SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6, 1897.

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## LONG SESSION OF CONGRESS

The Opening Ceremonies Will Take Place Today.

RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT

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Washington, Dec. 5.-The resulter, or long session of congress, as it is called because there is no constitutional limitation upon the period of its duration. will open at noon tomerrow. The leaders and a large majority of the members of both houses are nere to participate in the opening ceremonics and President McKinley has made journey from the beaside of his dying tother that his absence might not delay the national legislature at its assembling. The extra session robs the opening of the regular session of the excitement and interest which usually attaches to it. On the eve of a regular session ordinarily Washington thrills with excitement. The hote obbies surge with place hunters it the wake of the various candidates for speaker, clerk, doorkeeper, etc., members are struggling for committee assignments and the air is full of rumors of plots and counterplots. But as the house was completely organized at the extra session and all the committeassignments were made then beyond the natural stimulus produced by the returning stitesmen, the regular bansers-on of legislation, and the outlining of schemes by members of the "third house" or lobby, Washington tonight is

The programme at the house tomordirect the clerk to call and the presence of a quorum demon-strated, the clerk will be directed to notify the secute that the house is ready for business and a committee will be appointed to wait on the prest- ment cent. After this there will be a recess to await the arrival of the president's annual message, which will be read upon its reception and be followed by an adjournment until Tuesday. This is the regular routing and unless some thing unforeseen occurs it will not be departed from. It is the intention of the house leaders to proceed with the linsiness of the session as rapidly as

## WORK OF COMMITTEES.

The committees will all begin their labors this week and as all of them have more or less bills on hand which were introduced at the extra session there will be no lack of material for the house to work on after the c mittee hoppers have begun to grind. The appropriations committee has been at work for ten days and Chairman Cannon expects to pass at least two of the regular budgets before the holidays, the legislative, executive and judicial and the pension appropriation bills. One or the other of these bills. it is expected, will be reported by Wed. nesday and the end of the week promises to see the house down to business Among the early general measures to receive consideration will be the bank ruptcy bill. Whether it will be Nelson bill which passed the senate at the last session, or a modification of the Torrey bill depends on the temper of the judiciary committee which will submit the measure to the house. youd doubt there will be several resolutions of inquiry during the first week and some of the radical pro-Cuba members will attempt to get consideration for a Cuban resolution before the foreign affairs committee can act. Congressman Livingston, of Georgia, is me of these. But owing to the nature of the house rules all these hasty of. forts will prove abortive and they prob-

ably will take their regular cou-There will be nothing except indisposition upon the part of members to prevent the senate's entering promptly upon its work upon convening tomorrow, as there is a calendar ready made for it with about 300 bills reported from committees during the special session. If any circumstance should prevent the receipt of the president's message on Monday, the probabilities are that the senate would adjourn over without tak ing up any other business until the message could be received.

FOR THE SENATE TO DECIDE With the message read, it would remain for the senate to deckie whether it shall enter seriously upon the work of the session after Monday or begin : system of delay intended to throw all important questions over beyond the Christmas holidays. The indicators are now for a fittle more activity than ugual during the pre-holiday session This is largely due to the fact that the supporters of the administration and other advocates of annexation are very anxious to secure the earliest possible consideration of the treat? with Havall. Senator Davis, chairman of the committee or foreign relations, announces his purpose of pressing annexation at the earliest possible moment but it is probable that the matter will be taken up seriously until the committee can have a meeting and deeide upon details of procedure.

ommittee will be called together on Wednesday for this purpose. One potet which the committee will be called upon to decide is whether to proceed to ratify the treaty of amexation or to annex the islands by resolutions. The annexationists have lost some votes during the vacation and there is now apprehension that the two-thirds vote necessary to assure the ratification cannot be secured. No satisfactory canvass is possible until all the senators arrive and if it is then made mutfest that the necessary two-thirds vot cannot be secured, it is likely that the proceeding by means of resolution, which would require only a majority yete, will be inaugurated. Some members of the foreign relations committee who favor annexation advocate this course because they say they see no reason for traversing the same ground twice, as they would be compelled to do in case the matter abound be first considered in executive session, full there and then be taken up in the form of a resolution in open genate and

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

The immigration bill, for which Senator Ledge stands sponsor, is practically at the head of the senate legislafive entender and will be considered

Senator Lodge today repeated his intention of pressing the bill, but he will iot antagonize the Hawalien treaty with it. The first bill on the calendar Senator Cear's measure providing the adjustment of the Union Pathe railroad debt, but the sale of the Union Pacific doubtless will have the effect of eausing the temporary withdrawal of this bill and the substitution others. Of the 200 bills on the calendar, about 200 ar private pension bills and all of these probably will be disposed of at one sitting when taken up. There are also several hundred recess appointments to be considered in

It is not probable that much will be present week. There will be an adjournment for the day after receiving the message on Monday and as there is no disposition to press the Hawallan matter until the foreign relations committee agrees upon a line of action, the indications now are that it will not be taken up in the senate befor next week.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

#### Mr. McKinley Arrives in Washington on a Special Car.

Washington, Ive. 5.-President McKinley, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Day, arrived in Washington over the Pennsylvania railroad of 7.45 o'clock this morning. He was met at the station by Secretary Alger, Secretary Bliss and Secretary Porter, and driven to the White House. The president had received two telegrams en route to Washington from Canton reporting the condition of his iquil.

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rews, so the secretary stopped at the
telegraph office on the way from the staspectacular show which it offers to the curious, has in itself little attraction. The house will be called to order by the speaker, who after the enaplain's investigation of the middle of the forenoon a meswas received from Abner McKin This having been accomplished by at Canton saying that the president's mother was resting in about the same condition as when he left Canton; sleeping and unconscious. She might last through the day, or even one or two days longer, but was liable to die at any me

return trip to Canton tomorrow evening. The president, Mrs. McKinley and a party of half a dozen close friends and relatives will leave Washington at 7.2 o'clock, occupying a special car attached to the regular Pennsylvania railroad train, and arriving in Canton about 19

## MAIL CARRIER MISSING.

#### James Murray, of Wyoming, It Is Feared, Has Perished in a Storm.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Dec. 5.-Information has reached the city that James Murray, who carries the mull from this city to tiorse Creek postoffice, had been lost in the storm and had perished with cold, He left this city Thursday morning while the storm was raging and reached the Windmill ranch Thursday afternoon, The storm was heavy and cold when he left ranch for the Horse Creek station. He has not reached the postoffice, and no trace of him lus yet been discovered. Searching parties are out.

## JEWELER ARRESTED.

#### Harry Stewart, Is Arraigned in New York as a Suspicious Character.

New York, Dec. 5.-Harry Stewart, a jeweler, was arraigned as a suspicious character in a police court today and remanded until tomorrow for identification. Stewart was arrested on Saturday by Central Office detectives at the Hotel chilliae, on the strength of a telegram from the chief of police of Cleveland. stated that Siewart was wanteor forging railroad tickets. Stewart was very indignant over his ar-

## Y. M. C. A. SECRETARIES.

#### They Meet in District Convention at Hazleton.

Hazleton Pa., Dec. 5.-The sixth dis-rict convention of the Young Men's Christian association's secretaries, reptesenting the associations of Luzerne, Carbon, Northamberland, Schuylkiii, Montour, Berks, Columbia and Lycoming counties, closed here tonigh: with spe-cal services in all the local churches. A grand rally was hest this afternoon in the opera house. State Secretary Bard

## STEAMER DISABLED.

## The British Craft Glenochil Will Be

Towed to Philadelphia. Breakwater, Del., Dec. 5.—The British steamer Glenochii, which was righted yesterday, was draiged off the rocks of the new breakwater late last night. Her forward engine rooms and her leation were badly damaged but the air light The steam pumps are now at work on beard of her, and as soon as this work has progressed sufficiently she will be towed to Philadelphia for repairs.

## Big Fire at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.-The warehouse of Julius DeLong & Co., pair felt and carlining manufacturers on Concord street. Allegheny, was destroyed by tire today. The loss is estimates at \$50,00; naured. The origin of the five is a mys-

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. &-Arrived: LeBretagne, Havre, Queenstown-Satted: Um-The bris (from Liverpool) sew York

## LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE

Germany Sends a Large Force to Kiao Chau Bay.

### ITALIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS

Pelloux's Action Is Regarded as a Political Move.

In Reply to an Appeal by the Family of the Former Captain Affred Dreyius to Emperor William Begging Him to Declare Dreyfus Innocent. the Chancellor States That He Is Unable to Advise William to Comply with the Request -- Another Bloodiess French Duct.

Profits Dec. 5 - When the Covered has accounted the office of attarmet three officers and 1,200 men and a com-pany of naval artiflery, numbering 200 of the United Sates supreme pany of naval artificity, indicated bay, for men, arrive at Kiao Chart bay, for which point, as already cabled, they will soon set out, they will being the beginning of the new year. done in the way of legislation during will soon set out, they will bring the total German force there up to 4,566 men, the largest body Germany has over sem beyond European waters, it MRS. M'KINLEY is understood that the reserves had to be drawn upon.

The admiralty degree must other Eupean squadrons have entered the har- | Upon the Fourth Day of Her Illness bor at Kino Chau to watch Germany's proceedings, and it is believed that Admirai von Diedrich weuld tretest vigorously against such an attempt. The Kolnische Zeitung regards the

expedition as having a two-feld aim. first, to obtain missionary reparation and second to obtain the cession of Kino Chau as payment for past services rendered China by Germany in connection with the conclusion of peace with Japan,

There is much self-congratulation among the Germans that the missionary incident absolves the government from the tediens and perhaps abortive process of diplomatically claiming a coaling station in the form of a demand for a treaty port or a settlement on perpetual lease. It is believed unnecessary to take Great Britale into account, she is over occupied elsewhere, while Japan is not likely to resist the confition of Germany, Russian and

## ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

#### Rudini May Now Secure a Unnimous Ministry.

Landon, free 4—The Rome correspond-nt of the Morning Post says: The cabinet has resigned. General Pol-oux's action is regarded as a political is regarded as a political gove to make it possible for the Marquisdi Rudini to secure a unanimous minis-try. The ministers of finan e, justice and public works in the retiring cabinet will not appear in its successor. The minis-iry was constituted as follows:

President of the connell and minister of the Interior, the Marquis Antonio di Rutini; minister of foreign affairs, the Marquis Emlio Visconti Venosta; minister of the treasury, Professor Luigi Luzzatti; minister of finance, Signor Ascanio Bran-ca; minister of justice and ecclesiastical affairs, Professor Luca Emanuele Glanturco; minister of war, General Luigi Pelloux; minister of marine, Admiral Benedetto Brin, impector general of naval engineering; minister of commerce, industry and agriculture, Conte Francisco Guiceiardini; minister of public instruc-tion, Conte Codronchi; minister of publie works, Giulio Princtii; minister of posts and telegraphs, Emilio Sinco,

## DREYFUS CASE AGAIN.

#### Friends of the Late Officer Appea! to Emperor William. Paris, Dec. 5.-Le Journal says that in

cepty to an appeal by the family of for-ner Captain Alfred Dreyfus to Emperor William, begging him to destare Dres-fus innocent of the charges made against him. Prince Hoherlohe, the chancellor. has replied that he has looked into the affair, but is unable to navise Emperor-William to comply with the request.

The French new payers generally counsel a soldance of autration of the case

and ask that justice is allowed to take its course, most of them agreeing that the statement of General Pillot, the minister of war, in the chamber of deputies on Saturday, when he declared that was a soldier and the chief of the army." he regarded the sentence as just, has placed honor of the army on a place above

A BLOODLESS DEST. Paris, Dec. 5.—A duel was fought today between M. Millerand, the wall known socialist deputy and editor of the Patte Republique Francaise, and M. Joseph Reinach, Conservative deputy for the dis-trict of Digne, a well known journalist

The encourer grew out of some bot words exchanged in the chamber yester-day during the Dreyfus debate. Both men fired twice. Neither was hit and seconds declared that honor was

and author, editor of the Republique

## SUICIDE OF A MARCHIONESS.

#### The Septuagenarian Drinks Absinthe and Inhales Charconl.

satisfied.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The sentingenarian Mar-chloness d'Hicquelles committed suicide last night in a garret in the Rue de Rei-ley by Inhaling churcost fumes. After igniting the charcoal the marchioness drank a pint of absinthe and then by down upon her bed, folding her arms and was in this position that her body was A little blind pet dog had been the only

companion of the aged woman slace she had sunk into poverty. Prize Fight Declared Off.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The verbal agreement between the maingers for Peter Jackson and Jim Jeffrics for a 29-Peter Jackson and Jim Jenries for a clared off. In its stead a match has been and he has ordered out the Marlon rifles consummated between Jyffries and Tom. to guard the hall. If the mab gets to Sharkey to take place between Dec. 27 Warren before the Rifles get together the and Jan. 7 in Mechanics' pavilion,

#### SCHROEDER'S APPOINTMENT.

#### The Distinguished Professor Offered a Position in Westphalia.

cella, Dec. 5,-Rt. Rev. Monsignor Jo Schroeder, late professor of doxmarie theology at the Catholic university Weshington, has been appointed by the uselan minister of education and e-siastical affairs, to the faculty of th atholic academy at Mucaster, capitol Westphalls, Monsiguer Schreeder's resignation of

his professorship at Washington was placed in the hards of the neard of direc-ture of the Catholic University in the latfor part of October lost, the board re-ceiving it on the understanding that he would be permitted to remain at the uniersity until the end of the scholasticear, when the resignation would take feet, arrives by should sooner and an other post. The period of grace wa numbers with the Praction uninter of licentian and arrange for a professor hip in some German university. At the Our Monsigner Schroeder said that he had earnestly wished to resign during his last vacation and ind been advised by physicians to do so, but that he re-turned to the university because the holy father had advised into to stay the marse. The heard of directors, there-fore, left the final decision of the matfer to the pope, after an official ex pression of "regret at the many charge ningt Monsignor Schre der in this con-

#### GOVERNOR GRIGGS ACCEPTS.

#### Will Assume the Duties of Attorney-General in the Near Fature.

Washington, Dec. 5.—It was officially attractived at the White House today upon the return of the president to Washington, that Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, has been tendered and reinforcen ents, consisting of four com-paries of marines, numbering twenty-these officers and 1 200 mes, and a cons-three officers and 1 200 mes, and a cons-It has not yet been settled when Gov-

## SINKING FAST

## the Spark of Life Is Dimly Canton, O., Dec. 5 - Muther McKinley

has passed the fourth day of her Hillness and enters upon the fourth night with the spark of life still dimly burning. ment in her case today. Her condition has continued one of stendy washing away, the constitution growing weaker very hour under the assault of the dis-use. The family wat hed by the bed-die all day prepared for the end at any moment, and sometimes feeling that it but one, as the patient was selzed with sinking spells such as they pesterilar mistook for a second strike of paralysis. During these attacks she would percept bly weaken, almost cease to breathe and now scarcely a sign of infination. For the most part these spells were limited to ball an hour, and when they were over she would resume that quiet repose characteristic of her entire fliness. About the initiale of the afternoon, however, a are serious sinking spell occurred to asted for two bours. Several times those expling the vigit thought the last fluter of life's flame had come. The attack mmunication was established with the

ee in the sick room. Phillips, the attending physician, to the prospects of her surviving the and helpfully in the beginning.

think that she will. But she has been a prediction for the future with any asrance of certainty. The case is one in are which we must be prepared for the end army moment. When the end comes it at any moment, when the end comes it at any moment, who must be prepared for the comes it gent army. Massa, who was recently chosen president of the Cuban Republic will merely be the teasing out of the comatose condition in which she now rests, to the sleep of death. There will be no rully, no more conscious periods, no final struggle.

"The patient has taken no nourishment since Thursday. It cannot be administered by ordinary methods and the case one in which heroic methods of admintering food are not regarded as justifi-They could not restore health, would be distressing and amoying and n ight hasten the end.

Senton, O., Prec. 5 - At 9 to o'clock Dr. Phillips left Mrs. McKinley. He said the was growing weaker rapidly now, and he scarcely thought she could survive simily passing quietly away.

## SIX DAY'S BICYCLE RACE.

#### Teddy Hale Leads the First Lap. Rice Leads the First Mile.

New York, I've, 6-At 12.15 u.m. Starter Siddle Baid fired the pisted and the rhighsix men were off in the six day's bleycle race at Modison Square Garden, 'They in nine commune, four men each, the winner of last year's contest, led the first lap, and Bice, who came sees in last year's contest, had the first. Time for first mile, 208 1-5.

The men are riding for glory and sig-money perges. To invite every man to his best efforts, the American Cycle Racing resocution, which is manually the race, was offered \$1.200 in prizes to be divided among the best cloven men at the ani.h.
The winner will get 31,500 and the champlership of the world. The other prizes
are. Second, 3500 third, 500; fourth, 850; 07th, \$80; sixth, \$20; seconth, \$100; en.htm. 812; ninth, \$10; tenth, \$100; eleventh, \$70 In milition, the man who hears Hale's ormer reservi will get \$50. The stipulafor goes with the prime that a man to

## AFTER A NEGRO MURDERER.

#### Troops Ordered Out in Alabama to Guard a Jail.

Firmingham, Ala., Dec. 5.—"Bill" Scott. colored, was captured in Perry county by Rufus Wallace and two negroes this aftermoon, ite is the man who murdered John Singley, a wealthy planter; Singley's wife and Joycar-old son, near Greenshore, on Wednesday night, and robbed the house of \$500.

He was taken to hall at Marion. A

He was taken to fail at Marion. A mob formed at Greensboro and started scross the country to lynch him. Govcontest in this city has been despersion Johnston was appealed to for aid, negro will be lynched.

## SPAIN'S LAST HOPE FADING

## The Autonomy Overture Is Meeting with a Frosty Reception.

### HAS BEEN MADE TOO LATE

### No Genuine Welcome for It in Any Quarter.

Insurgent Leaders Show No Signs of Vielding .- Blanco Sets About His Task with the Expectation of No. Interference from Washington. Little Yet Done for the Suffering Reconcentrados .- Time Needed to

Nev. York, Dec. 5.-The Tribune prints today a letter from a special correspondent at Hayana, dated Dec. 1; which sheds real light on the Cuban situation. The letter says;

President McKinley's message has been anticipated to the extent that the Mad-ria cabiner's policy of autonomy is be-ing put into effect in the confident helier that no action will be taken by the United States which will interfere with the programme mapped out by Premier Sa-gusta. What ill-feeling exists toward Americans is smothered, it is confined to the volunteers and the Conservatives, With the probability of no action in Washington until a fair trial has been given, Captain General Blanco is free to go forward with the colonial upbuilding of devastated Cuba.

The problems which confront him are purely domestic. The assumption is general in Havana that the National administration and congress will be in accord-so far as to wait till after the holidays before moving either toward intervention or recognition. In this interval General Blanco's official entourage recognizes that Sagasta must accomplish something with which to satisfy sentiment in Spain. Weyler's partisans and the Carliats are both to be checkmated by evidence that the new colonial policy is making pro-gress in Cuba. Autonomy is to justify itself by drawing the support of all classes to it. After that is to come the gradual weakening of the insurrection by the scheme of conciliation or by other

FIRST RESPONSES NOT CORDIAL. The clearness with which these condicapable of dealing with Cuba on the basi of enlightened self-interest. Whether the perception of this truth has come too late the events of a few months, possibly a few weeks, will determine. The immediate work for the captain general is the amunication was established with the amunication was established with the free this normal and a relegrated of home rule. The ground has not been differently open to Washing's prepared for it. The first responses, if not antagonistic, have not been hearty and sympathetic. The sentiment shown varies from indifferent scepticism to pashas made a comber of calls during the day. This evening he said he could report nothing particularly new. There had been no notable charge in the patient where they forget past differences and during the day. She had continued to welcome the new policy in the hope of a grow weeker in the same manner at lasting solution of the ills that have bout the same rate as during the past plagued the Antilles. This may come lataw days. He was satisfied that this con-er. A regretful truth must be stated in lities would prevail to the end, Asked saying that it did not come immediately

General Blanco has summoned to Yes, there is a possibility of her living | nid all the political forces that might be Autonomists, as they call themselves, are not many. The mass of that party by the delegates who met in the was an historic Autonomist. He went out with a Spanish flag on which autonomy was inscribed as the nim and purpos of the revolution. Other historic Auto nomists remained in Havana and deplored the resort to arms, or else removed to the United States. In three years it has thus come about that the Autonomists have become a vanishing numerical factor. Their dispute among themselves as to who is omitted to be called historic has no practical bearing on the situation. The captain general has been able to find chough of them to till moorlant civil posts including We Berg important civil posts, including Mr. Brogon, who has been named as governor of the province of Havana. It some of the officials enter mon their duties unwillingly, their acceptance of office is proof of their disfuterestedness. Their talents and their patriotism enforce respect, though they are not able to carry a personal following with them. The Reformistus, who have been the opportunists of Cuban politics, accept the programme of autonomy with some heartfness, and bring numerical strength to it. Under Canovas they accepted the reforms pro-posed, urged liberality in Cuban administration without going the full length of in all directions. home rule, and indersed Weyler's military scheme of crushing the insurrection before putting the reforms Into effect. The Sagasta programme is a like opportunity for them, and the majorary embrace it without combitions. They are ready to accept responsibility, and the board of directors, of which Marquis de Rabell is chalrman. us did the Reformista delegates in ATTITUDE OF CONSERVATIVES.

ATTITUDE OF CONSERVATIVES.

The attitude of the Conservatives as a party will not be settled till the meeting on Dec. 20. There will be held what in the United States would be called a national convention, for it will be the official gathering of the Conservatives, and will speak with the voice of narty authority. Whatever attitude the Conservatives officially take. Blanco will be able to find a prominent member of the party to take a place in the cabinet along with the Autonomistas and Reformistas, who are to advise the captain general in the affinies of Cuba.

ies of Cuba, Phe ultra-Conservatives make little show of openly lighting autonomy. With a repressive government in force, no far as personal and political opinion gass. they could not afford to invite an conflict. But their passive heatility is deadly. They do not criticise the proposition for settling the war deci before they know what it is. They only sungers the difficulties which will arise when the attempt to equalize it is made. They do not threaten to disband the volunteers if the latter are deprived of the suffrage, because the organization constitutes an armed force. They simply point out that

### Spain under such circumstances should not ask the volunteers to help maintain her sovereignty. And so on through ev-

# ry article of autonomy. It all comes down to the fact that the spaniard in Cuba is an ineradicable Bour-Spatiard in Cuba is an ineradicable four-bon in the political sense, not as a sup-porter of the Carlisis. He is not willing to share the government of Cuba with the Cubans. He believes in colonial gov-ernment from without. "Authority, not autonomy," is still his watchword. Cur-iously, the customs concession is not a grievance to the Spanish commercial class. The Catalan merchants in Havana look on that with more complacency than look on that with more complacency than do the Catalans in Spain, Weyler's readi-ness to defend Spanish production does hese to defend Spanish production does, but excite enthusiasm among the partisans of his military policy here. The financiers and traders would be entirely willing to accept the customs privilege if they could have it alone. The reason is that their remembrance of the period of reciprecity with the United States is local. They want reciprocity again, yet not under Cohan management. They would have it under conditions which would give them the protection of the United States. It is from this class that the talk comes of an American protec-

## the talk comes of an American protectional over Cuba, and allimately of an

INSURGENTS STUBBORN. While the captain general has these difficult fretors to deal with in forming the government party of autonomy, some regress from him in dealing with the insuracrite is looked for in Spain. Latte is expected here. The insurgents are not managing the offers of namestry in number of the control is areal enough to thin their wants Few even of their minor leaders show disposition to be concillated surrende and resome peaceful pursuits under Demonstrate the Success or Failure of Sagasta's Programme.

And Itsume peaching prosent relations of them will hold out to determ the mass of them will hold out to determ the mass of them will be need to determ the mass of them will be need to determ the sword or until Connection of the confidence and Callato Careia give the ward to girl The excepted of the swood must be lef-193 Concrat Blanco purs the Sparish troops in condition again for militar operations. No one now holds out the hope that Gomez and Garcia will ac-

orpt terms short of independence. Criticism is made of the means take reach the insurgent generals, Instead of sending emissaries secretly to offer terms the acceptance of which would have laid them open to the charge of nettaying their cause, it is held that a commission should have gone openly with the proffer of autonomy. Whatever might have been the answer, it is not thought the members of such a commission would gere been in danger from the insurgents The idea is still mooted with the notion that the good offices of the United States might be invoked in this menner with Cousin General Lee as the intermediary that there are material difficulties in the way of such a plan.

One feature of the Blance administra-ion in Cuba will prove disappointing to be unable of the United States. The profiles of relieving the distress of the econcentrados is not being fulfilled. Phough their numbers have been vasily ocroased by death, the government has ot shown itself equal to the task of providing for those who remain. The hu-mone metters which dictated the revoca-tion of Weyler's barbarous decree have red hen followed by energetic measures of relief. What is done in spasmodic and mainly through private agencies. A few mainly through private agencies. A few localities report an improvement. but there is no general of marked improvement among the class of reconcentrados, as a whole, and the frightful rate of of the Spanish official system never had a stronger or more painful illustration

## SUICIDE OF A BRIDEGROOM.

## Through the Brain.

New York, Dec. 5,-On Thanksgiving we Samuel J. Farkhill, 74 years old, of married Miss Attele Kirkland. also of Brooklyn, who was 10 years his juntor. Today Parkhill committed sui-cide at his home in Brooklyn by shootme himself through the brate with a to volver. When the couple were married the families of both parties objected strongly, on account of the dispurity their ages. The couple were forced opporate, and since that time Parkell and appeared somewhat depressed. Hys I with his married daughter and and when the family was away to was found on the return of his relatives from thurch. His relatives gave no rea-son for the sulcide beyond the statement that Parklill had seemed despendent dur-

Parkhill was a "chopper" on the Kings county elevated. Previous to this to was a superintendent in the Brooklyn Circ and Newton railread and became possessed of core detable property.

## PRAIRIE FIRE.

#### Disastreus Conflagrations in Oklahoma.

Guthrle, O. T., Dec. 5,-Last night disastrous prairie fire raged in the couty, where it fed on the high and dry grass, and was formed by a strong south wind. The fire started near Ruth post-office, near the county line, and swept with lightning speed, it was an excit-ing night among the farmers, who fought like demons to preserve their gross, tho

women and children assisting.
The canyons running east and west along Trail Creek, finally stopped the fire, but only as a had been cutailed. only after serious property loss

## Ricamer Burned.

Chicago, Dec. 5.-The steamer Georgia, M. Worley, of Cleveland, valued at \$55.00 was burned to the water's edge on the beach at Evanston roughs. Her crew a thirteen men got ashace without difficulty. The Morley was bound from Mit-warders to Chicago without curgo and when off Evanston is lamp exploded in

## Death of a Mining American.

Honvey, Colo., Dec. 5.—Lorenzo I. Rondeboud, the well-known mining. American, died early this morning. He was born in Blooming Valley, Pas, and was 51 years of age. He leaves a daughter, who is a wife of Harold G. Henderan Englishmen and lives in Sus-England, and a son, J. H. Ronder, who is a scatptor and lives in

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

#### Weather Indications Today: Generally Fair, Colder

General-Situation in Cuba. For east of Work for Coursess.

Europe at a Olympia Local-Van Horn Case Will be Abused Today, processor Tomage of Antiractic to secure until they are relatived.

He Kept Down. Lucal-Elke Lodge of Sorrow

Hisckmailers in Juli.

Editorial. Comment of the Press.

Lo al-Anniversary Services in Two

Two Boy Burgiars Captured. Local-West Side and Suburban. Lackswanna County Happenings.

Jurous for January Term of Court. The Markets.

## **BLACKMAILERS** ARE CAUGHT

## A Plot to Extort Money from a Brazilian Millionaire.

### ORIGINATORS IN CUSTODY

Turnbull and Gould Are Resting in the Tombs.

A Plot to Blackmail Senor Don Engenio de Faria Teixcira .- The Demand for Cash Was Accompanied by a Threat to "Publish His History" .- The Spanish Consul's Interest in the Proceeding.

New York, Dec. 5 -A plot to blackmail Senor Don Eugenio de Faria Teixeira, a Brazilian milliomaire, which has been frustrated by the central office detectives, was revealed today by the preliminary police court proceedings, in the prosecution of William B. Turnbull, who claims to be an accountant, and William Ellford Gould, who has been known as a Wall street speculator. The name of Arturo Baldasano y Topete, Spanish consul general, having been mentioned in connection with the scheme to extert the sum of \$4,560 from Senor Telxeira' a subpoena was issued for his attendance at the examination in the case of Gould and Turobull, which has been set down for Tuesday. The prisoners were committed to the Tombs in default of bail and it is said at the police court investigation Turnbull will become a witness for the prosecution, and by disclosing the full details of the conspiracy, fasten the guilt on his confederate, Gould, and implicate the

high Spanish government official.

The money was demanded from Senor Tiexeira under the threat to publish "his life's history," and the al-leged fact that he had violently assaulted his wife while she was in a delicate condition. The detectives had interviews with Turubuli during the surse of the negotiations to extort the money, the amount of which was finally reduced to \$2,250, and to gain possession of the letters written to the

Brazilian millionaire. Senor Don Teixelra, who is a widower, arrived here in October, 1898, with his mother, Mme. Maria Louisa Telx-eira, from Spain. It was then an-Samuel J. Parkhill Shoots Himself counced that the Teixelras intended to invest their fortune of about \$50 .-000,000 in this country. They spent a half million dollars in the erection of a mansion at the corner of West End avenue and One Hundred and Fifth street, this city. There mother and sen

have since lived quietly. Consul Baldasana comes into the case because of his friendship for Gould. He gave clould a better of recommendation, which Gould presented to Telxeira in applying for the position of private secretary. When a detative posing as the agent of Telgelen conducted accordations with Turnbull the latter brought Goold into the east Then the detective inquired at the Spanish consulate concerning Goold. The consul said that he considered Gould eminently fitted to act as ser-retary to Senor Telxeira.

This was the substance of the latter of recommendation which Gould had presented. The visit of the detective to the conrul meneral's office tendal to block the plan to doors Senor Teixeira, Turnisall said, because the visit had become known to Turnbuilt and Gould and they were warned to be

## INTEREST OF THE SPANISH CON-

"The Spanish consul," said Denselive Vallety, "notified Could that I was a detective and Could warmed Turnbuff. After his press, thurst suit that he Pad been in the build of dintus with Consul General Habitasum every Sunday sight and that he had known him for many years. He also said that he had been appearinged with Turnbull for (wenny-six years and that they were schoolingers. Could further admitted that he and told Turnbull alway Seron Tolkeire and that the Spanish countly had told him the alleged facis of the livelde story of the Brazilian millions

Would rold me." said Describe Vallely, "that the Spenish commit had told him that Senor Teixelia was noxed up in a scandat in Brazil and that there was an indictment against his Gould the said that he grow negittedy that the Prazillan government had made application to Washington to take Senor Telxelra back there and to lake the treaty between the United States and Brazif affored if necessary

Senor Teixelia has a reputation as an artist. He canned the educated plea-ture emitted. The First Compunion in America." witten took prizes in Paris, Madrid and Chicago. He is a first cousin of Dora Pedro, once emperor of Settor Telectra to resoured to we rich gold mines in the regulate of

## Strike Bectared Off.

Bellaire, O., Dec. 3.—The strike at the Bellaire Sirel works, which has been waged by the Australia Association of from and Seed workers for the past two months, has ended in a deteas for the men. Seeing that they could not up the strike is declared to be off and the old men will take whatever jobs they can seeing until they are religiously.

## The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Irea, 6.—In the middle states and New England, today, fait to partig cloudy weather and brisk to fresh wastewith slightly lower temperature, fulling generally below freezing point. On Theseday, fair to partly cloudy weather will prevail, with a slight rise in temperature, and fresh, followed in the northern dis-

tricts by cloudiness at night,