Walter Wellman and Party Off for Spitzbergen.

A UNIQUE ARCTIC ENTERPRISE.

What the Young Explorers Hope to Accomplish-Novel Features of the Expedition-The Frozen North's Fascinating Mystery May Soon Be Solved.

NEW YORK, March 14 .- Mr. Walter Wellman, the well known journalist, sailed on the steamer Britannic today en route for Spitzbergen, from which point his expedition will make a summer dash for the north pole. Mr. Wellman was accompanied by three other Americans-Professor Owen B. French, late of the United States coast and geodetic survey and an experienced and capable scientist; Dr. Thomas B. Mohun, a successful Washington physician, and Charles C. Dodge, the artist and photographer of the expedition. The enterprise is under the leadership of Mr. Wellman, and the three men named are his lieutenants.

Ten hardy young Norwegians, ambitious and experienced in arctic exploration, will join the party in Norway, and the expedition will sail from Tromsoe, Norway, for the islands of Spitzbergen about the 1st of May. At Dane's island, which is very near the eightieth parallel-that point of latitude so far north that many explorers have



WALTER WELLMAN. never reached and few have ever passed it -headquarters will be established, and then the party will steam to the edge of the great ice pack about a degree farther north. After a landing is effected the steamer will return to Dane's island, and about the 10th or 15th of May the dash for the pole will begin.

That marvelous new metal, aluminum, has been utilized in the construction of sledges, boats and other apparatus, and thus equipped with far lighter paraphernalia than any previous explorer Mr. Wellman expects to be able to push on north at the rate of from ten to twenty miles per day. As he will have only about 600 miles to travel before the pole is reached, he expects to either reach the goal or a point very near it in fifty days. He will then return to the edge of the pack in fifty days more, his steamer will pick him up and he will then return home.

Mr. Wellman has carefully studied the great problems before him, and expects to profit by the knowledge gained by previous explorers who have traversed the pack and to avoid their mistakes. His early start is for the purpose of getting far north before the pack begins its drift toward the south. Away back in 1827 Sir Edward Parry pushed on northward over the pack at the rate of from sixteen to twenty miles per day, but his heavy equipage compelled him to break his loads into parts and pass from five to seven times over the same road.

Other explorers, handicapped with old time sledges and boats, have been compelled to progress in the same slow manner, but Mr. Wellman believes that with his light aluminium outfit retracing his steps will be unnecessary, and that every mile traveled will take him a mile farther toward the pole. At the start the drift of the ice pack will not be against him, and when he returns later in the season it will assist him in his homeward journey.

Mr. Wellman carries with him his alu-

minium boats and sledges-the first ever built in America-and tests have demonstrated that they are by far the lightest and at the same time the very strongest boats and sledges of their size that the world has ever seen. The entire equipment of the party of fourteen will be about 5,500 pounds, and as forty hardy draft dogs will assist in carrying it, the average weight per man and dog will be about 100 pounds.

One novel feature of Mr. Wellman's scheme of exploration is that it is strictly a newspaper expedition, and if Mr. Wellman's plans are carried out the world will be apprised of his progress toward the pole, a thing that has never before been done in the case of any previous polar ex-pedition. Members of his party will be sent back from time to time to the edge of the ice pack with letters describing the progress of the expedition and the discoveries made by the explorers. At the edge of the ice pack the dispatches will be taken on board Mr. Wellman's steamer, which will return to Norway, whence the world will receive the news.

Whether Mr. Wellman's dash for the pole will be successful or not remains to be seen, but if his novel plan is even partly carried out he will succeed in reaching a degree of latitude farther north than that reached by any previous explorer. With Wellman, Peary, Nansen and possibly Jackson in quest of the pole this year, it seems highly probable that 1894 will mark the solution of the frozen north's fascinating mystery.

Important to Veterans.

WASHINGTON, March 14.-The house committee on invalid pensions ordered a favorable report on the bill of Representative Martin, doing away with the requirement of honorable discharge as prelimimary to a pension. In many cases death has occurred during a furlough or outside of military duties. The bill makes the death of a soldier equivalent to an honorable discharge, except when the death occurs during desertion.

Murderer Fales Unconcerned.

NEWARK, N. J., March 14 .- Robert Alden Fales, the boy murderer, will proba-bly be resentenced to death for the killing of Thomas Hayden. This is in conse-quence of the dismissal of the habeas corpus proceedings in Washington. Prose cutor Crane says that the court of pardons alone stands between Fales and death. Fales received the news of the dismissal of his appeal with indifference. ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Matters of Interest from All Over the

READING, Pa., March 13 .- The strike of the 100 molders employed at the works of the Pennsylvania Hardware company, which has been on since last August, has been declared off, the men accepting a compromise of 5 per cent. reduction in

wages. PITTSBURG, March 10.-The boiler at Foley & Faller's machine shops, on Smallman street, exploded yesterday afternoon, killing Otto Kelleher, the engineer, and probably fatally injuring Frank Faller, a member of the firm. The cause of the explosion is not known.

ASHLAND, Pa., March 13. - Anthony Horan, a married man, was instantly killed at the Boston Run colliery. While ascending the slope in the boat he became entangled in the bell rope, and his body was precipitated to the bottom, a distance of 300 feet. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 10.-A negro entered the residence of Mrs. Charles Johnson, at Valley Forge, and criminally assaulted the lady. The negro, who gives the name of Frank Brooks, was captured by a crowd of angry citizens and very roughly handled. He was locked up to await identification.

OIL CITY, Pa., March 10.-A freight train of oil tank cars on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad ran into a landslide at Walnut Bend, near here, and was badly wrecked. The oil ignited and the cars were consumed. Fireman Martin was killed and several of the crew were slightly injured.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 14. - Joseph Pearl, who was arrested for stealing a grave in the Hebrew cemetery, being too poor to pay for one, has fled from town. Frederick Munson, who for the sake of charity drove the team containing Pearl's dead child to the cemetery, has been arrested. Munson found hundreds ready to go on his bail bond.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 13.-Judge Hemphill sentenced Frank Bush, the Spring City forger, to two years' imprisonment; Tillman Clemson, horse stealing, five years; William Harris, horse stealing, three years; Samuel Johnson, horse stealing, three years; Calvin Humphreys, arson, three years; John Harris, burglary, three years-all to go to the penitentiary.

Lyons delivered an opinion overruling the rebel ship. A few minutes later the white motion for a new trial in the case of James S. Carpenter, convicted in February of murdering his blind father at Port Royal, in December. Carpenter protested his innocence before being sentenced to death. Mrs. Hetty Carpenter, his mother, will be tried as an accessory at the April term.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., March 13.—The funeral of Benjamin L. Hewit, ex-speaker of the Pennsylvania house of representatives, which was held here yesterday, was attended by many prominent legislators and jurists of the state, and the services were of a highly impressive character. The county courts were adjourned out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

PITTSBURG, March 13 .- A note found in a corked bottle by Ed Snowden, watchman of the steamer Germania, which is tied up at Brownsville, created considerable excitement in that town. The note was written by a woman, who said that she was being held a prisoner by two men at a gypsy camp. The note was taken to Morgantown and placed in the hands of the authorities there.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., March 14 .- The banjo and glee clubs of the Pennsylvania State college will appear in the following cities during the week of the Easter vaca-tion: Williamsport, March 29; Beech Creek, March 30; Clearfield, March 81; Tyrone, April 2; Altoona, April 3; Bellefonte, April 4. Receptions have been arranged at all the places to take place after the concerts. There will be thirty students in the two clubs.

PITTSBURG, March 12. - The rapidity with which John Myers, alias Frank Evans, was railroaded to the Western penitentiary has beaten all records. After terrorizing a large section of the county for over a month he was finally captured on Thursday night. He landed in jail Friday morning, a true bill was found by the grand jury in the afternoon, and on Saturday he was sent to the penitentiary for twenty-two years.

PITTSBURG, March 13.-The ten days' quarantine on the West Penn hospital on account of smallpox has been raised. There were twenty-five patients ready to leave, and in the whole institution there were 150 people anxious to be free. After a carbolic bath and a fumigation of clothes, the twenty-five patients were allowed to go. Today the quarantine was raised on another floor, and by degrees all those who are ready to go will be permitted to leave.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 9.-The boiler of a locomotive on the Lehigh Valley railroad exploded at Tannery last evening, killing three men. Patrick Dugan, the engineer in charge, stopped his engine at Tannery and went into the telegraph office for orders. During his absence the locomotive was blown to pieces. The three men who were on the engine were killed. Their names are as follows: John Lenuay, fireman; Edward Fox, brakeman; John Dotter, brakeman.

PHILLIPSEURG, Pa., March 13.—The 5-year-old son of D. H. Thomas, mine inspector of the Eighth bituminous district, who resides in this place, and the 9-yearold daughter of Mine Foreman Matthew Morris, a brother-in-law of the inspector, were probably fatally burned yesterday. The children set fire to some straw in an out house, and when rescued both were unconscious. Portions of the boy's body were burned to a crisp, while the girl's injuries appeared to be internal.

WARREN, Pa., March 12 .- In the trial of the case against the whitecaps who took Frank Bright from his home recently at Kinzua and gave him a sound whipping the jury returned a verdict finding eight persons guilty as indicted. These persons include some of the best citizens of Kingua. They are Dr. Stanahan, James Hardigan, James Newark, O. App, Leroy Strong, Charles Martin and Joseph Loretti. They were indicted for riot, false imprisonment and assault and battery. Sen-

tence will be passed during this week. TUNKHANNOCK, Pa., March 14.-Tunkhannock is much mystified over the disappearance of Henry Harding, one of the most prominent lawyers of the place. He left town two weeks ago, ostensibly to attend the Grand Army encampment at Philadelphia. He did not go there and the last seen of him was at Scranton. He is possessed of considerable wealth and has a lucrative law practice. His domestic relations are pleasant and no cause can be assigned for his disappearance. He was a prominent candidate for president judge of the Forty-fourth judicial district, and his chances for the nomination at next Monday's convention were considered good. Foul play is feared.

Government Vessels Take Formal Possession of the Harbor.

DA GAMA SAID TO HAVE ESCAPED.

The Rebel Admiral Is Believed to Be on the British Warship Sirius, While Other Insurgent Officers Are at Sea on a French War Vessel.

RIO JANEIRO, March 14.-Yesterday at 12 o'clock precisely the Bar fortress opened fire upon Fort Villegaignon. In a short time the government forces at Fort Amacao and Fort Gragoata joined in the bombardment. The fire was not returned by the insurgents. The bombardment continued until 3 o'clock, when it ceased. Castello, San Bento, Saude, Curvello and all the city batteries then opened a furi-ous fire upon Fort Villegaignon and the insurgent warship Tamandare. The fire was also directed upon the insurgent works at Cobras Island and at other places. The forces at Enchadas lowered the hospital flag and hoisted the insurgent ensign. The garrison at Governor's Island also took part in the attack on Fort Villegaignon, which was badly hammered by the government guns.

The works of Cobras Island took fire, but the flames were soon extinguished. The firing of the batteries lasted for an hour. No great damage was done. The insurgents did not fire a shot, husbanding their ammunition.

At 4 o'clock the government fleet appeared off the harbor, the torpedo boat Aurora leading. The other vessels in the fleet were the Nictheroy, America, Itaipu, Bahia, Tiradentes and Parahydia and two steamers and five torpedo boats.

Immediately upon the appearance of the quadron the rebels hauled down the white ensign from one of the ships which was lying near Enchadas, and hoisted a signal which was answered from ashore. A launch containing an officer then went from one insurgent ship to another, and each vessel lowered the white flag. The torpedo boats from the government fleet outside then entered the bay. One of them went to Fort Villegaignon, and it was Mifflintown, Pa., March 14.—Judge shortly followed by the launch from the ensign came down from the fortes, and at 5:45 the government fleet came up the bay, being a welcome sight to the anxious people on shore.

There is much rejoicing in this city at the culmination of the struggle which has continued so many months, with no object seemingly but to hamper business and destroy property.

The officers of the insurgent fleet have taken refuge on board French and Portuguese warships. One French vessel has put to sea with many of the rebel officers on board. It is said that Admiral da Gama is on board the British warship Sirius.

When the fact became known that Da Gama had offered to capitulate the government fleet entered the harbor quietly. As the vessels made their way up the bay they were saluted by the various government batteries. The greatest excitement prevails in the city. The streets are crowded, and everywhere can be heard the cry of "Vive Peixoto!"

There has been much suffering in the city. All business houses have been closed and it is very difficult to get food. The whole available police force has been on duty constantly, but there has been little disturbance. Almost the whole population is gathered in the center of the city. Probably 100,000 persons have left the city. Railroad transportation to the suburbs is free, and the government is feeding the

The insurgent warship Aquidaban is not in the harbor. Admiral de Mello was false to the emperor, and to President Fonseca and President Peixoto. He now proves false to Admiral da Gama. Where he expects to go is not known.

Cornell's Hazing Fatality.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 13.-Judge Forbes made his charge to the grand jury. After outlining their general duties he referred to the freshman banquet tragedy. He said all universities and colleges ought to make strict rules for the punishment of hazing and similar breaches of the peace. He did not believe that those who caused the chloride to be diffused about the hall deliberately premeditated taking human life, and that if the jury found such to be the case they could not indict any one for murder. District Attorney Jennings is of the opinion that some one will be indicted as a result of the jury's deliberation.

The Election Murder in Troy.

ALBANY, March 13.-Governor Flower was informed that the gentlemen suggested by him to act as special counsel in the prosecution of the election crimes committed in Troy last Tuesday were not entirely satisfactory to the committee of citizens. He thereupon summoned Assistant District Attorney Fagan and told him to make a vigorous and thorough presecution of all these violations of law. With the governor's permission he has associated with him in the cases Messrs. Frank S. Black and Seymour Vansant Voord.

All Hands Undoubtedly Drowned. VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.-The fate of the schooner Mary Brown, for which the United States government sent the steamer Wolcott to search, has at last been determined. A party of Indians found the schooner on the rocks of Bank Island, with a hole in her bow, masts gone and boats smashed. Captain Brown and James O'Briel, of the Lynde and Hough Commercial company, and nine other white passengers are unquestionably drowned.

Two Atlanta Suicides.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 14.—Cora Plun-kett, a 19-year-old girl, committed suicide last night. She took strychnine to save herself from shame. Dr. Krafton, whose wife left him on Sunday, took a dose of Indian hemp. The poison has made him a temporary maniac, but he may recover. Mrs. Krafton was arrested on Monday to keep her from eloping with a man named Hammond.

Another Bridge Bill Presented.

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- Senator Murphy introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Hudson river between New York and New Jersey by the New York and New Jersey Bridge company. The bill is identical with the Dunphy bill, which was vetoed by the president, except as to the location.

To be Court Martialed. TRENTON, March 14 .- A court martial has been ordered by General Sewell to try Captain Walsh, of Company D, Seventh regiment, of Trenton, for alleged misap-propriation of \$36 state funds. Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 17-1/4 mile west of State College, by Harvey Bowersox. 5 horses, a colt. 7 head of young cattle, 4 milk cows, 15 good sheep and implements. Sale at 12 o'clock.

WEDDESDAY, MARCH 21-On the Dr. Fairlamb farm, Benner twp, estate Alias Beezer, dec'd, consisting of farm stock and implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—On the Thomas farm, in snow Shoe twp., near Moshannon, 2 horses, 2 cows. implements and hay by the ton. Sale by J. T. Lucas.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27—At the late residence of Conrad Singer, 1 mile south of Romola, in Curtin twp., at 1 o'clock, by Wm. J. Singer administrator, 3 horses, 1 mare with foal, ows, young cattle and implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28—By Levi Krebs, but west of Pine Grove Mills, at 10 a.m., sinhorses, 1 coit, 6 milch cows, Jerseys and Short Horn; 38 sheep, brood sow and pigs, and a big lot of farm implements. THURSDAY, MARCH 29—At the residence of Charles Smoyer, 134 miles north-west of Snow Shoe Intersection, by P. M. Sharp, at 1 o clock, 2 horses, brood mare, yearling colt, 4 milk cows, young cattle, and all kinds of implements in good repair.

FRIDAY, March 20—By James Watson, at 10 clock, in Snow Shoe twp., 2 horses, 2 cows mower, hay rake, potato raiser and other implements; also household goods. SATURDAY, MARCH 31-3 miles west of State College, by D. M. Neidig, 3 horses, 1 cow, all kinds of implements, and household goods-

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and J. W. Eby. containing ninety-six acres more or less.

No. 2. All that certain messuage lot or piece of ground situate in Walker township, county of Centre and state of Pennsylvania, bounded on the south by land of Thomas Lesh, deceased, on the east by land of Thomas Lesh, deceased, on the north by land of Jesse Shaffer, and on the west by lands of Jacob Shaffer, containing nineteen acres more or less. And that no partition of said land has been made, but partition therefor yet remsins to be made to and among the heirs of said decedent.

Sheriff's office, JNO. P. CONDO, Bellefonte, March 12, '94.; 2t Sheriff.

In the matter of the assigned estate of Dattel Bartges.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by
the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county,
to make distribution of the funds in the hands
of the accountant as shown by his second account, to and among those legally entitled to
receive the same, will attend to the duties of
his appointment at his office, in the borough of
Bellefonte, on Thursday, the 5th day of April,
A. D. 1994, at 100-clock a. m., when and where
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DIVORCE NOTICE .-

Jonathan Shutt vs. Mary Ann Shutt. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre co., April term, 1894, No. 125.

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DIVORCE A. V. M

To Mary Ann Shutt, respondent.
You are hereby notified that the undersigned. a commissioner appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, to take testimony in the above stated case, will meet the parties interested to perform the duties of his appointment at the office of J. C. Boal, Esq., in the borough of Centre Hall, on Monday, the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1894, at 9 of clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may attend.

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