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WORK IN HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. Morgan Will Speak Upon the British Bering Sea Claims -The Nomination of Judge Peekham Is to Be Considered.

Washington, Dec. 8.-The second minable quantity. Pending the filling of committee vacancies, but little business can be transacted and it is not expected that these vacancies will be suplied before the latter part of the week, if then. There is no calendar and no order of business has been agreed upon. Tomorrow, however, Mr. morgan will call up his resolution referring to that part of the president's message relating to the payment of the British Bering sea claims, to the committee on foreign relations, with instructions to examine into the question of liability to Great Britain and report to the senate by bill or otherwise. The speech which Mr. Morgan has carefully prepared to accompany his metion, will consume the greater part of the afternoon.

It is said to be a severe arraignment of the administration and a causticriticism on the "officious intermed dling" as he terms it, of the British ambassador, who, in an official disnatch to the British foreign office, made public first in London and afterward in this country, controverted some of Mr. Morgan's statements on the floor of the senate. Mr. Morgan originally strongly antagonized the proposition to pay Great Britain the lump sum of \$425,,600 for the alleged illegal seizure of Canadian sealers, prior to the award of the Paris tribunal (of which he was a member), without an investigation, and as the president has again recommended such payment the Alabama senator, it is said, will present his reasons for opposing the payment of British claims in detail and in his most vigorous style. His speech will probably create a coniderable sensation

For Pronounced American Policy. On Tuesday Mr. Cullom will address the senate on his resolution relative to the Monroe doctrine and the Illinois enator will take strong grounds for a ronounced American policy in our

lealings with other nations. To-morrow a special meeting of the indictary committee will be held to consider the nomination of Mr. Peckham to be associate justice of the supreme ourt. As there appears to be no objection to his nomination, it is believed a confirmation will speedily follow the avorable report it is expected the committee will make at the next executive

Senator Hill reached Washington last night and will be at the meeting of the judiciary committee on which he is a of which the following is an extract: member. It is asserted that the notable with Secretary Lamont pald to the attorney general, on "Legal business" a to Stillwater for life. If the governor few weeks ago, had reference to Judge

Peckham's nomination. No Programme for the House. No programme of business has been arranged for the house this week, nor can any be until Speaker Reed announces the committee, thus providing the necessary machinery for the full operation of the body. Two diametrically opposite reports were in circulation yesterday regarding the speaker's intention. One was that the committees would be announced Monday or Tuesday: the other that the list would not be made up until just before the adjournment for the holidays.

The best judgment seems to be that

the speaker will not be prepared to name the committees, and that the house will adjourn after a brief session until Wednesday or Thursday,and thus permit members to attend the meeting of the national Republican committee, called to select the place of holding the onvention in 1896.

THE CHENG-TU COMMISSION.

Chinese Authorities Doing Everything Possible to Further the Investigation. Washington, Dec. 8.—Reports re-ceived at the State Department indicate that the Chiese Government has done everything possible to facilitate the inquiry of the United States Comission sent to Cheng-Tu to investigate he riots in the province of Sze-Chuen in June last, and has made special efforts to impress the natives with the dignity and importance of the commissioners. No information that the commission has reached Cheng-Tu has come to the Department, but it is believed that it has arrived there.

The reports state tha the commission onsisting of Sheridan P. Read, United States Consul at Tien-Tsin; Con er Merrill, of the United States Navy. and Mr. Cheshire, an interpreter, started from Tien-Tsin for Cheng-Tu on October 6, accompanied by an escort of twenty Chinese soldiers, magnificently mounted and equipped. The Chinese Government directed the provincial judge of Sze-Chuen to co-operate wit. the commission. This judge has the highest judicial authority, and his assignment is considered as further evi-dence of the good faith of the authorities at Peking. The route taken was also chosen with a view to impressing the natives

THE POISONING MYSTERY.

irs. Howell Comes Out Well from a Severe Cross-Examination. Wellsboro, Pa., Dec. 8.—The Charlotte you, probably, that
they're always right

well solo, Fa., bec. s.—The Charlotte
Howell murder trial has now been on
for two weeks, and to the average looker-on in the courtroom, the longer it
continues the deeper the mystery grows as to who was the real poisoner of Miss Elizabeth Knapp at Tioga last spring. Court adjourned at noon yesterday un-til Monday morning in order that the hundred or more witnesses in the case might go to their homes at Tloga, or in the neighborhood of that village, to

but the court would not admit the let-Mrs. Howell was on the witness stand

for nearly two hours, most of that tim under cross examination. She stood the ordesl well, her answers being comprehensive and clear. She is an intelligent woman, and she did not stumble on a single point, although her cross examination was rigid. Her direct tesrelations with Miss Elizabeth Knapp which, she said, had always been pleasant and affectionate. Mrs. Howe identified an anonymous letter which had been received by her, and which was put in evidence. The letter admitted the stealing of a bundle of letters from the Howell residence and said that the writer had decided not to burn them. but to use them, as the writing paper was good. This, the defense thinks, is a strong point to account for the return of four of Miss Knapp's letters with the pencilled notes upon them through the Howell house window.

was asked if he was not bribed to come here and testify for the defense by an offer of a situation at a good salary with the Dutton Brothers (Mrs. Howell's brothers) in New York. He denied this emphatically, but later admitted that Mrs. Howell had asked him last Thursday how he would like to go to New York to be employed by her brothers. At this point court adjourned.

THROWS OFF THE MASK.

larry llayward Becomes Violent When Informed of Ills Approaching boom.

Would Like to Cut Adry's Heart Out. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—When their united efforts to secure the Re-Harry Hayward heard the news of his publican convention for San Francisco. loom from Sheriff Blombery yesterday, he did not lose his great nerve and at once entered into a violent denunciation of his brother Adry.

"That's a long time to wait for a railroad train," he said, when the sheriff informed him that his death warrant had been fixed for execution Wednes

"If you are in the depot, it is a long time," rejoined the sheriff, "but you are is represented by proxy. The propoon the track for eternity. You have a sition to change the basis of represengood many things to consider before Wednesday; you have little time left to

would like to get even with. If I had my brother Adry here, I would tear his entrails out and stretch them like a clothes line back and forth through this cell. I am not quite so mad at Blixt as folks think, but if my father, mother and brother (Dr. Hayward) were dead. I would be the happlest man in the world.

"Well, Harry," the sheriff broke in "I see you have some sympathy left in you yet. "No," said Harry, "I have not any sympathy, but I feel where there ought

Hayward then dictated a statement, "A short time is just as good as longer shall be. I had rather be hung than go would come over here and talk with me I would tell him something. I have had a good time here and I will have a good time yet. I have no kick coming. They ought to go back to the old times. ple are too soft-hearted now. If I had Adry here, I would put his eyes out and Blixt look on them, I would cut them up and throw them to the dogs. I am not made of milk and water." Turning

"I have a right to invite three person in to see the hanging, haven't I? On being told that he had, he said 'I'd have the Dalton brothers, Bill Cook and Cole Young, and I'd give 'em two good revolvers apiece."

to the sheriff at this point, Hayward

asked:

ARREST OF ROBBERS.

System of Freight Thieving on the Eric Has Been Broken Up. Cleveland, Dec. 8 .- For two months a systematic robbing of freight cars, left

standing in the Erie railroad yards in Cleveland, has been going on, and the Arlington. thousands of dollars worth of merchan dise has been surreptitiously removed Last night the robbers were caught in the act, and they are now in jail. Soon after dark eight detectives in the employ of the Erie scattered themselves through the yards and lay in wait for the thieves. It had been arranged that when a signal was given by one of the detectives the others were to come to the assistance of the man giving it The signal was sounded and the eight officers congregated close to a car, from which three men were engaged in removing as much merchandise as they could load into a wagon close by.

When the wagon had been filled the three men mounted to the seat and drove to a house about a quarter of a mile away, followed by the detectives. When the goods had been carried into the house the officers entered and captured Sam Blay, Albert Austin and P., Mann. A large part of the goods stolen in the last two months was also discovered and will be returned to the

MRS PARNELL'S CONDITION.

he Will Undertake a Voyage to Ireland to Visit Her Son.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8 .-- Mrs. Della Parnell, in a letter from Trinity Hos-pital, New York city, to Mrs. Stull, wife of Dr. John Stull, of this city, received yesterday, speaks of coming to visit friends here on her way to Philadelphia, whence she expects to take steamer for Ireland. She says, referring to the effeets of the assault on her at Borden

"My arm, head, neck and back have been weak, swollen and very painful most of the time and the difficulty in walking is tremendous. I shall find a very difficult to stand or walk and expect to be obliged to be in my berta all the way over and have to sling up my rm. My recovery is a miracle." She undertakes the ocean trip because her son John, who is in Parliament,

Major G. W. Merrick, counsel for the defense, is suffering from a severe cold, and was unable to talk aloud, the examination of witnesses being delegated to his colleague, Mr. Young.

Yesterday movening the testimony of J. H. Putnam. a Tiega attorney, was continued relative to the identity of a number of letters Miss Knapp had written to him enclosing several of the atonymous letters she had received, late conception.

National Republican Committeemen

SCENES AT THE ARLINGTON

The Location of the National Republica Convention to Be Decided-Cities That Will Be Represented on the First Ballot.

Assemble at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The rotunda of the Arlington Hotel presented an ani-mated scene tonight. Every Repub-and Reading, which managed to kee can politician of national repute was to be found. "Joe" Manley, of Maine; Chauncey I. Filley, of Missouri; Fessenden, of Connecticut; Payne, of Wisconsin, and Clarkson, of Iowa, were conspicuous among the throng. Sena-tor Aldrich, of Rhode Island, looked in Frank Knapp was called for cross tor Aldrich, of Rhode Island, looked in examination by the commonwealth. He ance with some of his New England Senator Sherman, of Ohio, fresh from

a long conference in the upper rooms of the hotel, with Mark Hanna, of Cleveland, and others of the Ohio friends of Governor McKinley, shook hands with Senator "Tom" Carter, of Montana, the chairman of the national Republican executive committee. Senators att and Hawley, of Connecticut, were in a group with De Young, of California, the journalist politician of the Pacific coast, while Senators White and Perkins, of the same state, obliterating for the moment the political lines that divide them in the senate, were using

Tomorrow the eleven members of the executive committee of which Mr. Manley, of Maine, is chairman, will meet in that gentleman's room at the Arling-ton to dispose of certain unfinished business remaining over since the last campaign.

The first meeting of the full committee will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday. Every member is already in the city or tation from the Southern states, which provoked a storm of opposition at the last meeting of the committee, will be Harry. "There are a few things I would like to straighten out, and a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I would like to straighten out a few folks I shadowed in these despatches.

> Locating the Convention It is not unlikely that Tuesday will be devoted to a discussion of such routine matters as will naturally form a part of the committee's work, and that the placing in nomination of the cities which are seeking the honor of en-tertaining the convention will be postponed until Wednesday. The committee will thus be two days in session.
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> It does not appear tonight that any

of the contesting cities has at this time any especial advantage in the race. The Merrill, and his 15-year-old niece, were will be fifty-three. This will be one each from the forty-four states and and the body fearfully mutilated. The number of votes cast in the committee seven territories, including Alaska, the scenes are on the borders of the reser-Columbia, and those of Senator Carter, of Montana, the chairman, and Mr. Bliss, of New York, the treasurer of the committee. It will be thus seen that twenty-seven votes are necessary A careful inquiry among committee

men and others tonight, reveals the fact that no one city will secure a major ity of votes on the first ballot. To an unprejudiced observer, it is evident that San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis and Pittaburg will be well represented at the start.

is not regarded seriously. The Pitts-hurg committee appears to be a little late in reaching the field, but word was had tonight that two Pullman cars had been chartered by the delegation from that city, and that they would leave the smoky city tonight, arriving at Washington tomorrow morning.

Ex-Senator T. C. Platt, of New York, came over in advance of the represen tatives of the city board of trade and transportation. He reached Washington this evening and took quarters a

Upon the arrival of M. H. De Young to-night, the Californians in the city held a conference to discuss the situa tion and perfect their plans for taking the convention to San Francisco.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED Fate of George Morgan, the Slayer of Ide

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 8.-The jury in the case of George Morgan, accused of the murder of Ida Gaskill, a girl 11 years old, November 3, went out last night and brought in a verdict today finding Morgan guilty and sentenced him to be

Only five weeks ago the body of the girl was found in a closet in an old deserted building with evidence that she had been assaulted and murdered Suspicion was directed to Morgan, who roomed in the same building as the girl and her mother. The trial lasted but a though wholly circumstantial.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE. Opposition to Blackburn May Result in

the Choice of a Republican. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—The Kentucky

egislature is still on a tie, althoug. ex-Speaker A. J. Carroll was re-elected yesterday at the special election over Charles Blats, the Republican nominee The race was a peculiar one in many respects, and the district in which it was run is the richest and most representative in Louisville. Carroll was a candidate at the last election, Charles Shreve being the Republican nominee. Shreve was induced to withdraw by Carroll's friends on the day or election. A storm of protest was received, and Carroll, who declared he knew nothing

of Shreve's action, resigned and ran

again. He won by a majority of 652 votes. Though his district is Demo-cratic by 700 or 300 votes ordinarily, it was carried by Bradley (Rep.) for governor.

Mr. Carroll's election will have little effect on the senatorial fight. Being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for speaker, he, though a soundmoney man, must go into the caucus, which Blackburn will control. The legislature is divided as follows: House-Republicans, 53: Democrats, 46: Popu-

will vote as a Democrat, the other as a Republican. Should tarre be no break in the ranks there would be no election, but, as several Democrats assert their determination to oppose Blackburn, the chances are good that a Republican wall

FREIGHT CHARGES.

sting Matter in Forthcoming Re port of the Bureau of Hallways Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 8.-Among other report of the bureau of railways wil be a chapter on freight charges. It will show a great reduction in rates by the railroads of Pennsylvania. Ther has been a gradual reduction of rates and Reading, which managed to keep up its charges last year to .1025 of a cent per ton per mile. In 1894 the rate have close relations with the Consuper ton per mile in the United States lates in the Turkish capital, and from was ,860. The report will dwell upon the reduction of freight charges and the advantages to shippers while the income of the bondholder and stock-holder has been steadily decreasing in the same proportion, the betterments of the transportation facilities bringing no

mprevement in the way of receipts. The total outstanding stock capitalization of steam railways of Pennsylvania reported to the department is \$946,312,950. The funded or bonded debt is \$862,284,539, making a total stock and funded indebtedness of \$1,908 597 490, independent of current liabilities, which are reported at \$123,907,682. The cap-italization of the Pennsylvania is \$129,-299,750, and the funded debt \$78,805,840. While the Philadelphia and Reading has a smaller stock capitalization than any of the five leading companies mentioned in the report, it has a bonded indebtedness far in excess of any of them. One-fifth of the total capitalization of ten billions in the United States is represented by the roads reporting to this

CHASING THE APACHES.

uited States Regulars and Armed Miners Pursue a Band of Indians Guilty of Atrocious Murders.

Meding, N. M., Dec. 8.-News from the ene of the murders in Arizona committed by Renegade Apaches, from the San Carlos reservation, state that the troops from Forts Bayard and Grant Madre mountains, the stronghold of the renegades for years. By treaty soldiers can cross the international boundary to so rough and mountainous that it is very improbable that they will ever get within a hundred miles of the murderers. In all, six murders are reported, but the first crime being committed on last Monday, near Hampson's ranch, on Eagle Creek, where three brothers named Hinton and a man named Searles were killed and horribly mutilated. On Tuesday a farmer named stain in the road six miles west of Ash vation and many miles distant from telegraphic communication. A party of the soldiers, heavily armed and well mounted, and at last accounts were following the Indians within two hours. crimes are the work of a few murderous bucks and do not indicate an outbreak.

All remaining cavalry at Fort Bayard were ordered out to-day to make a forced march into Arizona for the pur pose of co-operating with troops already out, including those from Fort Grant, to assist in the capture of the renegades. A report was also telegraphed to Fort Bayard that the citisans' posse under the leadership of the Park brothers, which had taken the trail immediately after the discovery of the murders, had engaged in a figh with Indians near Clifton, Arizona, and that one or more of the posse had been killed. This is not verified but was tele graphed to the commanding officer at Fort Bayerd. The department is exerting every effort in the movement of troops to cut off the hand from escar ing across the border into Old Mexico.

SCHOOL BURNED.

Destruction of Chamberlain Institute a Randolph, N. Y.

Bradford, Penn., Dec. 8 .- A dispatch o the Sunday Herald, from Randolph N. Y., says: "While students of Cham periain institute were at supper in the brick boarding hall, at 6.30 o'clock last evening fire was discovered in the cupola of the main building. A high ind gave the flames such headway that the fire department, which was or the scene in five minutes, was powerchapel, and all burned to the ground The buildings were situated on a bill. and the water pressure was very light Much of the chapel furnishings and goods of roomers in the main building were saved. Many of the students had narrow escapes, but no one received se rious injury.

"Chamberlain institute was erected in 1848, and has been a preparatory school for hundreds of western New York and stitute was under the management of the Methodist Episcopal conference, with Professor E. A. Bishop, as president. It will probably be rebuilt at once. The burned structure was a frame one, and the loss will be about \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000."

BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO. tember of a Hook and Ledder Company

Member of a Hook and Ledder Company Seriously Injured.

Chicago, Dec. &—Fire in the notion house of H. Wolf & Co. this morning caused a loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 on the building. Stock and buildings were in sured. The house of Wolf & Co. is at the corner of Market and Madison streets, in the very heart of the wholesale district, and for four hours the firemen fought the fire to keep it from spreading. A. W. Hayward & Co., wholesale shoes, and the Steuben county Wine cobpany suffered slight losses from water: The fire was caused by the burning of an overcharged electric wire.

ric wire.

John Dore, of a hook and ladder company, was in the building when a burning celling fell. He was seriously in

Latest Reports Indicate That Arme-

nia is Drenched in Blood.

Ten Thousand Circuspians and Turks Engaged in Sacking Christian Vil-

lages-An Attack on Embassies at '

Constantinopic is Now Feared. London, Dec. 8.-The Constantinople correspondent of "The Speaker." the paper which first gave publicity to the Armenian outrages, is now known to information derived from them he esumates that not less than 200,000 Arme nians have been killed or are now dying of starvation, beyond the hope of soldiers had attacked the Armenian towns and villages the Kurds completed the plunder. The latter mixed what grain they could not carry off with dung and set fire to the houses, leaving the people with no food and their homes heaps of smouldering

In the face of these facts the official Turkish statements, repeatedly communicated to the press, that order has been restored everywhere become worthless. If the Fereign Office published all its information, "The Speaker" says, Lord Salisbury would not dare to appear in public. He would be

mobbed in the streets. What information is obtainable and which are reaching the Foreign Office Hayward. He will be hanged on D confirm the worst fears of the destruc- cember 11. tion of the Armenians within the area from Trebizond southwest to Van. warrant have been in circulation, the Bay of Iskanderoon, from Alex-andretta slightly northeast to Kara-Hissar and from Kara-Hissar northeast to Trebizond. Whole Christian towns and villages have been pillaged and burned, and their inhabitants masfaith and turn Mahometans,

Accurate Deinits Wanted Accurate details concerning the condition of affairs in the districts beyond the immediate spheres of the Consulate are wanting, but there is no reason to doubt the reports derived from fugitive pursue the Indians, but the country is survivors and the better class of Turks, who have not shared in the outrages, that a similar condition of affairs exists in those places,

> The Ambassadors have advised the Porte to permit the Red Cross societies to undertake the relief of the distressed people, but the presence of hundreds of Red Cross agents would reveal horrors that the Porte must conceal. This fact that the Porte must conceal. This fact debars the possibility of the government giving its assent to the plan.
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> The representative of the United here Thursday. The president is re-Press, who has been for some time in Constantinople in the interests of that organization, has received a letter from the Hadjin Mission, which begins with the words: "We are alive, praise the Lord." The letter refers to the prominent part that Circussians have taker in the atrocities around Hautin, and says that 10,000 Circassians and Turks were actively employed in sacking the Christian villages. 'the governor did nothing to protect the Christians, and even refused permission for them to defend themselves. He aid, however, promise the aid of regular Turkish troops, who, the writer states, were of the same sort as those engaged in the

work of murder and pillage. Alluding to the suppression by the Foreign Office of the Consular statements concerning the massacres in Armenia, "The Spectator" says it hopes the Foreign Committee of the American Senate will procure the publication of Minister Terrell's dispatches, as it is quite clear that he has not minced matters in reporting to his government. Attack on Embassies Feared.

By agreement between the powers official details of the massacres are meanwhile withheld, as their publication would endanger the safety of the consuls and even the ambassadors. It is held to be possible that the sultan, if his deposition were imminent, might permit or incite an attack on the embassies. During the revolution that resulted in the dethronement of Abdul Aziz, the Russian ambassador filled the precincts of the embassy with Montenegrins. The Austrian embassy was guarded by hundreds of Croats, and the French embassy by marines. The British embassy is by far the stronges embassy in Constantinople, and is best adapted for defence against sudden attack. It stands in its own spacious grounds overlooking the Golden Horn. Its one entrance is flanked by masseveral cannons. Sir Henry Elliot, the British ambassador, at the time of the deposition of Abdul Aziz, deemed the security of the embassy so complete that he took none of the extra precautions adopted by other ambassadors The reprot that Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, has called in blue tackets from the British guardship to guard the embassy is doubtful. Said Pacha has chosen the best refuge

in the city. In the event of the sultan being deposed and the powers selecting a successor pledged to reforms, Said Pacha is the man who is most likely to be made Grand Vizier.

WEST POINT SUGGESTION. Report of Board of Visitors to the Mili

tary Asademy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The report of the board of visitors to the West Point Military academy urges congress to pass an act which wil permit the appointment of twenty cadets by the president, one by each senator, and one by each representative and delegate increasing the strength of the corps from 371 as now authorized to 469: It is recommended that the present law be garding examinations for admission to the academy be repealed and the following enacted:

"Appointees to the military academy shall be examined under such regulations relative to the time, manner place and subjects of study as may be prescribed from time to time by the secretary of war."

The report discusses at length the low standard for admission to West Point as compared with Yale, Harvard, Princeton or the better colleges of the tary Academy.

United States and the military schools of Europe and says there seems to be reason for committing the power of fixing the requisites for admission to the naval academy to the secretary of the navy which could not be b. 3d in favor of giving the secretary of war to same power regarding West Point.

RAILROADERS MEET. SLAUGHTER STILL CONTINUES Brotherhood of Telegraphers, Engineers

Firemen and Trainmen in Sess Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 8.-A joint meet ing of railroad workers, representing Brotherhood Telegraphers, Engineers Firemen and Trainmen of the various roads in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey was held here today, and was attended by the leading grand officers. In the morning a secret session was held by the various Brotherhood members. Those who attended it are very reticent and would make no statement for publication. It was learned, however, that President Wilbur, of the Lehigh Valley railroad, will be petitioned to give the men who took part in the late strike, and who are still out of work a fair chance and hearing. The question of forming a federation

was entertained, but it is believed that it did not come near adoption. This afternoon a public meeting was held in the Opera house, and Mayor Altmiller delivered an address of welcome. The following grand officers addressed the assembly; D. Everett, of the engineers of Cleveland; C. A. Wilson, of Peoria, and E. W. Fitzpatrick of the fireman of Peorla, Ill. The next meeting will be held at Mauch Chunk.

HAYWARD TO DIE ON DEC. 11

Warrant for His Execution Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—The Governor the nature of the Consular reports has signed the death warrant of Harry

Two petitions against signing the thence southwest to Alexandretta, on by medical men certifying that the prisoner is insane; the other by the father of Hayward, Neither received many signatures.

Today there was an attempt at reco ciliation between the murderer and Adry, his brother, who appeared as an sacred. Those who have been lett important witness against him, but alive have been forced to abandon their Hayward would not have it that way and cursed him at a frightful rate,

GROVER EATS GAME,

Has Lots of Fun While Affairs of State Are Postponed. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.—President ICeve-land today enjoyed his first game din-ner of the season in North Carolina waters. Yesterday no one could be found along the coast who had seen the Violet, but this Zorning she was dis-

covered anchored off Roanoke Island, where she regrained all day. Yesterday was spent in shooting around Bodies Island light, the result of the day's shoot being seventee ducks and two swans. ported well.

INSURGENT'S STRONGER.

Spain is Constantly Landing Troops on the Turbulent Island of Cuba Tampa, Fla., Dec. 8.—Those of the mebers of the Old Reliable Conductors' association returning from Havana on the Olivette today who were viewed are convinced that the gents are stronger than even in Cuba.

Spais landed 2,000 fresh soldiers from
Madrid Saturday while 10,000 others
are en veyage. Spain is compelling the
inhabitants of Havas to sign a petition to the United states congress to
not recognize the insurgents.

They fear not to sign the petition lest
their preparetty will be configured. their property will be confiscated. There are many Spanish sympathizers

in Cuba if they don't express their SEALS IN DANGER.

fhree Thousand Starved to Death Last Season on Two Islands Alone. Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—U. K. Nice who is the agent of the American Commercial company at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, is here. He denounces the in-ternational sealing agreement, which, he says, allows the wanton slaughter of seals and renders their extermination inevitable in the near future. He asserts that 3,000 seals starved to death last ser son through the slaughter of their mothers on two islands alone St. George and St. Paul.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE.

The Home Secretary Has Consented to Reconsider It. London, Dec. 8.—Sir Matthew White Ridley, the home secretary, has under-taken to reconsider the case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick.

Mrs. Maybrick's friends are hopeful that Sir Matthew will find grounds to release the prisotier.

A San Augustine Peak in Eruption. Sante Fe, N. M., Dec. 8 .- It is announced sive structures, in which guards are constantly on duty. A strong and solidly built iron fence ten feet high surrounds all the grounds. Report has it that its internal armanent includes rumbling noise on Tuesday of last week and saw the peak belch forth steam and ashes. The family of a Mr. Hufford and Mr. Hergernot also saw the eruption. The latter attempted to visit the peak, but found the rocks so hot as to drive them

> British Officers Rewarded Madrid, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Im-parcial from Havana says that the mili-tary decoration of the Red Cross has been accorded to Lieutenants Churchill and Barnes, of the British army, for the gal-lantry displayed by them during the recent engagement between the government forces and the rebels. Lieutenant Churchill is a son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill.

Illness of Mrs. Charles M. Reed. Erie, Pa., Dec. 8.—The wife of General Charles M. Reed is so seriously ill that her family has been summoned. An operation for the removal of an abscess by Dr. Polk, of New York city, tomorrow will be the last resort. Mrs. Reed, who has been the leader of Erie's wealth and social world for many years, is in her eightieth year. She is several times a millionaire.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 8.-Edward Pflenger gav Erie, Pa., Dec. 8.—Edward Pflenger gave Julius Wuenchel, a lad of 12 years, a whipping for snowballing him, and then went over to apologize to the boy's father. The latter refused to accept the apology but knecked Pflenger down, fracturing his skuli and inflicting fatal injuries. Wuenchell admits the assault. Pflenger is dying.

Journalist Dead.
London, Dec. & George Augustus Sala,
the well-known journalist and author, died
this morning at Belg'ston, where he had
hear till for a long time.

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