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The news from Washington shows pretty conclusively that Germany has to back down in the Samoan fuss or fight. The spirit of '76 is still alive in this country.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—Representative Morrow, of California, who is the chairman of the sub-committee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, intends to call the sub-committee together and get to work at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Herbert, Chairman of the Naval Committee of the House, has not yet received a response to his letter to Secretary Whitney, inviting suggestions as to any amendments that may, in his judgment, be necessary to meet any emergency that may arise as the result of the Samoan affair.

Mr. James has an enormous pile of printed matter in front of him, which is estimated to take at least a week to get through, but human endurance has limits, and the judges will probably make an effort to shorten the dire infliction.

PARANAL CANAL PROSPECTS Are Bright, but it Will Cost \$50,000,000. Paris, January 25.—Two reports will be presented at the meeting of the Panama canal shareholders, announced for tomorrow.

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PHELPS IS FLATTERED By the Unusual Honor of a Special Invitation From the Queen. London, January 25.—As Mr. Phelps has not been recalled and has not resigned, he is not entitled to an audience with the Queen.

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HIGH-HANDED GERMANS

Ruin the Sultan of Zanzibar, Politically and Financially. LONDON, January 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Zanzibar says a grave pecuniary embarrassment is reported to be impending for the Sultan of Zanzibar.

THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT. Effect of Supreme Court Decisions Upon the Revenues. Auditor General McCamant has made his annual report. He makes a number of valuable suggestions in regard to taxation, and says that the Legislature should not appropriate money until it provides for the appropriation.

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A BLOODLESS ENCOUNTER

Two Congressmen Collide, but Without Any Serious Results. WASHINGTON, January 25.—Although there have been innumerable quarrels and fist contests between men in Congress during the past quarter of a century, there have been no duels, no meetings on the sanguinary fields of contest, since the late Senatorial contest in 1856.

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INDIANAPOLIS, January 25.—The man who enjoys the distinction of having stolen at least half a million has not yet been arrested, and probably will not be for the present. A reporter to-day succeeded in obtaining an interview with Moore, who is at present closely confined himself to his residence in this city.

NO SUICIDE IN HIS. "I decided to stay right here, and when Mr. Abbott arrived I told him the whole truth about the condition of my business. I did not conceal anything, however trivial, and that is what I am proud of to remain here. I told him that he could always find me if he wanted me, and promised him that I would not commit suicide either. So here I am waiting for anything that may come."

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M'GLINS TO CORRIGAN.

The Celebrated Anti-Poverty Ex-Priest Replies to the Archbishop. NEW YORK, January 25.—Rev. Dr. McGlynn has to-night given out an open letter to Archbishop Corrigan, who caused to be read in the churches of his diocese last Sunday a letter denouncing Dr. McGlynn and his Anti-Poverty Society, and warning Roman Catholics that if they continued to attend the society would constitute a serious crime.

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CASTLE GARDEN ROMANCE. A Young Polish Nobleman Who Was Deceased as a Panper. NEW YORK, January 25.—A romantic story comes out of Castle Garden to-day about young Ignatius Polakowski, who had been named Anthon Sadowsky, who had recently arrived on the steamship Bohemia. He was detained because he had no money.

A COLORED MURDERER HANGED. ELLAVILLE, Ga., January 25.—Charles Blackman, colored, was hanged here to-day in the presence of an immense crowd for the murder of Stoneval Tonde, white, in 1888. Blackman had been convicted of the murder three times, and each time his lawyer secured a new trial.

PARENTS Will find much food for thought in the paper prepared for to-morrow's DISPATCH by Shirley Dare. DIED. CLOWES.—On Friday, January 25, 1899, at 10 o'clock P. M., Mr. GEORGE D. CLOWES, 59, in the 74th year of his age.

A GOOD MAN WANTED

For the Position of Arbitrator Under the New Railway Deal. THE DETAILS ABOUT COMPLETED, And but a Few Touches Remain to be Added to the Agreement.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL THE ONE KICKER. Western Presidents Hold Another Important Meeting at Chicago. The presidents of the Western railways met at Chicago yesterday. A number of minor changes were made in the new agreement. Only one road is not included in the deal. The arrangements will be completed to-day. The position of arbitrator will be a very important one.

THE ARBITRATION CLAUSE. The clause providing for arbitration for settlements of all disputes named more discussion than any other. It was finally agreed to adopt the clause as originally drawn, with the exception of the section referring to rates. If the arbitrators' award fixing rates is not satisfactory, the arbitrator has 10 days' notice, can establish his own rates. This change was made in order to appease the roads which thought that the agreement gave too much power to the arbitrators.

SANGUINE OFFICIALS. As all the roads except the Illinois Central, necessary to the agreement, are in favor of it, railroad officials are sanguine over the result. The two-day meeting was a communication from Manager Jeffrey was received by one of the managers to-day, stating that while the Illinois Central was in harmony with the proposed agreement, its management was of the opinion that the present agreements were good enough, and that an agreement among presidents was no better than an agreement between general managers. The result of the Illinois Central's attitude is believed to be a desire on the part of Manager Jeffrey to have the new association spread out, and take in the New Orleans line of that road.

FAT MEN IN TROUBLE. They Give a Dance at Which Their Landlord Plays the Mischief. JERSEY CITY, January 25.—The members of the Jersey City Fat Men's Club are in a state of mind over an unexpected occurrence which brought their annual ball to an unexpected end last night. The ball was held in Cooper's Hall, and the fat men, with their wives, best girls and friends, were there in large numbers. The club gave a ball in the same place last year, and A. A. Newman, the proprietor of the hall, realized the handsome profit then from the sale of liquor and solid refreshments that he proposed this year to let the club have the ballroom rent free. The proposition was accepted. Newman prepared suppers for 120, but laid the tables in the barroom down stairs, and consequently the large majority of the ladies refused to eat there, and their escorts took them to the neighborhood. This angered Newman, and when the people who had gone out returned they found the doors securely bolted.

NINE PERSONS IN A NEW YORK BROADWAY HOUSE NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, January 25.—Nine persons living at No. 29 Cottage Place, four of whom were policemen, were poisoned to-day, probably, the physicians say, from impure milk. Patrick O'Brien, A. E. Vantassel, Norman Sheldou and Martin Handy, of the Fifth precinct squad, went to their boarding house early yesterday morning for breakfast. They boarded with Mrs. Elizabeth C. Stewart, where there were five other persons—P. J. Monahan, Charles Monahan, Mr. Love, Miss Reagan and Miss McCabe. Two are shop girls. The principal dishes at the morning meal were fish and oatmeal. Of the latter the boarders all partook, using plenty of milk. Shortly afterward they were taken sick. The nausea was not accompanied by any pain or burning sensation, such as usually accompanies poisoning. Police Surgeon Robinson, who was called, sent O'Brien to the Chambers Street Hospital in an ambulance, saying that another hour without medical attendance would have killed him. At the hospital he was reported last night to be out of danger. All the patients were doing well last night, and all, with the exception of O'Brien, will be able to go to their usual work to-day.