thompson, colored, was fined \$100 for selling liquor at Downing, Va.,

Harry Davenport, the comedian, and hyllis Rankin, the actress, daughter of McKee Rankin, tried to get married in ondon, but the registrar refused to tie the knot until he learned more of the history of the couple. Davenport's first from their trucks. wife secured a divorce only two weeks

Rights of Man to aid in securing the re-lease of the former Sultan, Mourad, who was deposed in 1876 on the ground

Li Hung Chang has congratulated United States Commissioner Rockhill on the stand taken by the Americans in the matter of indemnity

was murdered and his body eaten by tinue very active. cannibals on the Island of New Britain, In the Kroons off the coast of Papua.

Prince of Wales Light Horse, but reaccoutrements. Field Marshall von Waldersee reports

more oil gushers were brought in here, and forced them to retire, with heavy It is reported that Cardinal Rampolla

> Count Cornulier was acquitted in Paris, where he was tried for killing his wife as she was leaving the house of M. Leroux, her lawyer.

Germany claims that her expenses in indemnity claims-240,000,000 marks. Robert S. McCormick, of Illinois, the Feester, new American Minister to Austria-Hun-

arrived ot Budapest. Masked robbers secured 30,000 francs office in Paris.

Eighteen miners were killed and seven injured in a fire-damp disaster at Mons, Belgium. Austria and Mexico are about to resume diplomatic relations, after a long

separation. The will of D'Oyly Carte, filed in London, leaves an estate of £240.817.

opened in Venice. gregational Union, London, expressed sympathy with Roman Catholics under what he called the "despicable insult" inflicted on them by the oath of acces-

The London Court decided that the Swedish Count Reinhold Edward von proceeded indicates that they were fa-

The districts now number 37, instead ney and was warmly welcomed by the of 34, as under the census of 1890. crews of the other warships.

A bona fide offer of \$70,000 has been made for a seat on the New York Stock United States Government 4s. 1925.

The directors of the Southern Pacific

Mr. Miller is also secretary of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Negotiations are said to be in progwoman's arm, only slightly wounding ress looking to the consolidation of Watson. The planter turned, and Owens Chicago and Eastern Illinois with the St. Louis Southwestern,

BIG STEAMSHIP

LINES COMBINE.

Morgan Forms One of the World's Greatest Ocean Deals.

HE IS AIDING THE STEEL TRUST.

Morgan & Co. Buy the Leyland Line, Wh'ch

Will Be Consolidated With the Atlantic Transport Company -- A Step in the Combining of Transatlantic Shipping-The Leyland Fleet Numbers About Sixty Ships.

some of the biggest transatlantic ship-ping interests has been accomplished by the purchase by J. Pierpont Morgan & drawn over his face shouted, "Let her of the Leyland Line of steamers. go! A deposit on the purchase money has been paid.

receive £14 10s. for each £10 share.

is one of Great Britain's greatest shipping institutions, far exceeding the Peinsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in tonnage and importance. It is reported, in connection with the

Carnegie declared that the high rates on ocean freight were now the chief obon ocean freight were now the chief obstacle in the way of building up the American export trade, he added: "I will not rest satisfied until I have done something to beat them down to a proper figure.

in London, said: I may see Carnegie. He and I have trials in common.'

The foregoing seems to suggest that Carnegie and Morgan are in a deal to control transatlantic shipping. The News, in commenting on Morgan's purchase, says:

'It is a pity that this line, which exceeds in tonnage all but one English line, should pass into hands which, from their control of American railways, are in a position to outbid other British Atlantic lines. We have reason to understand that Mr. Morgan intends further shipping purchases, and that his combinations will have serious consequences for British trade and shipping. A representative of the Associated Press learned that the purchase of the Leyland Line is tantamount to its consolidation with the Atlantic Transport

EXPRESS WRECKED.

The Fireman Badly Injured and the Engineer Scalded.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).-The vestibuled Chicago flyer, leaving Detroit at 1.10 o'clock over the Pere Marquette Western Division, was ditched at Sunfield, 112 miles out, by the rails spreading. The injured: William Gossett, Grand Rapids, fireman, internally, probably fatal; Hank Fuller, engineer, scald-ed, serious; J. G. Lemon, Sunfield, hand badly cut by thrusting it through a window; Mrs. C. Percy and daughter, Grand Rapids, slightly.

The train was going 50 miles an hour. when suddenly the engine careened and thrown across the tracks, being torn

The breaking of connections in the go.

The Ottoman Liberal Committee has scalded Engineer Fuller. Fireman Gos-

BOERS STILL ACTIVE.

Take 25 Prisoners Whom They Disarm and Then Liberate.

London (By Cable) .- Lord Kitchen- Bryan Says He Would Not Be Editing a Paper Herr Mercke, a German millionaire, down the Boers, who, however, con-

coutrements, they liberated.

On the other hand, Colonel Plumer's Beaumont, Tex. (Special). - Two Chinese by the Great Wall on April 23 including the notorious Transvaal including the notorious Transvaal State engineer, Munnick, who planned the destruction of the Johannesburg mines in the spring of last year, and his father, who was formerly landrost

Five Men Buried Alive.

Springfield, Mo. (Special).-Rosebud Mine, at Aurora, caved in and buried five men at a depth of 110 feet. It may be a month before they can be reached. China already exceed the amount of her The victims are Grant and William Shane, Elmer Bigler, John Gilland and

HEAD SEVERED BY ROPE. Unexpected Scene at Execution of Train-Robber Thomas Ketchum.

Clayton, N. M. (Special).-Thomas .Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the outaw who had terrorized people of the Southwest for 15 years, was hanged here for train robbery. His head was severed from the body

by the rope, as if by a guillotine. The headless trunk pitched toward the spectators and blood spattered upon those nearest the scaffold.

The execution took place inside a stockade built for the occasion. There were 150 witnesses. When Ketchum mounted the scaffold a priest stood at his side, for he had consented to spirit London (By Cable).-The first step ual attendance at the last moment. He in the direction of the consolidation of declined to make a speech, muttered "Good bye," then said, "Please dig my grave very deep," and as the cap was

When the drop was sprung the body shot through the trap and the head was The officials of the Leyland Line, in torn from the trunk by the tremendous confirming the sale, say that an official statement will be issued from the head office of the line, at Liverpool. It is groaned and others turned away unable understood that the shareholders will to endure the sight. For a few seconds the body was allowed to lie half doubled The Leyland Line, whose fleets will up on its right side, with blood pouring thus pass into the control of Americans, from the arteries, as the heart kept up its mechanical beating. Then the officers rushed down and lifted the body.

Life was pronounced extinct in five minutes from the time the body dropped through the trap. It was decided that purchase of the Leyland Line by J. the drop of seven feet with the running Pierpont Morgan that, when Andrew noose was too great for so heavy a man noose was too great for so heavy a man intended the execution and himself sprung the trap.

SUCCESS WITH BEET SUGAR

Pierpont Morgan, when he arrived Thirteen New Factories Contemplated Throughout the Country.

> Washington (Special) .- C. F. Saylor, of Iowa, the special agent in charge of the beet sugar investigation of the Department of Agriculture, is in Washington and has submitted his report to Secretary Wilson.

He says this year shows a very active tendency toward the institution of new beet sugar enterprises. Next autumn, he says, Michigan will have three new factories, and Ohio, Indiana, New York, Colorado, Utah, South and North Dakota and Ilkinois will also install new factories, making thirteen throughout the United States now in contemplation. A conservative estimate, he says, is that there will be forty-two beet sugar factories in operation throughout the United States by the end of next Au-tumn. Everything indicates that the ndustry is thoroughly established throughout the country.

FIVE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Babe Born During the Fire Perishes With Its Mother. Houston, Texas (Special).-In a fire which destroyed a livery stable and three residences here, five persons were

burned to death-Joe Copping, a florist, his wife and three children. A negro has been arrested on the charge of having started the fire to get revenge on employer for having discharged In the ruins were found the bodies of the victims, among them being an infant which had been born to ping during the progress of the fire. The body was found with its mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hopper jumped plunged into a bank, and the cars were from the burning building and both were badly injured. The fire started in a livery stable over which several families ived, and the building was a mass of

appealed to the French League of the sett was probably fatally hurt by being escaped from the building, and says she saw the Copping family run back into their rooms from the hallway, and that was the last seen of them alive.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

If He Had Further Aspirations.

In the Kroonstad district they recently derailed two trains and captured says in effect that he has no intention of The Boers capured 25 men of the after a severe fight 25 men of the Prince seeking a third nomination for the Prince of Wales Light Horse, but re-lesed them after taking their horses and stripping them of their horses and ac-is in answer to an article in an eastern paper speculating on his plans as a political leader. Mr. Bryan said: "I am not planning for another presiden-tial nomination—if I were I would not be editing a paper. If I ever become a candidate again it will be because it seems necessary for the advancement of the principles to which I adhere, and that does not now seem probable. shall, however, take an interest in politics for several years yet if I live.

Carnegle's Gift to New York. Albany, N. Y. (Special).-Governor Odell has signed the bill which authorizes New York city to accept the \$5 .-200,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie for a free library system.

Masked robbers secured 30,000 francs from the American Express Company's AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY OFFICES ROBBED IN PARIS.

Paris (By Cable).-Three masked nothing of the burglars, in spite of the burglars entered the American Express fact that the latter worked loudly, and Company's office here, surprised the that the sound of the explosions was

The manner in which the burglars miliar with the arangements of the of-The street door was opened with the proper key, as the lock, which is long frontage facing the opera house, equal to a safe lock, was not scratched. It was opened about a year are It was opened about a year ago. An astounding feature of the bur- reading rooms are much used by Ameriglary is that the policemen heard or saw I can travelers.

Burglars Dynamite a Bank.

Mail Carrier Arrested.

the robbers.

Four Men Buried Alive.

The street door of the express com-

pany's office was also left open by the

burglars for over three hours, without

the police noticing it. Yet the office is located in the center of Paris and is sur-

John Munroe's American bank is only

few paces distant. The express company's office has a

ounded by business houses.

Frederick, Md. (Special).-Michael Toledo, Ohio (Special).-The bank at Pioneer, Williams county, 40 miles from Kearns, Michael Coyne, two foremen, and Archer Frazier and Douglass here, was entered by burglars during Friday night. The vault was wrecked by dynamite and the sum of \$1000 is said to be missing. There is no clue to the Mt. Airy tunnel were buried alive by the earth caving in Saturday, and thus far three of their dead bodies have Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special.)-Postbeen recovered. The body of Michael office Inspector Keyes has reported to Kearns is still in the debris, and it is the department the arrest of Archibald thought that several other men have Free, a Star route carrier, charged with been killed, as they cannot be accounted robbing the mails at Newport, Tenn.

CHINESE ROUTED BY THE GERMAN TROOPS.

A Number of German Officers and Men Wounded.

BATTLES NEAR SHANSI BORDER.

The German Forces Commanded by General Kettler and the Chinese by General Liu--The Chinese Driven Back Over the Wall After a Stubborn Resistance-- The Germans Storm a Bastion.

Berlin (By Cable) .- The German War Office has received the following advices from Count von Waldersee, dated Pekin, April 27:

"Three engagements occurred April 23 and a fourth April 24 at the Great Wall between four columns under General Kettler and the Chinese troops under General Lou. The Chinese were everywhere defeated, and, after a stubborn resistance, were forced back over the wall, being pursued as far as Ku-Our casualties were four officers wounded and three men killed and 32 wounded. The French troops were not engaged.

Subsequently the following additional dispatch regarding the four engagements was received from Count von Walder-

"The following reports from Pekin arrived last night, owing to the difficulty of comunication

"General Kettler's brigade, reinforced, marched in four columns against the Great Wall, Colonel Ledebur's being the right wing; then those commanded by Colonel Hoffmeister, Colonel Wallmerich and Major Huehlenfels. Ledebur mental-John Holland. National Mili-reached the wall April 24, after a slight tary Home, Elizabeth City, \$8.

engagement near Hai Shan Kwan.
"Hoffmeister drove back the enemy
April 23. On the same day Heuhelenfels encountered a strong party of the enemy occupying a bastion on the heights commanding the pass. The enemy fought Sutton, \$10. stubbornly in a particularly strong position, which was only taken after eleven nour's fighting.

"Huehelenfels and Lieutenant Richert Drewells was severely wounded. standard-bearer and another were killed and six men severely wounded and ten slightly wounded."

POWERS MAY AGREE ON \$200,000,000.

A Suggestion That China Make a Settlement Upon the Instalment Plan. Washington (Special).-The foreign

establishments here are receiving a number of important dispatches relating to the question of indemnity and how it shall be guaranteed-by a Chinese loan or to each of the powers individually. One of the dispatches coming through a European foreign office says that Sir Robert Hart has concluded that China can pay a total of \$200,000,000. and the impression is conveyed that this will be the amount agreed upon, the various claims being scaled down to this limit. Another dispatch comes from a prominent Chinese official. He makes a suggestion that when the amount of inremnity is agreed upon it will be greatly to the interests of China, as well as to the powers, if the amount pay-

compelled to negotiate a large loan. while this proposition is fair, it is not practical, and there is little idea that it dues.

will be favorably entertained. Other dispatches which have passed within the last few days revive the idea

agreed upon.

ELEPHANT DROWNS TRAINER. Held Him Under the Water Until He Was Dead. Then the Beast Ran Away.

Peru, Ind. (Special).-Henry Huffman, well-known animal trainer, with the Wallace show, met a horrible death here, being killed by "Big Charley," a monster elephant, while the animal was bathing in the Mississinowa river. Charley" wound his trunk about Keep-er Huffman and hurled him far into the stream. The man was uninjured, and when he returned he said: "Wy. Charley, I didn't think that of you; aren't you ashamed of yourself?" The next instant Huffman was grabbed by the big elephant and thrown to the bottom of the river and held there by the forefeet of the animal. Then with a great roar the elephant ran away. Several showmen shot at him with no effect. He broke down fences and roamed about in a big field, keeping everybody at a distance. Apples loaded with strychnine were thrown near him and he ate one. An hour later he lay down

and was in terrible agony. A rifle shot trial of the torpedo boat Bailey was suc-Big Charley weighed over three tons. and was valued at \$10,000, and in his consul-general at Pretoria. United States District A Huffman at different times was animal trainer in Fairmount Park, Philadel-phia, and Central Park, New York. His the indicted enumerators.

home was at Columbus. Ohio. Dr. Browning's Big Bill.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special) .- Dr. W. C. Browning, the physician who attended the late Senator C. L. Magee, and ondon, leaves an estate of £240.817.

The International Art Exposition was watchman asleep, gagged and bound story of a building across the street and nection with the matter. The Doctor cause him to descend and search his own says many of the newspaper reports have been sensational and claims that whose bill for services rendered to the nection with the matter. The Doctor be educated. his fee is in no wise exorbitant for the service rendered. His attorneys say the claim will be settled without suit. The relations between the executors and Dr. Browning are cordial, and there is no thought of taking it in court. meeting in Havana, and their platform will favor acceptance of the Platt

Mons, Belgium (Special).—Eighteen miners were killed and seven injured by an explosion of firedamp in the Grand Buisson coal mine at Huronu, six miles

from this place.

A Belgian Mine Disaster.

Alleged Counterfeiters. San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-United States Secret Service Agent Hazen has arrested George Taylor McDonnell has arrested George Taylor McDonnell in this city on a charge of having in his possession appliances for making counterfeit money. It is charged that McDonnell has no promoted a scheme of surge has made an examination and reports that General Ludlow suffered from an attack of grip and localized congestion, which has developed Donnell has promoted a scheme to Donnell has promoted a scheme to into a dangerous case of tuberculosis, flood China and the Hawaiian Islands General Ludlow will return to the Unitwith counterfeit dollars made from ed States by the first transport.

Mexican coins. The secret service offi-

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Cubans Are Satisfied.

The Cuban delegation completed its labors in Washington Saturday. In the morning the delegates met Secretary Root, who escorted them to the White House, where they had a final and decisive talk with the President. Then they paid a visit of courtesy to each of the officials whom they have met, and finally they started for New York, homeward bound. The proceedings at the White House were interesting and important. Senor Capote acted as spokesman for the delegation. He thanked the President for the many courtesies shown them, which they accepted as expressions of good will to the Cuban people. Senor Capote asked the President to do something for the Cubans upon an economic line, especially in the matter of reciprocal trade relations. In reply the President said t was impossible to settle the economic questions until the political questions were disposed of. He told the delegates to first form their government and then they would be in a position to enter into negotiations with the United States as to trade relations.

Pensions -- Postmasters.

Maryland .- Original-Alfred Baker, Vale Summit, \$6. Renewal-James C Mullikin, Easton, \$12. Renewal and reissue, Wm. Hoffman, Baltimore, \$6.

Virginia. — Original — Lawrence Lynch, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$8; Henry Powell, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$6. Increase—John C. Stout, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$12; John Snyder, National Soldiers' Home. Elizabeth City, \$12. Mexican War survivors. - Restoration and supple

West Virginia. — Original—John S. Keedy, Martinsburg, \$6. Increase— John Holroyde, Barboursville, \$8; Peter Sticeson, Laurel Iron Works, \$8; Perry G. Shafer, Aarons, \$10; Allen Shields,

H. W. Green has been appointed ostmaster at Georgel, Wise county, a., vice C. P. Ludwig, resigned. Henry Morris has been appointed a were slightly wounded, and Lieutenant rural free delivery letter carrier at Rossville, Baltimore county, vice Henry

Levi, resigned. A postoffice has been established at Duet, Madison county, Va., with Marion Rosser as postmaster.

Presidential Appointments. The President has just made the following appointments State-John W. Garrett, Pennsylvania, secretary of legation at The Hague, Netherlands.

lector of internal revenue, District of North and South Dakota; Alfred W. Brown, appraiser of merchandise, district of Boston and Charleston, Mass.

Justice — Earl M. Cranston, United States attorney, district of Colorado. Interior-Henry Meldrum, surveyorgeneral of Oregon; Harry D. Cham-

Treasury - Herman Ellerman, col-

berlain, Indian agent, Crow Creek agency, South Dakota.

The Dues Are Retaliatory. Inquiry into the protest of Sir Christopher Furness, head of the Furness line of steamers, that tonnage dues are able to each power can be made by in- charged against British vessels entering staiments, and not by a gross payment American ports, while Dutch and Dan outright. In that Case China would be ish vessels enter free, disclosed that such dues are imposed because the British The view prevails among officials that levy a corresponding duty on American shipping under the guise of lighthouse

Minister Buck Seriously III. A. E. Buck, of Georgia, American of having The Hague tribunal adminis- Minister to Japan, is seriously ill in this ter the indemnities after the total is once city. He is completing a 60 days' leave and was to have sailed for his post last Wednesday. For some time he has been ill as a result of the grip. Upon reaching Washington last Monday other complications set in, and now he is confined to his apartments and only his nurses are permitted to enter the

Sampson's Claim for Prize Money.

room.

Hearing was begun in the Court of Admiralty in the suit instituted by Rear-"Big Admiral Sampson and others for prize money for vessels captured off Saniago. The arguments are along the same line as those in the Admiral Dewey proceedings.

Capital News in General. The accounts of the late William S. Yeatman, disbursing clerk of the War Department, were found to balance to

President McKinley wrote to Senator Daniel that he would have the Washington relics restored to the Lee family. The Blaine mansion, near Dupont Circle, was sold to Marguerite E. W. Westinghouse for \$150,000.

Rear Admiral Evans wired that the

cessful Adelbert Hay resigned his post as United States District Attorney John Rose consulted Census Director Merriam with reference to the trial of

M. Jules Siegiried, a former member of the French Cabinet, was a visitor at the White House.

Our New Possessians. The transport Sedgwick sailed from San Juan with 19 Porto Rican youths. who are coming to the United States to

Commissary Sergeant John Weston, have been sensational and claims that charged with complicity in the com-his fee is in no wise exorbitant for the missary frauds at Manila, has been dishonorably discharged and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Cuban Democrats will hold a mass-

amendment and indorse the course of Governor-General Wood. Polloc, on the west coast of Mindanao Island, Philippines, was wrecked by a cyclone. The barracks of the United

Strees troops were destroyed. Loss, Owing to his illness, the appointment of Brig.-Gen. William Ludlow to be military governor of the Department of the Visayas has been revoked. A

The trial of Captain James C. Reed. cials claim that McDonnell was impli-cated with the Bidwells in robbing the for alleged participation in commissary Bank of England of \$5,000,000 by means frauds, was begun at Manila. Some sensational testimony was taken.