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CHINA'S DOOM AT HAND SPAIN IS PLEASED WITH THE MES

German Advance in the tion to congress looking to immediate Flowery Kindom Is the First Step.

THE EMPIRE IS TOTTERING

Larger Nations of Europe Seek to Dismantle It.

Diplomatic Officials State That It Is Absorption of the Orient by the Occident -- It Is Intimated by the Chinese Government That the Missionary Question Is Regarded as a Pretext to Obtain an Important Naval Station Which Germany Has Long Coveted.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- The German advance in China is being watched with keen interest in official and diplomatic circles here owing to the latest cable reports that Germany had followed up her occupation of Kino Chou bay and fertifications by sending an armed force inland and occupying the town of Kino Chou. While it is said that the United States has no direct conis being observed as a part of the process by which the larger nations of Europe are seeking the dismemberment of the Chinese empire.

As one diplomatic official stated, "it absorption of the Orient by the Oc-In such a movement it is understood that the position of this government would be that of a disinterested observer always active, however, to protect those American interests which have been built up at the large treaty ports. At present there is no suggestion that these may be affected, but the controversy is assuming such a phase by Germany's forward march that it may extend at any time beyond the question of occupying Kiao Chou bay and involve the treaty ports as ell as all China. It is said also that if the process goes on Europe must not leave out of account Japan, as there is good reason to believe that Japan will insist on recognition if there is to

be any occupation of Chinese territory. Perlin, Dec. 7.—Emperor William has ordered the number of volunteers for the China expedition to be increased

MISSIONARY QUESTION A PRE TEXT.

Pekin, Dec. 7.-The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kino Chou bay no claim was made by Germany for reparation as a result of the murder of the two missionaries, Nies and Hennle, and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently, the government of China points out, the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval station which, it is shown, thermany has long coveted. The Chinese government, it is said in conclusion will never consent to the Germans to maining at Kiao Chou bay, as their presence there deprives China of a baror which, since the war with Japan, has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

SAM ACCEPTS THE ALTIMATUM.

Haiti Is Humbled Before the German Government.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 7. - Contt Schwerin, the German charge d'affairs and the comtesse debarked this morning, accompanied by the officers of the Charlotte. The ultimatum, whose terms were

accepted in full yesterday, imposes the following conditions:

An indemnity of \$30,000 to Herr Lucders; the return of Herr Lueders to Haiti under the guarantes of the government; an official expression to the German government more of the regret of the Haitian government and the reception of Comte Schwerin by President Tiresias Simon Sam. Had the ultimatum not been complied with, the hombardment would have commenced at I o'clock in the afternoon Since yesterday there have been it

the Roadsted two German steamers, a French steamer, the German frigate Charlotte and Stein and the French cruiser Admiral Rigault de Genouilly.

Although there has been no frest disturbance in the city, all precautions have been taken to guarantee order But the government is dumb.

FOR PENSIONS.

Sub-Committee of the House Committee Agrees Upon Appropriations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7,-The subcommittee on pensions of the house committee on appropriations agreed upon the pension appropriation bill today and will report it to the full committee tomorrow. The bill carries R total of \$141,218,830.

It gives \$140,000,000 for the payment of pensions proper, these figures being identical with the estimates submitted by the secretary of the interior. For clerk hire at the various pension agencies throughout the country, the biil appropriates \$400,000, a decrease of \$30,000 from the estimates.

CUBANS DISCUSS THE MESSAGE.

Delegate Estrada Palma Thinks It Is Favorable to the Patriots.

New York, Dec. 7.-The Cuban Junta in this city is not dissatisfied with the discussion of the Cuban question in the president's message. Senor Tomns Estrada Palma, the delegate of the Cuban government, gave out the foilowing statement yesterday:

"I did not expect to find in the message of the president any recommenda-

intervention in Cuba; but the presiient has left to congress to decide the EFFECT ON THE CABINET AT MADRID time within which an enduring peace

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must be established in Cuba, and points the necessity of haste by the use of the phrase 'the near future.' He fur-ther says that, in case of the failure of Spain to pacify the island by means of autonomy, American interest, hu-manity and civilization will demand forcible intervention. As General Blanco himself admits that the Cubans in arms will not accept autonomy, the time the president speaks of has already arrived. It is to be noticed that the president does not even suggest the acceptance of autonomy by the Cubans, and it is evident that he would

PUZZLING ABSENCE OF HAITIAN NEWS

not have written the last paragraph

of his message about Cuba if he be-

lieved that autonomy would bring

Lack of Official Confirmation Leads to the Belief That the Situation Is Not as Acute as Dispatches Would Indicate.

Washington, Dec. 7.-There was a ouzzling absence of Haitlan news from official sources today, considering the mportant character of the events that are reported by the press disputches to have occurred there within the past twenty-four hours. At the state department no word had come from United States Minister Powell since last week, when he announced that from Haltian sources the news came of the approach of two German cruls-

Likewise the Haitian minister, Mr. Leger, was without news from his government, which fact led him to beeve that the situation in Port-au-Prince was not so acute as reported and that no bombardment was imminent. At the German embassy there was the same lack of official news, but a keen desire to know what was hap-

pening in Haitl. It is earnestly hoped at the state department that the last news of a peace-able settlement of the difference between Germany and Haiti is accurate, for the officials have made no disguise their apprehension that serious trouble might have followed a bombardment of Port-au-Prince, and they have favored from the first a retreat by the little republic from the untenible position it has assumed in the face of the German demand. Of couse, if he was contemplated for a mo-ment that Germany should be allowed to occupy any part of Haiti permanently, but even a temporary landing by European troops on the soil of a free American republic would have been distasteful and might have led to emplications through the impetuous.

ity of the Haltian people who have not always shown a high sense of appre-ciation of the obligations of international relations The Marblehead is expected to reach Port-au-Prince tomorrow to safeguard

MANIAC CHAINED TO A BAR.

Shocking Treatment of an Insane Man at Cline's Hollow.

American interests.

Pittsburg. Dec. 7.-Humane Agent Brien has just unearthed one of the most shocking cases of maltreatment of the insane ever recorded in Western Pennsylvania, at Cline's Hollow, Westmoreland county, this state. The offi-cer has ascertained that Franklin Pearce Cline, now 43 years old, has een chained for the past eleven years an iron bar with a chain which will ot permit him to move in any direction more than six or eight feet. He a raving maniac, and during his ing period of incarceration he has en kept constantly in a state of

Agent O'Drien says Cline was kept in small outhouse constructed especialfor him. When he called to see him the room was in a filthy condition and there was not a vestige of anything for the sufferer to lay upon.

The state board of lunacy has been notified and is now investigating the It is thought that the Westmoreland county authorities will be asked to take charge of the man, as the estate is amply able to pay all necessary

expenses. MISS BRADLEY ACCEPTS.

She Will Christen the New Battleship Kentucky.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- The difficulty but had arisen in relation to the chris ning of the battleship Kentucky has en settled by the receipt of a letter Secretary Long from Christine radley, at Washington college, Ky, Miss Bradley accepts the duty to chrison the big battleship, saying: Kindly accept my sincere thanks r the honor with which you have lothed an unpretentious but ardent

nd only to her country." Italian Tobacco Monopoly.

Rome, Dec. 7.-A decree has been pub-ished here establishing in New York an gency for the Italian tobacco me The agency is to consist of two officials, whose business it will be to furnish information as to the tobacco trade and its cultivation with a view of direct pur-

Honors for Mr. Voorbees.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 7 -- At a conference of Republican state senators today it was decided that Senator Foster M. Voorhees should be elected president of the senate. This will make him acting governor when Governor Griggs resigns to accept the portfolio of attorney general.

An Old Couple Asphyxiated. New York, Dec. 7.—August Meyer, aged 7. and his wife, aged 75, living in Brookorn, was found today in hed unconscious with the gas turned on full. Meyer was restored to consciousness and is out danger, but his wife, it is thought, will

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 7.-Cleared: St. Paul, Southampton: Germanic, Liverpool: Southwark, Antwerp, Gibraltar-Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm II (from Genoa and Naplest New York

WITH THE MESSAGE

Cheerful Comments of Havana News-

papers.

The Ministers Agree in Considering the Message Generally Favorable to Spanish Interests -- Paragraphs Regarding Rights of the United States May Dispicase the People.

Madrid, Dec. 7 .- The cabinet today considered dispatches from Senor de Lome, Spanish minister at Washington, containing extracts from President McKinley's message to congress. The ministers agreed in considering the message generally favorable to Spanish interests. Its tone has produced a good effect in official circles. But it is pointed out that "the paragraphs relating to the alleged rights of the United States to intervene in the Cuban question are calculated to

displease the Spanish people." Havana, Dec. 7.-El Diario de la Marina, commenting upon President McKinley's message to congress, says:

It contains impressive declarations calculated to strengthen, were that necessitated, the Spanish cause in the island of Cuba. It will deshearten the separatists. Facts are always the most energetic and decisive arguments; and the facts in the presidential message cannot be any less satisfactory to the Spaniards than to the American legislators. According to the solomn statements of the American enter magistrate to the American congress that there is no reason that will justify inter-vention in the Cuban question. This unloubted fact is confirmed by the exce-stive of the American Union.

Spain over Cuba and of the absence such conditions as would entitle the argents to claim recognition as bellig rents, facts acknowledged in the prest ent's message, as was to be expected ause reason, inether and right required we protest with all our energy against charations acting to show that the sited Stat's would be justified in assumanother attitude in certain contin-

Such declarations may be intended to s probably are able, to console the cos for their failure; but there is not Spaniard who will not show his indianation at all suggestions. Spain in any event will repel any demonstration looking to the intervention of a foreign state affairs absolutely her own, and the nited States shall never, under any con-legation, take even an indirect part in the settlement of our particular concerns,

Ei Pals, the organ of the Autonomists, thinks the message very favorable to the interests of Cuba and believes that the attitude that President McKintey assumes "will calm the fury of the partisans of independence." It

The radical change in Spanish policy, the establishment of autonomy and the release of political prisoners, is working a rapid and most surprising transforma-It demonstrates that Sosin, while estroy the forces that support it, will se also the practical argumers that must appeal to the sympathy of the Am-

MORE TIME GIVEN TO RAILROADS

The Interstate Commerce Commission Has Decided to Extend the Time Requiring Railroads to Equip

Themselves with Safety Appliances. Washington, Dec. 7.-The interstate ommerce commission has decided to extend for two years the period within which railroads must comply with the et of congress requiring all railroads to be equipped with safety appliances for the protection of employes and passengers.

The commission issued a statement that while the formal order and statement of facts and reasons constituting causes for such extension have not ye been prepared. It is understood that the extension will not be conditional and that the commission had under consideration the question of requiring quarterly or other periodical reports of progress by each carrier during the two years' period.

William's Opinion of Haitians.

Berlin, Der. 7.-Emperor William, talk-ing over the trouble between Germany Haitl, over the Lueders fueldent, and referring to the Huitians, is quoted as saying: "They are a contemptible crowd of negroes, slightly he culated with French divilization. My schoolships, French even though only manned by boys, will teach them manners."

Illinois Legislature. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—The state legisiture assembled in special session today governor's messure in orging the that under the present Democratic ap-pertionment it is necessary for the Re-publican party to carry Illinois by 80,000 apority in order to secure control of the

French Expedition Massacred.

Brussels, Dec. 7.-The Mouvement G-Kentucky girl who loves her state secgraphique today announces that it learns that a French expedition under Major Marchand, while or its way to the Nile, has been massacred near Bahrelghazet The survivors of the party, it is added retreated to Bornou, an advance station. on the French Congo,

Collision of Steamers.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Atlantic trans-port line steamer Mobile, which arrived today from London, collided with an unknown steamer off the bank Sunday morning. The other steermer was doubt-less the Alian liner Corean, which put into Hulifax yesterday. Both vessels were damaged, but no one was injured,

Democratic Caucus.

Washington, Dec. 7.—There has been no date fixed for the meeting of the Demo-eratic caucus in the house. Mr. Richardson, chairman of the cancus, said to-night that no plans had been outlined. There was no need for hurry, he thought, but the meeting would probably be within a fear for a

No Hope for Drey'us. Paris, Dec. 7.—M. Scheurer-Kestner's interpeliation on the subject of the Drey, fus case was debated in the senate today, At the conclusion of the discussion the senate unanimously voted to proceed with the order of the day, thus sustaining the ministry in its attitude toward the convicted officer.

ADVANCING THE GUARD.

Seventeen States Represented in a

Military Meeting at St. Louis. St. Louis, Dec. 7.-Seventeen stafe: were represented by their adjutant generals and other militia officers at meeting today for the purpose of advancing the interests of the militia of all states. A large number of other states are interested in the movement, but for unavoidable reasons are not represented.

Letters were read from the adjutant general of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Colorado and other states, promising support of everything done and attendance at future meetings. In his letter Adjutant General Cas

sius M. Moulton, of Colorado, said: "The National Guard will have to bear the brunt of the next war, and we ought to be prepared for it." This sentiment met with the approv-

al of the delegates. Nelson Corbin, of St. Joseph, Mo., seunded the watchword of the association, when in a general discussion he demanded of the United States government \$2,000,000 for the National

GREAT SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

Wheelmen Are Watched by Thousands at Madison Square Garden. Miller Leads .- Teddy Hate Tenth

New York, Dec. 7.-Miller was far advanced into the ninth hundred miles at midnight in the gix day bicycle race Waller's star had faded before the dawn, and his record-breaking performance of yesterday in Madison Square Garden was forgotten in the astonishing achievements of Miller, Stephane and Rice. Waller is now far down in the list of the eighteen stay. ers out of the thirty-six that started.

Seven thousand persons sat tonight for hours watching the riders reeling around the rim of the great saucer. weary figures, however, were indifferent to the cheers that greeted them at every occasional burst of speed, but continued to grind around, soking neither to the right nor left. But for the fact that the riders are

adorned with almost every color of the rainbow, there is but little to see in the great race. Forty-eight hours incessant riding around the oval, with loss of sleep, has transformed the strong healthy, robust athletes of Sunday night into men of careworn appearance. They still continued to work the pedals with as much vigor and seemingly more determination than an hour after the start.

Waller, who had begun the night ride with faint heart, was cheered by the presence of his devoted wife in his quarters alongside the track, and in the course of an hour was riding better than he had been for several hours. He showed that the lesson been taught was not wasted. He made no effort to brush with any one, preferring to go it alone and pump which might still have been his if he had not been so foothardy.

JOHNSON MADE A SPURT. About 8 o'clock Johnson, one of the tail enders," astonished the 7,000 peode in the house by letting himself out, and he clipped off three laps in faster time than he has heretofore made. Elkes always watching for a chance to pass, shot in behind him and reaped so much benefit that in a little while be as leading the "fast division" with Revierre taking him up. This did not Schinner close behind him. was not a wheel's length behind, and Stephane kept close enough to show that he was still determined to tie his

compatriot. in about 8.36 o'clock with a brand new sweater, across the back of which was mbroidered a big yellow arrow.

Edward McDuffic, of Boston, created a little diversion by scorching six laps around the track. He was clad in gray, and as he whizzed around he looked like a continuous streak. He was merey exercising. He holds the world's ecord for the paced mile, 1.25,2. The exhibition racers were getting homselves in readiness for the night's vents by this time, and the garden ield nearly 10,000 people. Teddy Hale eft the track at 9 o'clock.

The score at 1.15 a. m. was as fol-

Miller	872 miles, 2 lain
Stephane	822 miles, 0 lays
Rivierre	SIS unites, 7 haps
Rice	812 miles, 5 lates
Schincer	
Morre	778 miles, 7 laps
Waller	
Pierce	
Golden	
Hale	
Elkes	
Enterman	
Kinz	see miles, 5 tares
Gangon	
Julius	
Johnson	
Bearson	510 miles, 6 laps
Miller was 90 miles, 2	
word for 19 hours	

WILDCAT BIT HIM.

Curious Accident to Edward Smith White on a Bunting Trip.

Edward Smith, employed at Powells' nusic store, returned yesterday from a hunting trip near Hazleton. Mr. Smith's hand shows the marks of the teeth of a wild cut.

While out in the woods Mr. Smith's logs turned up a cat right in front of him. Mr. Smith followed and saw the animal disappear in a hole. The dogs could not drive the quarry out and Mr. Smith placed his arm in the opening to drag out the feline. That was when the teeth of the cut got in their work on Mr. Smith's hand. He secur-

Mr. Smith presented the dead wild sat to a boy in Hazleton, he says,

HARRINGTON'S FOOT CRUSHED.

He Is Employed as a Miner in the Taylor Cottiery.

John Harrington, a miner in the Tayor mine, had his foot crushed yesterday by a fall of coal. He is now at the Moses Taylor hos-

HANNIS TAYLOR FREES HIS MIND

Not at All Suited with the President's Message.

OPINION OF EX-MINISTER TO SPAIN

Regards the Message as Heartless and Schish -- He Intimates That the Tyranny of the Speakership in the the Spirit of Jingo.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 7.-Ex-Minister to spain Hannis Taylor discussed the Cuban part of the president's message in strong terms tonight. He said:

1 believe congress should firmly and cornfully reject such a policy of irresomption upon which it is founded is an mpty illusion. The vital question at is-se has not been touched by the revolutionary effort of Sagasta to end the war by means of a craftlly incomplete prop-osition that carries with it no constituional guarantee whatever. All who are familiar with Spanish legislation know that a valid grant of an autonomous colonial system that involves not only the peal of all existing laws upon that subtrol of a large part of the national rovemes of Spain to a colonial legislature can-not be made except by an act passed by oth houses of the cortes and approved by the queen regent. The effort just made to secure that result by a mere royal deerce, unsupported by partlamentary ac-tion has, therefore, been justly denied by Romero Robledo, late minister of justice, as a purely revolutionary proces in defiance of the legislation.

The governor general can destroy and act of the insular parliament by returning to sanction and proclaim it; he can have it destroyed by the ministry at Madrid of thick he is the mere agent. The fact that the members of such an impotent asembly are to be elected is of no impor-ance whatever. At the end of thre-curs of wholesale destruction, provoked Spain through unprecedented politica d reconomic oppression that has brough ath and famine to hundreds of these ds, the Spanish crown at last confesse it the Cubans are right and then and senuine grant of home rule. When the proffered scheme is examined it is found to be not only indefinite and lilegal. but absolutely wanting in sincerity the two vital points at iscuance. S proposal has been extorted by the results a struggle that has so completely sken the military and financial power of Spain that a conquest of the island is now hopeless. After expending three hun-fred millions of dollars, and after scalling over the sea 200,000 soldiers, Spain has a fighting force in the island of less than 70,000, while the revolutionary army now in possession of the greater part of the country numbers about 50,000.

Who has the right to say that the hee men who have maintained in the they have won through death by sworl and famine should in the hour of victory, resolved to maintain her sovereignty at some of the miles he has to make if he be surrendered for an empty sham which any cost to put down the rebellion and to hopes to recover the position in front, means only new bondage under their old be surrendered for an empty sham which

and pittless oppressors?
And yet, this heartless, sellish message has not one word of encouragement or sympathy for this sufferinge people, now lying and starving by thousands at our ry doors. In it they are contemptu-sly denominated as no better than their presecutors. Fortunately for the hand of this generous Christian nation, this message with cool and screne cynicism admits that it does not represent the sentiments of the American people as pressed by congress a year ago in the joint resolution in which both houses de-clared a state of war did exist in Cuba and that it should be so recognized by suit Elkes, who cleverly dropped back this government. Congress is politely tole until he was headed by the bunch.

Revierre got going like a fury, with ognition of belligerency shall become necessary. Miller | essary in the future the executive powwill act without congressional interference. It is generally understood that this deliberate conspiracy to thwart the will of the nation is to be carried out through Gay the colored representative, came representatives who is expected to so manipulate its rules as to prevent the sweater, across the back of which was passage of the pending beligerency resoun appeal to the speaker of the house of lution which the senate has already approved. In other words, the tyranny of the apeakership of the heura is to be so used in behalf of Spanish tyranny in Cuba as to prevent any expression whatever of sympathy with, or recognition of a government whose status has within the last few days been described. There are limits even to the patience of

the American people; and the time has now come when the executive power should be made to feel through public domonstration that the nation will no longer permit its severeign will in a righteous use to be entirely set aside in an inter-s of a fremuleus, selfash, short sighted policy. The whole contest now centers in the pussage of the beligerency restation pending in the house. If that cannot be carried, then nothing whatever can be done to cod a strife that has be going on for fifteen years out of the fast twenty-nine, and which after destroying or commerce with the island has come a war cloud that today obscures to ry business enterprise. If the present ad ministration proposes to indefinitely per-sue uncertainty at the cost of every busi-ress interest it must be prepared to suffor the consequences.

Torpedo Magazine Explodes. Bowling Green, O., Dec. 7. The American Torpedo company's magazine ex-

ploded today with terribe force. Day Leonan, a stock hauter from Finding was completely forn to atoms. Hotsee nearby were demolished and the shock was felt for miles around.

Messenger Boy's Crime. Boston, Dec. 7.—Albert M. King, the 19 ear-old messenger of the Boylston Na

tional bank, who abscouded with \$2,000, all of which was recovered by the hank, today pleaded gully, and on the recommendation of the district attorney, was Tried to Kill His Mother. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.-Albert Knapp. German cigarmaker, 19 years of age based his aged mother with a hammer his morning and tried to kill her. Sub-

equently he was found dead, having his own throat. Knapp drank heavily and he and his mother often quarrelied.

Belden's Condition Improved. Washington, Dec. 6.-The condition of Representative Belden, of New York, who was badly burt by falling flown a flight of marble steps at the capital yesterday, was much improved today, and no further four is entertained of serious results

More Cubaus Reignsed. Havana, Dec. 7 .- Today Cuptain General Blanco, the governor general, signed a lecree releasing il persons who have been imprisoned on charge of complicity in the

insurgent movement.

FISTS WIPE OUT INSULTS.

Vincland Young Men Resort to the Ring and Come to Grief. Vineland, N. J., Dec. 7 .- To wipe out

fought here Saturday night and yesterday, much to the horror of the staid folks of the village. Two of the principals have been arrested, and other arrests are likely to follow. Yesterday's contest was between Walter Worden, son of a well-known busines man, and John Campbell. A friend from Camden was visiting Worden, and I is alleged that Campbell made disparaging remarks concerning the visitor. House Shall Be Used to Crush Out | Worden, who is said to have lately taken private boxing lessons, gallantly took up the cause of his friend and demanded satisfaction. Yesterday afternoon the young men, each with retinue of friends and sporting men repaired to a spot three miles from Vineland, but within the township and began the mill, which was according to the Marquis of Queensberry rules. The men fought gamely. At first Worden who was the smaller of the two, seemed to be getting the worst of the combat but in the seventh round he knocked out Campbell with the famous solar plexus blow. The fighters then shook hands and came back to town.

This afternoon Justice Frank C. Bray caused the arrest of Worden and Campbell and declared that all of the witnesses of the fight would also be

arrested. The previous fight is said to have been with knuckles and was caused by an insulting remark made by a young man who sings in a church choir concertaing the photograph of a group o young ladies. The brother of one of those in the picture heard the remark and took up the insult. The bout was short and flerce and the hero, who was defending his sister's honor, won amid the plaudits of the crowd.

THE M'KINLEY FAMILY AWAITING THE END

President and His Relatives at the Bedside of the Venerable Lady. Rennion Complete.

Canton, O., Dec. 7 .- Once more the hildren of Mrs. Nancy Allison Mc-Kinley have gathered about her couch. and the reunion is complete. The president and Mrs. McKinley arrived to day to find the aged mother still liv-With the children are Mrs. Abigail Osborne, mother of Consul William Osborne; Miss Sarah Duncan, who came from Chicago, where she is attending school; her brother, Jack Duncan, who came from an eastern school, and lots of grand children, who have been summoned from their studies and their homes, tog-ther with oth er relatives, making the immediate family circle almost complete.

In the midst of the deep sorrow the family, there is a feeling of joy Meniguas of Cuha such a conflict against such odds are not capable of self-government? Who will say that all fruits that the president has been permitted to reach his mother's bedside before the inevitable dissolution came. fore the inevitable dissolution came and that the mother might again ize his presence and he know that he had been recognized. These hopes have been granted them, and they now patiently and resignedly await the end The president and Mrs. McKinley, to gether with other relatives from the east came early in the morning, the latter part of the Journey being made at a special train. They were taker to the homestead as rapidly as possible, and as they entered the sick room the dying woman railied and for a moment plainly evidenced her recognition of her son and others about

The president has remained almost constantly at the bedside since his arrival, and kept tonight's vigil relieving others of the children, who have been so constantly at the bedside. He remained close to the house all day, going out only for a little air and ex-

PITTSTON COLLEGE CO!, LAPSED.

When the Students Got Around Yes-

terday They Heard the News. F E. Wood has left Pirtston. The college down there founded by Wood. went under yesterday under circumstances similar to those by which Scranton and Wilkes-Barre students wer separated from their money. The Pittston college was managed by one I. L. Smith, and one week ago when the Wood college at Wilkes-Barre died this Smith announced that the heating apparatus in the Pittston college quarters had given way. He promised to have the pipes fixed yes-

terday. When the students came around on stated time yesterday they were con-fronted by the announcement that school was over forever and a day. Many of the students had just entered the college.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 8.—In the middle state and New England, today, fair to parti oudy weather will prevail, with slightly igher temperature and light to fresh outhwesterly to westerly winds. On (D28 Thursday, fair to partly cloudy, slightly armer weather and fresh southwesterly southeasterly winds will prevail, fol owed by snow or vain in the northern dis

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Threatening Weather: Followed by Fair. General-Initial Step in the Dismen berment of China. Congressional Proceedings.

Spain Pleased with President's Mos Hannis Taylor's View of the President's Cuban Attitude. State-Pike County Wife Murdere

Lord-Van Horn Receives a First Degree Verdict. Common Picas Trial List.

Jurors for January Term of Court. Editorial. Comment of the Press.

Local-Kindergarten Subscribers Entertained.

Local-Man Dies of a Broken Heart. Base Ball Still Lives in Scranton. 8 Local-West Side and Suburban. 9 Lackawanna County Happenings. 10 Report of the Secretary of the Treas-

mry. History and Purpose of the American Federation of Labor. Whitney's Weekly News Budget,

BILLS COME POURING IN sults two lively battles with fists were

One Hundred and Eight Measures Introduced in the Senate.

MANY ARE PENSION BILLS

The First Gun Fired Against Civil Service.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, Brings the Friends and Enemies of the Law Into Action .- His Remarks in Denunciation of "Life Tenure of Office" Are Greeted with Applause. Mr. Johnson's Warning.

Washington, Dec. 7 -- A new member in Mr. H. Des. Money, of Mississippl, was introduced in the senate today, and after some brief criticism of the form of his credentials, the oath of office was administered to him.

Mr. Money was assigned to the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, the latter securing the seat in the center of the Democratic side, which was occupied by the late Senator George. During the session 108 bills, many of which were private pension measures, were introduced in addition to several joint resolutions and ome senate resolutions. An interesting contest for precedence in consideration between Mr. Lodge's immigration bill and the proposed legislation to confer authority upon the president to act for the protection of the government's interest at the sale of the Kansas Pacific rallroad was pending at the close of the session. The probability is that it will be amleably arranged before the senate convenes to-

TOTTON The bills and resolutions began to pour in after Mr. Money had been seated. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, Introduced the first, providing for the gilding of the statue of liberty on the

Among the bitls introduced, the

greater number of which were pension

dome of the capitol."

bills, was one by Mr. Quny (Pa.) for the relief of the children of a soldier of the revolution. Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) secured the passage of a resolution calling upon the interstate commerce commi to furnish the senate a list of the railroad companies which have complied wholly, in part, or not at all, with the law of congress providing that safety appliances be affixed to railroad cars.

The resolution also calls for the total number of persons killed by the railroads during the past year, The contest between the friends of the immigration bill and those who favor prompt action with reference to the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad developed at this juncture. Mr. Lodge (Mass.) moved to take up the immigration bill and proceed with its consideration. Mr. Gear (In.) wanted the

Kansas Pacific to have prior atten-Mr. Allison, in the hope, he said, that the gentlemen might reach an amicable understanding, moved at 1.35 p. m, that the senate adjourn, and the

motion prevailed. TO IMPROVE THE KLONDIKE. Among the senate bills introduced

oday were By Mr. McBride, authorizing the Dyea-Klondike Transportation company to locate and construct a line of transportation from Dyea to Lake Bennett, the line to consist of railways, aerial tramways or wagon reads, as the company may deem propor. The bill grants 100 feet on each side of the proposed road as right of way: also a bill granting a similar right of way to the Skaguay and Lake Bennett Tramway company from Skaguay over the White Pass to the

boundary line of Northwest territory on the Skaguay trail. By Mr. Hale, to increase the navy establishment by the addition of a first-class sea-going coast line battleship at a cost not to exceed \$3,750,000; six sea-going torpedo hoats of 175 tons displacement at a cost of \$1,125,000; three torpodo boats of greater speed, \$900,000. It is provided that the battleship shall be primarily for coast defense and that it shall carry the heavlest armor and most powerful ordinance and that it shall have a dis-

placement of 11,500 tons. HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

A Lively Debate Upon the Civil Service Laws.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.-The session of the house, though it lasted but two hours, witnessed a lively skirmish over the question of distributing the president's message to the various committees clothed with the jurisdiction over the subjects dealt with. The conflict of authority came between the ways and means committee and the banking and currency committee. Chatrinan Walker and other members of the latter committee believed that the language of the resolution for distribution, which offered all matters relating "to the revenues, the national finances, the public debt, the preservation of the government credit, and to the treaties of the United States affeeting the revenues." to the ways and means committee would rob their committee of all jurisdiction over the question of impounding the greenbacks as recommended by the president-a question which they contended was, fundamental to any scheme for the revision of our currency laws. The bat-tle raged all along the line. During the debate General Grosvenor (O.) fired the first gun against the civil service law and this also brought the friends and enemies of that measure into action. It was noticeable that the

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