## WITH A HELMET ON

The Kaiser Opens the German Reichstag in a Speech From the Throne.

ITS OPENING IS PACIFIC.

But He Says the Need of a Strong Army Measure Is Imperative.

MORE CORRUPTION IN FRANCE.

Abeille's Charged With Bribing Dumas and the Papers.

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE OPENS

BERLIN, Nov. 22.—Great interest has been manifested throughout Germany in the speech that the Emperor would make in opening the Reichstag to-day and the whole nation has been alert to learn what His Majesty would have to say concerning the army bill and other national matters. The ceremony of opening the session was performed with the utmost pomp and splendor. Emperor William read his speech, opening the session. His Majesty, in referring to foreign affairs, said:

In view of the friendly relations with all the powers and the consciousness that in pursuing a common end we shall continue to enjoy the effectual support of the ailed States, I cherish the hope that Germany will not be disturbed in her peaceful endeaver to promote her ideal economic interests. At the same time the development of the military power of other European States imposes on us the serious-nay, imperativeduty of strengthening the defensive capacity of the Empire by thorough-going measures.

Further Sacrifices Are Necessary. In the face of these developments, it is only by carrying out the tried principle of universal military service that we may expect those qualities in our army on which its strength and glory are based, and which will maintain for Germany the position of honor she has occupied among the powers in the past.
Unantmously fired with this conviction

Unanimously fired with this conviction, the tederal powers propose to you the adoption of a bill, which, while modifying the peace effective, renders possible the utilization of our detensive arm to its full extent. In this matter you will not fall to recognize the magnitude of the sacrifice made by the haston. You believe with me that the necessity for sacrifice will be increasingly recognized, and that the patriotism of the nation will be ready to assume the burdens

recognized, and that the patriotism of the nation will be ready to assume the burdens that must be borne for the honor and security of the Fatheriand.

In order to ighten these burdens, so far as possible, the period of service in the army will be reduced to the extreme limit which from a military point of view can be conceded. At the same time a more extended training and the employment of younger men for the military service will not only lessen the much felt inequality in the fulfillment of military service, but will also diminish the economic military disadvantages arising from the older class of men being called to serve. This class will, morebeing called to serve. This class will, more over, net more relief than they enjoy under

New Methods of Taxation

In order to enable the federal States to make budgetary provision for the means required to strengthen the army it becomes necessary to open new sources of revenue. With this object bills will be placed before the Bundesrath for the further taxation of

beer and brandy and also for the further taxation of Bourse transactions.

In inviting you to enter upon your labors, I know that at appear to you that you conduct your deliberations in a patriotic spirit is not necessary. The firm will of the nation to safeguard the inneritance of our fathers to sateguard the innertiance of our fathers, to secure peace and to preserve for the Fatherland its most cherished possessions, will, I feel convinced, lead to your agreement to the course proposed by me and my high allies. Should this come to pass, then the Empire may regard the future without anxiety, trusting in God and its own

Emperor William wore the uniform of the Garde du Corps. As he entered the hall he was given three cheers. He proceeded direct to the throne, on which he seated himself. He read his speech without doffing

Excepting his reference to Germany's friendly foreign relations, the Emperor's speech was coldly received by the evening The ultra-Conservative Kreses papers. The ultra-Conservative Arease Zeitung says that an unprejudiced person can scarcely obtain from the speech any other impression than that the Empire under the present economic conditions is rather in need of economy.

#### FRENCH OPINION BRIBED.

Rumor That the Abeille Family Corrupted

Newspapers and Even M. Dumas. PARIS, Nov. 22 .- The Court of Appeals rendered judgment to-day in favor of Mrs. Deacon, who appealed from the decision against her by the Tribunal of the Seine. The child Gladys was ordered to be returned to the convent, where both parents may visit her.

While the killing of Abeille was being discussed in the French newspapers, an article by M. Alexander Dumas appeared, declaring that Mr. Deacon had no right to kill his wife's lover under the circumstances. This opinion was directly contrary to the one he had expressed in one of his famous novels. This article was printed by all the papers and was distributed to the jury that tried Mr. Descon. It was also read in open court by the Judge
It is asserted from well-informed quarters

that M. Dumas' change of opinion was brought about, not by a revolution in his mind regarding the crime, but by the judi-cious use of money by the Abeille family. It is said that he received 20,000 francs for writing the article. Current rumor has it that the Abeille family spent 300,000 francs to obtain Mr. Deacon's conviction, and that of this sum 120,000 francs was spent in pro-curing articles hostile to him to be pub-lished in French newspapers. The real explanation of Mrs. Deacon bringing a divorce action, is that she is being used as a tool by the Abeille family. The Abeilles care nothing for her, but so long as they can use her to annoy Mr. Deacon, they will do

#### PORTUGAL HOLDS ITS GRUDGE

Republican Demonstrations Against a Proposed British Alliance,

LONDON, Nov. 22 .- The Times publishes a communication from its Lisbon correspondent, which the Portuguese Censor refused to allow telegraphed, and which was mailed. It records evidences of Republican agitation against the renewal of the alliance with England implied in the pro-posed visit of an English fleet. It says:

The Republican organs are indulging in outrage as anglo-phobe utterances. At a recent meeting of shopkeepers associations, after violent specches, a resolution was nassed asking Lisbon tradesmen to close their shops for 24 hours if a British fleet came, and to make other demonstrations against the alliance.

#### WARRING AGAINST ANARCHISTS.

German Police Raid Their Dens Dally and

Make Many Arrests. BERLIN, Nov. 22.-The German police show an untiring vigilance against Anarchists. They are constantly descending upon Anarchist domiciles, and daily arrests are made. Important papers proving the are made. Important papers but the intimacy of the relations existing between intimacy of the relations existing between German and foreign Anarchists have just German and foreign advantage was folbeen seized, and this advantage was lowed up to-day with the arrest of six An-

#### MONEY DOCTORS MEET.

Levi, of Belgium, Chosen Chairman of the International Conference on an American's Nomination-Yankee Proposals to Be Submitted Friday-Complex Problems.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 22.—The proceedings of the International Monetary Conference began in this city this morning. M. Beernaert, the Belgian Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, who opened the proceedings, said in his inaugural address that the conference had been called to discuss one of the gravest and most complex problems that modern society ever had to face. After referring to the monetary crisis that had occurred during the past century, M. Beernsert said it was the direction of an international understanding that a solution of the monetary question was now sought. This, he added, was in accordance with the law of progress. Numerous such understandings had already been arrived at for the regulation of the common in-terests of the civilized world—in re-gard to the telegraphs, railways, weights and measures—and why should not the same course be followed in the case of money? M. Beernaert advised the delegates to enter

the discussion without being too greatly im-pressed by the prospect of massing silver for which there appeared to be no employ-Hon, E. Terrell, U. S. Minister to Bel-gium thanked the Prime Minister for the cordial welcome, and expressed the respect-ful homage of the American delegates for the King of the Belgians. He proposed M. Montefiore Levi as President of the conference. M. Levi's selection was unani-mously agreed to. M. Levi said he ac-cepted the honor of presiding over the de-liberations, knowing that it was intended for Belgium, rather than for himself. The worst feature of the present monetary situation is its instability.

The conference arranged to meet three times each week. The American proposals will be submitted on Friday, to which day the conference adjourned.

#### REFUSED TO SETTLE.

The Foley Libel Suit Against the Greensburg Argus Will Be Tried To-Day-State and Local Politicians Summoned as Wit nesses-Mayor Gourley in the List.

The libel suit brought by P. Foley against the Greensburg Argus will be called for trial in the Westmoreland County Courts to-day. The suit is based on editorial reflections on Governor Pattison for his appointment of Mr. Foley on the World's Fair Commission. The case has attracted widespread attention, and the trial will call to Greensburg many of the leading Demo crats of the State. Ex-Congressman Kerr, who was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee when the charges were made has been summoned as a witness. Secretary of State Harrity, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, will also attend. Attorney General Hensel will likely be present, and a whole host of Pittsburg poli-

The prosecution has summoned Jury Commissioner Muller, ex-Jury Commis-sioner Ennis, W. J. Brennen, Alderman Mc-Kenus, George Bocker and several others, while Mr. Foley has called as character witnesses Mayor Gourley and a host of others prominent in local political affairs. An effort was made yesterday to have the case settled before it came to trial. Mr. Foley, however, said his reputation had suffered, and he would not be satisfied until he had been vindicated by a trial in court. The trial is likely to be more or less sen-sational, and the indications are that a great variety of political secrets will be liselosed during the hearing.

The Pittsburg witnesses will go to Greensburg this morning. W. J. Brennen and Scott Ferguson, of this city, will represent the prosecution, while John B. Keenan, ex-Senator H. P. Lairds and W. D. Moore will appear for the defense.

Needlework Guild of America.

Secretary Mrs. J. W. Stewart, of the "Needlework Guild of America," will meet the officers of the local guild at 10 o'clock this morning in the chapel of the Y.M.C.A. A meeting of all those inter-ested in the work will be held one-half an hour later.

Reisch Regains Consciousness. Officer Frank Reisch, the Southside officer who shot himself in the head, recovered consciousness yesterday. He said the shooting was accidental, and he was sorry so much fuss had been made about it. The doctors think he will recover.

#### SHORT STORIES OF CITY LIFE.

THE West End road expects to run electric cars on December 1. DAVID R. Woods was hit by a Fifth avenue car at Tunnel street. His ankle was sprained.

THE Board of Health yesterday reported four cases of scarlatina and five of diphtheria in the city. A POSTPONED inquest will be continued to-

day on the body of Michael Zazacky which was found in the Allegheny river under the West Penn railroad bridge. GEORGIA B. JONES, the 9-year-old colored

girl who was fatally burned Monday, at No. 253 Second avenue, by her clothing catching fire, died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. SARAH JANE HAYS, widow of David E. Park, of Pittsburg, who of late has been liv-ing with a daughter in Washington, died at sea on Saturday last. Her remains will be interred at Washington.

Tax eru h d and mangled limbs of Mary Wolf, aged 6 years, were amputated yester-day at the West Penn Hospital. The little victim was run over by an Allegheny Valley train at Thirteenth street. THE inquest on the body of James Neary

of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, at Kenney station, has been post-poned for more information. PEARL SHIPMAN, 6 years old, of Forty-first PRAIL SHIPMAN, eyears old, or Forty-hirst and a half speet, is slowly dying from that rare disease, tuberculosis necrosis. The bravery and piety of the child through her intense suffering are attracting widespread

who was found dead Monday, on the tracks

HERNAN STEINS' toby factory on Locust street, one of the largest in the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The house was valued at \$1,200, the machinery \$400 and \$3,000 worth of tobacco were burned, beside about \$300 worth of Government stamps.

#### PICKED UP BY THE POLICE.

WILLIAM BECKER WAS Arrested yesterday on a charge of threatening his wife's life. THE wife of James Pall claims he clubbed her. He was locked up in the Nineteenth ward station house.

SNEAK thieves stole a gold and silver watch and an overcoat from the home of Frank Fumilier yesterday. ELIZABETH GILLESPIE Was sent to jail by Aiderman Kerr for 20 days. Agent Dorente claimed she got drunk and neglected her four young children.

MARTIN, SHIPERT, aged 17 years, was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Brinker, of Alletheny, yesterday morning, for raising a dis-turbance at the Eighth ward night school.

Bed Comforts and Quilts. Cotton filled, chintz covered, full size, at \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2-satine covered at \$1 35, \$1 75, \$2, \$2 50, \$3, \$4, all extra quality. Eider down (selected feathers), \$4 50 t6 \$25. Jos. Horne & Co., Penn avenue.

Look Housekeepens! Great towel drive 1,000 dozens of linck, damask and mofrire woven towels, usual price 25c. All to go at 123c cach. KAUFMANNS New Drygoods Department.

Can't be equaled—250 pairs heavy wool blankets, large size, at only \$2.85 per pair. KAUFMANNS' New Drygoods Department.

A special bargain—Elegant all wool imported black dress woods; would be cheap at \$1 50; will be sold for 79 cents per yard.

RALPMANNS'
New Drygoods Department.

#### UNCLE SAM IS AHEAD

Of All the World in Making Armor. Plate and Big Guns,

THANKS TO YANKEE INGENUITY.

Why fome of the Carnegie Contracts Have

Peen Transferred.

SOME NEW THINGS IN NAVAL WARFARE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.-At the very beginning of his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, Commodore Folger, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, asks for approprintions aggregating \$2,459,324 for the expenses of his bureau next year, but the request appears to be very moderate in view of the achievements of the present year and the promises for the future. The report shows that native skill and inventiveness have placed this country in advance of all others in armor construction and great gun

The report first treats of the subject of preech-loading rifles, and tells how the tendency to lengthen the guns has involved heavier construction to make them stiff enough for the new smokeless powders. To arm the vessels of new navy, 381 guns, varying in caliber from 4 inches to 13 inches, will be require d, and of these 237 have already been completed and 116 are

Big Guns Made of Nickel Steel. Big Gans Made of Nickel Steel.

The bureau is now building a nickl steel gun on new designs, invented by William Sellers, which will doubtless inaugurate the the entire use of nickel steel for naval gun construction. It is stronger and better than ordinary gun steel, and the designs will permit of the reconstruction of the gun whenever the tube becomes worn. The use in guns up to six inches in caliber of fixed metallic ammunition, which is nothing more nor less than a gigantic metallic cartridge, has resulted so satisfactorily that it is said to be merely a question of time before said to be merely a question of time before the idea will be applied to larger calibers. the idea will be applied to larger calibers. The rapid fire mechanism, as applied to five-inch guns, has enabled five shots to be fired from one gun in 19 seconds; but the result of the application of the mechanism to the four-inch gun was followed by results still more remarkable, for it has been possible to fire five shots in 14 seconds, which means, according to the report, that within a range of 6,000 yards this will maintain five shells in the air at the same moment of

Uncle Sam Ahead in Smokeless Powder. Marked progress was made in the development of the navy smokeless powder during the year. It is now made in large quanti-ties, is much safer than other powders, is unaffected by climatic conditions and is superior in a marked degree to the best European smokeless powders. The tests with high explosive emmensite have been made with great success. Experiments with another American explosive have shown that common shells filled with this material can be fired through six one-inch iron plates and burst detonatively at will beyond them. These experiments are regarded as settling the long discussion with regard to the relative merit of firing high explosives from air guns or from powder

The department states that it is appreciated (and this has likewise been noted abroad) that a decided revolution in the character of the armament of vessels of war is imminent. The bureau will, in future contracts, demand a more severe reception test than is required abroad for armorpiercing projectiles. Reference is made to the adoption by the army of the new maga-zine gun, and while doubt is expressed of its complete fitness for naval uses, it is recommended that a provisional supply be procured from the army ordnance depart-ment to arm the sailors.

Warfare Under the Water.

Commodore Folger speaks approvingly of the submarine boat now a subject of experiments at Chicago. He says that while full success has not been attained, the invention is promising, and he suggests the combination with it in effective warfare of a controllable floating torpedo and sub-marine gun. The tests of the Ericcson sub-marine gun and projectile are said to have demonstrated that a fairly accurate range of at least 600 feet could be obtained, but the projectiles were too weak, and the tests will be resumed with newer and stronge

Ones.

Under the head of torpedo boats, the report makes a strong recommendation that petroleum be used for fuel, increasing their radius, giving better control and generally increasing their efficiency.

Much space in the report is devoted to the subject of armor plate. It is stated that a transfer was made of part of the contracts held by the Bethlehem Company and the Carnegie Company. The firstnamed company was better equipped than the latter for the manufacture of heavy plates and the Carnegie Company was betplates and the Carnegie Company was bet-ter equipped to make thin plates, so the transfer was arranged on that basis. The

report says: Effects of the Homestead Trouble. The labor troubles at Homestead put a temporary stop to the armor manufactured by Carnegie, Phipps & Co., but work has again begun, and it is hoped that in a short time the total armor product of both comtime the total armor product of both com-panies will reach 600 or 700 tons of finished plates per month. Orders for armor to the full amount of both contracts have been placed, and there being about 7,000 tons still needed for ships authorized by law, the de-partment is preparing to advertise for bids for this quantity of armor, to be of nickel steel and to be treated by the Harvey pro-cess, at the discretion of the department.

The report states that the result of the great development of armor will doubtless be to check the tendency in Europe to abandon guns of large caliber, which was caused by the belief that the guns were more than ample to penetrate the heaviest armor. The Ordnance Bureau has succeeded in making an alloy of steel, with 25 per cent of nickel, that possesses all of the best qualities and strength of steel, with high elasticity distributed throughout the mass of metal, and, best of all, practically noncorrodible in the air and almost so in

#### THE FIRE RECORD.

Massillon—A fire is raging in the Millport cannel coal mine and beyond control. Harrisburg—The interior of the Patriot newspaper building. Loss, from \$40,000 to

Southside—A fire broke out in H. Lang & Son's chair factory on the Southside yesterday. No damage.

Piqua, O.—The manufacturing establishment of Cron, Kils & Co., damaged. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$14,000.

Cummings, Ill.—Thirty sheds containing 220,000 barrels of sait belonging to the Michigan Sait Company. Loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Pana, Ill.—The Christian county poorhouse with nearly all its contents. Mrs. Warden Gardner was badly burned. The inmates narrowly escaped.

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Grand Rapids—The Grand Rapids Folding Chair and Table Company's factory. Loss on stock, \$30,000; on building and equipment, \$40,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Youngstown—The stables of the Youngstown Ioe Company, where there were 18 horses, wagons and stock. Firemen saved the office. Loss, \$5,000; well insured.

Edgewood, Pa.—The locomotive building of the firm claim the fire was the work of an incendiary. Loss covered by insurance.

Arkansas City, Ark.—The Desha Lumber and Pianing Company's mill with an immense amount of lumber. Loss, \$50,000, This mill was said to be the finest in the South. A number of dwellings were burned also. The mill employed about 300 men, and was owned by a Boston company in charge of A. Kimball, General Manager.

Pasadena, Cal.—The residence of Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, with its contents, except a little furniture on the first floor. The fire was caused by the carelessness of a servant in throwing hot ashes into a pine box. Loss about \$20,000; insurance, \$20,000. The whole household escaped injury by a hasty flight, Mr. Medill will rebuild immediately. The bouse destroyed was one of the finest in Southern California.

#### A SMALL DAY'S WORK.

Very Few Cases in the Triennial Asse ment Court Yesterday.

At the hearing of appeals against city assessments yesterday afternoon a dispute as to the classification of Summerlea street, an unimproved one, resulted in a mitual agreement to change and lower it. The property of Milton I. Baird on Negley avenue, between Baum and Friendship, was taken up. The lot is 60 by 121 feet and has a two-story brick house and frame stable on it and the valuation was placed at \$14,600. A deed of sale for \$16,000 was put in evidence, but Mr. D. P. Black, who was on the stand, said the sale was not made at that figure, as the prospective purchaser thought it too high. The witness also admitted that he thought so too. The owner's appeal was \$5,400 on the lot from \$6,000; \$8,500 on the building from \$9,000, and \$800 on the stable from \$900, a total of \$14,700; which was really \$100 more than the total of the assessment after a second assessment of the land when the appeal was taken. The case was closed up with that evidence, which certainly appeared to be in the city's favor. The balance of the Twentieth ward will be taken up to-day, and then the Twenty-first and Twenty-second taken up. nue, between Baum and Friendship, was

#### CUT OFF WITH NOTHING.

This Is the Punishment for Any Heir Dis-

puting Beckert's Will. In the Register of Wills office yesterday the last testament of the late Fred. Beckert, Sr., of Reserve township, was entered for probate. He bequeaths his wife Elizabeth \$2,000, the family residence, ten acres of land and all she could get in addition under the intestate law. Elizabeth and Clara N. Beckert, daughters of his son Frederick, get \$1,500 each.

The residue is divided into five parts. One-fifth each is given to his children, Charles and William Beckert, Eliza Mulzig and Anna M. Gerwig. The remaining fifth is given to the executors to place at interest in such a way that it will yield \$15 per month. This sum is to be paid to the decedent's son Henry for life. On the latter's death \$1,500 goes to his daughter Elizabeth, while the balance goes to the testator's children. Any hair disputing the will is children. Any heir disputing the will is to get nothing, and his share to be divided among the other heirs.

#### WITHHELD FROM BANK

F. W. Gerdes Charged With Holding Se curities He Should Have Deposited.

Before Alderman McMasters yesterday a warrant was sworn out by S. W. Risher, Secretary and Treasurer of the Pittsburg Refining Company, charging F. W. Gerdes, President of the Hall Steam Pump Company, with larceny by bailee. The prose-cution claims that Gerdes held a note of the refining company for \$335 74, payable on November 12 to the pump company, and a check for \$330 62 payable to the same con-

When the note matured Gerdes refused to deposit it and also held out the checks instead of placing it in bank. Gerdes gave bail for a hearing on Monday.

#### ANOTHER SPEAK-EASY CLOSED.

The Southside Police Shut the Door of ar Unlicensed Saloon.

George Hoffman, the proprietor of a 'speak-easy" next door to the Jane street Turner Hall on the Southside, was arrested last evening by Policeman Carrigan and locked up in the Twenty-eight ward police station. Hoffman has been selling liquor without a license for some time past, but it was not until last evening that sufficient evidence was secured to warrant his arrest. Hoffman will be given a hearing by Magistrate Succop this morning.

#### HIS VISIT A LONG ONE,

Charles Clark Goes to England on a Trip and Fails to Return.

At police headquarters yesterday Mollie Clark called upon Superintendent O'Mara and requested him to write to London and learn if possible some tidings of her father. Charles E. Clark. Mr. Clark went to England some months ago upon a visit and since that time he has not been heard of. The missing man has been a professor of hygiene in the colleges at Canonsburg and Washington. He was also a tutor at one time in Portland, Ore.

Slipped Away to Get Married.

Charles Bray, formerly of Pittsburg, now of the Lloyd-Booth Company, founders and machinists, of Youngstown, accompanied by Miss May Harris, a young lady of Niles, O., slipped away quietly to Cleve-land, Saturday, where they were married by the Rev. Dr. Spreckles, of the Presby-terian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bray returned to Youngstown yesterday.

May Not Recover.

Dr. William Linnenbrink, a well known physician, of Zelinople, was found lying in an unconscious condition beside the tracks of the Ft. Wayne road a short distance from Rechester on Monday night. He is very badly injured and may not recover.

A Hard Fought Battle.

Nicholas Casey, aged 60, who only has one leg, became involved in a quarrel with his wife yesterday, and beat her severely with his crutch. His better half retaliated, and cut her life partner with a knife. Both were arrested.

Monday James McGrath, aged 30, a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was instantly killed. He was removed to his home in Wilmerding. Movements of Steamships

Killed on the Tracks.

While crossing the tracks at Wall station

Steamer. From.
Woodland. New York.
Arizona. Liverpool.
Egyptian Monarch. London.
State of Nebraska. New York... A WINNER! 1,000 comfortables, heavy, warm and well filled, at only \$1 19.

New Drygoods Department. A Thanksgiving Feast of Clothing Bargains at the P. C. C. C., Clothiers, To-Day and

Up Till Noon Thursday, We have selected a lot of clothing (good, substantial clothing) and placed it in our well-lighted basement to be sold at very low prices to-day and up till Thursday noon.

Read the prices: 220 Men's blue and black fur peaver 

A STARTLER! 1,100 Italian blankets, in new combinations (displayed on center table), at only 99c.

KAUPMANNS only 99c. New Drygoods Departs

Pianos, Pianos, Organs, Organs. Mellor & Hoene, 77 Fifth Avenue.

The most durable and reliable. The best for the money. Largest line of instruments in the city. Easy pay-ments. Send for circulars.

SMALL in size, great in results; De Witt's Little Enrly Risers. Best pill for constipation best for sick headsche and sour stomach.

### COAL TRADE ALARMED.

Disastrous Results From Whitney's Nova Scotia Deal Predicted.

THOUSANDS OF MINERS MENACED

And the Bituminous Regions Threatened by

Canadian Competition. PEARS OF A REDUCTION OF THE TARIFF

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- The managers of the bituminous coal companies, most of whom have offices in the Washington building, at No. 1 Broadway, were considerably stirred up to-day over a dispatch from Mon treal to the effect that a syndicate of American capitalists, of which Wm. C. Whitney was at the head, had secured control of the entire output of the Nova Scotia mines. Mr. W. DeL. Wallbridge, manager of the American Coal Company, was seen to-day

Mr. Wallbridge said: "I have no doubt of the truth of the report. It is on a line with the 'disinterested' patriotism of Mr. Whitney and others who have been so active in securing the election of Mr. Cleveland. It is plain to my mind that one of the first efforts to revise the tariff will be to take the duty, which is now 75 cents a ton, off coal. If this be done, it will threaten the bituminous coal interests of the United States east of the Allegheny Mountains and will affect the employment of 100,000 workingmen and millions of dol-lars of invested capital.

What It Means to U. S. Companies "The principal market for bituminous coal "The principal market for bituminous coal at present is in New England, and with free coal it is possible for coal from the Nova Scotia mines to be delivered at any New England port at least 50 cents a ton cheaper than it can be delivered free on board at Norfolk, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The bituminous coal mines in the United States are located 300 or 400 miles from the scale and principal market products. from the seaboard, which necessitates an expensive and unavoidable haul by railroad. The coal mined by my company is shipped either to Baltimore or Philadelphia at a cost of \$1 50 railroad tolls per ton.

"The Nova Scotia mines are located directly on the seaboard and coal can be loaded directly from the mines into vessels for Boston and other New England ports. The result of this competition would not only throw out of employment thousands of miners, but it would also affect disastrously the business of the railroads whose dividends are at present dependent on the coal carrying traffic.

A Serious Blow to the Shipping. "Out of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk the greatest tonnage of vessels in Norfolk the greatest tonnage of vessels in any one branch of commerce is employed in the coal carrying trade. The shipping of Nova Scotia coal in English bottoms would prove a serious blow to the shipping interests of these ports. The other side of the question, that the benefits which New England would derive from cheaper coal would be offset by the fact that a large market for their goods in the region affected by the paralysis of this important industry would be partially cut off and they could not hope to extend their trade to Nova Scotia, which will continue as before to get her needs supplied from the manufacturing

her needs supplied from the manufacturing centers of the mother country."

At the office of the West Virginia Coal Company, of which Stephen B. Elkins is President, the matter was considered a serious one, and the probable action of Company is the training of the coal is recorded. gress regarding the tariff on coal is regarded with much concern. William C. Whitney has been out of town for several days, and, it is supposed, on business connected with the purchase of the Nova Scotia mines.

COULDN'T RAISE A QUORUM.

Allegheny Councilmen Seen Loafing Outside, but Would Not Go In.

A quorum couldn't be raised last evening so the special meeting of the Alle-gheny Common Councils was not held. Only 23 members answered to their names and 27 were needed. The principal business pending was the extension of the term of office of heads of departments. The members of the Reform Association were

members of the Reform Association were out in force to protest against it.

It was reported to President Parke that Messra Speadle, Rowbottom, Dahlinger and Armstrong were in the hallway downstairs and would not come in. Messra. Paulin and Harbison were appointed a committee to go after them. The committee, after a long absence, returned and reported failure, stating they had heard that some members had been seen rapidly disappearing around a corner. appearing around a corner.

The Reform Association had laid on each Councilman's desk a printed protest against extending the time. The reasons given

The terms of Councilmen will expire in The terms of Councilmen will expire in the spring, and as the city is under a new charter the power of electing and appointing men to office reverts to the people. Caution should be used in extending terms of office. When limited to short terms, occupants can be continued, if worthy, and discharged if not. For the ontgoing Council to extend the time of office for a period as long as the term of the incoming Council is uncalled for. The citizens have the right to name the men who will take charge and

#### to name the men who will take charge and distribute the \$2,250,000 voted for to be used in city improvements. DENIES THE STATEMENT.

Alderman Braun Says Agent O'Brien Made No Information Before Him. Agent O'Brien, of the Humane Society, yesterday said that he had made an infornation before Alderman Braun, of Alle gheny, against 25 persons who participated in a dog fight on Saturday night, Novem-ber 5. The fight is said to have taken place on East street in Reserve township. Alder-man Braun denies that O'Brien made any informations before him.

#### MR. BARRETT AS CLAUDIAN.

Spectacular and Romantic Drams Produced Here for the First Time,

The second play of Mr. Wilson Barrett's repertoire, "Claudian," was produced at the Duquesne last night. It is a romantic tragedy, of the spectacular class, to which Sardou's "Cleopatra" belongs. Henry Herman designed the plot, story and construction, and W. G. Wills, one of the most poetic writers among latter-day dramatists, wrote the dialogue. The lines are far better than the plot; the pathos, power and character are in the words rather nower and character are in the words rather than the situations and the action. In short, the play is weak in construction, and too long drawn out, not to say talky. Considered as a series of pictures, "Claudian" is far better than it could ever be as a play. The scenery is elaborate and effective, including a realistic earthquake, and we can readily understand that the living elements of the many tableaux might assist the scenery. That they did not last night must be blamed we presume upon the rawness of the Pittsburg recruits. If one goes in for the pictorial one must be careful that the colors are true and justly applied in every particular. The story of the play deals with the terrible punishment of Claudian, a pagan noble of Byzansium in the fifth century, for the murder of a saintly hermit. He is doomed to blight everyone he blesses, to injure everyone he loves and to remain forever a youth who cannot die. The play shows episodes in his life illustrating the effect of this curse. A final sacrifice of self ends his miserable existence.

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Mr. Barrett endued the cursed Claudian with much dignity, and while the opportunities for anything like sustained acting were few, preserved all through the curious jumble of romantic and melcdramatic events a distinct and intensely interesting personality. Miss Jeffreys played the heroine, Almida, the girl who loses her lover

and her sight when Claudian crosses her path, with much sweetness and girlish grace. The strongest, because the most natural, scene in the play was that in which Claudian realizes that Aimida is his victim, and she fights unavailingly against the supernatural spell of his damning influence. Mr. Barrett and Miss Jeffreys were at their best in this scene.

Mr. Cliffe was satisfactory as Agazil, the honest and humble lover of Almida. A refreshing element of comedy was well brought in by Horace Hodges in the character of a clown fashioned to Shakespeare's liking. There the acting stopped. The young women were nearly all badly made up, Miss Dacre was overwhelmed with a monstrous wig, and the choristers were too frightened to sing. It was therefore all the higher compliment to Mr. Barrett and Miss Jeffreys that the audience recalled them frequently, and that at the end of the play they insisted upon a speech, which Mr. Barrett gave them in the happiest style. This afternoon "The Lady of Lyons" will be given, and to-night "Claudiah."

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