ley's Message Is

Satisfactory.

Premier.

Madrid, Dec. 8.-Premier Sagasta is

quoted as saying he thinks the presi-

ent's message satisfactory, "because

the threat to intervene in Cuba was

made merely to give satisfaction to a

portion of American opinion without

not make a declaration on the sub-

ject. He believed the president's words

would have influence with the insur-

gents, and added that the cortes would

not be convoked until the government

had ascertained the effect of the mes-

sage upon the United States congress.

cleverness and evil intention when it

refers to fillbustering expeditions. Me-

Kinley speaks with what appears to

be excessive cynteism to those who

have not lost all notion of justice. This

government must show the Yankees that the Spanish flag floats over Cuba

and that they have yet to tear it

In conclusion the Imparcial remarks:

to impugn the sincerity of the presi-

sage was "addressed to congress prin-

cipally and in languages which though

tion for the increase of the fleet.

the course of an interview there,

tions against the message

measage to congress. It is said they

According to a disputch from Barces

as this proves that his (Weyler's) pol-

of Spain. He expressed his "surprise

FILIBUSTERS FOILED.

Attempt to Convey a Store of Muni-

tions to Cuba Is Frustrated.

attement to convey a store of munitions

of war to the Cuban insurgents just

acceeded. About the middle of Sep-

stock of ammunition and twenty-four

naturalized American citizen who, af-

nearly a year, was released by the

The expedition got inland but

ionth later the Spanish authorities

iscovered nearly 500 boxes of ammuni-

tion for Remington and Mauser ritles

everal of the inhabitants, including a

POWER HOUSE BLOWN SKYWARD.

Bursting Roiters Kall One Man and

Fatally Injured Another.

of Portsmouth, exploded this afternoon with fatal results. Fireman Benjamin

Dennis was Instantic killed, his body

being found in the boller room, crush-

His brother, the assistant fireman

adly injured that he cannot recover.

the state, was completely wrecked.

Springfield tens Constes.

eported in the hast six weeks, today's re-fort being 25 new cases. The quarantine has been decided useless beause of the

gligence of parents and physicians in it reporting cases, and has been abot-ted. Of all the cases reported, there

The Battle a Draw.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8.-In a 25-round contest between Tim Calahan, of Phila-

the referee decided the battle a draw.

gine in the city is at work, but the

Fire at Knoxville.

has been but one death.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.-The battery of

panish gov rument last July,

The Imparcial, commenting on the

"It shows a certain

the intention of executing it."

message, says:

Will Annoy Jingoes.

PLEASED

SPAIN WELL

TWO CENTS

CUBAN BALL ROLLING

Presented in the Senate.

PLEA FOR THE INSURGENTS

They Have Earned Recognition and Political Liberty.

Mr. Allen Thinks That the Course of the President Will Be a Great Disappointment to the Republican Party Throughout the United States .- A Party Pledge Repudinted .- The Action of Mr. McKin-Session of the House .- Other Washington Topics.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Today's session of the senate occupied less than an hour, the time principally being consumed by the members in the presentation of memorials, resolutions and lng weakness all day was more apparbills. A resolution presented by Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.), declaring it to be the sense of the senate that the United States should recognize the political independence of Cuba, was made the subject of some remarks by the Nebraska senator, in course of which he criticised the president for not carrypublican party made in its last national platform to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic. At the conclusion of Mr. Allen's remarks the senate by motion of Mr. Hour (Mass.) adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ash-ley B. Wright, one of the members of

the house from Massachusetts. Mr. Davis (Minn.) urged immediate consideration of a bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the Northern Pacific, but Mr. Hale (Mc.) asked that the bill be first printed.

Chairman Quick, of the public buildings committee, objected to consider-ation of a joint resolution providing jurisdiction of that part of the capitol formerly occupied by the congressional library be divided between the two houses. He said his commit-toe would discuss the whole matter

Mr. Allen said that as the Cubans for more than two years had demonstrated their valor and love for liberty, he felt they had earned a recognition of their political liberty, and it ought to be accorded to them without further temporizing. If necessary this recognition should be backed by a fleet | night, of American vessels in Cuban waters, DISAPPOINTMENT TO REPUBLI-

CANS. Mr. Allen believed President Me-Kinley's statement that the recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents is now unwise and unadmissable the members of the Republican party

throughout the United States. thought the president was under obligations to carry out the pledge as a witness for the state. The conmillions of people. He expressed the belief that the president's neglect to take such action as would insure the political independence of Cuba was an exhibition of "rank hyprocisy," and a 'flagrant neglect of public duty,' which would be corrected by the "all ruling power in his own good time. At 12.55 the resolution was adopted

and the senate adjourned. The house session insted only fifteen minutes. Congressman Stone (Pa.) presented the pension appropriation bill, and said he would call it up after the reading of the journal tomorrow The committees on election and o banking and currency were given leave to sit during the sessions of the house, and they then adjourned.

BANKING COMMITTEE MEETS. The house committee on banking and

currency met oday. A bill from Secretary Gage. abodying his views on stion, will soon be ready the money the committee.

Mr. Hill, of Connecticut, proposed to immediately lay before the house the first three sections of the bill previously offered by Mr. Brosius, of Pennsylvania, providing bank circulation up to the par value of bonds deposited; reduction of the tax on circulation to one-fourth of 1 per cent, and the establishment of small banks in rural communities. These all have the president's approval in his message. The bill was referred to one of the subc mittees appointed by Chairman Wal-

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. The Democrats of the house will caucus soon on party policy. Representative Richardson, the caucus chairman, said today that he was consulting with members as to what day would suit them, and he expected that the meeting would occur the latter part of this week or early next week. Considerable difference of opinion has arisen among the Democratic members as to the necessity of a caucus and ne of the Democratic leaders have withheld their names from the call on the ground that a caucus at this time could do no good and might lead to a considerable difference and division. The promoters of the caucus secured about fifty signatures, sufficient to require Chairman Richardson to issue a call when a convenient time is agreed upon. The understanding is that the purpose of the caucus is to determine upon a line of policy as to Cuba, Ha waii and finance, although it would not surprising if some question as to the Democratic leadership in the house

The indications are that the hollday recess of congress will extend from two.

Mr. Allen's Resolution | Saturday, Dec. 18, to Monday or Tuesday, Jan. 3 or 4. Speaker Reed 18 understood to favor these dates. If. however, any important business develops in the senate or house the recess will probably be postponed into Christmas week. So far as the house is con-cerned no general legislation will be ready for consideration before the holidays, and work is likely to be confined to the appropriation bills.

MRS. M'KINLEY'S CONDITION.

The Watchers at Her Bedside Believe

That the End Is Drawing Near. Canton, O., Dec. 8 -All day the children of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley have been near her bedside watching for indications of a hopeful change They were disappointed. She has been lying in lethargic repose as if in sleep most of the time. She is gradually but surely growing weaker. Mr. Abner McKinley says the family are hoping against hope that she may show a better condition, but her state during the day has been such that the watchers think the end is gradually drawing near. The doctor saw the patient early ley Characterized as "Fragrant this evening. He said he could see no Meglect of Public Duty"--Short material change, but the weakening process continues steadily. He is prepared for dissolution at any moment but at the time of this visit he had not abandoned hope that she would con-tinue in life during the night and possibly longer. Members of the family at the same hour did not seem to be so hopeful. They have been more constantly at the bedside during the illness, and to them the steadily increas-

nt than to the doctor. Mr. Charles R. Miller, who has been almost constantly at the house, said he had not previously noted such continued weakness as was shown during the day. This was also accompanied by a higher temperature and he could scarcely hope that the patient would ing into effect the pledge of the Re- live beyond midnight. Others of the relatives, he said, felt fully as appre-

hensive. The president is almost constantly at the bedside, refusing to be relieved by others and to take the rest and exercise he should. While it has been a matter the president has declined to discuss or give any information about to his friends, it is believed from the indications at the postoffice and the telegraph offices that he is receiving numerous congratulations on his mes-sage to congress. The sad circumtances of the visit to his home at this time have not prevented the people from sending congratulations.

During the evening Mother McKinley egain aroused from her stupor. She lay quietly and restfully, the president t her side watching intently and hopefully for some sign of recognition. The awakening, however, was not accompanied by any appreciable rally. This the deep sleep in which she had lain all When the doctor made his last day. she would live till morning. She was still growing weaker, but so slowly that unless a material change came her strength would held out during the

CONFESSION OF WEEKS.

Charles A. Boinay Implicated in Long List of Crimes.

Pridgeton, Conn., Dec. S.- David A. Weeks, jointly accused with Charles A would be a great disappointment to Bolcay, of the murder of George M. Nichols, of Daniel's Farms, made a full cenfession of that crime today. Boinas is on trial, and Weeks was called which his party had made—a pledge | fession implicates Boinay in a long list murder and the shooting of Mrs. Caroline Booth at Botsford, Conn., on April In this latter crime, Weeks said. the shooting was done by James A. Tuttle, who has been under arrest on

suspicion and who lived in the same house with Mrs. Booth. In further testimony, Weeks confess-

to complicity in the robbery of John Nichols, of Nichols, in May last, and the shooting of Caroline Booth and minor crimes in Connecticut, York and Northeastern Penusylvania.

SET FRIEND'S HEAD AFIRE.

Perpetrator Poured on Oil to Start the Blaze.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.-For nouring eresone upon the head of Henry R. fish and as plying a lighted match, Adelbert Crocker, at Buzzard's Bay, was today sentenced to the House of Cor-rection for 90 days. Fish's right car as burned in a frightful manner, and his hards blistered and swollen to

twice their natural size. There was no mistaking the person that poured the kerosene on my head and then set it afire," said Fish, "but why he should do such a fiendish act is

more than I can say. steadfastly denied charge, and the witnesses in his behalf also endeavored to shield him from the blame. The two men had been fast

Suit for Revenge. Louisville, Ky. Dec. S.-Miss Mary Sher, idan, supreme president of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, says that the suit brought in Chicago against the organization in which a receiver was appointed by Sudge Dunne yesterday, was prompted by a desire to got revenge be-cause an unwarranted cialm was rejusted. This action will be visorously fought by the officers of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America and damages will be demanded against the plain-

Troller Accident. amuel W. Semple, Isaze S. Kimble Street Commissioner Gilbert, of this city were struck by a trolley car here today and seriously hart. Gilbert and Kimble were internally injured. Gilbert was thrown beneath the car and it had to be removed from the rafis before he could be released. The men were inspecting the

trolley line. Professional Racquet ! hampions. Montreal, Dec. 8-Peter Latham, profes-onal racquet champion of the world, and Percy Ashworth, eratwhile amateur champion of Great Britain, today defeated George Standing and Bridges, the Montreal professionals, by four games

TO INCREASE THE GUARD.

Committee to Urge Upon Congrees the Necessity of Appropriations. St. Louis, Dec. 8 .- The Interstate National Guard association appointed Generals Snowden, of Pennsylvania, Reese, of Hilnois; Berd, of Minnesota

and Curtis, or Indiana, to urge upon congress the necessity of appropriating \$2,000,000 yearly for the National Guard. Resolutions were adopted favoring a oser relationship between the regular and volunteer forces and asking the secretary of war to detail one office: from each branch of the regular service to attend future meetings of the association. The 1898 meeting will be

held in Chicago. TROTTING REVIEW.

The Board of the National Associa-

tion Considers Complaints. New York, Dec. 8 .- The board of reries of the National Trotting associa-In today considered the case of G. A. Jacobs, of Erie, Pa., charged with running a horse called Marlborough, , which had been run before under the name of George. Decision was re-

The appeal of R. E. Westlake, of Scranton, Pa., against the decision ren-dered by the judges of the Union Agricultural association of Dallas, Pa., will be considered in executive ses-

FOXY TEDDY HALE GAINING GROUND

The Champion Is Liable to Win the Bicycle Race -- Rice Keeps Well Up premier said the government would to the Front.

New York, Dec. 8.-The man to be watched in the six-day race from now ut is "Teddy" Hale, the champion. The "foxy" work hinted at by his friends earlier in the week is beginning to become apparent. From a despised tail-ender he moved up within the past twenty-four hours until at 7 clock tonight he had passed Pierce and forged into sixth place, with 140 miles between him and the leader.

Sprinting still remains the rule on the track, and the great audience that had gathered by 8 o'clock were witnesses of a great sprint in which Julius, the misused Hoboken lad, was down, well up in front. Rice pushed around at an even pace, with a sponge cock- "The manufacture and sale of arms tall clinched between his teeth. Bea- is not the same thing as using them."
com was with the sprinters, Rivierre La Correspondencia de Espana, the was riding alone, reeling off lap after official organ, says that after reflectap at a steady pace in his effort to tion Spanish of thion on President Me over up the ground he had lost, Mil- Kinley's message to congress is less er dashed about with a huge bouquet. the gift of admirers, fastened to the handle-bars of his machine. Elkes left dent's protestation of friendship for the track for about ten minutes and Spain, and of respect for international came in for a great sprint when he re- chigation, but it admits that the mea-

Miller passed a century ahead of derful feats, which have made this (856,000) to start a national subscripmatch so sensationat

Billy Young is a disgusted man. Stephane has disappointed him. He was off the track for two hours and a half, He got off at 7.30 p. m. and kicked intend to provoke popular manifestaabout his saddle. Young repaired it. He then went about five laps and then the handle-bars displeased him. Gon- hem. Lieutenant General Weyler, in goltz booked after them. Then he the seriese of an interview there, has started off again, but came back with felicitated himself on "being attacked" mother wall about the saddle post, by President McKinley in the message, "Limber Jack" fixed it.

"I want a shave," was his next de- jey was displeasing to the enemies mand. Young was staggered. "You can ride just as well without it." Young that the Sounish government would

"I want a shave," was the sullen sentingly of the nation. response. A barber was secured, and after Stephane had been attended the rider mounted his wheel and declared that he would continue wheeling unwhich had been made to seventy-three of robberies as well in the Nichola til Saturday night. Then Young grin-

Gray got vata about 9 o'clock and looked fresh as a daisy. He rode in

Miller's work is marvelous. He goes pumping away in a peculiar manner that is as effective as deceptive, and he manages to keep fifty miles between himself and Rice, who is pushing hard to close the gap. Waller is making a mighty effort, but it seems a fruitless one, to get back to the front. There is too much ground for him to cover, and if he comes in one, two, three he

At midnight the indomitable eighteen ere still pedaling their way lap after lap. From midnight to midnight Miller had put more than 350 miles be hind him. This marvellous record on third day of the great race carried him along to a total of more than 1,200 miles in 71 hours, 139 miles ahead of the former record. During this weary journey Miller has left the track but for a few hours. With the excention, perhaps, of Stephane, the Frenchman, Miller had up to late in the arterneon had less sleep than any other man on the track. And notwithstanding this, Miller is seemingly in as good condition as he was yesterday, when experts claimed that he and Rice, the Wilkes-Barre cost miner, were in the

best shape of all the riders. The next man to Miller at the present time is Rice, and he is something more than fifty miles behind. But he is strong and seems to have the same determination that carried him almost to the front in the blg race of last

Last year's champion, Teddy Hale, those great ride then promises to be far outdone this year, is now making up ground. He is almost 175 miles behind the leader, but, nevertheless, he has crept up from tenth place, which he held last night, to eighth place, and certain to go much higher before

the end is reached. After sixty hours of what seemed to mericans to be the fiercest kind of valry, Stephane has given in to Rivierre, and the latter has put more than a hundred miles between himself

and his fellow countryman. Waller, who made such a wonderful effort during the second day, but who, too, got stubbern later on, has returned to his work with renewed vigor,

but he is now far behind. The scores of the leaders at 1.15 a. m

Miller 1,208 miles, 4 laps record for 73 hours.

CORNER IN WHEAT.

Armour Evidently Expects to Collar Dealer Is Kicking Himself for No. the Visible Supply.

Sagasta Thinks McKin-THE INTERVENTION THREAT It Is Regarded Lightly by the serts that the bull clique is engineering no artificial corner and will try to squeeze no one. The clique believe that a legitimate advance is inevitable The Imputeial Says That It Shows a contract wheat will gradually find its Certain Cleverness -- Corresponden way into Chicago. cia de Espana Believes the Message

DURRANT'S LAST HOPE.

Murderer of Blanche Lamont May Suffer the Penalty.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.-Late this afernoon the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a sun mary manner of his two appeals. In written opinion from Chief Justice Bentty, which is concurred in by all but one of his associates, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bahers in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the date set for his execution but reverses the sentencing of Durrant to be hanged on Nov. II, and remands the case to the superior court with instructions to proceed according to law. As the remittur was ordered issued forthwith, and the court holds that execution can only be stayed now by the issuance of a certificate of probable cause, it only remains to re-sentence the condemned murderer, which

probably will be done tomorrow Justice Caroutt alone dissented from this opinion, maintaining that Durrant's appeal should have been dismissed as the time required by law for its perfection had been allowed to

SUCCESSOR TO GRANT HERRING. Congressman Kulp Working for L. T. optimistle than at first, it proceeds

Rohrbach. Washington, Dec. 8 .- Congressman Kulp, of the Seventeenth district, has a candidate for the internal revenue collectorship of the Twelfth collection district, to succeed Grant Herring, in the person of L. T. Rohrbach, of Sun-Schoch's record during the sixty-ninth not intended to please Spain will annot intended to please Spain will annot bury. When the results of that hour were announced the string began and the Marquis Villeamejor, a member tary of that county. Mr. Kulp entered other spurt, with Rice in the lead, of the senate, has written to Sener Mr. Rohrbach in the race long ago, and sequently, he was a good deaf upset by the recent reports that ex-Congress-Tonogrow the Carlist deputies will man Fred. O. Leonard, of Potter counmust to discuss Pr sident McKinley's ty, had been selected as Herring's successor by Senators Quay and Penrose Mr. Kuin went to see Senator Quay about the matter vesterday, and claims to have received assurance from the nator that no final selection for the Twelfth district collectorship has yet been made. This gave Mr. Kulp re-

D., L. AND W. CO.'S ANSWER.

newed hope that his man may yet get the place. Collector Herring's term

Accused of Conspiracy to Prevent Competition.

will expire about Jan. 20.

New York, Dec. &-Counsel for th Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railread company today filed an answer to the complaint of the United States Pipe Line company against the Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.-News has Standard Oil company, the Delaware, ached here of the fcustration of an Lockawanna and Western Railroad upany and other railroad companies for compdracy to prevent competition

at the moment when it had apparently The answer denies that part of the complaint alleging that an agreement had been entered into by the railroad tember a steamer painted black appeared near Clenfuego and landed a company with the Standard Oil company to cause a monopoly and further denies the jorisdiction of the court in men under the lead of Jeseph Cepero, a the case. The suit was brought in the ter having been held in a Cuban juit United States court in July last.

HACKED TO PIECES.

The Fate of Roy Erickson, Accused of Having Rained a Young Girl.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 8.—Hacked to pieces with an axe, the body of Roy ried it into town. Later on Capero led to pieces with an axe, the body of Roy an attack upon a small town and killed Erickson, a maker of wick r baskets was found this morning in an old shanty on Main avenue. In the room sat William West, whose daughter Erickson is accused of having ruined, and James Garrahan, the owner of

The police think West and Garrahan lured Erickson into the shanty and killed him. The girl was sent to the boilers at the power house of the Citis | Reform school at Plankinton, and was ons' Light, Hear and Power company. a few weeks ago burned to death there.

JOSEPH WILL ISSUE DECREE. The Status Quo Between Austria and

Unngary to Be Continued. Vienna, Dec.s .- It is expected that was hurled reveral feet away and so ! Emperor Francis Joseph will shortly issue decrees prolonging for a year

The engineer, Walter Clarke, was also the status quo between Austria and injured, though not fatally. The power Hungary regarding the sharing of imse, which was one of the largest in perial expenditure, budgetary and other ssential matters. The government is continuing the egotiations for a settlement of the Springfield, O. Dec. 8.—The coidentic of measies in this city is admittedly beyond control. A total of 1.182 cases have been language question, owing to fears for the safety of the German members, the

meeting of the Bohemian diet has been postponed. British Labor Men Arrive. New York, Dec. 8.-J. Havelock Wilson, M. P., and Edward Harford, representing

the British trades council, toth of whom are delegates to the congress of the Am-erican Federation of Labor to be held at

Nashville shortly, arrived today from Liverpool. They were met by a delegation of labor nen.

delphia, and Patsy Corrigan, of Trenton, before the Active Athletic club tonight Vanderbilt's Trip. New York, Dec. 8.—George W. Van-derbilt, bound on a tour of the world, was a passenger today on the American Knoxyille, Dec. 8.—At II o'clock tonight liner St. Paul for Southampton. It is his fire broke out in the Knoxyille Woolen mills, the largest in the south. Every enpedition. Later he will go to Japan. W. mile B. Osgood Field, his friend, accompanied

KLONDIKE IN JUNK.

Giving a Dollar for It. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—The Journal prints today some interesting one hereabouts recalls old Wendell gossip about the Chicago December Steel, who lived on the hill out towheat deal. The clique views with ward Harmony, and whose wine and composure the Armour plan of buying peach cider caused more than one othwheat in the Minneapolis market; shipping it to Chicago and delivering it under contract so late in December was no exception, and his decoctions that the freezing of the river will pre-vent its shipments east. It is sup-The poor fellow died some time ago. posed that Armour expected thus to and is mourned by many friends for secure the storage of a large share of his genial qualities. A day or two ago the wheat for his Chicago elevators a junk dealer, on a hunt for old iron. until spring. It will come as a genuine from Phillipsburg, went to the farm surprise to the trade that the clique, where Steele lived. He offered to cart far from permitting the wheat to re- off a barrel of stuff that stood near the main in storage all winter, will ship barn, but the tenant thought it was it all rail to the east, where it has worth a dollar. They parleyed over it, already engaged Boston and New York and finally the junk dealer suggested tonnage for Europe. In this way the upsetting the barrel, If it contained December wheat will be eliminated a dollar's worth be would pay it. This from the situation. The Journal as-

The barrel's contents were dumped out and then turned over. A lot of yellow metal appeared, and the junk dealer almost had a fit. The yellow in May and are acting on that theory. stuff proved to be a heap of twenty. The supposition is the Minneapous ten and five-dollar gold pieces. In al ten and five-dollar gold pieces. In all there was \$600. The conclusion reached is that old man Steele put it there when peach cider had the better him, and he never knew what he had done with it. The tenant took charge of the treasure, and the junk dealer drove off, kicking himself because h had not paid a dollar and "asked no questions."

Spanish Garrison at Guisa, Numbering 800, is Completely Wiped Out by Means of a Dynamite

GARCIA'S GREAT VICTORY

New York, Dec. 8 - The Sun has this nformation from Havana, dated Dec. The further report today on the capture of Guisa by General Garcia confirms yesterday's dispatch; and the report adds that the entire garrison of the town, composed of 800 men, died heroically without surrendering. Only forty-five Spanish soldiers survived, and they were made prisoners by General Garcia. The Spanish oftal report describes the terrific effects of the pneumatic dynamite gun used by General Garcia. The insurgents fired seventy-two dynamite shots on the forts. Each shot wrought terrible havor. The gun was operated at a short distance from the town. Not a house remains in Guisa. All were blown to pieces. Besides the dynamite gun insurgents used two field pieces,

six and eight pounders. General Garcia sent word to the Spaniards before the bombardment that they would be pardoned if they would surrender. The only answer was a shout of "Long live Spaint" and a general voll-y from all the forts. The destruction of the town was completed in twelve hours. Besides the 800 regular troops there were at Guisa some 300 others, militia and volunteers. The actly known, but it is large, Colonel Toyar, who arrived with his column to rescue Guisa, reports that it was terrible to see the dead Spanish soldiers half buried under the rubbish of

General Pande arrived today in Manzanille, Santiago de Cuba province to General Elanco, General Pando reports the continuous fighting of his col-23, especially with the forces of Gencral Comez in Santa Clara province about the war in Santiago de Cuba declaring that the insurgents are numrous, well armed, and daring.

PELULIAR PENSION DECISION.

Washington, Dec. 8.-Assistant Secretary Davis, of the interior department oday rendered a decision of peculiar in crest involving the question of ent widows under the act of June 27, 1830. The case was that of Mary Ant, widow of Daniel Spatz, late Company, Fourteen Pennsylvania volunteers, and wa rejected by Assistant Secretary Davis o the ground "that the rating provided for in the statute under the provisions which the claimant seeks a pension is per month and it is not shown but to the provison nade in the will of the s lor is fully commensurate with the rat ing under the law and therefore she has other means of support than her daily la-

Banquet of Nicaraguans.

Managua, Nicaragua, via Gal®stor fex., Dec. 8.—This evening a number of Nicaraguan citizens held a grand bar-pact at Luncas hotel to the retirin Inited States infalsect, Lowis Haket John Baker, secretary of the United States legation, will remove the archive of the legation to Costa Rica on Dec. 17. The London bank of Central America, limited will close its branches at Granzda. and Leon on Dec. 11.

Fadellin Found Guilty.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.-Frank Padelli was found guilty of murder in the first of tree and was sentenced to imprisonmet in the Jackson pentientiary for life by Judge Chapin in the recorder's court to tay. Fadeilin shot his son Frank the night of September 28 because his wife and see would not admit him to the ouse, he having failed for some time pre-

lously to support his family. Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 8.—Salled: St. Paul Southampton: Southwark, Antwerp: Geoanic, Liverpool. Southampion-Arrived aris, New York. Sailed: Saale, from Bremen, New York.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Fair: Slightly Warmer.

General-"Pop" Allen Also Wants to See Cuba Proc.

Spain Satisfied with the Message. Change Urged in the Civil Service. State-National Reform Association Meets in Philadelphia.

3 Local-Sad Sequel to the Feltz Patch Court Proceedings.

Comment of the Press.

Local-Base Ball Canard Dented. Van Horn a Picture of Despair. Local-Facts from Klondike Land. Lyons' Heart Is on the Right Side.

Local-West Side and Suburban. Lackawanna County Happenings.

10 Neighboring County News,

CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE

Conference of Members Favoring Such a Move to Be Held.

A BILL BY MR. GALLINGER

Introduced.

May Revolutionize the Entire System .- The Purpose, It Is Understood, Is to Make the Conference Non-Political -- General Grosvenor. of Ohio, Approves of the Scheme.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- A paper was circulated in the house of representa-tives today with a view to bringing about a conference of those members favoring a change in the present civil service system. The paper was handled y Representative Pearson, of North Carolina, and received numerous signatures. The purpose, it is understood, is to make the conference non-political in character and to extend it outside of the membership of the civit service committee, as some of the men most active in urging a revision of the law are not on this committee. Gereral Grosvenor, of Ohio, is among these. He approved the plan of a conference of those interested in the subject and it is likely to be held at an early day.

Senator Gallinger today introduced a bill to define and regulate the civil service. It provides that neither civil service laws nor the regulations under them "shall be construed or held to apply to or to control appointments to any office or official employment by or under the United States, except to the cierical positions in the executive departments as classified by section 163 of the revised statutes, to like clerical appointments in the customs and postal service in such customs houses and postoffices as shall employ fifty or more clerks and to the letter carriers and to postal clerks of the postoffice departsment." The bill provides for the examination of other appointees by the head of the department by which he

may have been appointed. Washington, Dec. 8 .- The house committee on invalid pensions met today and took action that is intended to abuse of young women marrying old soldiers and sallors for the purpose of becoming their widows and drawing a pension from the government. This subject bus been much discussed in view of the comparatively large numper of widow claimants on account of Revolutionary war, of 1812, and Mexican war service of husbands. The committee authorized Chalmaan Ray to obtain from the committee on rules an order or rule permitting an amendment to the pension appropriation bill providing that no pension shall hereafter be granted to the widow of a soldier or other person who is married to such soldier or person after the passage of this act, excepting, however, all soldiers, sailors, officers, etc., now in or who may hereafter enter the military or haval service of the United

STAND OF THE HOUSE ON CUBA.

A Test in the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Washington, Dec. 8.—The house com-

mittee on foreign affairs held an inormal meeting at the capitol yesterday to consider the Morgan resolution recognizing the belligerency of Cuba, which passed the senate last session, and to discuss the Cuban question gen-

During the discussion a vote was taken as a test of the attitude of the sembers of the committee on luban question, and it developed that a safe majority of the committee stood with the president in the position be takes on the Cuban question in his message. This, of course, means that to Cultan resolution can pass the iouse without the president's approvat in advance. The Republicans were for ten-action, and the Democrata for some action in favor of Cuba.

HUNG A HERMIT BY HIS TOES.

Masked Robbers' Heartless Torture to Obtain Money. Fvansville, Ind., Dec. 5.—Flendish

orture was practiced by two masked poor old hermit named Lewis, at West Franklin, Posey county. They entered his lenely cabin and demanded money. When he refused they stripped off hist clothes and threw him on a red-hot

This cruelty did not serve their ourose, so they bung him up by his toes until he became unconscious. and they had to depart without booty, The old man's condition is very surl-

"Trading Stamps" Hiegal.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The court of appreals of the District of Columbia in an opinion by Justice Shepard yesterday held that "trading stames" are illegal within the meaning of the act of concrete prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises

The Herald's Weather Porceast.

New York, Dec. 2.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy, slightly warmer weather will prevall, preceded by fog on the coasts of this section in the morning, who light and fresh variable winds, becoming acutholasterly and southerly, followed by rain or snow in the western and northern districts, and probably on the coasts by night. On Friday, in both of these seestions, cloudy to partly cloudy weather and fresh to brisk southerly and southerwesterly winds will prevail, with rain of New York. Dec. 9.- In the middle states westerly winds will provail, with rain of snow and slight temperature changes, possibly followed by clearing and colder