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PENNSYLVANIA POOR LAWS

The Most Unequal System of Any of the States.

OUR DISGRACEFUL METHODS

Ill Conditions that Are Fostered by the Lack of Uniform System-Example of Monroe County-Petty Officials Fatten on Poor Tax.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg. Feb. 4.—Pennsylvania is declared to have the most unequal system of poor law government of any of the states; open to many abuses, and aggravated by constant litigation that is often more expensive than the actual care of paupers. Almost every county boroughs and townships of a countyhas a different method of administration. Unfortunates are put up for maintenance to the lowest bidder, who very often happens to be little better off than the pauper. To remedy these conditions and bring the state under a uniform system, Representative E. Gould, of Erie, ex-president of the Association of the Directors of the Poor and Charities of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill in the legislature, which is now in the committee on Judiciary general.

The act provides that each county shall constitute a separate poor district, to be governed by three direcelected by the people, and they shall at once take steps for the es-tablishment of a county poor house. Actual residence of one year is made essential to such a settlement as will entitle to relief, and a number of special and local acts are repealed.

Present System a Disgrace.

nine counties of the state the entire county constitutes a single district and is governed, so far as the poor are concerned, by the county commissioners, who act also as directors of the poor. As directors they levy the poor tax bursement upon themselves as com-

"Twenty counties are regulated upon the township district plan, governed left in their hands. by overseers. They make the assessment and disburse the tax collected. There is no appeal from their levy. It is a fact to the great disgrace of this overseer districts the paupers are put up at auction and their maintenance Europe let to the lowest bidder. Very often off than the pauper, and the pittance to do service for two, and infrequently

"It is almost impossible to remedy the existing evils. Nearly every district is governed wholly or in part by local or special laws. Hence, the only eure for the unfortunate conditions is general law Such a law if its neavisions act as a repeal of the special laws of the districts, will, of course, By the United Press meet opposition. Nearly every phyteet their small jobs."

Some Enlightening Statistics.

Colonel Gould has compiled information relative to the workings of the poor laws throughout the state, and finds that in 290 districts the auction system prevails, and that 128 disfavor the county system-of these thirty-seven because it would be more economical, twenty because it would decrease pauperism; ten because it would lessen litigation; seven because it would be more humane, and nineteen because it would equalize tax-

Corroborative of the ill conditions fostered by the lack of a uniform system are the statements of a number of poor directors themselves. Monroe county seems saddest off in this respect. Samuel Keiser, of West Buffalo township, Union county, said: "I favor the county system. We board our paupers with the lowest bidder. They cost about \$1 a week. Yes, sometimes an overseer will take a man to his own home and make a little out of his boarding. They are generally taken, though, by the laboring

Martin Yetter, an overseer of Smithfield, Monroe county, said: "We tried ten years ago to get a county poorhouse. We have to board our paupers out. While we do not auction their maintenance, we try to put them where the price is lowest. We regard the auction system as an outrage. I favor the abolition of the township for the county system, with a county poorhouse supported the same as our jall and court house.'

"Monroe County Sins"

George Becker, of East Stroudsburg | ent consuls. township, an overseer with six years' experience, said: "In my opinion we should have a county house. I think It would reduce pauperism and prevent litigation about settlements."

Emory Price, of Price township, said: "Our rule is to put our poor with the lowest bidder. A county poorhouse would greatly simplify matters and save money.'

Charles Smink, of Stroud township, said: "Monroe county sins in not having a home for its poor. It would save the payment of costs to thirtytwo overseers, thirty-two justices of the peace, and a lot of constables. Every one of them gets a slice of the

Lackawanna county also has the township system. Judge Archbald. of Scranton, said: "The question of settlement is a very vexatious and expensive luxury. A uniform county system would cure this, and besides being more efficacious in real relief, would not be so costly. Frequently hundreds of dollars have been expended in ascertaining the proper settlement of a pauper when the expense of maintaining him in a poorhouse would not have cost more than \$10."

PROCEEDINGS OF A DAY.

Objection to Unnaturalized Keepers at

the Wernersville Asylum. By the United Press.

senate was called to order at 8 o'clock there was barely a quorum present. following were among the bills introduced:

By Mr. Penrose-Enlarging the power of courts to grant and amend charters of institutions of learning; enlarging the the equity jurisdiction of the courts. By Mr. McCarrell-Establishing a cir-cuit court of appeals; fixing costs in the supreme court.

Fifty-seven bills passed first reading The bill increasing the salary of the superintendent of public printing from \$2,000 to \$3,000 passed second reading A resolution offered by Mr. McCreary providing that the sessions of the sen ate begin at 10 o'clock a. m. was met with a storm of disapproval and promptly voted down.

Against Greater Pittsburg.

The house met at 8 o'clock this even-Remonstrances were received against the "Greater Pittsburg" bill and the bill for the supervision of plumbing. the latter from master plumbers of and in many instances the several Philadelphia. A remonstrance was also received against the Marshall pipe line

> Bills in place were read as follows; Mr. Herzog, Berks-Granting pension to George Weidner, Berks county. M. Douthett, Butler-Providing penal-ties for the manufacture and sale of imitation butter and relating to inspection

thereof.
Mr. Talbott. Chester — Appropriating fayette, on the battlefield of Brandywine. Spangler, Cumberland-Appropriating \$2,000 to the Lydia Baird Home at

Mr. Stewart, Philadelphia-Appropriat ing \$6,000 to the Woman's directory, Philalelphia.

Mr. Peltz. Philadelphia-Appropriating Mr. Mackrell, Allegheny - Providing that county commissioners shall publish advertising at regular current rates in not less than two nor more than five newspapers of general circulation.

Referring to Aliens-

Mr. Reinoehl, Lebanon, offered a resolution calling for a committee to In explanation of the provisions of investigate the charge that there are a his bill Colonel Gould recently said to great many unnaturalized persons ema Philadelphia newspaper man: "In ployed at Wernersville asylum, and if the charge is true to have the trustees of the asylum discharge them. Mr. Focht, Union, said that the sooner

these aliens are rooted out the better it would be for these institutions. Mr. Fow. Philadelphia, held that the and make requisitions for its dis- trustees of Wernersville were Americans with a pedigree, and the management of the institution as regards the employment of aliens could safely be

Mr. Spangler, Cumberland, said if there ever was a time when we should "place Americans on guard" it is now. If these foreigners, he said, who are commonwealth that in some of these rushing pell mell to this country wont be naturalized let them go back to

Mr. Smith, Bedford, in reply to Mr. the successful bidder is little better Fow, said that no matter what the ancestry of the trustees, an investigation designed for the support of one has would do no harm. He knew of degenerate sons of noble ancestors, and noble sons of poor ancestry.

The resolution was referred to the committee on vice and immorality.

DEATH FROM BURNS. Horrible Fate of Mrs. Zellers Nephew.

Reading, Pa. Feb 4-The details sician, lawyer and others who receive of the fatal burning of Mrs. John Zelfees from the poor funds will stren- lers, aged 70, and her nephew, James uously urge its defeat. Nearly all of Hechler, aged 16, near Adamstown, them are politicians in a small way, were received here tonight. It appears and will employ every influence to pro- while Mrs. Zellers was starting a fire Sunday morning she used a quantity of coal oil. This exploded and fired the dwelling

In trying to extinguish the flames Mrs. Zellers and her nephew were horribly burned, and when the neighbors arrived they found the victims lying on the kitchen floor with every vestige of clothing burned from their bodies. The unfortunates were dragged from the burning building through a window. Hechler died early this morning, and Mrs. Zeller, it is reported, died this evening.

NO WAR WITH MEXICO. Guatemala Agrees to Mexican Demands

for the Earth. By the United Press

City of Mexico, Feb. 4.-About 4,000 workingmen marched through the streets of the city today and eventually gathered in front of the national pal-ace. They greeted President Diaz with loud cheers and presented to him an address praising the government's attitude in the boundary dispute with Guatemala. In his reply the president said that the diplomatic controversy presented no new features that would render war inevitable

It is stated semi-officially that the outlook for peace is more hopeful than ever, Guatemala having in the main agreed to Mexico's demands. The general opinion now is that there will be no

No Foreign Flags.

By the United Press. Denver, Colo., Feb. 4.—The legislature today passed a bill prohibiting the flying of any foreign flags in Colorado, excep-over the building occupied by the differ

Treasury Gold Reserve. By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 4.-The treasury gold

reserve today gained \$200,000 from natural causes—customs, dues and assays—stand-in at the cdose of business at \$42,623,780. CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

Telephone wires in Reading will be put underground. Lancaster furnishes free soup to over

500 people every day. Schuylkill county last year collected \$737,361.37 and expended \$680,304.60. Rich deposits of anthracite coal have been discovered in Shamokin township.

near Shamokin borough. The iron ore mines near Longswamp are being operated after a long idleness, the men receiving but 40 cents a day.

A farmer put some birdshot into Charles Wolfe at Harrisburg when the latter sought shelter in the former's barn. Opposition in Allegheny county to the Greater Pittsburg scheme grows stro and embraces all the towns affected.

An heir of William Penn, William Dougal Stuart, has secured judgments of electments for lands near Wilkes-Barre. Not more than 140,000,000 feet of logs will this spring be put into the Williams-port boom, a large decrease from last

sociation of the banks of Philadelphia, a resolution was unanimously adopted in-dorsing the provisions of the bill new be-Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 4—When the grace, and recommending its passage.

ALDERMEN REVOKE GRANTS

Brooklyn Pathers Annul the Pranchises of Two Trolley Companies.

MAYOR WILL PROBABLY VETO

Two Thousand Persons Assemble at City Hall to Hear the News-Arguments in the Matter at Albany-The Strike Situation.

By the United Press.

Brooklyn, Feb. 4.—Barely 2,000 people assembled in front of the city in regard to the African Winterland, hall this afternoon and the grand and the prospect of an early settlement to overawe the civic authorities was a lary line in Central Asia. failure, at least as far as force of numhaps double that number Mayor of two weeks ago, ordering citizens to or squares of the city, is still in force, and under directions from him the police cleared city hall square of the crowds which assembled in response to the order of Connelly and others of the executive committee of the strikers.

The men are highly indignant at the action of the authorities in refusing them the time honored right to assemble for the purpose of petition and prayer for relief from unjust usage. While they were rebuffed by burly policemen in front of the city hall, their leader entered alone by the rear door and was permitted to carry his bundle of petitions to the council chamber where the board of alderman, after a brief discussion, passed by a vote of 10 to 8 the resolution prayed for, and revoked the grants to the Brooklyn City and Atlantic Avenue Trolley companies.

Aldermen Somewhat Hazy.

The action of the board, even if it scapes the mayor's veto, which is not likely, is not expected to have a serious effect on the companies. The power of the board of aldermen to summarily revoke rights granted common carriers By the United Press. is questioned, and the aldermen themselves are somewhat hazy as to how they can hope to enforce their action. Should the proceedings before the attorney general at Albany result in the forfeiture of the company's charters the action of the common council today would become operative, but otherwise it will have little effect.

Aside from the gathering at the city hall there was no change in the strike situation. Two or three assaults upon motormen and conductors were reported and several collisions between trolley cars and trucks occurred. The February grand jury was sworn in and charged to see to it that whoever has trampled upon the law be brought to justice.

Justice Gaynor granted a writ of aldays to answer.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 4.-Arguments in General Hancock to bring action to this afternoon and evening. When the standing that both sides should file briefs Thursday of this week.

SHOT STONEWALL JACKSON.

The Military Career of Major John Me-Donough, of Boston

By the United Press. Boston, Feb. 4.-Major John Mcthe superintendent of delivery at the Boston postoffice, who was arrested on Saturday for stealing letters from the mail, and whose downfall has caused a great shock to his multitude of friends, is a favorite among Grand Army men and is well known by every member of the Grand Army In New England states.

Major McDonough is a member of the Loyal Legion, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company, and a Mason of the second degree. He, with his men, was standing some distance from the rest of Hooker's division at Chancellorsville, and they attacked General Stonewall Jackson and staff, and, despite the version of the southerners that the general was shot by a stray shot, from his own army, the major is believed to have shot and killed Jack-

MAY RIVAL CRIPPLE CREEK. Discoveries of Gold at the Mouth of the

Little Cottonwood. By the United Press.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 4.—The discovery of gold at the mouth of the Little Cottowood, eighteen miles south of this city, is causing considerable excitement. Some of the assays run very high and By the United Press. old miners predict that Cripple Creek will have a new rival.

The town site has been laid out under the name of Gold City and prospecting is going on in the vicinity notwithstanding the very heavy snow.

NON UNION MEN ARRESTED. Employes of the Buckeye Glass Works

Charged with Riot. By the United Press. Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 4.-All of the non-union employes of Buckeye Glass works were arrested this morning, on warrants sworn out by union men, charging riot as a result of the shooting

several days ago. This morning an attempt to assassinate Manager Humphreys, of the works, was made by an unknown man, two shots whizzing by Humphreys'

IT WAS NOT THE CHICORA.

The Object Sighted Off the Shore at South Chicago Probably an Ice Cake. By the United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 4 .- All hope has been abandoned that the object sighted off Chicago yesterday morning will prove to be the hull of the lost steamship Chicora. There was little interest shown in South Chicago during the day and only a few persons braved the extremely cold weather to visit the lake While further search was conshore. sidered useless this morning it was not desired to leave a possible doubt and the tug Moreford was sent on a search-

The boat went along the Indiana

shore twelve miles into the lake, but was unable to find anything but ice. Many huge cakes were encountered which might easily be taken for a boat from the shore, and it was doubtless one of these which aroused so much

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH. Formal Document Read at the Ministeria

Banquet. By the United Press.

hope and excitement.

London, Feb. 4 .- The Queen's speech on the occasion of the opening of parliament tomorrow will be read at the min isterial banquet tonight. The document refers to the confirmed efforts to promote peace between China and Japan, the conclusion of the treaty with France demonstration planned by the strikers of the question of the Russian bound-

The speech also expresses regret at bers was concerned. Master Workman Connelly had announced that 20,000 peo-increase of the financial provision for ple would certainly be present and per- strengthening the navy. The bill programme makes no reference to the Schieren decided that his proclamation | question of the veto power of the house of lords. The Irish land bill is placed refrain from congregating on the streets | before the Welsh disestablishment bill.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Car Runs Off the Draw Bridge and Three Persons Are Drowned. By the United Press.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 4.-A trolley car ran into an open draw of the Milwaukee street railway line this morning at the Kinnickinnic bridge. The passengers were all dumped into the icy water. Thousands of people were on the spot at once, and the people in the water were fished out as fast as they appeared on the surface.

There were eleven people in the car,

five of them women. Motorman John W. Kennedy, Miss Nettle Ehlman and Miss Schmidtkuntz were drowned, but the other passengers escaped with slight injuries.

FATE OF CONCORD PARTY.

The Department Does Not Seem Disposed to Take Action in the Matter of Rescue.

Washington, Feb. 4.-The last dispatch received at the navy department from the Concord was dated Feb. 1, announcing her arrival at Chinklang Chinkiang is about 250 miles from Shanghai and 170 miles from Woosung, which is at the mouth of Yang Tse Kiang river. Chinkiang is a treaty port and a walled town about four miles in circuit and is well fortified.

It is thought possible that Commander Craig, of the Concord, has been deterred from going ashore to communicate with the department by the feeling which must have resulted from the capture of the Concord's party if the report of their capture be true. Until something definite is heard from official sources the navy department will take no action. The nearest ships that could ternative mandamus today against the go to the assistance of the Concord are Atlantic Avenue Railroad company. A at Chee Foo, over 600 miles away, peremptory writ was applied for last Either the Baltimore or Charleston Friday. The company will have twenty | would be able to reach Chinkiang in less than three days.

Naval officers fail to see what could the matter of application to Attorney be accomplished anyway by the pres-General Hancock to bring action to ence of other ships as the men, if arannul the charter of the Brooklyn rested, have probably been taken in-Heights Railroad company were had land. Unless, however, the situation is much more critical than is believed no hearing closed it was with the under- doubt is expressed that the prisoners American consul for trial on his demand.

LEFT \$5,000,000 BY A FRIEND. Englishman Bequeaths His Whole Estate

to an American. Suwanee Springs, Fla., Feb. 4.-By the will of John Morrison, an Englishman, an estate of \$5,000,000 has been committee. If he did, he would not bequeathed to Percy Ludlam, a young man, who has been a frequent guest interest of banks were considered. here. Ludlam is a quiet, scholarly youth, and during his sojourns at the Springs became quite intimate with Mr. why he made the statement. "And I Morrison, who was a bachelor, and a want to say," continued Mr. Hatch," frequent visitor here

Not long ago Mr. Morrison died and left all his vast estate to Ludlam. The official notification of the will reached here yesterday.

MRS. STUDEBAKER'S FAST.

A Woman Lay in a Trance for a Long By the United Press.

Anderson, Ind., Feb. 4 .- Mrs. Joseph Studebaker began the one hundred and seventeenth day of her fast and insomnia today, but at noon died as the result of her peculiar affliction, which has attracted the attention of the public for weeks. She lay over three months in a trance, but often awoke.

Two weeks ago she had a half hour in which she seemed herself. She then passed into convulsions and died today. She had not touched food in 117 days.

Bridge Builder Killed.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 4.—Peter Ritchie, a bridge builder of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was killed this afternoon by falling from a pier of the bridge at Coatesville. He was employed in building a scaffold and slipping, he fell sixty feet, receiving injuries from which he died in a few minutes. Ritchie leaves a wife and five children. Bogardus Dead.

By the United Press.

Anstell, Ga., Feb. 4.—A man claiming to be Captain Bogardus, the famous marksman died here today. The identity of the man is not known here positively.

FLASHED FROM THE WIRES. The Kind Word society, of New York,

put 1,000 city girls in domestic service in the country last year. Going to Chicago on a business trip O. O. Hartwell, of Nassau, N. H., became suddenly insane and wandered to Mil-

Arrested for stealing \$25 from George Gould, Messenger Boy Michael De Can-dia said he "wanted it worse than Mr.

Application of President Norton, of a Brooklyn trolley road, to arm his men was promptly refused by Police Commis-sioner Welles. Philadelphia, Feb. 4.-The annual After ten years, evasion of the payment of alimony to his divorced wife, George E. White, a California cattle king, was or-dered to pay \$100,000 at once.

To get his governorship case in court, Captain Kolb, of Alabama, will pardon a condemned murderer, and if the sheriff ignores it the courts will be appealed to. Archbishop Kain, of the Catholic dio-cese of St. Louis, has placed himself on record as firmly approving the co-opera-tion of Catholics and Protestants in temperance work.

THE STATESMEN

Proceedings of House and Senate Are Characterized by Quarrels.

COMPLIMENTS OF SENATORS

Mr. Chandler and Mr. Butler Indulge in Warm Debate in the Senate and Representatives Hatch and Hall

Entertain the House,

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 4.-The vice-president laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the treasury, stating, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, that "it is believed that the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1895, the revenues of the government from all sources will exceed ordinary expenses by \$22,500,000."

journment, there was angry altercation between Senators Butler (South Carolina), and Chandler (New Hampshire). Mr. Butler made an effort to take up and pass the house bill for the appointment of cadets to the Naval academy, but objection was made by Mr. Chand-"Very well," Mr. Butler remarked. I have done my duty in the matter, and the senator from New Hampshire must take the responsibility of his

In the last moments, just before ad-

action." "I do not propose," Mr. Chandler replied with an angry expression, "to be pects for getting the statuary in the scolded by the senator from South Carolina, or any one else, for exercising my prvilege as a senator. I take the responsibility."

"The senator from New Hampshire," Mr. Butler remarked in a tone of contempt, "must think that I have a good aim of her life to have the statuary deal of time to dispose of if he sup- placed in the capitol buildings in Italiposes that I would use it in scolding an marble. him.

Before the altercation could extend further Mr. Blanchard, Louisiana, who pared to camp in the town until adwas in the chair, declared that the motion for adjournment was carried; and day she makes her rounds of the house the senate, at 6.10 p. m., adjourned until and senate. She knows most of the

tomorrow. Wrangling in the House.

programme of business outlined for it by the rules committee. Mr. Catchings (Mississippi) reported

an order from the rules committee alloting today to the consideration of an omnibus claim bill providing for the ettlement of claims amounting to \$718,-663. The claims were for certain stores death, and the tears trickled down her and supplies reported by the court of cheeks. She wiped away the briny flow claims under the act of 1883, known as and plunged into a description of the "Bowman act."

The opponents of the bill characterized the attempt to bring it before the house as a gross violation of all rules and "Beauty" were a little short on and precedents. The previous question on the rule was ordered, and it was de- pretty in Italian marble. "I think, feated by a vote of 145 to 95. Mr. Outh- said Mrs. Starkey, "the state will not waite presented the rules committee's order assigning Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the con- away for the sake of a few miserable H. A. KINGSBURY sideration of the administration currency bill.

Mr. Ou.hwalte, in presenting the matter to the house stated that "all Beauty'-the attributes that are sa interests" had been consulted, and he potent in modern civilization; and conthought that there would be no ob-

This brought Mr. Hatch (Missouri) to his feet. He said that the order did not represent all interests, but only would be promptly delivered to the those of the banking and currency committee and the banks. He represented the other-the great agricultural interests of the country-and he hoped that the rule would be withdrawn and the agricultural bill taken up. Mr. Hall. Missouri, said that the

> statement of Mr. Hatch was false and that he (Mr. Hatch) did not know what went on in the banking and currency have made the statement that only the Mr. Hatch, in a loud and angry tone, replied that he did know and that was

"that the language used by the gentle man was such that he would not use to me outside this house."

Order at Last Restored. This remark caused considerable excitement and members began to gather around the two Missouri members, Speaker Crisp rapped loudly and repeatedly for order, and, failing to get it, ordered the sergeant-at-arms to re quest members to take their seats. After a few minutes order was restored and Mr. Outhwalte said that it was evident that there was no intent to discuss the order, and he, therefore, demanded the previous question on it. sustained and the order was adopted. Late in the day the agricultural bill

was taken up and passed. It carries a total appropriation of \$3,277,150. Speaker Crisp laid before the house the correspondence regarding the recent revolt in Honolulu, called for by the resolution adopted last Friday. At

5.25 the house adjourned. PANIC IN A CHURCH.

John Bell Attempts to Cut His Throat at His Wife's Funeral.

By the United Press. Franklin, Pa., Feb. 4.-John Bell went to the Third ward chapel this afternoon to attend the funeral of his wife. While the services were in progress he became insane and attempted to commit suicide over the coffin of Mrs. Bell by cutting his throat with a

There was intense excitement in the church. A dozen women fainted and several were injured in the panic that was caused by the attempt of the congregation to escape from the church Bell was restrained from killing himself by men who were near him, and the funeral services were conducted to the close.

PEN AND PENCIL CLUB.

Officers Elected by Philadelphia's Well Known Literary Association. By the United Press.

meeting and election of the Pen and Pencil club was held today and Louis the railroad tracks and dig out stalled N. Megargee, of the Times, was reelected president. The other officers elected were: Vice president, Henry Young, North American; secretary, Charles W. Campbell, Inquirer; treas urer, James S. McCartney, Record. The following were elected as the board of governors: W. A. Connor, Associated Press; James J. Daily, Ledger; James I northwest winds.

R. Young, Star; Henry Martin, News, and Edmund Sterling, Ledger. An amendment to the constitution

was adopted increasing the associate membership from 25 to 100. PERISHED IN FLAMES.

W. H. Fenton and Family Probably Burned to Death.

the flames.

By the United Press. Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.-Word was eceived here tonight of the burning to the ground of the residence of Wilbert H. Fenton, at Port Republic, and the probable death of Mr. Fenton, his wife and their family of three children. The fire occured at 2 o'clock this norning and none of the inmates were seen to leave the burning building. As

THE FEMALE LOBBYIST.

hey have not been found since, fears

are entertained that they perished in

scranton Woman Who Wants \$25,000 for Some Statusry-Mrs. Starkey Interviewed by a Pittsburg Reporter.

From Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 4.-Mrs. George Starkey is the one lone female lobbyist at this session. She wants \$25,000 appropriated for a group of statuary, entitled "Strength and Beauty." gray-haired, blue-eyed, sweet-faced woman has been here before on the same mission. Once she was successful in the senate, but she blames Gov. Pattison for defeating her cause in the house. Mrs. Starkey thinks her pros-

capitol buildings are good. Mrs. Starkey is the wife of a sculptor of Scranton, who died a few years ago. The last work he did was this piece, "Strength and Beauty." On his death bed he asked his wife to make it the

Mrs. Starkey came here with the opening of the session and she is prejournment, if it is necessary. Each THREE SPECIALS members of the legislature and they are acquainted with her. For some The week opened with a refusal on the representatives and senators the part of the house to accept the do not like to devote much time to her pet measure and try to avoid her os

> quarters today and she was eager to talk of her plan to add to the art collection of the state. The woman started her story by telling of her husband's 'Strength and Beauty." Mrs. Starkey produced several photographs of the models. Both "Strength"

allow the life's aim of such a noted sculptor as George Starkey to crumble thousand dollars. "The group under consideration names itself on sight 'Strength and sists of two figures of heroic propor-

clothes, but the group would be very

tions-the male being 6 ft. 4 in, and the female 5 ft. 6 in. "The male figure is represented sitting upon a rough-hewn rock, at the base of which is an anvil, and under the extended foot is a broken Roman sword, forcibly conveying the idea that the brutality of arms has passed away, and by the significant grasp of the left hand upon the lever of a modern steam engine, we interpret the power and force of the age in which we live. In his extended right hand is a globe, held, not as a conqueror, but as a master, con-

as a conqueror, but as a mind over matsclous of the divinity of mind over matter.

"By the side of the male figure the female is represented standing in easy
male is represented standing in easy tle touch upon the shoulder with one hand, she crowns the effort of a world subdued by intellectual supremacy, by wreathing the globe with flowers with the other, casting into the composition the element of beauty without which mere strength is incomplete and harsh. By her side are the accessories feminine usefulness, the work-basket

and distaff." GUNS COVERED WITH SNOW. Japanese Fleet Obliged to Seek Shelter at

Yung Cheng. By the United Press. London, Feb. 4.-A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says: "Admiral Ito reports that in consecutting off debate. His demand was quence of the severe snow storms and heavy gales which have prevailed since January 31 the Japanese fleet has been obliged to take shelter at Yung Cheng. leaving only a small squadron to watch operations at Wel Hai Wel. The cold is intense, the guns of the warships be

ing covered with ice.

Fire Damp Explosion. By the United Press. Paris, Feb. 4-By an explosion of firedamp today at Montceau Les mines, in the de partment of Saone-Les-Loire, a number of miners were killed and injured. The dead bodies of twenty-one men have already been taken out and eight miners have been brought up alive. All the lat-ter are injured.

Strike Leaders Escape.

By the United Press. Woodland, Cala., Feb. 4.-Cases of Knox. Mullin and Compton, three of the strike leaders who were charged with murder in nnection with the train wreck last July in which the engineer and four United States soldiers were killed, were dis-

missed today. FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

London experienced last week the most A general census of all trades and professions in Germany will be taken o

The possible repeal of the sugar differential duty in America has already stimulated the German sugar industry. The alleged outrages committed Rev. G. F. Herrick, the college president German regiments were called out dur

Portugal refuses to sell Delagoa bay to England or the Cape Colony, but will sell to a company of Dutch and German cap-

WEATHER REPORT. >

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Napkins to match the above. 65 doz. 5-8 \$1.55, Regular Price \$1.75 75 doz. 3-4 2.35.

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