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#### TWO CENTS

## GIST OF OUR **CUBAN POLICY**

Government's Representations to Spain.

MUST FISH OR CUT BAIT

President Took Postive Though Courteous Ground.

Told the Spaniards That If They Didn't Materially Improve the Internal Condition of Cuba Ere Congree Assembled He Would Remit the Whole Matter to Its Hands. What Spain Has Done to Ward Off the Inevitable.

Washington, Nov. 24.-To the Wash-Ington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a paper reaching the area of country warmest in its symjustly for the Cuban insurgents, an official prominently connected with the administration has given a frank outline of President McKinley's entire attitude toward Sprin with reference to Cuba. This official said.

The government at Madrid was in-termed not only through Minister Wood-ford but through Minister de Lome as well, that certain important reforms must be effected before the president's mes-sage was sent to congress. The Spaniards were told, in so many words, that the president would not lift his inner to pretent action by congress unless Spain should so act as to make the situation in Cuba on Dec. 1, 1897, in marked con-trast to the situation on Dec. 1, 1898. They were informed that on the basis of the situation on March 4, when he as-sumed control. President Mukintey felt of the data interfere. He gave the Span-

condition which would justify immediate te done, he said d to willing to defer action until could be demonstrated whether the reforms were, first of all, gripme, and then whether they would result in the pacification of the planel.

The conditions of this quasi ultima-tum were threefold. They represented, first, sympathetic reasons for interfersecondly, commercial ones; and, questions of international poli-Spain was told that Weyler he recalled, and a governor general of known pasific tendencies must be substituted. Then the orders concentrating the pacificos into the towns must be suspended, or at least modified, so as to put a stop to the starvation. Thirdly, every American prisoner must be released, pardoned, or given public trial under the terms of the Cushing protocol. These were the sympathetic reasons for interference, which must be removed before Branch of the Universal Union in

COMMERCIAL DEMANDS. Touching the commercial side, the president insisted that American commerce must be protected, and steps taken to restore trade in the island. First of all it was insisted that if sugar planters were not permitted to grind their cane, it was in itself a confession of a state of war which the president would be forced to recognize. Secondly, the attention of the Spaniards was called to the fact that the rect blow at American commercial interests, justifiable only as a war measure, and if continued could be met only with a recognition of war by this country.

Finally, on the side of international law and the tights of neighboring people, the president insisted that the Spanish government must go to the root of the evil and establish home rule, with freedom for the islanders to levy their own taxes and spend them, too. The president made no threats, but he told the Spanlards without equivocation that, unless the reforms indicated were all accomplished before the opening of congress, he would report the facts and let con-gress do as it wished, the inference being plain that a recognition of belligerence could certainly be made by congress and approved by the president. Mr. McKin in effect told the Spanlards that h would not veto any resolution passed by congress, no matter how pro would be, nor would be thwart the of the people as expressed through their representatives. It rested with Spain, he said, to apply the knife, remove the sores on the Island, and take away from congress every protext for immediate inter-

The Canovas government hesitated Canovas was killed, and his ministry fell, Sagasta took up the problem, recognized the force of the president's suggestions, and has submitted to every one of the conditions he laid down. Weyler was recalled and Blanco substituted. The con-centration orders were greatly modified. Sugar planters have been assured that they will have military protection in grinding cane, if they can find any to grind. Finally, the prohibition on the ex-port to tobacco has been, or will be, wholly withdrawn. Twenty-seven American prisoners were released, either without trial or by virtue of pardons, as in the case of the Competitor men. Even Miss Cisneros was permitted to be freed, and the Spanish officials winked at the whole transaction. There are not now more than two or three American prisoners in Cuba, and their citizenship is not clearly

Finally, the Sagasia government has repared a system of autonomy which, in view of the Spaniards, is wonderfully rat. This plan of home rule will be officially promulgated at Madrid and given wide publicity in this country be-

fore congress meets. PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS. This is the situation which will be reported to congress. The president will how that when he began his administration the island of Cuba was in a des-perate condition. He will show that there are no Americans in jail, no our restrictions on the augar and tobacco our restrictions on the augur and tobacco our restrictions of the augur and tobacco our restrictions our restrictions of the augur and tobacco our restrictions of given permission to leave the towns to find food in the country. He will admit that Cuba has been devastated in the past, but will express the opinion that the reforms already accomplished. the reforms already accomplished, to-gether with the promised home rule, are sufficient to justify further delay pending third. Time, 1.025. a demonstration of the results in Cuba.

The president will not\_commit himself

to the autonomy proposition, nor will he | 1.16%.

romise to keep hands off forever, but h will call attention to the fact that if the Spanish government goes on as it has begun, the reasons for interference in Cuba will be largely removed, and the only basis for intervention would be a desire to force actual independence.

If congress still decides to act, in spite of the admitted improvements in Cuba, as the result of the president's firm stant. The Substance of This

Government's Reprethe Spaniards have complied with all of the conditions he laid down, congress should be content to leave the matter it his hand, at least until the Sugasta gov ernment has been given time enough to inaugurate its home rule programme This is the whole policy of the adminis tration on the Cuban question.

#### SENTENCED FOR BLACKMAIL.

Florence Stanfield Tried to Get Money From Earl Carrington.

London, Nov. 21.—At the central crim-inal court today, Florence Stansfield, who was charged at the Westminster police court on Nov. 12 with attempting to blackmail Earl Carrington, the Joint Hereditary Lord Great Chamberlain, was sentenced to eighteen months' penal ser-

The court proceedings developed the fact that Florence Stanslield, who is described as a fine-looking woman of distinguished manners, had sent letters to Earl Carrington demanding money, Counsel, however, apologized for her and explained that his client had written the letters under a mistake as to the identity of Earl Carrington, adding that the latter was not the man who had represented. latter was not the man who had represented himself to her as being Earl Carrington. The latter denied ever having een the woman until she was arraigned in the police court,

#### WILSON AND FARREL SENTENCED TO DEATH

Judge Bott Not affected by the Endeavor to Shift Their Crime on to

Another -- Propensity of Crooks. Hollidaysburg, Pa., Nov. 24.-Frank Wilson, of Massillon, C., and James Far-rell, of Allequippa, Allegheny county, were today sentenced in the Blair coun-ty courts to be hanged. A motion for a new trial was overruled by Judge Bell. The prisoners had been convicted of the murder of Henry Bonnecka, an aged mis-er in Altoona, on April 7, 1895. The crime was committed in the miser's house at midnight while they were seeking his wealth. The evidence against them was of a circumstantial character. Detectives testified that Wilson and Farrell had confessed their crime to them in Taylor's

hotel, New York. The case was made remarkable after the trial and conviction of Wilson and Farrell, by information that Henry Hildebrand, a convict in the penitentiary at Haltimore, Md., had confessed that he, and not the defendants, had murdered Bonnecku. Hildebrand took his own hee in the penitentiary after making this confession.

In denying the motion for a new tria... Judge Bell likened it to the case of Judge Bell likehed it is the property of Kean, Elk, Jefferson, Centre, Cambria, crooks to assume to themselves the commission of notorious crimes, William Doran, who was with Wilson and Farrell in the murder, fled from the country and has not yet been captured.

## PEACE SOCIETY MEETS.

Session at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Nov. 21.-At a meeting to

day of the Pennsylvania Peace society, a branch of the Universal Peace union, in commemoration of the society's thirtyst anniversary, addresses were mode Belva A. Lockwood, Rev. Amarcia Devo and representatives of the Friend Philantrophic union, the W. C. T. U. and the branch peace societies. Among the resolutions adopted was the

following:
"That we welcome most sincerely and rechibition of tobacco exports was a di-cect blow at American commercial inter-England, to our country known for the third time, bearing messages of peace and on this occasion, one of the largest and most important petitions in the history of the world, representing over 2. 600,000 earnest workingmen of his converge, imploring our government to accept and establish a tribunal of international arbitration with Great Britain." Mr. Cremer, who was formerly a n ber of parliament, was present, and at the evening session be delivered an address.

## KASSAN RECAPTURED.

The Embezzler Had Part of His Inheritance in His Possession.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—The police have been notified that W. F. Kassan has been caught in Victoria, B. C. Kasis the Iowa man who, while in prison here charged with embezzlement, es-

While in jail Kassan was notified that \$250,000 had been left to him by an uncle, James Kassan of Austin, Ia. He was then looked upon as a sort of prize pris-oner, and enjoyed many privileges. It was by taking asyantage of that laxity that he was enabled to escape. Kassan, when arrested in Victoria, had \$7,000 in his pocket. He had managed presumably to get hold of part of his inheritance, and was seeking to get away in a steamship to the Orient.

## CONFESSION OF BLANTHER.

The Attorneys of Durrant Will Use It to Save Their & lient.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.-No credence s placed by the authorities here in the alleged confession of Blanther, or For-bes, made in the Meridan, Tex., jail, that he murdered Blanche Lamont Minnie Williams, in addition to Mrs. Langfeldt. It is recalled, however, that at the time of the killing of Mrs. Lang-feldt, about eighteen months ago, the suggestion was advanced that Blanther ad murdered all three, it being claimed that there were certain points of similarity in the three murders. alleged confession of Blanther will probably prove a weapon for Durrant's attorneys, who are using every available pretext for delaying the execution of their client.

## LEXINGTON RACES.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 2t.-Weather clear, track fast. First race, nine-sixteenths mile-Ram

lazzo won, Highland Princess second,

second, Hats Off third. Time, 1.43%. Fourth race, five furiongs-Johani Fourth race, five furiongs-Johnnic Williams won, Hampden second, Oxnard Fifth race, six furlongs-Calleen won, Cyclone second, Nat P third.

Time.

## MEETING OF COAL MINERS

President Ratchford Claims to Have Been Misquoted.

HE DID NOT ADVOCATE A TIE-UP

Officers Elected to Serve at Next State Convention .- A Letter Advising a Strike Against Company Stores Is Ignored -- Report of Com-

sion of the miners' convention, said he cas wrongly quoted as advocating another general tle-up of all industries What he meant was that the only completely successful strike would be one in which all the 250,000 miners would take part. Then, he said, they could tle up all the country's industries.

The committee organization having reported in favor of electing state officers today, Patrick Dolan, president of the Pittsburg district, and William Warner, secretary of that district, were elected president and secretary to serve until the next general state conven tion, to be held not later than Feb. 16, 1898, when permanent officers will elected.

It was decided to redistrict the state and the organization committee was charged with that work. A report recommending a per capita tax of eight cents a month was report-

ed and discussed. At the afternoon session it was decided to levy a per capita tax of 8 cents a month, two cents to go to the date and six cents to the district organization. Where there is no district organization the eight cents shall be paid to the state treasurer. A letter signed W. H. Jones advised the con-vention to inaugurate a strike against gested that no attention be paid to the etter and it was not considered. Chairman Bradley made a speech, asking the convention to urge the sureau on mining laws to insist on the inforcement of semi-monthly payments and to have the law made mandatory, so that suit could be instituted for the protection of workers. Several delegates were nominated for vicepresident and George Harris, of Punxsutawney, was elected. J. T. Kline, of Barnesboro, was elected treasurer of

the state organization. TO REDISTRICT THE STATE. The committee appointed to redistrict the state made a report, which, after

lengthy discusion, was adopted; District No. 1 will consist of the whole anthracite region and a portion of that district in Sullivan county.

Clarion, Tioga, Huntingdon, Crawford, Blair, Somerset and Indiana counties, District No. 4, the coke regions, emoracing that part of Westmoreland and Fayette countles not included in district No. 5 District No. 5, Allegheny county, part

Westmoreland and Fayette and Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver counties and Shenango valley. District No. 3 is included in Nos. 2

and 4. Before leaving the convention, Nathe delegates to work in every mining camp in Pennsylvania during the next three months. He promised to organ-

ize the anthracite regions. Resolutions were passed thanking the national officers for their presence and

assistance. National Organizer Evans, of Ohlo. was sent to assist in organizing the Punxsutawney district and John Harris, of Punxsutawney, was charged with the same work in the Clearfield district. Altoona was selected as the place for

the convention to be held Feb. 10. The convention then adjourned finally.

## CURRENCY REFORM.

It Will Be Recommended by the President in His Message.

Washington, Nov. 24.-The Evening Star today says: It can be stated on the highest authority that the president is going to recommend a plan for currency reform in his message, and, further, that that part of the message was written with the co-operation of Secretary Gage. It is authoritatively stated that tary Gage is perfectly satisfied with the president's message in regard to financial legislation, and that it meets his entire views and support,"

Further than this, it can be stated on the same high authority, that the sec-retary of the treasury will submit to congress in his annual report the plan for currency reform, which he submitted to the cubinet at its meeting on Friday, Oct. 28. The secretary intends to submit his report to congress almost identically was submitted to the cobinet. some further recommendations, but these will not materially change the plan al- in and dead. ready announced.

## DONATION TO THE U. P.

Thomas McKean Makes the Institu-

tion a Present of \$100,000. Philadelphia, Nov. 24.-Thomas McKean of this city, today donated \$100,000 to the University of Pennsylvania toward the cost of the new law school. The building will be erected on a plot of ground near the campus recently purchased by trustees of the university. The law school has for some time past been temporarily located in a wing of Independence hall, but Mr. McKean's gift insures the erection of an imposing building on the university grounds In honor of the donation, the reading

room will be named after Mr. McKean's great-grandfather. Chief Justice McKean,

Inspecting the Naide.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.-H. Tomosusa, hairman of the naval committee of the Japanese parliament, today paid a visit to Cramps' ship yards as the guest of the Japanese inspector of the ship Naida, now being built here for the Japanese government. H. Tomosusa represents in parliament the province of Higo. He has been making a tour of observation of all the sain vards of England France and Germany, and is now on his way home.

Steamship Arrivats.

New York. Nov. 24.—Salled: St. Louis.
Southampton: Majestic, Liverpool Hamburg—Sailed: Phoenicia, New York. Rotterdam—Arrived: Hotterdam, New York.

WILL CABLE TO HAWAIL

A New Company Will Connect San Francisco with Hawaiin Islands. New York, Nov. 24 .- A meeting of the Pacific Cable company, of New York, was held today at the office of the Central and South American Telegraph company, in this city. The following board of di-rectors was elected: J. Pierpont Morgan, Edmund L. Baylies, J. Kennedy Too, Rear Admiral John Irwin, U. S. N., and

ames A. Scrymser, James A. Scrymser was elected presi ent, and Edmund L. Baylies vice presi-

dent and acting treasurer.

The company announces that its pro posed cable will connect San Francisco with the Hawaiian Islands, near Hono-lulu; extensions from the Hawaiian Is-Stores Is Ignored--Report of Committee Appointed to Redistrict the
State Is Adopted.

Altoona. Pa., Nov. 24.—National
President Ratchford, at today's session of the miners' convention, said he
southwestern Pacific show a remarkship even much more favorable. abiy even botiom, much more favorable than the older chart indicated. Many sup-posed shoals have been expunged from

the admiralty charts.

The Pacific Cable company will be in-lependent of the Mexican Telegraph comany, the Central and South American Telegraph company and the Western Union Telegraph company in its organization, but it is stated that those com-panies will have close business relations with it. It will require over 9.000 miles of cable to connect the United States with the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China and Australasia.

#### MRS. LANGTRY'S VACHT SOLD.

Mr. Johnston, Who Bought the Britannia, the Purchaser.

London, Nov. 21.-Mrs. Lily Langury's acht White Ladye has been sold at nuction for fil.200 (\$50,000). There were only two bidders, and the yacht was bought by Lawson Johnston, who some time ago purchased the Prince of Wales' racing cutter Britannia.

The White Ladye cost Lord Ashbur-ton \$40,000 to build, and Mrs. Langtry is said to have spent \$12,000 on it, A few years ago Mrs. Langtry refused \$110,000 for it, and it was leaved to the late Og-den Goelet. Mr. Johnson said today: "I shall take

ny family on a voyage to the Mediterranompany stores. Mr. Ratchford sug- can in January, and after the spring eason I shall go to Quebec and Mont-cal and shall make a tour of the Lakes. "I have not yet decided whether I shall or shall not race Britannia. I have just heard from Captain Carter that the Prince of Wales has given up his services and that he will not be hired for the new boat which His Royal Highness is having built for him, and if I race Britinnia Captain Carter will have charge of

> Mr. Johnston said, regarding the price he paid for Britanais; "I do not feel at liberty to state the sum I hald for her. I may tell you, however, that I did not get her cheap. I paid a very substantial

#### HEAD CRUSHED TO A PULP.

Terrible Murder Committed in the

Italian Quarter of Kansas City. Kanses City, Mo., Nov. 21.-A horrisly rutal murder was committed in the early morning. An Italian aged years and known as "Nicola" \$ was found lying in a pool of his own blood. His head had been crushed to a pulp with a brick and blood spuried from numerous dagger wounds in the breast. He is a miner and came here from Pittsburg, Kas., from where, it appears, he had been driven by threats on his life.

Although one-armed, the murdered man had evidently made a desperate struggle for his life, as shown by the surround-ings. He had apparently been decoyed to place. Frank Bascone, an Italian tional President Ratchford expected and his 14-year-old son have been arrested, suspected of the murder.

## WILL NOT PAY ARCHITECTS.

Capitel Commission Holds that Plans Were Not Conformed to Program.

Harrisburg, Nov. 24.-The new capito commission met here today, all of the members being present, except Governor Hastings, who after the rejection by the commission of all of the plans recom-mended by the experts, has refused to attend the meetings. Architect Gobb submitted his specifications as far as completed, and expects to have the working plans in shape to award the contract within a month.

It is said that the commission contem-plates the addition of a resolution refus-ing to pay the six specially invited archi-tects the \$1,000 promised them for pre-paring plans on the pround that according to the report of the board of exerts none of the plans conformed to the programme.

## FROM A LOFTY DOME TO DEATH.

A Painter Falls From the New York

Post Office Roof. New York, Nov. 24.-James P. Brandt who was painting the lofty dome of the postoffice building, met with almost in-stant death today. No one has been found who saw him fall, but a Breadway policeman, happening to look up at the snew and idicies upon the portion in front of the postmaster's office, noticed the foot and leg of a man protrad-ing between the brown-stone pillars that support a heavy balustrade. The officer reported the fact to Superintendent Farrelly, of the postoffice, who found the painter with his head crushed

## BRYAN NOT TO RETIRE.

He Says He Expects to Be in Politics All His Life.

Washington, Nov. 24.-William drags Bryan intends to remain in politics until he dies. Not long ago it was re-ported that Mr. Bryan was about to re-tire. Congressman Gaines, of Tennessee. who is now here, heard the story Mr. Bryan about it. Mr. Bryan "The newspaper item is not true. I ex-

pect to remain in politics all my life. Whether I shall ever run for office again depends on circumstances.

## RIOT THREATENED.

New York, Nov. 24.-Two thousand men employed in laying the tracks of the underground trolley on Second avenue struck today. Reserves from two police stations were called out to suppress what threatened to be a riot. The cause of the strike is said to be the failure of the contractors to pay the men their money at the conclusion of each week.

Burgess Will Be Electrocuted. Albany, N. Y., Nov. 24.—The court of appeals today dismissed the motion for

a reargument of the case of Charles N. Burgess, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing a farmer East Liverpool, O.

#### LARGE RUMPUS IN THE REICHSRATH

Trouble Over Petitions Regarding Amalgamation of the Lingos.

THE BODY IN AN ALL ROUND FIGHT

President Abrahamovics Has Difficulty in Preserving Decorum .- Dr. Wolff Rings a Bell and Herr Polacz Pinces a Compress on the Windpipe of Herr Plereche.

Vienna, Nov. 24.-The members of the lower house of the Reichsrath today excelled themselves in producing the most disgraceful scene yet witnessed in that branch of parliament. The turbulence resulted from a motion that only one of a number of similar petitions against the ordinance making the Czech language co-ordinate with the German language in Bohemia should be read and printed. This order of the government has been the basis of the many uproarious scenes which have been described in these dispatches for a number of weeks past, although the question of renewing the compact between Austria and Hungary, provisionally at least, has been mixed up in all the bitter feeling manifested by the German and anti-Ger-

man elements. The members of the left party protested uproariously today against the motion referred to, stigmatizing it as "oppressive and illegal." Finally, the mbers of the lower house became so disorderly that the president of that body, Dr. Abrahamovies, was once more compelled to suspend the sitting, and he soon afterward left the house The departure of President Abrahamovies was the signal for a scene of the wildest disorder. Dr. Wolff, the German nationalist leader, clambered up into the president's tribune, seized a heavy bell and swung it to and fro. materially increasing the disorder prevailing. The bell, however, was almost immediately wrenched from Dr. Wolff's

hand by Deputy Polock. While this incident was in progress, challenges to fight duels, and showers of billingsgate and other insults were exchanged on all sides, until the in-terior of the house in every way re-

mbled an inferno. A number of young Czechs and Poles made a rush for the president's tribune and attempted to tear Dr. Wolff down from the position which he occupied; and they in turn were attacked by a number of leftists and disgraceful scrimmages were the result. This was During the preliminary scuffling some of the young Czechs struck Dr. Wolff. and this caused such an uproar that a pitched battle with fistcuffs followed,

lasting for about a quarter of an hour. SCHOENERER THREATENS. Herr Schoenerer, the leader of a secon of the German opposition, caught hold of and brandished over his head one of the minister's arm-chairs and was evidently about to hurl it at the heads of his immediate opponents when

ie was seized and disarmed by Herr By this time the disorder was of such nature that even the public in the calleries cried shame upon the fightng, swearing and insult-exchanging leputies. A Polish member, Herr Poacz, rushed upon another member, Herr Pfereche, and was nearly strangling him, when Pfereche, on the imsulse of the moment, drew a penknife from his pocket and opened it, but he was disarmed by a colleague before any further harm was done. Herr Pfereche was by that time so exhausted by the choking he had received at the hands of Herr Polacz and was so overcome

with excitement that he fainted, still further adding to the sensation. At this moment President Abrahamovice returned to the house, but after repeated and vain efforts to quell the disorder prevailing he closed the sitting of the house. In so doing, the

president said: "In view of the acts of violence which have occurred in the house today, I onsider it my duty to close this sit-Will those members who are ting. willing to give me the names of the riolent members please come to my

Several members of the house acented the invitation of the president, and as a result it is believed that Herron, Schoenerer, Wolff and Pfereche will be arrested upon the charge of fighting in public. The house will

## meet again tomorrow.

HELPED TO MURDER SIX. J. C. Dunham Arrested for a Crime

Committed in May, 1896. Van Buren, Ark., Nov. 24.—City Mar-hal Charles Wells, of Mulberry, Ark., as arrested J. C. Dunham, alias James Buford, who is wanted in Santa Clara county, Cal., for the murder of Colonel and Mrs. R. P. McGliney, Mrs. Hattle Donham, Miss Minnie Schessler, J. K. Wells and R. A. Briscoe on May 25, 1896. The crime was committed for the purose of robbery, and owing to the prom-nence of the families a reward of \$11.-98 was offered for the arrest and conviction of Dunham and his associates. J. H. Linton, sheriff of Santa Clara counwas notified, and he wired instrucons to Marshal Wells to hold Dunham atil complete identification papers could be forwarded from California

## GERMANY IN CHINA.

Russian Journals Urge a Compensatory Move.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—The Russian newspapers urge that Russia. France and Great Britain should occupy points in China to counterbalance the German ccupation of Kino Chou Bay, Shan-Tun Peninsula.

Herlin, Nov. 24.—The appointment of admiral von Diedrich to command the combined German squadrons in Chines waters, and of Prince Henry of Prussia to assume command of the Second German Squadron on the coast of China consisting of the Kalserin Augusta, the Deutschland and the Genon, which three vessels will probably start for Kino Chou Bay about Dec. 10 next, are officially con-

No Sewer Pipe Trust.

New York, Nov. 24.—J. P. Morgan & Co, deny that they have any interest in any proposed consolidation of sewer pipe manufacturers. They declare that their first intimation of the matter came the newspapers in a dispatch from

#### BIG TRACTION DEAL.

Syndicate Absorbs the Various Steel Ruitrond Lines of Pittsburg.

Baltimore, Nov. 21.—Messrs, Alexander Brown and sons, representing a syndi-cate of Baltimore, London, New York, Philadelphia and Pitisburg capitalists, have consummated the purchase of all the stock of the United Traction company of Pittsburg, amounting to \$20,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 is preferred stock and \$17,000,000 common stock. This will give them control of the large street rallway system in Pittsburg and Alle-gheny, owning and operating over 117 miles of electric lines.

The United Traction company is a con-solidation effected about the first of July last, of all the lines formerly owned and operated by the Second Avenue Trac-tion company, running through some of the principal streets of Pittsburg and connecting that city with various su-burbs. It controls the only access by street railway to Pittsburg on both sides of the river from the valley of the Monongahela. The consolutation also in-cluded all the lines formerly owned and operated by the Pittsburg. Allegheny and Manchester Traction company and the Federal Street and Pleasant Valley Pasenger Railway company practically all the lines in the city Allegheny,

The earnings of the United Traction ompany for the four months it has been n operation—July, August, September and October, amounted to \$501,255.78. The operating expenses, including taxes and insurance, were \$218,638.29, leaving net earnings of \$252,757.49. The pro rata fixed charges were \$106,133,34, leaving a surplus of \$86,235,15,

The purchase of the stock of the comoany is one of the largest deals in se-curities ever consummated by a local couse. The same firm placed \$4,000,000 of ne company's bonds last July. The announcement caused great activbe Baltimore Stock Exchange.

## MAY KELLARD'S TRIAL.

The Woman Who Caused Trouble in traction. Some of them used operat

Forgery -- Mr. Wood's Testimony. New York, Nov. 24.-The trial of May letter which he wrote to Lawyer Glaze, counsel for Mrs. Spencer, one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution. The letter

the prosecution of Miss Kellard,

Judge McMahan, having decided Wood was mentally competent to testify, e was next placed in the witness chair He said that he resided at present at the Middletown Insane asylom, and was the husband of Mrs. Virginia Wood. his relations with May Kellard, on the ground that his doing so would tend to egrade and incriminate him. Miss Keland took the stand. She first gave sam des of her handwriting for identification

vriting her own name four times and hat of Virginia Wood five times. "Why have you signed yourself 'Mary,' 'May' and 'Josephine'' '
"Josephine is my name," answered Miss
Kellard. She declined to tell how much oney Mr. Wood had given her. "Were you ever the mistress of Wil-

No. never. Before the court adjourned for the day Miss Kellard was asked if Wood had ever given her \$25,000 worth of diamonds she had pawned. She was not

## permitted to answer the question.

RACES AT BALTIMORE. Baltimore, Nov. 24.-A large attendance and good racing marked the third day of the Pimilco running meeting. The favorites did not have it their way by any means, and several of the long odds horses were well booked, though the bookies quit winners on the day. The track was heavy but some fast time was made and several good finishes resulted. First race, 6 furlongs—Gaspard won. Jack Donohue, second, Byron Cross, third; time, 1.19%. Second race, mil-Mohawk Prince won, L. B., second: Waterman, third; time, 1.4519. Third race, 7 furlongs—Billaille won, J. A. Gray, second; Premier, third; time, Lasty, Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Mont D'Or won, Ta-boret, second; Sensational, third; time,

1.204. Fifth race, mile-Squan won, Plan-tain, second; Abingdon, third; time, 1.45.

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, Nov. 25.—In the Middle States and New England today, fair to partly cloudy weather and fresh to light, southerly and southeasterly winds will prevail, with a slow rise of tempera-ture, followed by cloudiness and by light snow in the western and northern dis-tricts of this section, and possibly in the Hudson and Upper Delaware valleys. On Friday, in both of these sections, cloudy to partly cloudy, slightly warmer weath-er prevail, with snow or rain and fresh to brisk southerly to easterly winds, becoming variable and possibly high on the coasts, followed by clearing, except

Suicide of a Playwright.

Paris. Nov. 24.--Francois Mons, a play-wright and translator of French plays nto English for production in the United States, has committed suicide with his mistress by inhaling charcoal fumes.

#### Mons has been in financial straights. THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair: Cold, Northerly Winds.

General-Uncle Sam's Cuban Extraordinary Attraction of the Thorn Murder Trial.

All-Round Fight in the Austrian

- Reteksrath. Local-Court Proceedings. History of Thanksgiving Day.
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# NACK---THORN MURDER CASE

Great Interest Manifested the Second Trial.

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The Galleries Crowded With Morbid Sight-Seers.

Lawyer Howe Will Endeavor to Prove That, Though Thorn Was the Principal Witness, Mrs. Nack Herself Committed the Shocking Crimo at Woodside .- Witnesses Who Identified Thorn -- The Galleries Crowd ed with Morbid Sight-Seers.

New York, Nov. 24.-The trial of Martin Thorn for the murder of William Guldensuppe was continued in the Queen's county court today. The culleries on each side of the court room were occurred by women, for whom the trial possesses an extraordinary atthe Wood Family is Accused of glasses very conspicuously during the greater part of the afternoon. Thorn and Mrs. Nack confronted each other for the first time in two weeks. A fortnight ago Mrs. Nack created a of Mrs. William G. Wood to various sensation by going on the stand and checks, was continued today. Lawyer Thomas, coursel for Mrs. Wood, read the former lover, Guldensunpe, Since that time the defense has changed its laim. and as Mr. Howe said in court today, stated that Mrs. Wood was willing "to the defendant's lawyers will now enthe principal witness, that Mrs. Nack Mrs. Spencer stated yesterday that Mrs.
Wood had offered to give \$500 for the indictment and \$2.500 for the conviction of Miss Kellard. Mr. Thomas, after reading he letter, denied that the statements prove the corpus delicti. Coroner Totnade by Mrs. Spencer yesterday.

I awyer Glaze took the stand and said that the cause of the death was hill, during his examination, stated that although there had been some talk between himself, Lawyer Thomas and mrs. Wood about paying for the indiction of Miss Kellard, no direct offer had been made.

Judge Mahan refused to admit the also stilletory, the place of which penetrated the heart. Later in the day the proscenting attorneys, through a fellow barber of Thoma, connected him with the possession of a stilletor, the place of which was over ged forged notes in evidence until the rosecution first proved that they were six inches in length. The district atorgeries. In the absence of Mrs. Wood, who is suffering from nervous prostra-tion, the prosecution was unable to do of his relations with Mrs. Nack and Guldensuppe, but Lawyer Howe equal to the occasion, and although M Youngs was assisted by Mr. Olcott and advised by Surrogate Weller in the formation of his questions, the court invariably sustained Mr. Howe's ob-Witness said he received \$700,000 on the jections. At one time nearly a dozen death of his father and denied that he questions by the district alterney were is a lunatic. Mr. Wood refused to tell of bowled over by Lawyer Howe's approximately alternative to the control of the con questions by the district attorney were peals to Judge Maddox, Mr. Weller tried to explain in open court what the people wished to prove, but Mr. Howe strenuously objected to the explanation being made in the presence of the jury. In order to facilitate matters. Judg-Maddox left the bench and requested the legal opponents to meet him in the ante room, where they conferred for nearly ten minutes. When they returned to court again it was york palpable that Mr. Howe had gained his point, but the presecution changed

its tactics,

WOODSIDE WITNESSES. Some of the witnesses examined today reside in Woodside, and they told of the visits of a gally dressed woman who appeared in the vicinity of the cottage with a man in light colored clothes on the day of the alleged murder, June 25. They had also seen a man wearing dark bine clothes about the house, and on the day in question he was seen by one witness to go in and out of the house frequently. Three of them identified Thorn as the man in dark clothes and two of them identified photographs of Guldensuppe as being representations of the man who had worn the light suit. None of them, however, had seen any trace of the latter after he had entered the contage on that Friday morning. Lawyer Howa requested the court to have Mrs. Nack produced in order that she might he identified by the witness. This request brought about a legal argument and finally Mr. Howe was compelled to swear out a writ compelling the sheriff to produce her. Mrs. Nack was brought into court after the midday recess, looking much paler than when she appeared two weeks ago in the same court. The prisoner did not pay much attention to her, as he was deeply interested in the evidence which

was being adduced at that time. "THE THIRD DEGREE." Police Captain Stephen O'Brien, formerly in charge of the New York de-tective bureau, was on the stand for a considerable portion of the after-noon, and told a great deal of what Martin Thorn had said to him when the prisoner was being put through what is known among criminals as "the third degree." Thorn at that time had denied all knowledge of the killing of Guidensuppe, but said he had driven Mrs. Nack to the Woodside coitage on Saturday, June 26, in a two-seated wagon for the purpose of bringing a bundle of carpets to the new house Captain O'Brien also said that when was questioning Mrs. Nack when she was arrested four days after the murder was alleged to have been com-

mitted, she said: "Guldensuppe did not treat me right, i love Thorn and would die for him." was at this time that Mr. Howe

We say right now we will show that Mrs. Nack committed the murder, and what she said to the captain will bear us out."

morning. Who is Irving Stearns?

The trial will be resumed on Friday

Harrisburg, Nov. 24.-Governor Hasting's today reappointed the following mombers of the state board of game commissionerst Irving A. Stearns, Scranton, Charles