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# We've Started Our Spring Clearing

ment and the work will go merrily on from this date forward. Nothing will be spared from the slaugh-ter, and price can no longer prove a barrier to intending buyers, be-cause the new figures are so low that the temptation to buy is irre-

Every Garment Offered Is of the Very Latest Conect Spring Fashion

And viewed from any standpoint you will, there is no Cloak stock in this city to compare with that shown at the

WAREHOUSE.

The Hot Wave

That has just passed induced us to start marking down earlier than usual. We suppose we were a triffe hasty, but you get the benefit.

# Sample Bargains

Children's Stylish Jackets

As nobby as make, trim and fabric can make them. All light mix-tures, smart military braiding, etc. Our \$3.00 garments,

Cleaning up price \$1.98

# Another Lot

Fine All-Wool Cloths, in navy only Fancy braid trims, deep sailor collar, etc., etc., all sizes; were \$2.25 yesterday.

Cleaning up price \$2.12!

## Little Swell Garments

The very brightest fashion thoughts of the season are repre-sented in this lot. Light, tweedy mixtures describe the cloths, while the effects produced by the elabor-ate Shepherd and Russian braid trims are strikingly pretty. Y terday we asked \$3.50 for them.

Cleaning up price \$2.39

### Women's Correct Jackets

Covert Coats in right spring shades, inlaid velvet collars, 4-button box fronts—jaunty looking garments, properly made and fashioned. Yesterday's price, \$4.50.

Cleaning up price \$3.25

### A French Flannel Wonder

War to the second second

40 pieces fine all-wool twill French Flannels, in the prettiest of light spring patterns, dainty stripes, del-leate tints, etc. This is guaranteed to be a genuine 30c. cloth. We bought it at a bargain price, and

19c. 'Till Closed Out

WAREHOUSE

No Prisoners Are to be Taken on the Battle Pield.

THE VICTIMS DIE BRAVELY

Clamors for Blood-Patriots Face the Guns Without Plinching.

Havana, April 22, via Tampa, April 24.—General Weyler is satisfied that nothing in the line of intervention or recognition of belligerency may be looked for from Washington, at least for the present, and the public executions of prisoners of war which were suspended for a time have been resumed. Then, 's supposed to be a general understanding among commanders of Spanish columns that no prisoners are to be taken in engagements in the are to be taken in engagements in the tield. All Cuban patriots who fall into the hands of the troops through being wounded or from other causes are liable to be shot at once and counted with the number killed in battle.

Some of the Spanish commanders act according to this understanding, but others decline to slay unarmed or wounded men and deliver their prisoner to General Weyler in Havana. Many to General Weyler in Havana. Many of these so-called prisoners of war never carried a gun or engaged in battle, but were taken from plantations or from small towns and hamlets in the interior, where the Spaniards assume that all men are rebels and are not far from being right. The prisoners are brought to Havana bound and strongly guarded to prevent rescue before reaching the city and mob violence afterward. The lower class of Spaniards eather. the city and mob violence afterward. The lower class of Spaniards gather about each batch of prisoners and clamor for their blood as they pass through the streets to the ferry to Cabana's fortress or Morro castle.

The court-martial before which these

prisoners are tried is a perfunctory af-fair, composed of five military men who order the death penalty under Weyler's decree that all insurgents are bandits and incendiaries and deserving of death. The prisoners have no op-portunity so make a defense and all Cubans in the rebel armies know that capture means death. Most of those brought in, it seems, have been wounded, cut off from their columns or caught without arms. When condemned to death they are given twenty-four or forty-eight hours to prepare for the end. They are given what they want to eat, and are placed in the chapel at Cabanas fortress with priests in con-stant attendance for the last twelve hours.

PATRIOTS DIE BRAVELY.

Most of the Cuban patriots who have paid the extreme penalty since Weyler has been here have died bravely. I saw three of them meet their fate last Friday morning. They were Jose Barcallao and Estiva Hernandez (white) and Gregoric Borges (colored). During the night, before the execution Barcallao night before the execution Barcaliao made several feigned attempts to escape from the chapel, hoping that the guards would shoot him down, preferring that death to death in public. The guards forced him back each time without fring at him out firing at him. I crossed the bay a \* w minutes after 6 o'clock on the morning set for the ex-

6 o'clock on the morning set for the execution. It took place promptly at 7
o'clock. The three men, escorted by a
file of soldiers, and supported by an
order of lay brethren of the Catholic
church, were taken from the chapel to
a space between the outer and the inner walls and at the eastern end of the
fortress, where a batallion of Spanish
regulars formed three sides of a square.
The fourth side was the main wall of
the fortress. In front of that the prisoners, with arms tied behind their
backs, were led. Just outside the
square a hundred people had gathered
to witness the execution of the rebels.
Most of them were Spaniards. On the
walls of the fortress two or three hundred soldiers were grouped where a dred soldiers were grouped where a good view could be obtained. I heard no expressions of pity from spectators for the men who knelt with the priests and perpared for the end. A young lleutenant of the guard who was or-dered out to do the shooting, however, asked to be excused. He was a Cuban asked to be excused. He was a Cuban serving in the Spanish army. Another officer took his place. The men knelt facing the wall and with their backs toward the firing squad. They showed no signs of flinching. A file of twelve soldiers was drawn up about ten paces soldiers was drawn up about ten paces nway. Four men were ordered to aim at each prisoner. There was an interval of silence when all was ready. The officer raised his sword, there was a rattle of musketry and the men fell forward on their faces. Hernandez and Barcallao showed signs of life. A sergeant with his revolver gave Hernandez an extra shot, the "tiro regracia." as it is called. He was obliged to fire twice at Barcallao before obliged to fire twice at Barcallao befor it was all over. The lay brothers car-

### them in the pauper burial ground. COMMITTEE PLEADS GUILTY Johannesburg Reformers Will be Sen

Pretoria, April 24.—Colonel Rhodes, Lionel Phillips and George Farrar, members of the Johannesburg reform members of the Johannesburg reform committee who were arrested in Johannesburg and brought here for trial. have pleaded guilty of treason under the first count of the indictment against them. The other members of the committee jointly indicted with Rhodes, Phillips and Farrar pleaded guilty of less majeste, but without hostile intent against the independence of the Transvaal republic.

The case was adjourned until Rhodes.

The case was adjourned until Rhodes, Farrar and Phillips can prepare and hand in written pleas, when the prison-ers will be sentenced.

### JACKSON MURDER TRIAL. Drawing the Net About the Prisoner at the Bar.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24.—In the Jackson trial today the cross-examina-tion of Alian Johnson, the colored porter, was continued. He relterate testimony of yesterday regarding Pearl Bryan's visit to Wallingford's saloon on the night before the murder. He re-membered her because it was the first time that Jackson had ever brought a woman to the saloon with him. Mrs. Bryan was recalled and spoke principally of the character of Pearl,

her confiding nature and inexperience in the ways of the world.

L. D. Poock testified to his tracing of the dead girl's shoes to the dealer who sold them to her.

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Dr. Crane, who analyzed the stomach, testified to finding cocaine. Dr. William Dickore, who analyzed mud stains on Jackson's trousers, testified that he found the mud to be identical in nature with that at the spot where

the body was found.

Will Wood was called to the stand.

He testified that Pearl Bryan was his first cousin; he had introduced her to Jackson, that Jackson said in August, or early in September in Dr. Gillespie's dental office that he had improper relations with her. He had received sev-

### eral letters from Jackson, one contain-

ing a prescription.
On cross-examination Wood denied several questions, tending to show sun dry admissions by him that he had improper relations with Pearl.

Wood said he had been under arrest for complicity in the murder, but had been discharged.

Daye Wallingford, the saloon-keeper.

with a girl on the night of the murder and borrowed \$2 from him. Identified the dress and hat as the ones worn by

### PRIEST MARRIED.

Father Dillon Weds Miss Rose Cecilia Donovan at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—Rev. Father George Francis Dillon, formerly assist-ant priest of St. Thomas' Catholic church, Braddock, and until lately hold-ing the same office in St. Bridget's. Pittsburg, was married on Nov. 15 to Miss Rose Cecilia Donovan, at Cum-berland, Md. In the marriage certifi-cate the address of Philadelphia was given. The couple are now supposed to e on their way to the west.

story came out through Mrs. Dilion threatening to have a writ of habeas corpus issued against the parish authorities who had her husband con-fined in St. Francis' hospital, this city, on the pretense that he from smoking cigarettes.

### THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

Conference with President Faure-Credits Passed by the Senate-The Opinions of the Press.

Paris, April 24.—President Faure conferred this morning with M. Lou-bet, Brisson, Peytral, and Poincare, He will receive MM. Bourgeois, Sarrien, Leroyer, and Meline this afternoon. The senate today unanimously adopted the credits for Madagascar.

M. Angles submitted a proposal for a revision of the constitution, and de-manded urgency on the question, which was rejected by a vote of 214 to 33, and the senate adjourned until Tuesday The newspapers agree that yester-

day's vote in the chamber of deputies has brought the constitutional crisis to

an acute stage, and the majority of the papers anticipate a dissolution of the chamber. This course is favored by many of the senators. According to the Gaulois, the new premier, whoever he may be, will ap-pear in the chamber with a dissolution decree in his pocket. The Gaulois says: "As a result of the experiment with a Radical cabinet, President Faure has resolved to take a determined stand upon constitutional ground, and

will pursue a line of conduct in opposi-tion to Socialist rancor."

The Socialists regard the proceedings in the chamber in the light of a vic-tory and demand the summoning of the national assembly.

The Conservatives predict a presiden-

### tial crisis. SENATE DENOUNCED.

Lively Session at Meeting of French

Paris, April 24.—A monster meeting was held tonight at Tivoli hall under socialist auspices to denounce the ac-tion of the senate, which resulted in the overthrow of the Bourgeois ministry. Thousands of people were unable to gain admission to the hall.

MM. Pelletan, Jauers and Vaillani, ocialist members of the chamber of deputies, spoke. Those present became greatly excited and there was much disorder, which continued after the meeting was closed. The crowd, which was frenzied, shouted "Down with the was frenzied, shouted "Down with the senate," and attempted to make a rush for the boulevards. In this, however, they were greatly prevented by the police, who arrested a number of the more demonstrative. Several persons persons were injured. A few groups managed to reach the boulevards, where they paraded and shouted against the senate.

### HOMOEOPATHIC EXAMINERS. The Medical Board Will Hold June Exam-

ination at Harrisburg.

Philadelphia, April 24.—At a meeting of the Homoeopathic Board of Medical Examiners of Pennsylvania, held at Dr. J. C. Guernsey's residence in this ity today, important action was taken concerning the June examination. As the June examination of all the applicants of the State Medical society of Pennsylvania will be held in Harris-burg, and as the everage expenses will be less to the applicants and accommohomeopathic board will also hold its June examination at Harrisburg. Questions for the consideration of the medical council for this examination were prepared and other arrangements

### LOVE A MURDERER.

Kills Ilis Wife, Ilis Father-in-law and Himself.

Huntington, W. Va., April 24,-John Love, of Milton, last night shot his wife and his father-in-law, Joseph Mays, through the heart, and then shot himself through the temple. Love and his wife had separated. They met at church last night, and after the serchurch last night, and after the services, Love accompanied her and her father to their home, where they sat talking by the fire until nearly midnight, when Love suddenly rose and

night, when Love suddenly rose and shot his father-in-law. The daughter ran out of the room, but Love followed and shot her and himself. A 10-year-old boy of May's was the only witness to the awful tragedy. Struck by a Bridge.

Struck by a Bridge.

Baltimore, April 24.—R. K. Houston, 23 years old, of Philadelphia, a brakeman on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, was found lying dead on the top of a freight car today when his train arrived at Union Station. His head was crushed. It is thought he was struck by a bridge under which the train passed when nearing the city.

### Loved the Same Woman.

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Chicago, April 24.—Because they loved the same woman, Oscar Orland, aged 33, and Emanuel Rugjak, fought a savage duel at midnight with stilettos on the street in the vicinity of Orland's Canal street home. Orland is dying at the country hospital, and the police are searching for the other duelist, who was badly wounded.

Bullot in His Breast.

# Phenixville, Pa., April 24.—William H. Smith, colored, of Media, was found last night lying on the sidewalk unconscious with a builet hole in his breast. He is said to be fatally injured. This morning he made a statement in which he declared he had been knocked down, robbed and then shot.

Publisher Munroe Dead. Publisher Munroe Bead.

New York, April 24.—George Munro, the weil-known publisher, died suddenly on Thursday morning at Pine Hill in the Catakills, whither he had gone to superintend repairs and improvements on his country home. A medical examination showed that heart failure was the cause of death.

Hackman's Heavy Sentence. May's Landing, N. J., April 24.—Barney O'Nell, the Philadelphia hackman, convicted of deadly assanult on Isaac Davis and his sister at their cottage in Atlantic City last July, was sentenced today to eighteen years in the state penitentiary.

## THE SORTIE AT BULUWAY

British Troopers and Matabeles Indulge in a Sharp Fight.

THE EXGLISH PINALLY RETIRE

Iwo Versions of the Engagement-Perhaps a Bad Defeat-The Narrow Escape of the Explorer, Selous.

Cape Town, April 24.—The news is somewhat conflicting, but the main facts seem well established, that the British have made a sortie in force; that they encountered large numbers of Matabeles, and inflicted great loss upon them; that they suffered in re-turn, and were at one time in danger ag armihilation, and that they finally

retreated.
The official version of the sortic says that the British force was quietly called to arms just after midnight, and that, without alarming the native part of the town, a force of about 300 men under Captains Napier and Duncan, with one Maxim rapid-fire gun and a Hatchkiss gun, belonging to the flag-ship St. George, mustered outside the barbed-wire defences, and prepared for a dash at the enemy's lines. There was a dash at the enemy's lines. There was considerable delay in starting, and it was beginning to be daylight when the column arrived within striking distance of the enemy. The latter were camped behind the earthworks thrown up when the Matabels made their last advance to within about four miles of Buluwayo. Contrary to expectation, however, the Matabeles had thrown out pickets, who although surprised by the advance guard, raised the alarm. This was no sooner done than the troopers in advance charged and shot down many of the fleeing natives. This was the sig-nal for the advance of the main body of the troopers, and they galloped forward to the support of their comrades. By this time it was getting light, and the Matabeles had sprung to arms all along the line. As the British advanced they were received by a scattering rifle fire from behind the earthworks, but the advance guard charged up to the mounds, and spurred their horses over them in several places.

MATABELES ADVANCE. Then the Matabeles drove the ad-

vance guard back. Fire was opened at about 400 yards on the Matabele posi-tion. This was kept up until broad daylight, when an advance was ordered, in view of the fact that too much ammunition was being wasted. Up to this time the loss on either side had not been heavy, although the Matabeles had by far the worst of it, especially when the Maxim and Hotch-kiss guns were brought into play to Riss guns were brought into play to cover the retreat of the advance guard. Just previous to the advance on the Matabele position, the two rapid-fire guns were again set to work, and for about a quarter of as hour they made to sweep the Matabele ranks. A charge was finally ordered, and there was a close quarters, Gradually the Matabeles almost surrounded the British who, to avoid being encircled, retreated, fighting foot by foot, but deven steadily backward. One squad, for a time, was quite cut off, and only extricated itself by a charge through the Matabele line. The British were hard pressed and gave ground fast, them, rallied by Napier and Duncan, they again assumed the offensive and drove back the swarms of natives. Suddenly the retreat was ordered, and t Isritish fell back toward Buluwayo. and the LATER REPORTS.

Later advices received from Buluwayo show that when the Matabele main body was first made out, about four miles west of Buluwayo, the enemy occupied a ridge on top of which were the earthworks and stone parawere the earthworks and stone parapets, and prepared to receive the British force. A slight detour was made
so as to bring the column slightly north
of Buluwayo. The enemy were found
to be covering four miles of well selected positions on the north bank of
the Umguza river, and after flerce
fighting the natives drove the British
back and down the bank. Crossing
the river in the retreat, F. C. Selous
had a narrow segare. His horse had a narrow escape. His horse was killed in midstream and he became entangled in the stirrups. When he extricated himself he was half drowned and would have sunk had it not been for Lieutenant Windley, who swam his horse out into the middle of the river, in face of the five of the recommend. his norse out into the middle of the river, in face of the fire of the enemy, rescued Selous, and reached the left bank without injury. When the British rallied and drove

back the Matabeles, they were en-gaged with only a part of the enemy's force, and as soon as the latter swarm force, and as soon as the latter swarm-ed over the ridge in larger numbers, they almost surrounded the British, who were compelled to retreat. The squad of troopers which was for a time-quite cut off and only able to extricate itself by a brilliant charge through the Matabele cordon was Captain Grey's scouts. It is said that both the Hotch-kiss and the Maxim rapid-fire guns kiss and the Maxim rapid-fire guns worked badly and were used only for a comparatively short time.

Matabele loss was not so great as was at first rumored.

### VENEZUELA DISPUTE. Status of Negotiations Between Great

Britain and the United States.

Washington, April 24.—The report that the Venezuelan question had again that the Venezuelan question had again reached a critical stage owing to inaction amounting to terminating of negotiations has brought out positive statements that the United States government has not offered nor suggested a withdrawal of the present Venezuelan commission, and that negotiations towards general arbitration between the United States and Gross Patients the United States and Great Britain are proceeding satisfastorily, although there has been little progress yet to-wards having the Venezuela dispute included in the general scope of the

arbitration. Aside from these two material points the general status of the subject has not changed of late, and there is no apprehension or uneasiness lest the ne-gotiations layse or fail. It is the gen-eral understanding that the Venezue-lan commission will not report until December next.

### WILL SUE THE GOVERNMENT. William Graves Wants Domages or His

Washington, April 24.—In the suit brought by William Graves in the su-preme court of the District of Columbia the unlawful and hostile action of the cash department officials prevented from securing \$4,500,000 of the recent is-sue of 4 per cent, bonds, Mr. Carlisle to-day filed an affidavit showing his side

of the case.

The affidavit charges Graves with withholding from the court a full recital of the facts and with attempting to create wrong impressions by false recitals, and by garbling correspond-

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Light Showers; Clearing; Warmer.

English Army Routed by Matabeles, Day's Doings at Washington Dun's Trade Review, Cuban Patriots Shot.

Two Mighty Liewellyns

(Local)—Spring Brook Water com-pany's Works, April Criminal Court Ends, Editorial. Keeping Secrets.

- (Local)—Proposed County Club, Builet In His Head, After the Clergymen, An Unnatural Father.
- (Local)—The Week in Society. Churches and Church Societies, World of Melody.
- Suburban News, Markets and Stock Reports. (Sports)—Scranton-Fall River Game, National League Scores, Base Ball Resume, Bicycle News and Gossip,
- (Travel)-Wonders of Alaska. 10 (Story)-"The Superintendent's Exam
- World of Letters. Remarkable Incident of Railroading.

12 News Up and Down the Valley.

DUN'S ENCOURAGING TALK. Business Has Been Favored by Season able Weather-Money Markets Have

Also Grown More Favorable. New York, April 24.—R. G. Dun & Co. will say tomorrow in their Weekly Re-view of Trade:

Failures for the week have been 238 in the United States against 230 last year and 44 in Canada against 37 last year.

Business has been favored by seasonable weather and the distribution of products has made fair progress, not yet reducing retail or wholesale stocks far enough, however, to materially improve the position of industries. Money markets have grown more favorable, as well as the state of foreign commerce, and until an apparently groundless revival of discussion about the Venezuelan difficulty there was brighter prospect of European investments here. The belief that agitation for cheap money will be permanently laid at rest this year is gaining ground and in financial quarters causes more and in financial quarters causes more confidence for the future. Prices of commodities are on the whole lower than ever before, having declined about 2 per cent. since April 1, and 17 per cent. since July. 1890, or October, 1892. The fall in manufactured products is a little less than it was April 1, but in farm

less than it was April 1, but in farm products greater.
Speculation is swayed by trifling influences when markets are very narrow. The recent advance checked buying of wheat for export, and Atlantic exports for the week were only 1,031,254 bushels, flour included, against 1,788,-873 last year, while western receipts were 2,094,657 bushels, smallst 1,375,408 last year. With generally fair prospects as to winter wheat the price has dropped about 2 cents, nearly half the rise based on gloomy reports early this month. Corn receipts continue heavy month. Corn receipts continue heavy and price is a shade lower. A single enterprising buyer was able to push up the price of cotton an eighth, though the progress of planting gives promise of a large yelld, and the receipts continue as large as in 1893, though about 386,000 bales large for the year thus far. The large orders taken for boots and shoes when prices were reduced to last year's lowest, more than a month ago, results in phimments nearly causal to results in shipments nearly equal to last year's, in April thus far 5 per cent. less. Leather is weaker, with heavy sales, averaging about 3 per cent. lower for the week, although hides at Chicago are a shade stronger. Neither pig iron nor manufactured products have im proved in demand as yet. Many consumers of comer are working near results in shipments nearly equal to Tin is dull, but a shade higher at 13.4 cents, and lead, with large western sales, at 3.07½. Makers of tin plates have agreed to maintain prices, \$3.70 being still quoted for bessemer coke

### BELLES AS CONDUCTORS. Yovel Means Suggested to Aid a Hospita

in Middletown, N. Y. Middletown, N. Y., April 24.-A nove proposition has been made by the Mid-town-Goshen Traction company to as-sist Thrall hospital, in this city. The sist Thrall hospital, in this city. The company proposes to donate one day's receipts of the electric railway to the hospital, providing the managers of the institution will select young lady conductors to collect fares on all cars during the day and evening.

Young society women will accept the proposition and hope to give the hospital a great benefit at an early date.

NEGROES DRAW COLOR LINE.

Lay Out a Town in Kansas Where No Whites Need Apply. Topeka, Kan., April 24.—A charter was filled today by the Sumner City Town Site company, the incorporators being prominent negroes of Kansas. The capital stock is \$50,000. W. L. Eagleson is at the head of this enter-

prise, and has already laid out the town of Sumner City, near Topeka, in which only negroes will be permitted to buy lots. All lines of business and manufacturing are to be carried on. Another Yacht Race. Another Yacht Race.

New York, April 24.—Yachtsmen will probably be surprised and pleased to hear that there is every probability of the Defender and Valkyrie III meeting again this summer in American waters. The fact that W. K. Vanderbilt has assumed active control of the Defender was confirmed today and there is a well authenticated report that Harry McCalmont, who was associated with Lord Dunraven in the Valkyrie venture for the America's cup, has gained ownership of the British yacht.

Pool Tournament. Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—In the second night's play for the world's pool championship tonight, De Oro made a run of 205 and Clearwater 201, making the total scores for the two nights: Clearwater, 403, and De Oro, 388. The match is for 600 points and will be completed tomorrow night.

Convicted of Manslaughter. Hackensack, N. J. April 24.—John Sullivan, of Tenafly, was this afternoon convicted of manslaughter. He brutally beat his wife while she was in a feeble condition and she died in the Englewood hospital on Jan. 11.

Receipts of the Commonwealth. Harrisburg, Pa., April 24 Auditor General Mylin has completed a report showing the total receipts of the commonwealth for the past year. The aggregate is \$12,630,630.10. Must lie Properly I.nbelled.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 24.—It has been decided by the department of agriculture that all vegetables colored by any process must be distinctly labelled "artificially colored." Virginia for Mckinley. Staunton, Va., April 24.—The Republican state convention today instructed the del-egates to vote for McKinley.

## THE LAWMAKERS AT WORK

Record of a Day in House and Senate.

THE GENERAL PENSION BILL

Sections of the Measure Criticised in the House of Representatives. Several Bills Passed in

the House.

Washington, April 24.-The senate made considerable progress today on the sundry civil appropriation bill, hav-ing disposed of all the amendments reported to it by the committee on ap-propriations. Some comment was made on the practice attributed to the house of representatives of appropriating sums only sufficient to cover the cost of service for six or nine months in the year and throwing on the senate the responsibility and blame of swelling the appropriation bills. The advice preferred by Mr. Mills (Dem., Texas) to cure that evil was for the senate to pass the appropriation bills

senate to pass the appropriation bills just as the house sent them, leaving to the president the duty of notifying congress that additional appropriations were necessary for the public service. There was also some little criticism of the action of the house in cutting off appropriations for Providence hospital in Washington—that action being attributed to religious bigotry and intolerance. The fact that the first comptroller refused to audit the accounts troller refused to audit the accounts of the Venezuelan-Guiana commission for office rent was also commented upo

GENERAL PENSION BILL.

Nearly five hours were given by the house today to a further consideration, in committee of the whole, of the general pension bill. The speakers generally supported the bill, but all criticised one or another section, especially those which authorize the pensioning of soldiers who previous to their honor-ables services in the Union army had served in the confederate army or had not received an honorable discharge. The speakers were Messrs. Layton (Dem., O), Tracey (Rep., Mo.), Andrews (Rep., Neb.), Burton (Rep., Mo.), Overstreet (Rep., Ind.) and Connolly (Rep., Ill.) and their efforts were marked with no incident of importance.

tance.

Bills were passed authorizing the town of Tuscon, Ariz., to issue \$100,000 of water works bonds; authorizing the free re-entry into the United States of articles or animals exported for exhibiarticles or animals exported for exhibi-tion in other countries; to make Con-neaut, O., a sub-port of entry; and nine private pension and relief bills favor-ably reported at the last Friday night's

ably reported at the last Friday night's session.

The senate's request fo ra conference on the Indian appropriation bill was agreed to.

The report of elections committee No. 3 upon the contested case of Cornett vs. Swanson, from the Fifth district of Virginia, in favor of the sitting member (Swanson, Democrat) was received, and the minority given until Wednesday next in which to present their

day next in which to present their HAIRS ON HIS SHOULDERS.

Wife of a Policeman Suce for Divorce on Strange Grounds. Sioux City, April 24.—Had Frank Vondrak, of this place, not been ap-pointed to the police force two years ago his wife would probably not now be suing him for divorce, alimony and the custody of their minor children. Until his appointment to the force Vondrak is said to have been a model bushand is said to have been a model husband. After it the temptations into which his business led him are alleged to have

been too much for him.

One night he came home with his shoulder covered with hairs of various only one color, so she naturally be-came suspicious and finally sued for divorce. The district court has the case under advisement.

STEEL BILLET COMBINATION. Organization of New York Holds a Meing at Pittsburg. Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—The big steel billet combination formed in New York last month held a meeting in

Pittsburg today. The meeting was well attended. President L. S. Bent, of the Pennsylvania Steel company, presided, and Willis L. King, of the American Iron works, Pittsburg, officlated as secretary. The session was strictly secret, some of the members even denying that a meeting had been held. It was bearned, however, that George B. Griscom, of Pittsburg, was chosen commissioner. This was the only office remaining

unfilled when the New York meeting adjourned. It was stated positively by one of the members that no advance will be made in prices.

### RELATIVES ON THE JURY. Eleven of a Panel Refuse to Indict-Bank Directors.

St.John, N. F., April 24.-The grand ary made a formal presentment todirectors. The vote shows that the leven jurymen who refused to indict the directors are either relatives or employes of the accused. This fact adds further fuel to the public anger. The crown declines to present further indictments to the grand jury. It will bring the cases for trial before a petty

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY. An Old Man Shoots Ilis Son and Then

Union City, Pa., April 24.-This town was the scene of a double tragedy this morning. Simon Hasselbach, nearly 70 years old, and his son, William, 35, engaged in a quarrel. Both were drunk and the young man seized an axe and attempted to kill his father. The old man drew a revolver and shot his son. Seeing what he had done, the old man turned the weapon on him-self and sent a bullet through his temple. Both will die.

### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 24.—Arrived: Steamers Britannic, from Liverpool and Queenstown; St. Paul, from Southampton. Arrived out: Steamers Dreaden, at Bremen; Etruria, at Queenstown; Kalser Wilhelm, at Genoa. Selied for New York: Columbia, from Southampton; Circussia, from Glasgow, April 23. Sighted—Steamer Friesland, New York for Antwerp, passed Lizard, 10 p. m., April 23.

### Herald's Forecast.

New York, April 25.—Heraid's weather forecast: In the Middle states today, cloudy to partly cloudy weather will prevail on the coasts, but fair in intercor, preceded by rain on and near the coasts, with fresh easterly to northerly winds and nearly stationary, followed by higher temperature in afternoon and by clearing generally on coast. On Sunday fair and westerly winds.

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