A COMPROMISE OFFERED

Latest Plan May Solve the Venezuelan Question.

MINISTER BOWEN WAITING ANSWER.

The Proposition Suggested by a Representative of One of the Allies, Is That for a Short Period of the Year the Allies Shall Exclusively Receive a Percentage of the Custom Duties.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Propositions involving a compromise of the allied powers' contention for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela have been submitted to the governments of Great discussed and referred to the scale com-Britain, Germany and Italy by their representatives at Washington, and, while no answers have been received as vet, there is reason for the belief that the allies will see a way to accept the la est proposition. This compromise has been suggested by one of the representatives of the allies here, and while is has not formally received the indorsement of Minister Bowen, it is felt that he will not enter serious objections to its adoption, provided the United States and the other claimant nations outside the alliance can be convinced that their own interests in Venezuela will not be substantially injured by yielding to a plan which seems a solution of the present serious hitch in the Washington negotia-

The details of the proposition now under consideration by the three allied nations are not obtainable, but in a general way it is understood to be a modification of the alies' contention that they be recognized as Venezuela's preferred claimants in the payment of the indemnity. The plan suggested provides that for a short period, pernaps six months or a year, Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive exclusively a percentage of customs re-ceipts of the ports of Porto Cabello and Laguayra, and that at the end of this period-the exact length of which 's yet open to decision-that all the claimant nations be placed on the same coting, and at the expiration of that time the 30 per cent. of the receipts of these two ports be divided among all the claimant nations in ratio based on the amount of each nation's claim.

The plan is regarded as a compromise which will enable the allies to with-iraw their ships from Venezuelan wawithout a serious loss of prestige. Whether the claimant nations outside the tripartite agreement will assent to his scheme is not yet known. The British ambassador called by appointment on Secretary Hav this afternoon st 2 o'clock, and it is believed that some such plan as this was under consideration, the British ambassador wishing to acquaint himself with the exact atitude of the United States regard Lord Lansdowne's contention for preftrential treatment for the allies.

BOY MURDERER GETS 20 YEARS.

ludge Landis, at Lancaster, Pa., Thinks Sentence too Light.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special).-Clarence dead. McCoy and William Guterman, the two Columbia (Pa.) boys convicted of mur-Ser in the second degree, were given the maximum sentence of 20 years by Judge Landis, who stated he was sorry he could not make the punishment more severe.

The prisoners are each 20 years of age, and the crime for which they were convicted was the murder of Jacob H. Bostick, a trackwalker on the Pennsylvania railroad. After shooting and beating him over the head the murderers placed the body on the track, expecting that a train would run over it and hide the evidence of murder.

The body was discovered a few minates before the passage of a train.

\$1,000,000 DEAL REPORTED.

Chicago Concern May Buy Four Mines of Perry Company.

Clarksburg, W. Va. (Special).-A report is current at Clarksburg that the Perry Coal Company will sell its holdings in this county to the Weaver Coal Company, of Chicago. The price is reported to be \$1,000,000.

The Perry property consists of four mines—the Howard, at Wilsonburg; the Perry and Gore, at Adamston, and the Pooz, near Lumberport. The three later plants are modern and were constructed at considerable cost. In the ract of coal lands is comprised 2,000 or 3,000 acres of the regular nine-foot Pittsburg vein." It fronts on the Baltinore and Ohio and the Short Line rail-

Will Work Day and Night.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-The hree-shift system, by which work will be kept up day and night, has begun in the King at the Quirinal. the gun-carriage shop at the Washington Navy Yord. There is an imperative denand for completing the orders now on and, and this step is taken with a view to expediting the completion of work the orders for which were given over two years. It is the purpose of the naval officials to keep the other shops at the and in full operation during the entire day and night as soon as sufficient workmen can be obtained.

Fatality on the U. S. S. Boston.

Vallejo, Cal. (By Cable).-The blowng out of a plate in the engine-room of he United States steamer Boston cost Edward Lee Baker his life and another, Concord Tate, lies in a critical condiion. The two men were naval machinsts and were endeavoring to repair a caky valve.

David P. Jones Dead.

Pittsburg (Special).—David Phillips Jones, Chief Engineer of the United States Navy, retired, died at his apartment at the Iroquois here. As father of modern engineering in the navy Chief Engineer Jones was prominently known throughout the United States. The disfinction was earned by his establishment and was one of the most successful and box. popular ones ever at the naval school.

Domestic.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's famous 20-hour special between New York and Chicago will be abandoned in order to aid in removing the traffic congestion. Justice MacLean, of the Supreme Court of New York, has denied an application for separation based on an

antemarital error on the part of the wife The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association has issued an appeal through its president, Admiral Dewey, for funds to erect a memorial to Jefferson at the

At the Indianapolis wage conference the operators unanimously voted not to grant the demand of the miners for higher wages and certain changes in the method of mining. The question was

C. B. Allison, an electrical contractor of Sheraden, a suburb of Pittsburg, was called to the front door of his house and shot down by an unknown person.

The Southern Pacific has reached an ages between 6 and 12 per cent. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad

has voluntarily increased the wages of

all its machinists, boilermakers, black-

smiths and car repairers. An appraisal of the estate of the late Augustin Daly, of New York, shows that it is not sufficient to cover his debts. Jean Jules Jusserand, the new French

York on the French liner La Lorraine. The schooner Minnehaha sprung a Bay, South Carolina.

The big department store of Wenistock, Lubin & Co., in Sacramento, Cal.,

was destroyed. At the opening of the afternoon session of the Strike Commission in Philadelphia Attorney Wolverton, for the Reading, announced that at a conference John Veith, general mining superinten-Coal and Iron Company, and George W. Hartlein, secretary of District No. 9, of weighing of coal in the Ninth district, which takes in all of the southern coal field, is impracticable because of the

of Congress, organized by electing W. H. Baldwin, Jr., president. John D. Rockeis a member of the board. ooo for 10 years.

Levy Ankeny, the millionaire banker and farmer of Walla Walla, was elected United States senator by the Washington legislature.

American Federation of Labor, died in Denver, Col. While crazed by drink at Titusville, a., John Fiddler shot and killed his

wife, tried to kill his son and then killed himself. John Beard Allen, a former United States senator from Washington, is

Foreign.

A story is current in the provincial and Berlin papers that the Crown Prince of Saxony is determined to renounce his succession to the throne in favor of his son, George, who is 10 years old.

United States Minister Powell and a representative of the Dominican government signed a protocol to submit an American company's claim to arbitration.

Brazilian generals, with guns and ammunition, have gone to the Bolivian frontier to take command of the Brazilian troops there. The French Chamber of Deputies

amid a patriotic demonstration, adopted One Struck Wagon, Went Back And the Other the first chapter of the army budget. The engineers of the Netherlands Railroad struck, stopping traffic between Amsterdam and Rotterdam,

Serious floods have been caused in Scotland by the melting of the snow. Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Line, explained that

the French Line has renewed the usual traffic agreement, but has not entered into the shipping combine. Dr. van Lynden, the Dutch foreign minister, announced that Carnegie's offer of \$250,000 for a library for the In-

ternational Court of Arbitration had been Countess Isabella Wesierska Kwilecki was for the second time arrested in Berlin on the charge of palming off a bogus child as the heir to a large Polish estate. Foreign Minister Prinetti, of Italy,

had an attack of paralysis while attending a conference of the ministers with An American chamber of commerce

man cities. The Crown Princess of Saxony has been excluded from all rights and dig-nities of a member of the Saxon royal house.

It is reported that Ben Hamara, the pretender to the throne of Morocco, has been defeated.

Finencial.

The Reading is producing an average of 33,000 tons of coal daily. Standard Oil brokers freely sold St

Paul when it had risen to 179. St. Paul Railroad is putting Eastern carrying out the deed by being arrested freight in storage, the railroads being during the strike in Barcelona a year so badly blocked.

European exchange rates were unchanged, money conditions running smoothly despite Venezuela. Storage battery jumps about very It is so closely held the in-

siders can do anything they care to with it. Chicago Great Western is to be transferred to one of the big railroad systems, says Vice-President Oppenheim. of the engineering department of the Naval Academy. After the course was mills only eighteen are now running Of seventy-nine independent tin plate opened he became one of the professors owing to a reduction from \$4 to \$3.60 a Kwei-Chau and Fokien. The insurrec-and was one of the most successful and box. There are 227 out of 264 trust tionists are posing as reformers and are mills in operation,

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. \$50,000,000 WAS INDANGER

Fire in United States Assay Office, New York City.

BLAZE STARTED IN WOODEN FLUE.

The Employes Hastened to Save the Millions of Treasure Before Looking for Their Own Safety-Damage Was Slight to the Building-Cause of Fire Unknown-Building an Historic One.

New York (Special).-Fire broke out in a laboratory on the second floor of the United States assay office, which is next door to the Subtreasury, and destroyed a portion of the roof and up- amendment if present. per story and some apparatus. Chief Assayer Torrey said the loss on the apparatus probably would not exceed \$2000, and that the loss on the building would be nominal. He thought the business of the assay office, which agreement with its firemen on the wage amounted to about 75 assays a day, civil war, and for the creation of a genquestion. The increase granted aver-would not be interrupted longer than is in the exact language of the bill rethree or four days.

leads from the glass basins when the added. gold and silver bars are melted and subjected to chemical action.

The flames, which were first seen in ambassador, and his wife reached New one of these flues, soon got beyond control. An alarm was turned in, and the 65 government employes in the leak and sank at the entrance to Winyah | building hastened to save the millions of treasure in their care. There was about \$40,000,000 in bullion in the vaults and about \$1,500,000 lying outside in various parts of the building. \$1,500,000 and about \$100,000 in a melted state, as well as the books of accourt and record, were hastily locked

in the vaults. Then the employes hurried out of held during the noon recess between the building for their own safety. Assayer Torrey, who has been employed dent of the Philadelphia and Reading in the building for 40 years, said it was the first serious fire in the assay office. Several times the flues for conducting the miners' union, it was agreed that the the firmes up the chimney had caught fire, but the flames always had been put out easily by men in the laboratory. The building used by the assay of pitching veins. This settles, so far as fice is historic. Before it began to be the lower fields are concerned, one of the used as an assay office, 40 years ago, it principal issues in dispute in the other was a government mint, and for a time

CUBA CLAIMS ISLE OF PINES.

Must Pay Taxes.

Havana (Special).-General Nunez, Governor of the Province of Havana, in which the Isle of Pines is included, Mr. Abraham Gompers, son of Mr. stated that the Government had direct-Samuel Gompers, president of the ed the municipal officials in the Isle of Pines to collect taxes which the American residents there decline to pay. of Pines; whether steps have been taken In default of payment the officials will have recourse to the courts for Nunez attributes the memorial on the zens of the United States on the Isle subject, recently sent to Washington of Pines. by the American residents, solely to land speculators who, he alleges, mis informed the buyers to the effect that the island was bound to belong to the United States.

that the United States desires the Isle one individual in the United States. of Pines. They say that, aside from sentimental considerations, Cuba's only advantage in continuing her sovereignty over the isle will be the prevention of an easy means of smuggling through peril, and be accordingly forfeited into the Isle of Pines into Cuba, which the United States Treasury." smuggling would be carried on if the former were in the possession of the United States.

CARS CRASH AND TAKE FIRE.

Ran Into It.

Pittsburg (Special).-One of the worst wrecks the Pittsburg Traction Sousa's Band played American airs in Company has experienced since its or-Waterloo Castle, London, for King ganization occurred here. A score of passengers were injured and two cars were destroyed. Traffic was stopped for several hours. Eight victims are in a hospital, the others having been taken to their homes.

A car on the Homestead branch was on its way to Pittsburg. Just as it passed Forward avenue it struck a huckster's wagon. After going some distance it was backed up the hill to learn what damage had been done. Just then it was met by a second car

ming down the hill at a terrific speed. When the collision occurred the trolley wires were crossed, causing a fire which consumed both cars. Fortunately all of the injured passengers were taken out before the flames reached them.

Young Postoffice Robbers.

Newark (Special). - Commissioner Jones had before him George Melius, was organized with 101 members, who 14 years old, of Minebrook, charged are engaged in business in various Ger- with recent robberies of the Minebrook postoffice. Two other boys, aged o and 10, were implicated, but on account of their youth, they were not arrested. Melius pleaded guilty and was remanded. The boy had been janitor of the district school, and had learned that they key of the schoolhouse door fitted the door of the postoffice.

Selected to Kill King.

Barcelona (By Cable).-A Belgian Anarchist, named Martin, has been arrested in this city. He has confessed of the Belgians, but was prevented from ago.

South China to Secede.

Hengkong (By Cable).-The revolutionary movement which led to the arrest here of seven Kwangsi rebels is the Philippines was called up and prosaid to be a very serious attempt to overthrow the central power and establish a separate government in the South of China. None of the arrested men is China. prominent; the real leaders are said to in the interior collecting forces. The revolutionary organization embraces the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kwei-Chau and Fokien. The insurrecanxious to secure foreign sympathy.

WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Accepts Statehood Rider.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture agreed to place the Omnibus Statehood bill on the Agricultural Appropriation bill as a rider.

This proposition was strongly antagonized, but it carried by a two-thirds vote. Senators Henry C. Hansbrough, Addison G. Foster (Wash.) and M. S. Quay (Pa.), Republicans, and William B. Bate, Henry Heitfeld and F. McL. Simmons, Democrats, voting in the affirma-tive and Senators Redfield Proctor. J. P. Dolliver and J. V. Quarles, Republicans,

in the negative.
Senator F. E. Warren (Wyo.) and H.
D. Money (Miss.) were absent and were not recorded. It is stated, however, that Senafor Money would vote for the

Includes General Staff The army appropriation bill was reported to the Senate amended in various particulars, the most important additions providing for the retirement with an advance rank of officers who served in the cently reported by the Senate Military Mr. Torrey believed that nitric acid, Committee, while the staff amendment is which is used in testing bullion, was in the language of the staff bill recomthe cause of the fire. He said it might mended by the Secretary of War, with have eaten into the wooden flue which the Military Committee's amendments

> The committee recommended increases aggregating \$3,366,000, the total carried by the bill as reported being \$77,241,277.

Free Postage for Blind.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads has directed Mr. Boutell, of Illinois, on motion of Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, to report favorably a bill to promote the circulation of reading matter among the blind. It allows the transmission of all reading matter in raised characters for the blind through the mail free of charge when sent by public institutions for the blind as a loan to blind readers or when returned by the latter to such institu-

The bill was passed by the Senate June 25 last, and will very probably pass the House at an early day.

Marking of Confederate Graves.

The House Committee on Military Affairs reported favorably a bill to appropriate \$61,500 for marking the posiion of the regular organizations, infan-The National Board of Education, which was incorporated by a recent act and brick and very old-fashioned.

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The National Board of Education, and brick and very old-fashioned. it was the United States or Government try, artillery and cavalry, on the Getordered a favorable report upon the Foraker bill to appropriate \$200,000 to John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has given \$100,- Governor Nunez Says Americans There mark the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in Northern prisons.

Sovereignty Over Isle of Pines.

Senator Carmack introduced a resolution calling upon the President for information as to whether the government of Cuba is exercising the right of over the Isle States, and, if so, what steps have been taken to protect the property of citi-

Wellington's Wealth Limit.

Senator George L. Wellington, of Maryland, introduced an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the holding The Cuban officials do not believe of fortunes exceeding \$10,000,000 by any

In case of such holding the amendment provides that "the excess shall all be condemned, whether or not as a public nuisance, a public folly or a public

Statues Are Accepted.

The statues of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Hanson, gifts of the State of Maryland for Statuary Hall, were formally accepted by the Senate and House. Speeches were delivered in both bodies and resolutions adopted,

\$100,000 for the President.

Representative Bristow, of New York, introduced a bill increasing the salary of the President of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum. The bill provides that the increased salary shall be effective on and after March 5, 1905. The bill seeks to amend the act of 1874, which increased the President's salary to

In the Departments.

An important conference was held at the White House between the President, Secretary Hay and Senator Cullom regarding the status of the Panama Canal

The Gridiron Club gave its annual dinner, one of the features being hits at the expense of J. Pierpont Morgan, who was one of the guests.

The Postoffice Appropriation Bill was

discussed in the House. The President sent to Congress a message in relation to the currency and the coinage of the Mexican and Chinese governments accompanied by papers from the representatives of those govern-He recommended legislation which would enable the government of the United States to assist in carrying

out the proposed arrangement. The Army Appropriation Bill, which was reported to the Senate, contains the Root Staff Bill as reported from the Committee on Military Affairs some-time ago; also, the Retirement Bill, which was also reported from the same committee.

In the Senate Mr. Hanna moved to disagree to the amendments of the House to the Department of Commerce rested in this city. He has confessed Bill and agree to a conference. The that he was selected to kill the King chair appointed Messrs. Hanna, Nelson and Clay on the part of the Senate. Representative Bristow, of New York, introduced a bill to increase the President's salary to \$100,000 per annum.

> In the Senate the resolution offered by Mr. Rawlings calling upon the Sec retary of War for information regarding certain trials by court-martial in

Because of the absence of a member the House Naval Committee did not report the findings in the investigation of charge of attempt at bribery preferred by Mr. Lessler.

The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the Bankruptcy Bill. The Interstate Commerce Commission will give a hearing February 26 on the recent advance in freight rates.

FOR JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

Appeal Issued to American People to Contribute to Fund.

IT IS A NON-PARTISAN MOVEMENT.

Aid Sought on Behalf of Fund for Suitably Perpetuating the Fame of the Author of the Declaration of Independence-Dewey Calls on the People to Help the Undertaking.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, organized for the purpose of erecting at the national capital an appropriate and national memorial to the "author of the Declaration of Independence," through its president, Admiral George Dewey, has issued an appeal to the American people for funds to carry out the object of the association. The text of the appeal is as follows:

Headquarters Thomas Jefferson Me-morial Association of the United

States, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1903.

To the American People: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association has been organized to take up the long neglected duty of erecting a fitting memorial to the memory of the man who wrote the Declaration of In-

dependence. tributes to the memory of American eral anonymous letters warning her soldiers, sailors, statesmen, physicians, inventors and philanthropists, and the soldiers and sailors of France are honored, but there is not one tablet to the memory of that great American, Thomas Jefferson.

We ask the people to contribute, according to their ability, to this memorial. Congress will not be asked for money, as we rely solely upon the peo-ple, the young and the old, the children and their parents, for the success of the

The character and cost of the proposed memorial cannot now be stated, but it will be appropriate to the greatness of the man and the importance of the document from which his name is inseparable. Rigid economy will be observed in the expenses of carrying on the work. Every contributor will

come these certificates will be "badges Contributions, checks, money orders or drafts should be made payable to the order of the treasurer of the association, Mr. Jesse B. Wilson, president of the Lincoln National Bank

The people will be kept informed of all important actions of the association. Communications addressed to the sec-retary, Mr. W. S. McKean, will receive prompt and respectful attention. GEORGE DEWEY. (Signed) Admiral of the Navy.

President complete in its list of officers, every State being 500 men, women and boys held up a to transfer the island from the United represented by a vice-president, and in Chicago and Northwestern coal train, board of governors, the controlling at Webster avenue, on the Wisconsin body. No great movement of a simiclaimed, had as its officers more men of by the police. Women led the attack, lar character in this country, it is national character and influence than uncoupling the cars in a number of this organization. Prominent men from places, and intimidating the train crew. all sections of the country have become interested in the movement, and

have written to the officers of the association expressions of approval. EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.

Wrecked.

men were killed, one fatally and three papers increasing its capital to \$12,000,others seriously injured and half a score ooo, of which \$6,000,000 is to be preothers more or less severely hurt in an ferred, with non-cumulative dividends explosion which wrecked a large sec- of 7 per cent. The company is formed

pany's plant in this city. The explosion occurred half an hour after operations had begun for the day, and is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar beneath the section of the factory destroyed. There were a score of men at work in the several departments of that section of the plant, and scarcely

one escaped injury of some sort. The explosion was terrible, com pletely wrecking a section of the building 50 by 100 feet and two stories in San Francisco, which has been at the height. The dead and injured were yard for some time, is being repaired, height. buried in the ruins and the peril of those yet living was increased by flames following the explosion and the escape of large quantities of ammonia stored in the basement. The property loss will probably reach \$15,000.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

Express and Freight In Head-on Collision-Two Killed.

Hazleton, Pa. (Special).-The fast express train from Wilkesbarre for Phila-delphia on the Schuylkill Valley Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad collided head-on with a freight train near Lofty, nine miles south of Hazleton. The engineer and fireman of the freight train were killed; the engineer and fireman and colored porter of the passenger train seriously hurt, and seven passengers slightly injured. Between Hazleton and Lofty there is a single track which is used by both the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania Railroads. Through a misunderstanding of orders both trains got on this single stretch of track, and before the engineers saw the danger it was too late to avert the collision.

Wireless Trains.

Berlin (By Cable).-Experiments on the military railroad between Berlin and Zossen in connection with keeping a moving train in continuous wireless communication with the signal station have been completely successful. The Braun system was used.

Congressman Dies of C ancer. Washington, D. C. (Special).-A tele gram received here announced death of Representative John N. W. Rumple, of the Second Iowa district, at he St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. Mr.

had been in the hospital practically all winter. Charged With Killing Husband. Hazleton (Special).-Adam Reichert, aged 50 years, died here as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by his wife dur-

westbound train, known as the Sunser Limited, caused a disastrous collision at 3 o'clock a. m., between two passenger trains four miles east of Tucson and six miles from Vail's Station. been taken from the mass of burned and

BLUNDER OF OPERATOR.

Score of Lives Lost in Railroad Accident is

Tucson, Ariz. (Special).-The failure

of Night Operator George Clough, at

Vail's Station, to deliver orders to a

'Arizona.

At last accounts twenty bodies had charred wreckage, and it is believed that several more are buried in the twisted and mangled mass of iron and steel.

The first known of the collision was the coming of the tourist car, which broke loose from No. 9 and ran down grade to Tucson, where it was captured. The westbound train was six miles west of Vailsburg, running at a speed of fifty miles an hour. Rounding a sharp curve the train crashed into the Sunset Limited running forty-five miles an hour. The crash and the scenes immediately following were beyond description. Sc great was the impact from the two flying trains that the two engines reared up like animals engaged in combat and crashed the boilers like shells.

Threatened by Mormons.

New York (Special).-Miss Elizabeth Dickinson, a witness in the Hooper We have here beautiful and costly Young murder case, has received sevthat if she gives evidence against the grandson of Brigham Young she will pay for it with her life. Passages from the Book of Mormon are quoted, and she is told plainly that it will imperil her life if she discloses any of the things she learned while a member of the Mormon Church or testifies to having seen Young or Mrs. Pulitzer together at any of the meetings she attended. So alarmed was Miss Dickinson that she took most of the letters to District Attorney Jerome.

Miners Change Their Laws.

Indianapolis (Special).-The United Mine Workers' convention finished changing the constitution and by-laws. The changes are numerous, but only a ceive a certificate acknowledging his few of them are of great importance. subscription, and carrying with it mem- The changing of the power to vote a bership in the association. In time to strike from the two-thirds membership of the national executive board to a full two-thirds membership of the organization; fixing a uniform initiation fee of \$10 for miners and \$2.50 for boys between 14 and 16 years of age; providing free admission to the organization for boys that are orphans of union miners, and placing a fine of \$10 on officers of local unions that issue transfer cards to miners that are more than three months delinquent, are the most

important changes. Women Lead Coal Raiders.

Chicago (Special).-A mob of nearly of five cars before they were dispersed For three hours traffic was suspended, while the mob increased to more than a thousand persons. A riot call was

turned in and order finally restored.

A Mexican Tobacco Trust. Trenton, N. J. (Special).-The Mexi-Packing Plant at Fort Wayne, Indiana, is can Tobacco and Cigarette Corporation, incorporated two weeks ago with Fort Wayne, Ind. (Special).-Four an authorized capital of \$100,000, filed tion of the Eckhart Packing Com- to grow and maufacture tobacco, cigars and cigarettes and also to make pipes and other smokers' appliances. The incorporators are Charles N. King. W. M. Greene and Le Grand Bouker,

all of Jersey City. Rush Orders at Norfolk Navy Yard.

Norfolk, Va. (Special).-Rush orders were received at the navy yard here from Washington to hurry work on all ships undergoing repairs. The cruiser San Francisco, which has been at the and an extra force of mechanics was placed aboard her to fit her for sea duty. The Prairie is ordered to be ready for

service by Saturday of this week. 27.776 Patents Issued in 1902.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-The report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1902 shows 49,490 applications, and that 27.776 patents were issued. In addition there were 110 patents reissued, 2006 trademarks registered, 767 labels and 158 prints registered. During the year 23,331 patents expired. The excess of receipts over the expenditures were \$150.514.

Whole Family Slaughtered.

Teneha, Texas (Special).-Charles Rowe, his wife and their three children were found dead at their home near here Friday. The three children had been slaughtered with an ax. Mrs. Rowe's throat was cut and Rowe had his throat cut and a stab wound near the heart. The opinion prevails that Rowe billed his family and then committed suicide.

Monument to Murdered Editor.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).-In the banks of Columbia subscription lists were opened to raise a fund for the erection of a monument to N. G. Gonzales, late editor of the State. One thousand dollars was subscribed, and it is believed that the fund will reach \$5,000 before the end of the week. All Columbia banks are authorized to receive subscriptions.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

In Philadelphia the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission heard additional testimony from the independent operators. The examination of the witnesses Rumple was afflicted with cancer and by counsel for the miners was conducted with a view of ascertaining the reasons why the independent operators preferred to permit the flooding of their mines rather than grant their em-

ployes an eight-hour working day. A mob of men, women and children ing a quarrel. Mrs. Reichert is under seized a train of coal in the suburbs of Chicago.