### HOTEL FIRE DESTROYS

Conflagration of Supposed Incendiary Origin at Jackson, Ky.

THE MILITARY WAS SENT TO SCENE.

Chief Witness Against Curtls Jett and Tom White for the Murder of Marcum Is the Victim of the Feudists-Hotel Guests Escape Without Injury, But the Property is a Total Loss to the Owners.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).-The City suicide Hotel, at Jackson, Ky., a three-story building owned by Capt. B. J. Ewen, the principal witness against Jett and White, now on trial for the assassination of Lawyer J. B. Marcum, was burned to the ground.

Fifteen guests were in the hotel, but all escaped without injury. There was pany, and Charles A. Tinker take his no insurance on the structure and the place hotel, with its furnishings and the effects of the guests, is a total loss. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the belief is general that the fire was of incendiary origin.

addition to the hotel. This was just of miners' wages under the sliding completed and was as yet unoccupied. scale. It was in this part of the hotel that the mer of Washington county, Tenn., who was criminally assaulted by a negro, fire was discovered.

The town of Jackson has no fire department and its citizens were awakened by the firing of pistols and guns and much excitement prevailed. A detachment of military came on the double quick from their camp, across the river, and rendered valuable aid in assisting the guests to escape and preventing the flames from spreading. Captain Ewen has been kept at the

camp of militia since he testified last Monday that he saw Curtis Jett fire mitted suicide. the shot which killed Marcum. Nobody was seen to leave the hotel before the fire broke out.

It was only two days ago that Jackson was put under martial law. The burning of Ewen's hotel is not only considered as incendiary, but also as accessory to other acts of intimidation in connection with the pending trial of those accused of the murder of J. B. Marcum, who was an attorney of the contestants for county offices now held by leaders of the faction, with which the defendants were identified. It has openly been predicted that arson would go along with assassination, as disciplinary measures might be needed in Breathitt county.

### EAST ST. LOUIS AN ISLAND.

### Flood Not Subsiding and 10,000 Refuges to be Fed.

St. Louis (Special).-With 10,000 full of loot. refugees to shelter and feed, East St. Louis is still battling against the flood, nothing was done toward the proposed by agents of Alexander Karageorgewhich, by seepage and additional en- combination of plants. croachment through minor levees, is now an island. The city is entirely surrounded by water, and two-thirds of its back cryl \$5,000. territory is under water.

the backwater that inundates East St. Louis remains stationary, and it probbe weeks before it is gone. Business has not been resumed to any extent, and the soldiers are still aiding

the local police in preserving order.

Leading citizens have taken up the proposition to build a dike of solid masonry all along the river front to protect the city from future inundation. They assert that such a flood-proof dike is essential for the future upbuilding of the city and that Congress should aid in the construction of one.

Various estimates have been made regarding the property loss in East St. Louis, but the estimated loss most generally accepted by the real estate men is \$300,000. Venice, Madison and Granite City are still submerged and the refugees are living in box cars, tents and places of refuge in East St. Louis and St.

## BANKS IN A GREAT MERGER.

### Nine Big Concerns in Pittsburg to Be Combined.

Pittsburg (Special).-Plans have been perfected for the formation in Pittsburg Cabinet. of one of the greatest combinations of banking interests ever undertaken in the ashore at Cod Roy, N. F., and is likely granduncle Michael, and, secondly, be-

By the deal the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, Colonial Trust Company, Colonial National Bank, American Trust Bishop Dougherty. Company, Pennsylvania Trust Company, Columbia National Bank, Tradesmen's National Bank, Germania Savings Bank and Freehold Bank will be merged. making the largest and most powerful financial institution between Philadelphia military officers who murdered King rounded. A band of 30 officers, led and Chicago. The capital of the new Alexander and Queen Draga, who is still by Colonel Maschin and Colonel Misas the Colonial Trust Company, will be the tender of the crown The provis- shooting all who attempted to bar their \$7,000,000, with \$16,000,000 surplus and ional premier of Servia says the Parlia- passage. They were aided by treason 000,000.

## Hay-Herran Treaty,

Panama, Colombia (By Cable) .tero and Senor Jose Maria Jovane, tria will see that this is not done. the ratification of the Hay-Herran the season. The congressional delegation vor the treaty and one senator and one representative who are opposed to it. An influential petition to Congress, praying for the acceptance of the Hay-Herran treaty, is now being signed at

## Cholera Spreads in Luzon.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Official advices to the Marine Service represent 1902 exceeded \$35,000,000. a sharp increase of cholera cases in the on the shelf. Good thing. Philippines since the beginning of the America's debt to Europe is lower California powder manufacturing comoccurred in Manila, but a rapid spread years. Good estimates put it as low as panies by the \$50,000,000 corporation redown the coast of Luzon also is reported. \$60,000,000.

About half of the Manila cases oc-curred among the crews of the launches and other small craft that ever leave the harbor. Not a single case, it is said.

## THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. KING AND QUEEN

Lewis Nixon resigned as president of United States Shipbuilding Com-

Thomas Marcum, bother of J. B. Marcum, for whose murder Curtis Jett and Thomas White are being tried at Jackson, Ky, made a dramatic address

or the prosecution.

The Equitable Assurance Company has refused to pay \$55,000 insurance on the life of Arthur R. Pennell, who fig-ured in the noted Burdick case in Buifalo, on the ground that Pennell was a

The hotel employes' strike has caused rich women to help do the hotel cooking, the guests to wait upon each other and to eat under police protection.
In the Textile Workers' strike the

eighty-ninth firm granted the demands It is rumored that Col. Robert C. of the Western Union Telegraph Com-

observed at the Betsy Ross House in several ministers were assassinated. Philadelphia.

Judge Gray, chairman of the Anthracite Strike Commission, appointed Prof. Charles P. Neil, of Washington.

Mrs. Isaac Poore, the wife of a faris expected to die. A mob was dissuaded from lynching the negro.

The doors of the Bessemer (Ala.) Savings Bank and the Bank of Commerce were closed, the president of the former, who is a confessed defaulter, being a fugitive.

James Dumas, proprietor of a transfer company, in Indianapolis, Ind., killed Sarah F. King, wife of Wesley R. King, a workman, and then com-

his wife and child in Kalkaska, Mich, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. he hearing in the case of the

Appeals refused to modify its recent in concert with the army. The partic-decree allowing the Pennsylvania Rail-ipation of the latter in the assassinaroad to remove Western Union wires. tions, which blotted out the Obreno-

running to South Africa. road rumors.

on the Eric Road, near Englewood, Ind.,

In the trial of Robert A. Ammon, in New York, William F. Miller testified that he gave Ammon \$255,000 and got

Governor Heard, of Louisiana, signed The river stage continues to fall, but the death warrant of A. E. Batzon, victed of killing seven members of the Early family.

Judge Horton, in Chicago, fined the spiracy.

Gen. Alexander McDowell McCook, former King Milan.
United States Army, retired, died at the The King and Queen passed the eve home of his daughter, in Dayton, O. capsizing of a houseboat.

the steamer Germanic of \$20,000. that the presidents of coal roads must answer certain questions propounded by Interstate Commerce Commission.

## Fereign.

ons restaurant in London.

to be a total wreck.

Lady Henry Somerset was re-elected hated Queen would be his choice. president of the World's W. C. T. U., in session in Geneva, Switzerland.

concern, which probably will be known at Geneva, says he has not yet received chics, forced their way into the palace, undivided profits and about \$55,000,000 ment must first elect the king. Kara- within. deposits, making total resources of \$78,- georgevitch will be chosen because Rus- Colonel Naumovics, had been won Senator Obardia and Dr. Samuel Quin- tion of a republic, but Russia and Aus- movies himself bursting in the door of

members of the House of Representa- J. Pierpont Morgan, Professo New-

A crisis exists in the Italian Cabinet. from Panama is composed of two sen-ators and four representatives who fa-minister of the interior, to withhold his the conspirators.

resignation. proached the carriage of the Emperor of presented to the king a form of abdi- company, to whom General Beauregard An insane man was seized as he ap-

## Financial.

The South African gold output for

# OF SERVIA KILLED

The Queen's Two Brothers and Six

Others Also Slain.

KING ALEXANDER SHOT ONE ASSASSIN.

Conspiracy Resulted from King Alexander's Arrogant Course and Haired of Queen Draga-Prince Peter Karageorgevitch Proclaimed King by the Assassins and Choice Will Be Ratified by Parliament - Populace Acquiesces in the Bloody Deed and in Sympathy with the New Dynasty.

conspiracy, which subsequent events were killed. Clowry is to retire from the presidency show had the sympathy of the majority of the Servian people, was carried out in the early hours of Wed-The one hundred and twenty-sixth nesday morning, and King Alexander, anniversary of the American flag was Queen Draga, her two brothers and

Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, the pretender to the throne, has been proclaimed king by the army, and there Parliament.

The victims of the assassins were: King Alexander. Queen Draga.

The Queen's two brothers. Premier Markovitch. The Minister of War. One other minister.

Two aides-de-camp and two other

any opposition on the part of the peo-Mrs. Mary McKnight, who confess- ple of Belgrade, and the capital and ed having poisoned her brother and country remain tranquil.

which took place within the royal palcharges against the coal-carrying rail- ace are known, the details are conflictroads was continued before the Inter- ing, owing to the extraordinary secrecy state Commerce Commission, sitting with with the plot was contrived and in New York. The United States Circuit Court of were all men of high rank, who acted A number of New York merchants vitch dynasty, which has ruled Servia brought charges of extortion and con- with a short intermission, for nearly spiracy against various steamship lines a century, is mainly due to the attitude of King Alexander and his con-President Ramsey, of the Wabash sort towards the officers of the army. Railroad, denied that there was any whom he always treated with scant truth in the various sensational rail- courtesy. His desire to remove the war school from Belgrade to Shebatz par-

Three robbers looted an express train ticularly gave the officers offense. The date is a sinister one in the hisand two were captured with their pockets tory of the Obrenovitch house, being the thirty-fifth anniversary of the as-A meeting was held in New York of sassination of King Alexander's grand-the Cotton Duck Corporation, but uncle Michael, who was done to death ritch, the then leading member of the house which has long disputed the throne of Servia against the Obreno-

Dealers' Association \$500 each for con- was condemned to 20 years' penal ser- the date of the six executions. vitude for an attempt to assassinate

ome of his daughter, in Dayton, O. of their death quietly. They attended Seven persons were drowned at Aber- a choral festival, then took supper in deen, Ark., on White River, by the the Konak and afterwards retired to rest. Meantime the conspirators held Robert Neill was robbed while en a meeting in the Kalimegden Park. route from Liverpool to New York on The Sixth Infantr Regiment, which the steamer Germanic of \$20,000.

Justice Lacombe, in the United States was recently punished for having used Circuit Court in New York, decided its weapons against a crowd of dem-

instrators. Dissatisfaction against King Alexander's rule has been accentuated since his suspension of the constitution last April, and it is from that time that the The army is controlling Servia and military plot dates. The organization the people remain calm in advance of of the bloody deed was carried out with consummate skill. The King for the election of the new king. with consummate skill. The King for Ex-Congressman W. Bourke Coch- the past two months was thrown off ran was given a dinner by members of his guard by the apparent quietude of the Irish party in the House of Com- the reception of his recent coup d'etat. In the meantime the conspirators had Premier Guiseppe Zanardelli formally decided on June 10 as the date for the announced the resignation of the Italian execution of the revolution for two # reasons-firstly, it was the anniversary The Allan Line steamer Norwegian is of the murder of King Alexander's cause it was feared that further delay Monsignor Kelly, rector of the American College in Rome, gave a dinner in honor of Mgr. F. Z. Rooker and cerding to the King's wishes, and it plosion caused by pouring kerosene into was believed that the brother of the a lighted stove at the store and residence

About I o'clock in the morning the Sixth and Seventh Regiments were Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, declared called to arms and were led to the king of Servia by the conspirators and royal palace, which they entirely sur-The aide-de-camp on duty, sia and Austria will favor his selection, over by the conspirators and was en- obtained by the Kellogg Switchboard The European powers are awaiting de-trusted with the plans for action within velopments. There is a feeling among the royal inclosure. Several doors the intelligent classes in favor of the leading to the royal apartments were abolition of the monarchy and the crea- blown in by dynamite, Colonel Nauthe royal bedchamber with a bomb. The officers had called on the King tives, left here for Bogota. All three chusetts, were among the Americans presaid they would do their best to obtain serted at King Edward's last levee of and appealed for assistance, but no answer came. Realizing the situation, he returned to the Queen, holding her in his arms to protect her, and awaited first shot of the Civil War upon Fort

Colonel Naumovics and the officers then entered the room. Naumovics was a gunner in Capt. George James cation for his signature. The docu- sent the order to open fire upon Major

## Powder Plants Combine.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-The "Reorganization plans" are all laid negotiations in progress during the last attack on the village of Yenije, in Prumonth for the absorption of the four nelia. Call loans in Wall street fell to the Jersey by the Duponts, of Wilmington, liarbor. Not a single case, it is said, regular semi-annual dividend of the Dupont Company by July I. of the Dupont Company by July I.

### King had degraded Servia and that he must abdicate. The King's answer was to draw a revolver and kill Naumovies on the spot. Colonel Mischies picked up the document and present-

ed it again. King Alexander waved it from him. The officers then, with their revolvers drawn, fired a hail of bullets and the royal couple fell to-gether to the ground. The King lingered until 4 o'clock, when he died. The floor of the royal chamber was

almost covered with blood. The band who carried out the assassinations appear to have met with a great resistance on the balcony side of the palace, where the curtains are torn and the window broken as though the occupants had tried to escape into the garden. Torn gloves and articles of soldiers' clothing lie scattered be-This resistance was probably of-Belgrade (By Cable) .- A military fered by two loyal zids-de-camp, who

### POWERS MAY INTERFERE.

### Not Prepared to Recogniz: Assassins-May Demand Punishment.

London (By Cable).-The powers may yet take a hand in the Servian situation should there be any tendency to anarchy or the development of a revolu-tionary spirit. It is believed that con-Captain Ewen had recently put up an commissioner to compute the increase is every reason to believe that this de- ditions at Belgrade are not as serene cision will be confirmed by the Servian as the government born of assassins would have the world believe.

A special dispatch from Rome says a semi-official note published there declares that whoever is made King of Servia the powers will exact the punishment of the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga, as civilized Europe cannot tolerate that high administrative and military positions in any country should be occupied by as-

sassins. Another dispatch from Belgrade says The revolution was executed without the draft of a bill, with marginal notes written by the late King Alexander, has been found in the palace. It provided for the proclamation of Queen Draga's brother as heir to the throne. This, the While the main outlines of the events dispatch adds, is held by the conspirators to be complete justification for their ac-

> The official Servian dispatches confirm the press and other statements to the effect that the provisional government has decided to leave the choice of a king to the Skuptschina.

### Filipino Outlaw Taken.

Manila (By Cable).-The constabulary captured in Rizal province Faustino Guillermo, the most noted outlaw in the Island of Luzon. Guillermo approached a detachment of constabulary and offered the man a bribe to desert and join him. A successful trap was planned and Guillermo was made prisone. During and since the insurrection Guillermo has committed many murders and robberies.

Six Men to Be Hanged. Montgomery, Ala. (Special).-The State Supreme Court broke all records by handing down opinions in the cases eitch family, and whose head, Prince of Felix Hall, Sidney King and Albert Peter Karageorgevitch, has been pro-claimed king. Starks and Alex Means, of Montgom-The prime movers in the plot were ery county, and James Stuart, of Wiljubomir Schiokovics and Vojislav cox, affirming the action of the lower Velikovics, who had entered the new courts of convicting them of murder cabinet as ministers of justice and and sentencing each of the prisoners finance, respectively. M. Schiokovics to death. The court fixed June 30 at

## Earthquake Shock in the West.

San Francisco (Special) .- A shart shock of earthquake was experienced here at 12 o'clock, lasting over 10 sec onds. No damage is reported. The shock was felt to the south in Lo: Banos, Acton, Sergeant, Oakland and luma and Vallejo, where it was quite prolonged.

## "Fire Bugs" Kill Five.

New York (Special) .- Five personsfour children and a man-were burned and suffocated in a fire at 347 East One Hundred and Thirteerth street, which the police say, was started by incen-Two other persons were removed to the Harlem Hospital suffering from burns. The police say that the hallways were soaked with kerosene and that bundles of oil-soaked rags were also

Kerosene Explodes. of John Brozokowski, here, resulted in the death of two persons, the probable fatal injury of one other, and the burning of six more so badly as to require the attention of a physician. The fire department had a hard fight for an hour before the fire was extinguished.

"Species of Slavery and Unlawfal." Chicago (Special).-Sixteen strikers, alleged to have violated an injunction and Supply Company, were fined \$10 each in Judge Holdom's court. "For a corporation to be compelled to contract with a union to have in its employ only twion men," he said in his decision, a species of slavery and unlawful." case will be appealed.

## Historic Man Dead.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).-Major W H. Gibbs, who is said to have fired the Sumter, died in this city. Major Gibbe The British budget bill passed the ment contained the statement that by Anderson. He served as postmaster at House of Commons without a division. marrying a "public prostitute" the Columbia under President Cleveland.

## SPARKS FROM THE ≥ IRES.

Twenty Bulgarians were killed in an

Donations of \$400,000 to Columbia University were announced at the commencement of that institution. One of couly organized under the laws of New the two gifts, of \$300,000, is for the

erection of a dormitory. A stage traveling between Weaverville and Redding, Cal., was held up by two masked robbers, and the passengers compelled to surrender their val-

## COAL ROADS THE VICTORS

Not Compelled to Produce Their Contracts.

THE STOCKS RISE WITH THE NEWS.

he Announcement That President Baer Was Upheld Started a Buying Movement in the Coal Roads Stocks in Wal! Stree!-Reading, Eric and Pennsylvania Were Taken in Large Blocks.

New York (Special).-Judge Laombe, in the United State Circuit Court, handed down a decision upholdng the contention of the coal-carrying ailroads that contracts between them ind sales agents are privileged dociments, and as such the Inter-State ommerce Commission has no right to ompel their presentation as evidence.

The decision also upholds the refusal of President Baer of the Philadelphia ind Reading Railroad Company and other witnesses to answer questions reating to the conduct of their business. Judge Lacombe makes but one exception. He holds that Mr. Baer should have answered one question which was out to him regarding details of general expense. Judge Lacombe claims that locuments had already been introductd in evidence containing items such as were asked for, therefore Mr. Baer erred in not answering that particular

The Judge decides that the Commission has the right to compel the profuction for its inspection of any con-racts which refer wholly to the transportation of coal. He states, however. hat he has carefully inspected copies of the contracts which the Commission had asked for and which were furnished to him for that purpose by the attornevs for the defendant corporations, and lecides that they are contracts for the purchase of coal in Pennsylvania and not merely transportation contracts.

### CONFESSION OF A BORGIA.

### fer Brother, flis Wife and Child the Victims-Meant No Harm.

Kalkaska, Mich. (Special).-After wo weeks' work Prosecutor E. C. Smith ias secured the confession of Mrs. Mary McKnight to the cold-blooded and preneditated murder of her own brother, John Murphy, Gertrude Murphy, his young wife, and their three-month-old A partial confession was made Monday evening, in which Mrs. Mc-Knight denied killing the baby. Late Tuesday night Smith again called at the woman's cell at her request, and this ime she made a complete confession

In her first statement she admitted giving Mr. and Mrs. Murphy capsules of trychnine and quinine mixed. Tuesday night she said: "I didn't intend harm to any of them. I did give the baby the strychnine. It woke up and cried while its mother was gone, and I mixed up a little strychnine in a glass with some water and gave a spoonful to the baby I didn't mean to harm the little thing. confessed all to the Lord and I that he has forgiven me. I really didn't mean to harm any of them. When Gertrude came home and found the baby dead she got awfully nervous. She came to me and said:

'Mary, can't you give me something

I said that I would, and I really didn't think that it would hurt her if gave her one of the capsules. She had spasms right after that, and I suppose that it was the strychnine that killed her. I really didn't mean to hurt her, though. Then John seemed to feel so badly about it, so broken up, that I often thought after Gertrude died that it would be better if he were to go, too.

"John was feeling bad one night-a couple of weeks after Gertrude died. He came to me and wanted something to quiet him. I had two or three capsules on my dresser, and I told him to go and get one of them. I didn't mean to hurt him, but I thought it would soothe him, and then I thought it would be for the best if he were to go anyway. He helped himself. I don't chow whether he took one or two Then he went to bed, and by and by he called me. Mother came, too, and he began to have those same spasms. I suppose that the strychnine was work-

The whole of the confession was given voluntarily, and Mrs. McKnight signed it after Prosecutor Smith had killing. written it out.

## Hotel at Palm Beach Burned.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (Special) .-At 11.30 o'clock a. m. t'e Breakers, the smaller of the two largest hotels at Palm Beach, was seen to be in flames. The hotel building, powerhouse, Cory's block of stores, the Casino, south of the notel, and one of the large cotages north of the hotel were destroyed. Some furniture from the hotel was saved, but it was bady damaged. The osses are: The Breakers, \$500,000: jurniture, \$200,000; Casino, cottage and Cory block, about \$25,000. cases about \$5000. The hotel was insured for \$300,000, but the furniture was uninsured. Cory's block is supposed to have been about half covered

### by insurance. Collision on Southern.

Alexandria, Va. (Special) .- A headon collision occurred between two reight trains on the Southern Railroad near Ravensworth, twelve miles below his city, derailing both engines, which vere demolished, together with several Charles D. Keys, of this city, a ailroad insurance agent, and Fireman ohnson, colored, of the northbound rain, were badly injured. It is reportd here that Keys' condition is critical. | was discussed. Engineer Mason Saunders, of the forthbound train, was injured in jump-

## Royal Medal for M'Kim.

London (By Cable) .- In order to associate himself with the American naion and President Roosevelt in the reent particular remodeling of the White with a number of Jews to show that he House, King Edward has awarded the royal gold medal for the promotion of architecture to C. F. McKim, the New York architect, who designed the work. The presentation of the medal is fixed Department of Commerce and Labor. The presentation of the medal is fixed or June 22. On the following day a dinner will be given in honor of Mr. McKim at the Royal Institute of Britsh architects, the invited guests inluding Ambassador Choste.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

### Porto Rico's Large Trade.

Porto Rico is furnishing a market of a million dollars a month to the producers and merchants of the United States and supplying nearly a million lollars' worth each month of tropical roducts required by the United States. The total shipments of domestic mer-chandise from the United States to orto Rico in the 10 months ended vith April were \$9,344,318, and of forign merchandise \$318,276, making the value of merchandise sent Porto Rico from the United States \$10,-62,594. The total shipments of donestic merchandise from Porto Rico o the United States in the 10 months inded with April, 1983, were \$8,744,427, and of foreign merchandise \$89,0379 naking the total shipments from that sland to the United States in nonths ended with April, \$8.833.464. In the month of April the shipments from the United States to Porto Rico were \$931,526 and from Porto Rico te he United States \$1,919,023. These figares indicated that the shipments from the United States to Porto Rico during the fiscal year which ends with the present month will aggregate about \$12,000,000, and those from Porto Rico to the United States nearly an equal

### Shortage of \$75,003 Alleged.

James M. A. Watson, Jr., who has been deposit clerk in the office of the Auditor of the District of Columbia since December, 1898, was arrested here on a charge of embezzlement preferred by the District Commissioners. Rumors were current that he was alleged to be

nearly \$75,000 short in his accounts Hurried conferences followed, resulting in the arrest of the young man at his nome, at 2020 Columbia road. The Commissioners, after a conference with Major Richard Sylvester, the Chief of Police; Mr. Andrew B. Duvall, the Coropration Counsel, and Mr. Petty, the Auditor, stated that the al eged shortage amounted to about \$67,

The alleged shortage is one of the most peculiar ever noted in the history of local or Government affairs. Watson, who is known as a "young man about town," serving the District as an ordipary clerk at a salary of \$1,500 a year, s interested in half a dozen enterprises He is the son-in-law of John H. Bryant, a retired contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Mr. Bryant live in a magnificent three-story brownstone and brick dwelling at 2020 Columbia road, and the young man and his wife have always been regarded as well-to-do persons.

The Pagama Canal. President Roosevelt sent for William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal Company, to confer with him about the canal situation. Mr. Cromwell spen; half an hour with the President in the forenoon, and the conference was resumed by appointment at

o'clock in the afternoon It is understood the President is considerably concerned over the canal outlook. The administration is not in the least disposed to be impatient with Colombia, and is willing to allow the Bogota government a reasonable time to execute its obligations to the United States. At the same time the Washington authorities regard these obligations as more binding than those of an ordinary freaty and cannot admit the right of the Colombian government to

recede from them. If not carried out by ratification of the canal treaty, which comes before the Colombia Congress at its meeting this month, the United States hopes Colombia will find some other means of executing its obligations to this country as regards the Panama Canal Cromwell declined to see callers

### after his conference with the President Turks Kill an American.

United States Consul Heenan, at Odessa, Russia, cables to the State Department that Quarekin B. Chitjian, an American citizen, was killed in that city by a number of Turks, who have beer

Chitjian was born in Harpoot. Turkey, in 1863, and came to the United States when a child. He lived at Worcester. Mass, where he was naturalized and ordained as a clergyman, returning to Europe last September. It is assumed here that the Russian authorities at Odessa will mete out justice for the

## Warships Make a Quick Ron.

The European Squadron, composed of the Chicago, San Francisco and Machias, arrived at Southampton, making a quicker passage from the Mediterrancan than was expected. oined there by the battleship Kearsarge and after coaling will proceed to Kiel.

## in the Departments.

Civil Service Commissioner Proctes says evidence seems to indicate appoint ments to the Washington Postoffice have been made without a strict regard or the public interest.
The United States Steel Corporation

is the first large concern to make a report of its business to the Department of Commerce and Labor. The draft of regulations for the genral staff has been nearly completed They make the chief of staff a more

powerful official than the commanding general or the adjutant general under present regulations. William C. Hook, of Leavenworth Kan., has been selected to succeed Judge Caldwell, who recently resigned the cir

unt judgship of the Eighth district. Judge Peter C. Grosscup, of Chicago and an interview with the President, at which it is believed the subject of trusts The details of the project for the gen-

eral staff for the Navy were submitted o Secretary Moody. It has been discovered that the teamer Vera Cruz, which was wrecked off Ocracoke Inlet, N. C., was a smug-

Count Cassini referred to his intimacy

Russian government declines to receive any outside aid for families of the victims of the Kisheneff massacre; not will she receive any outside representa-

tions regarding the affair,