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NATIONAL CAPITAL TALK

Philadelphia Will No Doubt Secure the Big Convention.

PITTSBURG NOT IN THE RACE

Important Financial Measures Introduced in the Senate-Senator Call Denounces Spain-Democrats are Weary of the Responsibility.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.-It looks now as though Philadelphia can have the Republican national convention if it wants it. It is believed that neither Pittsburg, Chicago or San Francsico are in the race at all. The reason that Pittsburg is not likely to get it is that there will be too much local sentiment in that city for McKinley to suit other candidates, and the men on the national committee are not breaking their suspenders for Chio's governor it is generally conceeded that the convention will not go to that city. The boom for Philadelphia was started here today, and the sentiment is hourly growing stronger among the committeemen, who are in the city. Chairman Carter says that the convention should not go further west than Chicago, and as that city is indifferent as to whether it get: it or not places Philadelphia in an excellent position. Cincinnati, which is the delegates and camp followers is objectionable for the same reason that Pittsburg-too much local McKinley

sentiment. Neither New York or Washington wants the convention very bad. At least they are not after it. That leaves Philadelphia the only available city in the east, and she can have it if any effort is mode by herself in that direction. Her hotel accommodations are

Senator Quay is still in favor of Pittsburg, but it is believed that when he finds that the smoky city is no longer in the race he will throw his influence to Philadelphia. The Pittsburg boomers are expected here not later than Sunday, but they willfin d that they will have a strong natural sentiment in will have a strong natural favor of Philadelphia to overcome.

W. R. B.

THE SILVER COINAGE.

Scheme to Redeem Legal Tender Notes Washington, Dec. 5 .- Two important inancial measures were introduced in the senate todal and were referred to the committee on finance. The first was introduced by Mr. Mills, Texas. It provides for the coinage of the silver bullion now in the treasury into half dollars, quarters and dimes; and provides that when the gold reserve exceeds \$100,000,000, legal tender notes presented for payment may be redeemed in silver or gold, at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury; but when the gold reserve is below \$100,000,000 legal tender notes must be redeemed in standard silver dollars.

The second measure was introduced by Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, Its title is "To provide, in connection with other nations, for the unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 1 to 151/2." If it becomes a law it is only to take effect and become operative when similar laws shall have been ad opted by the governments of England,

France and Germany. A resolution declaring it unwise and inexpedient to retire the greenbacks was offered by Mr. Gallinger, New Hampshire, and was similarly referred.

Senator Call Denounces Spain. A resolution was offered by Mr. Call. Florida, and was agreed to, calling on the secretary of state for all corre spondence relating to the trial, convict'on and sentence of General Sanguily, "an American citizen," for alleged com plicity in the war against Spain by

The resolution offered last Tuesday by Mr. Call for the recognition of the Cuban revolutionists as belligerents was taken up and referred to the committe on foreign relations, after a speech in which Mr. Call spoke of the manner in which the war is carried on by Spair as "merciless," and declared that if such a condition of things were permitted by the American government the affirmation of the Monroe doctrine was vain and carried with it no weight

The senate at 1.35 adjourned till Monday next. Willing to Lose Control.

The Democratic senate caucus this afternoon authorized Chairman Gorman to appoint a committee of nine to assign the Democratic members to the committeeships. The drift of the discussion, and especially the remarks of Senators Vest and Blackburn, indicated a willingness to permit the Republicans to assume the responsibility of the com-mittees, and through that channel, of the legislation of the present congress. It is understood that no protest will be entered against the proposition of the Republicans to take full contro of the committees including chairman-

Senator Quay's Two Dills. Among the bills introduced in th senate today were the following by Mr. Quay, Fennsylvania: One amending the pension act of June 27, 1890, so as to grant a pension of \$8 a month to the widow and \$2 a month for each child under 16, of soldiers and sailors, who being dependent, on either the widow or children of men who served ninety days of more in the army or navy; and one directing the secretary of the treastry to te-audit the claim of the state of Pennsylvania for indebtedness incurred in 1864 in suppressing the rebel-

SHERMAN'S COMMITTEES.

the Silver and Anti-Silver Men Are Al Recognized.

Washington, De. 5.—4r. Sherman, chairman, reported to his associates the names of the members who had en selected by him to form the sente committees for the Republican side of the chamber and apportion the memof the chamber and apportion the mem-bers according to their service and for the best interest of the country and the business of the body. When the cau-cus met some of the younger element, which now has quite a foothold in the senate had some apprehension as to what Mr. Sherman might do and for hat Mr. Sherman hight do and for mis reason, went into the caucus chamner intending to over-ride him if they by some means secured a sound any evidence of an intention to mind that she becar's de

silver element of the senate was duly discriminated against. As soon as Mr. Sherman read his list suspicion was disarmed. The commit tee named by him consisting of the following was accepted without a dissent-

Mitchell, (Oregon) chairman; Teller (Colorado); Cullom, (Illinois); Platt (Connecticut); Quay, (Pennsylvania); Chandler. (New Hampshire); Petti-grew, (North Dakota); Bear, (Iowa); Pritchard. (North Carolina).

This committee is divided evenly on financial lines as nearly as any committee of nine could be divided. Messrs Mitchell, Teller, Pettigrew and Prit chard are pronounced silver men, and Messrs. Cullom, Platt, Quay and Bear, anti-silver men. Mr. Chandler, a bimetallist and friend of silver, but not a radical, holds the balance of power There is a sufficient amount of oldfashloned conservatism, on this committee to prevent it from going astray but it is true, nevertheless, that the young men would have liked one or two others, as, for instance, Dubois or Hansbrough. It was also thought that Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire would have been better for the purposes of the radicals than Mr. Chandler There was no word of complaint, how ever, and the committee will meet next Monday after adjournment and endeavor to assign the new senators and adjust the committeeships of the older ones, as to make everybody happy, a task that is not easy of accomplish-

WOULD SAVE A MILLION.

If Philadelphia Would Be Business-like in Her Electric Lighting a Vast Economy Would Result-The Lexow Committee at Work. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.-The Andrews

enatorial committee this afternon re-

sumed the inquiry into the city's system of electric lighting. The only witnesses examined were Prof. William D. Marks president of the Edison Electric Light ompany, and Arthur H. Lea, a citizen. Prof. Marks stated that he probably could supply the city with electric are lights at \$100 per year for each light and said that a municipal electric light plant could not be run any cheaper than can a private one. When Lawyer Freedley asked the witness directly if his company would be prepared to pid for the 5,300 lights of the city at the rate of \$100 for each light, Professor Marks replied: 'If this question related to the whole city in one system I would be only too glad to furnish 5,300 arc lights of 450 volts each for \$530,000 per annum." The Edison company cannot bid for city lighting, the witness con tinued, because it is forbidden from so

doing by an ordinance authorizing the company to use the streets of the city. Arthur H. Lea then resumed his testimony. The establishment of munici-pal plants, the witness declared, and the distribution of the current for private lighting purposes in the same manner that the city now sells gas to private consumers, would effect a saving to the municipality of \$1,000,000 per year, the sum now paid to the "Electric trust" for the city's electric lighting. At 4.40 o'clock the committee adjourned t

next Wednesday. THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.

Opposing Veterans of the Late War Be Brought Together in New York in Grand Fraternal Parade.

New York, Dec. 5.-In answer to a call signed by Mayor Strong, Chauncey M. Depew, Judge Martin T. MacMa-hon, Andrew C. Dickinson, Charles A Dana and John J. Garnett, about fifty well-known New York men met in the governor's room at the city hall today and organized for a reunion and parade of the veterans of the civil war both the blue and the gray, in the streets of New York, on July 4, 1896. It will bring together at the cele bration those who are left of the men, and the leaders who took part in the "bitter struggle." and unite for the first

time in the north, the blue and the grey. DRUMMER'S SUICIDE.

He Had Spent \$2,000 on an Actress and Then Shot Himself.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5.-Sylvester S. Brown, a jewelery salesman for a New York house, was found in his room at Westerman's Hotel last night, having shot himself twice in the head. Brown came here ten days ago with a variety actress whom he was engaged to marry. He bought \$2,000 worth of furniture and finery for the girl, promising to pay when he received a draft for \$4,000 he was expecting from New York.

The girl then refused to marry Brown. He was arrested Friday for making threats against her, but released at her request. He registered at Westerman's Hotel yesterday, and was still waiting

STERN FORFEITS BIG BAIL Twenty Thousand, Dollars Falls Into the

Bavarian Treasury. Munich, Dec. 5.-The sum of 80,000 marks (\$20,000) being the bail given by Louis Stern, of New York, for appearance to undergo the penalty posed on him for insulting Baron Von Thuengen, deputy commissioner of the Spa, at Kissengen, last summer, has been declared forfeited. Mr. Stern's respite having elapsed, and he having in the meantime failed to surrender

Mr. Stern was sentenced to tw weeks' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 600 marks (\$120.)

A. H. ANDREWS & CO. ASSIGN. Well-Known Firm of Furniture Manu-

facturers Is Embarrassd. Chicago, Dec. 5 .- The extensive desk, eating, office furniture and folding bed manufacturing firm of A. H. Andrew & Co. this morning made an assignment in the Circuit court confessing judgment for \$25,767 in favor of the The liabilities are estimated at \$500.

000; the assets at much less.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY FEAR. Illinois Woman Becomes Demente Through Dread of Gypsies. Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Fred Marcus, of Benton Precinct, near this city, committed suicide this morning

ity, committed suicide this by jumping into a cistern.

About a year ago a band of gypsies passed through the neighborhood, and by some means secured a lock of Mrs.

Marcus' hair. This co preyed upon her the broar's demonted.

New Developments in the Case of Charlotte Howell.

STATEMENTS OF THE DEFENSE

Major Merrick Withdraws His Motion for the Discharge of the Alleged Poisoner and Is Willing That Trial Should Proceed.

Wellsboro, Pa., Dec. 5.-When the trial of Mrs. Charlotte Howell, charged with the murder of Elizabeth Knapp, was resumed this morning Major George W. Merrick, counsel of the defendant, asked leave of the court to withdraw the motion he had made yesterday for the discharge of Mrs. Howell from custody, for the reason that no case had been made out against her, and to open the case for the defense. Yesterday the counsel for the defense

made a long argument in support of the motion, but this morning he stated that the district attorney had quoted some evidence which he had forgotten, and he therefore concluded that it would be necessary for the case to go to the

Upon his request being granted. Mr Merrick then opened the case for the defense and cited several cases where persons had been hanged on circumstantial evidence. In reviewing the evidence of the commonwealth, nearly every witness was named, and severe ly handled by the counsel. He said taken in their testimony, others had lied as to questions of fact. The defense, he said, claims to be able to prove that Mrs. Howell was not the person who poisoned Miss Knapp, and that the testimony submitted will show that William Rightmire, the girl's discarded lover, is the real culprit in the case. It will also be shown said Mr. Merrick, that many of the Miss Knapp were found by Chauncey Howell in his yard at times when Mrs. Howell was in bed, and it would have been impossible for her to write them or deposit them outside of the house.

Another Development. Another strange phase of this re markable case developed today. The defense offered to present forty-eight letters which are alleged by the prosecution to have been written by Mrs. Howell. Some of them are written or the backs of letters received by Miss Knapp. The defence proposes to show house and that the real author of them thus sought to make evidence against Mrs. Howell. These letters are a portion of the lot which the commonwealth asked to have admitted last week, and which the court ruled out. The defence also offers to prove the dying declara-Rightmire of being her murderer and also a remark made by the deceased the day before her death, asking Mrs. Howell to burn up the box of rat poison. (Mrs. Howell) had poisoned her

This afternoon testimony for the defense was given by several witnesses in contradiction of Dr. Brown and John Brahaney on all the main points.

There was also some expert testi-mony by Dr. Boom, of Philadelphia, in regard to the care of organs of the body which are intended for chemical analvsis in cases of poisoning. He stated that in this case proper care had not been taken in sending the organs from Miss Knapp's body to him for analysis.

DIED WHEN UNDER THE KNIFE The Patient Expired While Ilis Finger Was Being Amputated.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 5 .- Ether was administered last night to Frank Y. Hipp. of Silver Brook, who was taken to the hospital to have a finger amputated. While the operation was in progress Hipp died.

His finger had been crushed in a

PISA INVESTIGATION.

veral Witnesses Are Examined by the Board of Trastees at Farnhurst Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5,-The board of trustees of the State hospital for the insane, at Farnhurst, held an investigation to-day. All the members of the board were present and a number of Hancker, the superintendent, made a statement relative to the death of Louis Pisa. Dr. Hancker stated that he was when he returned to the hospital, Dr. Hammond, the assistant superintendent, told him about it, and said that, as far as the post mortem examination went, the doctor believed that Pisa had died from heart disease.

Ex-Attendant Oaks, David M. Waples, Robert Kenyon, Dr. Harry P. Clayton and other witnesses who were examined at the coroner's inquest also testified before the board. Dr. Hancker suggested that a general supervisor male department. The board thought the suggestion a good one, and will take action on it at the next meeting, when a further investigation will be made.

KEOGH IN THE LEAD. He Defeuts the Boy Wonder at the Syra-

ouse Pool Match. Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The sensa-tion of the day's play in the pool tournament was the defeat this evening of Eby, the "Boy wonder," by Keogh, of Scranton, by the score of 525 to 16... The other series resulted: Sherman 125; Stofft, 111; Walsh, 125; Horgan, 112; Clearwater, 125; Sutton, 47.

Standing to date: Clearwater won 2 lost none; Keogh won 2, lost none; Eby won 2, lost 1; De Oro won 1, lost 1; Sherman won 1, lost 1; Sutton won 1, lost 2; Stoff won 1, lost 2; Walsh won 1, lost 2; Horgan won 1, lost 3.

SATOLLI CARDINAL.

Ceremony of Investiture Has Been Post

posed.

Baltimore, Dec. 5.—The cerem the investiture of Mgr. Satolli with the insignia of the cardinalate which had been fixed to take place at the cathedral in this city on Sunday, the lith inst., has been postponed. The date upon which it will take place will probably be made known tomorrow.

The postponement was made necessary as a result of confirmation received at the headquarters of the delegation in Washington in the effect that

the messengers bearing the beretta only sailed from Genoa today. As the steamer is not due in New York until the 6th, and may even be delayed beyond that date, the change in the date of the ceremony was imperative.

BARBARA AUB'S CASE.

Her Trial Has Been Postponed-Recorder Goff Gives His Opinions in an Inter-

view-Langerman Wants Liberty. New York, Dec. 5 .- Surprises continue to be the rule in the case of Barbara Aub and W. L. S. Langerman. It was confidently expected, and the districtattorney had so stated, that Miss Aub would be arraigned in court today to plead to the indictment for perjury found against her by the grand jury on her confession that she had lied on the witness stand in saying that Langerman had forcibly assaulted her. The corridors of the criminal court

building were jammed with the expectant curious, who wanted to see what the young woman looks like now that she has become the central figure in this most sensational case.

For an hour Rarbara stood in the prisoner's pen at the end of the bridge connecting the Tombs and the court building, waiting to be brought to me bar. With her was Mrs. Foster, the "Tombs Angel," who is ministering to

ner comfort. Assistant District Attorney Townsnd, who had charge of the prosecution of Langerman, said that the girl would be arraigned as soon as the indictment was filed. The grand jury entered Part I. of General Sessions at 11 o'clock and filed the indictment with Judge Cowing. It recites in the usual form that while some had merely been mis- the fact of the girl's confession, and charges her with perjury. A few min-utes before this Colonel Fellows, the district attorney, who is directing the case of the presecution against Sheriff Tamsen in Part II., openly announced that Barbara Aub would not be arraigned today.

Lawyer Levy, who had been engaged by Miss Aub's aunt, went to the Tombs to see her today. There he met with a repulse that staggered him. When he informed the girl that her aunts had engaged him as her lawyer, she calmly

"I am very much obliged to my aunts for getting me counsel, but I do not need any lawyer."
She insisted that she did not want any

lawyer, and Mr. Levy went away to see the women who had employed him. When all this was going on Langer man's counsel was busy in another direction. Lawyer Haire applied for a writ of habeas corpus and a writ of cer tiorari before Justice Andrews of the supreme court, ordering the production of Langerman and all the papers in the case. The writs are returnable to-mor-

row at 10:30 o'clock. Recorder Goff in an interview has replied to some of the questions that are being asked by the press and the public about his conduct in this case. He declares that the reason he did not commit Langerman on the evidence in his posisession, that he had been guilty on several occasions of the offense with which he was charged in the Aub case, was that the evidence was not of such a nature that he can compel a complaint He could not, he said, overcome or overrule the modesty of the women who were his informants, and besides, Langerman had not succeeded in his evil purpose in any of these cases. In one case he had instructed the district attorney to investigate but he had been

unable to secure any legal proof.

The recorder said he was not of opinion that his remarks to Langerman were unjustified or had a tendency to blight the character of an innocent ... He denied that he had charged Langerman with crimes, but merely or aim that were it not for the disclination of modest women to subject themselves to the ordeal of inquiry, he might have been called upon to an-

swer for other cases.

He said that he had not the slightest evidence one way or the other as to whether undue influence was used upon Barbara Aub. Her confession, he said, was made after she had been repeatedly cautioned to reflect well. It was made in the office of his law partner in Broadway, and in the presence of four

"Her statement," he said, "was made very slowly. Each sentence of it was taken down in shorthand and read over to her by the stenographer. Then each sentence was transcribed by him on the typewriter and again read to her. When the statement was completed it was read to her once again as a whole by the stenographer. Then I directed that it should be given into her own hands away on October 5, when Pisa died, and and that she should read it herself, taking all the time she wanted in doing so. This she did. She read it carefully, Then she was sworn again. After the

oath she signed her name to it." The Recorder adde that he did not put one question to her in the nature of cross-examination, and that her confession was absolutely voluntary.

Denth in a Burning Hotel. Hortonville, Wis., Dec. 5.—The Green-ville hotel, located six miles east of here, burned to the ground this morning. William Reuter, an employe of the hotel, was suffocated and taken from the burning building dead. Several members of a medicine troupe escaped death by jumping from the second floor windows, clad only in their night robes.

Salisbury's Reply. London, Doc. 6.—The papers here will omorrow publish a statement which says t has been learned that the reply of Lord

It has been learned that the reply of lots Salisbury to the recent note of Secretary of States Olney relative to the Venezuelan question, which reply is now en route to Washington, discusses at length the history of the question for forty years, and intimiates that Great Britain does not depart from the view that the Schoom-bergh boundary marks the minimum of the territory she possesses in that region.

Filibusterers at Work. Scattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—The Hawalian government has information disclosing beyond a doubt a scheme to inaugurate another big fillbustering expedition on the Pacific coast. Charles T. Wilder, Hawalian consul general, has been on Puget Sound for a week, making investigations.

Chairman Wright III. Allentown, Pa., Dec. 5.—Democratic Stato Chairman Robert E. Wright was suddenly stricken ill at noon today while trying a case in court, and he is now confined to his house. His physician does not apprehend any serious termination to Mr. Wright's illness.

Matched with Slippery Bob.

New York, Dec. 5.—Peter Maher, the Irish champion heavy-weight, and Robert Fitzainmona, olampion middle-weight of the world, were matched this morning to fight to a finish near El Palo, Texas, on Pob. 14, 1801, for a purse of \$14,00.

Latest Authentic Account of the Mas-

sacre of Christians.

THEIR PROPERTY DESTROYED

Christians Perished at the Hands of Moslems-Attack Was Simultaneous. The Only Hope for Armenians.

Boston, Dec. 5 .- A letter descriptiv of recent events in Erzeroum, Asiatio Turkey, has been received in Bosto from a correspondent who says that the city is quiet and that the government is trying to reassure the people, and he adds it did this prior to the massacre until the people are in a state or neryous panic. The strain to which they have been subjected has been wearying and the future is uncertain. The doors of the houses were beaten in and the houses plundered of everything and many of the poor people have not even money enough to get the doors repaired, and they are afraid to sleep behind broken dcors.

plundered of all that was in them. The number of killed can never be known. for there are many strangers in the city, but it must be very near 1,000 if .t has not passed it. The number of wounded in the hospitals is over 100 and many remain in hiding. The very large proportion of killed demonstrated the fact that the attack was with intent to kill, and which is confirmed by the awful nature of the wounds.

The present condition of the people is about as bad as that of the Sassoun people after the massacre. There, no houses remainer, but the people could get to districts where they could be housed and scantily fed. Here no district has escaped and the stories from villages of the outlying districts are heartrending. The attack seems to been almost universal and very bloody. The wanton destruction of property that could not be removed was very marked. Everything in the way of provisions was destroyed.

In Erzeroum alone there are between two and three thousand people who are destitute of fuel, bedding and food, and the majority have only the clothes they have on their backs. The Sassoun affair is forgotton in this thousand-fold more dire calamity that has befallen the country.

Example of Constantinople

The wave started at Constantionple and has so far swept through Trebizond, Balboort, Erzingan, Erzeroum Bitlis, Harpoot and most of the intervening districts. Of the districts aside after the ncounter. from the cities that have suffered are Vegung, at the west; Kemakh, Erzingan, Terjan, Biaboort, Kooroo Chai, Ezroomslain, Keepe, Passan, Kharcos, Alashgird and Byazid. The entire tenant Spencer, both of the British Erzeroum province has been deluged in Christian blood, and the bulk of the Spanish troops, for distinguished Christian property plundered or de-behavior near Ciego de Avila, when Genstroyed. The government is making a crai Suarez met and defeated lected from the barracks to the rightful owners, though this attempt is rather A few will get something farcical. back, a good many will get nothing The government is giving out bread to the destitute. How long this will continue is not known. The English consuls have done everything for the safety of life and property. The consul has suggested that the various governors be made personally responsible for the safety of the foreigners, both consuls and ministers.

Only foreign occupation will estab lish a beneficial change. If Europe delays longer the suffering this winter

will be most harrowing. The Turks declare that the Armen ians made an attack on the government house and so the affair began. This declaration is absolutely without foundation. There was no attack ever contemplated by Armenians. The first man shot was an aged priest who was at the government house to present a complaint to the governor. He had been robbed in his own house in the village of Tivnig, and only got off with his life by giving a note for \$500 for five, days He was an inoffensive old man and would be the last man in the world to

offer an attack. The Attack Simultaneous The attack was made by Moslems after leaving the Mosque after the noon hour of prayer, and it was simultancous all over the city. The Armenians were in their places of business the most of which were simply death traps in case of any sort of attack. The silversmiths row was cut off at either end and not a man escaped and shops were not only plundered but wrecked. The more violent Armenians, the Hunchagists, had determined to keep perfectly quiet till the scheme of reform was well tried.

Those who were forced to give up plunder are bitterly complaining that they were told to plunder and now are forced to give up what they got besides having ruined their Armenian neighbors and friends. The scheme of reform has now become an impossibility. The only hope of this land is foreign occupation. This part of the country will undoubtedly fall to Russia.

GERMANY'S NAVAL POWER. More Cruisers Needed According to Ad

miral Werner. Washington, Dec. 5 .- United States Consul Monaghan at Chemnitz, Germany, has supplied the State Department with advance notes of an article to be published by Admiral Werner upon the defenceless condition of German

commerce in the event of war.

The admiral cites figures to show the the protection of which the government has made the insignificant provision of four fast modern cruisers, and argues for an immediate allowance of 100,000,-000 francs (\$20,000,000) to build new crul-

CONSPIRACY AT CANTON. etalls of the Prustrated Plan to Capture

the Chinese City.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mail advices received by reliabe persons in this city from Canton, China, this morning, give de-talls of the attempt to capture the city ing an independent government. The writer says that from information furnished by the United States consul, the authorities of Canton Te able to capture five barreis pistois and ammu-

nition labelled "Cement," sent from Hong Kong. On the same steamer from Hong Kong came four hundred revolutionists, seventy-five of whom were captured. This put an end to the conspiracy. It is said there are thousands in sympathy with the movement The Hong Kong papers speak of it as a "oatriotic movement" and worthy of

support.
The writer says that the movement has involved the Christians to a con siderable extent, and great excitement prevails, especially inside the city, near chapel which has been used, without the knowledge of the missionary, as a sort of rendezvous for some of the con-

PLUM FOR JUSTICE FULLER. He May Accept a Position at \$50,00

Salary. Washington, Dec. 5 .- A report is published today to the effect that Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme court of the United States, would resign and take the position of general counsel of the proposed new railroad combination, composed of all the lines operated between New York and Chicago and St. Louis, at a salary of \$50,000 a year. Ex-Secretary Whitney was credited with having brought about the arrangement. An inquiry at the residence the chief justice this evening as to the authenticity of the report met the response that the story was absolutely untrue and without any foundation

CHURCHILL'S FIRST FIGHT.

Aids the Royalists of Spain to Beat Off the Insurgents in a Fierce Engagement

whatever.

in Cuba Havana, Dec. 5.-It is reported that the Collago expedition landed last Saturday. The insurgent leader, Lacret, moved out of Ciencaga Zapata and encamped near Jaguaramus. Columns of troops were dispatched to disperse them. The insurgents have blown up two small bridges with dynamite on the

Santi Spiritus Raliway. A column of troops fought the band of Zayas in the villas with a loss of twenty dead and wounded. The insurgents boarded the small schooner Julio near Cayo Frances and hanged the captain on the mast. Generals Suares, Valdes and Navarro

met Gomez and Maceo near Claga de Avila and Jicolea. After a short and fierce fight the insurgents were forced to retreat, with a numerous loss. The troops occupy the insurgents' positions, their loss having been insignificant. It is reported that Lieutenant Winston Churchill of the royal army, son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, took part in the ngagement.

In an engagement in the province of Manzillo the troops lost three prisoners and four missing, but all reappeared

General Suarez Valdes has tele graphed to Captain General Martinez de Campos, complimenting Lieutenant Winston Leonard Churchill and Lieu-Gomez, who is said to have been compelled to retreat with numerous loss At the same time, as already cabled, General Navarro is reported to have dofeated Antonio Maceo at Jicolea. In both cases the Spanish troops occupied the insurgent positions with insignificant loss.

The schooner Sultano, after having been looted by the insurgents at Santa Cruz del Sur, was set fire and burned. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5.-There is very strong suspicion here that emis saries and agents of the Cuban revolutionary rarty are here for the purpos of buying arms of the Colt's Patent Firearms company, and to see if Pratt & Whitney's people have any machine guns that can be put together on short notice.

Several foreign looking men, apparently Scaniards or Cutans, are said to have held a conference in a hotel las evening, but inquiry at all hotels failed to develop any clue

BIG RABBIT HUNT.

Six Thousand of the Bunnies Killed, Grent Peast Following. Wichita, Kan., Dec. 5.-The annual Klowa county rabbit hunt took place to-day, and the event is being celebra ted to-night near Mullinville with the usual grand ball and banquet. One hundred and sixty-five farmers and cowboys on horseback participated in the hunt and nearly 6,000 rabbits were

They will be shipped free over the railways and consigned to humane so cieties in Chicago and Cleveland.

RAILROAD HANDS KILLED. Three Men Burled Under a Train Wreck

on the Norfolk and Western. Bluefields, W. Va., Dec. 5.-By wreck of coal trains on the Norfolk and Western railroad at Lick Branch three men were killed. A couble train with pushers was going up a steep grade, when the first section broke in two. The pushers were forced back and collided with the engine of the second section.

ONE MAN CHOSEN.

Major McDowell Is Busy Selecting Hi Appointees.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Clerk McDowell of the house was kept busy today trying to select the appointees for the various clerkships at his disposal. Among those decided upon was E. A. Hempstead, a newspaper man of Mcadville Pa., who is to be newspaper clerk at \$2,000 per annui

Mr. Hempstead was indorsed by Sen Quay, Representative Griswold and State Senator Andrews for the

RICHNESS OF THE GOLD FIND.

Land in the Vicinity Has Been Gathered in by Prospectors.
Salida., Col., Dec. 5.—The strike of gold here has become a certainty. It is estimated that a', least 300 people are in the hills, and that all available land in the vicinity of the strike has been staked off.

Assays run from \$5 to \$25 at the grass

No Divorce for Mrs. Addicks.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—Alexander B.
Cooper, the commissioner to take testimony in the case of Rossile Addicks against her husband, J. Edward Addicks, for divorce, made a report this afternoon adversely to the petition of Mrs. Addicks.

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Young Burglers Sont to Prison. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 5.—Edward W. Frank Fitskey, George Howard, G. Miller and Frank Welsh, sons of wa do parents, who were convictions the store of Amos Hersh at Gordonville, were today senter terms in prison ranging from a ye a half to six years and a half. They probably have received heavier had not the jury recommends the mercy of the court.

Originator of Living Pietures Boad.
New York, Dec. 5.—An autoper of formed this afternoon on the body of ward Klianyi, the originator of "living tures," who died yesterday, should death was due to rapid communician

WEATHER REPORT: