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THE POWERS AND CHINA

Action Which May Possibly Foreshadow Its Partition.

ALL NATIONS ARE ANXIOUS

Russia's Occupation Arouses Much Suspicion.

Denial of Political Significance of Russin's Occupation of Port Arthur -- British Squadron Expected Be Stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei--Co-Germany and Russia Indicated. France Watching England .- Loudon Journals' Comment on Our Interests in the Case.

Berlin, Dec. 20.-The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the Dephne entered the inner harbor, allegedly to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers at Pekin.

The British Far Eastern squadron, it is said, is at Talicmoan, and, according to the correspondent mentioned, is expected soon at Port Arthur.

The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the cooperation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.-The Novosti declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political behind it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory as to which point the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

London, Dec. 20 .- An unconfirmed report is current here that a part of the British Far Eastern squadron will be Great Lakes and harbor lighters in New is working with Japan. The latter occuples Wei-Hai-Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What did we get?" is the burden of their complaint, and they all insist upon the necessity for immediate action.

The Globe says: "Russia and Germany have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables."

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE. The Pall Mall Gazette echoes the Standard's inquiry as to America's attitude and remarks: "Of course, the partition of the coast which is bound to come will not be confined to Russia and Germany. Every naval state in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far east, Great Britain, France and Japan especially. But the United States cannot be treated as a quantity to be ignored. Tame acquiescence with these seizures is not worthy of our past and is fatal to our future. may remark that we shall not be without sympathizers, as the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to rethe bitter humiliation they have suffered at the hands of Russia.

Advices received here from Paris show France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain fellows the lead of Russia and Germany and occupies a seaport France will follow guit forthwith.

The officials of the Chinese embassy powers are intending to seize Chinese ports, and they discredit the report that Great Britain has been requested to assume a protectorate over the Yang-Tse valley and the West river, eaying they have no information on the subject and would know if the rumor

Sir Halliday Macartney, the English secretary of the Chinese embassy, was asked today if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be temporary, and replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation.

London, Dec. 21 .- A dispatch to the consumed by the flames. Daily Mail from Shanbhai says the report that Russia has seized Port Arthur is entirely untrue.

TERRIBLE GALE AT ST. JOHN'S.

Tweive Schooners Go Ashore in

Green Bay. St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 20.-A terrible gale swept this island yesterday and did immense damage to fishing establishments, and vessels at the coast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green bay and became total wrecks; and several others were badly damaged in collisions.

It is feared that the fleet from Gloucester and the herring fleet now loading in Placentia bay have been seriously buffeted by the storm.

Dr. Fitzmaurice's Consecration. Philadelphia Dec. 29.-The consecration of Rev. Dr. Fitzmaurice, rector of the seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Overbrook, recently appointed condition bin-op of Erie, will not take place until after the Christmas holidays, probably not

Patsy Callaban Knocked Out.

Frenton, N. J., Dec. 20.-Patsy Callahan, of Trenton, was knocked out in the eighth

LEWIS GEORGE CLARK DEAD.

The Original "George Harris" in

Uncle Tom's Cabin. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 70.-Lewis George Clark, the original of Harriet Beecher Stowe's character of George Harris in "Uncle Tom's Cabwas all that the great novelist made him in her famous book. Clark, who passed away Thursday

was 86 years old, and his last days were made comfortable by contribu-tions sent him from all parts of the world for the sage of the character in Mrs. Stowe's book. He was threefourths white. His mother was the daughter of Samuel Campbell, a Scottish slave owner of Kentucky, and his father was Daniel Clark, a pure-blooded Scotchman. His maternal grandmother was a negress and he was born in slavery. He and his brother were old to a southern planter, and the thought of the dreaded cotton fields of the south inspired the boys with superhuman courage.

George broke away, and after incredible adventures succeeded in reaching Canada on horseback. There he was taken into the family of a niece of Mrs. Stowe, and there the authoress met him. She listened to his stories of slave life, and worked them into her great book. His owners in There--Report That Part of it Will Kentucky heard of him, and attempted to get him back, but he halked them and went into New England, where he Operation With Japan to Offset was safe. There he made a living by lecturing.

When the great war was at an end Clark returned to Kentucky a free man. He lived near his old home since that time, and of late years was supported by kind-hearted persons, who gave him enough to keep body and soul together,

CANAL BOAT MEN GUARD TRAFFIC.

The Erection of Grain Elevators at Buffalo is Desired -- An Appeal for Laws Against Grain Gambling.

New York, Dec. 20 .- State canal boat

wners met in this city today and passed resolutions urging the erection by the state of grain elevators at Buffalo and New York, to "guard the state's essential grain traffic from the wanton attacks of the railroad grain elevator trusts, located at aforesaid ports." It was also resolved that "it is the imperative duty of the commonwealth' 'to prohibit railroad corporations which receive their licenses or charters from the state of New York, from discriminating in freight rates against the port of New York, against the state, or against shippers by canal. The enactment of laws against "gambling in grain, so brazenly practiced on the stock and produce exchanges" against the ownership of "connecting grain elevators, vessel lines on the stationed at Wei-Hal-Wei this winter. York by state railroads, was urged. The passage was asked of laws to relieve canal carriers from the liability of a common carrier as far as fire and marine risk are concerned, and to declare all docks and piers in the harbor of New York free to all kinds of ship-

ping. It was further resolved that New York's antiquated canals, now undergoing a snail-like process of improvements, should speedily be enlarged to their fullest capacity," that a ship channel from New York to the ocean interests there are ten times greater, of not less than thirty-five feet in depth which could safely float the largest freightship in the world, should constructed, and that a committee of five be appointed to confer with Mayor-elect Van Wyck, the labor organizations, the New York board of trade and the produce and martime

> their co-operation. The following resolution suggests what may be done in the future: "Resolved, That western boat owners enter into an agreement with one another to do their own business at Buffalo. To that end all boat owners who favor the movement are requested to meet in Buffalo on Dec. 27,"

exchanges with a view of securing

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Cars Became Unmanageable on Account of Slippery Tracks.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.-One person was probably fatally hurt and six! others were more or less mured this afternoon in a collision on the Roxborough, Wissahickon and Manayunk electric road, on the outskirts of this While descending a hill, a trolley here do not conceal the belief that the car became unmanageable on account of slippery tracks, and descending at full speed it struck a small horse car at the foot of the incline, ploughed through one end of it and brought up against a trolley pole

The roof of the trolley fell in on the passengers. The stove upset and the vreck caught fire. J. R. Lamon, aged 29 years, conductor of the runaway car, suffered injuries which will necessitute the amputation of a leg and an arm, and may result in his death. The motorman and passengers were severely cut and bruised. The wreckage was

Book Paper Combine.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 20.-It is reported that the makers of book paper of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio have formed an association to stop the cutting prices and to fix a minimum price it is also said that eastern manufacturers may co-operate in the movement. Nearly every mill in the four states is represented and the action taken is one of the greatest importance.

Boy Murderer's Life Sentence. Barboursville, Ky., Dec. 20.-Isom Law

son, the 18-year-old boy who murdered his father on Brush Creek in this county, was given a life sentence in the penit lary this morning. Lawson killed parent, who was a minister, by striking him on the head with a hoe, because father had corrected him for some misde meanor.

Case of Money Stolen.

New York, Dec. 20 .- A case containing 500 in Mexican money, equal to about \$1,200 American, was stolen from the steamer City of Washington, arrived from Vera Cruz. The case was one of 103 consigned to a London firm. An investi-gation is under way.

End of a Gambler.

St. Joseph. Mo., Dec 20.—Jack McCune, a gambler, who killed William A. Albin round by Young Sikes, colored, of Phil-on the morning of August 6, committed adelphia, at the Trenton Athletic club to-suicide in the county jail today by taking

JOHN ANDERSON BEFORE THE COURT

The Murderous Cook of the Olive Pecker on Trial.

MEMBER OF THE CREW TESTIFIES.

Tells How Anderson Was Beaten by the Captain and then Relates the Awful Scenes That Followed. Other Members of the Crew Give Like Testimony.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.-The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, for the murder of Mate William Wallace Saunders, on the high eas in August last, was begun in the ederal court today. Anderson is also inder indictment for the murder of eptain Waitman and burning the ooner, but the prosecution elected bring the first trial for the murder the mate. Rapid progress was made day, and it is probable that the case be concluded temorrow

Attorney McIntosh, for the accused, outlining the defense, stated that he suld show that Anderson had been subjected to unheard of cruelties, and that the murders were committed in

A Norwegian member of the schoon-* crew, testified that he was at the heel during the whole affair. He saw Anderson throw water on the captain's leg on the morning of Aug. 6, the day the crime. He then heard the capain curse Anderson, after which follewed a noise as of some one falling He supposed the captain had struck Anderson, who came up and asked the mate to protect him. The mate said; "Go to h-, you've got enough any-way." Shortly after this, Anderson me out of the captain's cabin and alled the mate down out of the riging and shot him four times. He sum-

oned all hands and made them throw the body overboard. Then he made them go down into the cabin and get body of the captain and throw that rboard, after which he took the rew down into the captain's cabin and gave them some whiskey. His story of the burning of the vessel under Anderson's direction and the voyto land in the small boats varied

ttle from the published accounts. John Lind, a sailor on the Pecker, old essentially the same story as Bartad, except that he did not see Anerson shoot the mate. Anderson came p to him and told him that he had iled the captain and that the mate had to go too. The witness then went and called the watch, and while he as doing this he heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel, DISPOSAL OF THE BODIES.

Witness helped to throw the bodies and Anderson ursed the dead body of the mate peaking of the whiskey Anderson ive the crew, Lind said it was only alf a bottle and no one was drunk. The captain and mates were dead when rown overboard. Anderson fired three hots when the small boat left the urning schooner, though why he did witness could not say, Lind told w the crew drew lots to see who hould go together and his lot fell with hat of Anderson. He said Anderson hot the dog which came ashore in the cat, and on the way to Belmont sold captain's watch.

Andrew March another of the schoon 's crew, testified that he did not see killing of the mate, but heard Anrson say he had killed him. Witness as in his bunk at the time and heard derson call the mate down from aloft. He heard the conversation between Anderson and the mate and ard four shots, after which Andern said: "Come here, boys, and lower boat and put me ashore. The capin and mate are dead, and I am in harge of the ship." On cross-examnation March's testimony was not

Dan Di Dios Barrial did not see the hooting, but heard the shots. His story varied essentially from those of mates. Referring to his conversaon with Anderson after the tragedy, errial said Anderson took him uside and told him he (Anderson was)a murerer, but had killed the captain and rate to save their lives, and before they left the vessel they all would be nst as guilty as he. Barrial said he ged the cook not to burn the diconer.

Court adjourned until tomorrow. TRIES HARD TO GET TO JAIL.

A Convicted Man Whom the Officers Do Not Tare For-

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26.-Albert P. lickes, who, while out on ball, was avicted of real estate swindles and entenced to six years in Auburn te himself to prison, as the officers ave not gone for him. "If I can get Canandaigua I am certain I will

and someone who will take me to Au-

urn," said Wickes. If nobody shows up by Monday, I'm ing to walk down there. It's hard luck, that's what it is, being sent up r six years and then not being alowed to serve the sentence. broke, and Auburn is the only place f refuge for me. I want to kerve my time and have it over."

SCHOOL PUPILS STARVING.

Thousands of Children Have No Food and No Clothes.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.-Thousands of hool children are staving in Chicago. every school building in the city funds have been subscribed for food for the unfortunates, while children of well-to-do parents bring clothing for those who have none.

It has been discovered that more of the poverty exists on the west, northwest and southwest sides of the city then elsewhere. In cases where the children come to school hungry they receive a warm, wholesome dinner, and then their needs as to clothing are ascertained.

Rateliffe's Defense.

New York, Dec. 20.-Additional testi-mony for the defense was heard today in the trial of Actor E. J. Ratcliffe, charged with brutally treating his wife. The case will go on again tomorrow.

FAIRY TALE SHATTERED

The German Government Has no Idea of Interfering at Hawaii.

Washington, Dec. 20.-The assertion that the German fleet under Prince Henry will go to Samon and Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situation for the United States, is ridiculed in all official quarters here. When the reports were called to the attention of German representatives thes laughed heartfly at the idea of a German diversion against Samoa or Ha-wall. Nothing of this kind has ever een considered. The German fleet will go to China via the Sucz canal, and its destination is Kiao Chou Bay, Ger many, the United States and Great Britain are parties to a tripartie at rangement for the government of Sa moa, and although the plan has not proved satisfactory there has been no ecent friction, and at no time a con dition which would call for a nava

Germany has taken no interest in the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, and her only interests there are those of the 1,400 German citizens, who form a considerable part of the wealthy sugar planting community.

M'KINLEY ON CIVIL SERVICE.

It is Said He Has Not Seriously Con-

sidered the Question. Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house civil service committee, had an extended conference with the president today about the operation of the civil service law. The president is. rvailing himself of the opportunity to talk freely with senators and representatives concerning the law, and the effort that is now being made to seare its modification.

He is being urged to except some positions that are now in the classified ervier, but at the White House it is said that he has not yet seriously considered the question of modifying the

STRIKE AT COTTON MILL.

Establishment of the Royal

Weaving Company is Idle. Pawtucket, R. I., Dec, 20,-The rouble between the weavers and management of the Royal Weaving company, which existed since the 16 per cent. reduction in wages was announced to take place, culminated today in the virtual discharge of the weavers because of a refusal to comply with an order from Manager Ott, abodying a request by the company o have several cotton weavers taught the business.

The mills, which employ about 250 hands, will have to close.

BABY'S LISP MAY HANG TWO. A Husband and His Friend Jailed for

Wife Murder.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Chris Merry charged with the murder of his wife, and James Smith, an alleged accomolice, arrived in Chicago today from Princeton, Ky., where they were ar-Both men were confronted by Joseph Hickey, upon whose confession ienied any knowledge of Mrs. Merry's

The prattle of Merry's baby boy, chom he left at a neighbor's, revealed the crime.

CIGARETTES AND SUICIDE.

Sad Pate of Peter S. McMahon of Albany.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 20,-Peter S. McMahan, of Albany, crazed by cigarette smoking, committed suicide here day. He was about 20 years old. He oft a note giving his name and also the following: "Brother Dan, please quit smoking for my sake. You don't know what I suffer-Pete. Cigarettes is the cause of this. I have been crazy or a week. Good-bye."

McMahon had stood in front of a mirror and fired a bullet through his heart,

REINDEER ORDERED.

They Will He Used in Getting Supplies to Klondike Miners.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Secretary Al er today cabled to William A. Kjelman, the chief government reindect erdsman, who is in Alten, Norway, o inform the war department immediately how soon 600 reindeer can be shipped to this country.

These are wanted for use as draught n the Klondike region.

Honors For Dr. Zertucha.

Havana, Dec. 2).—Dr. Zertucha, who was the physician of the late General Antonio Macso, has been appointed may-or of Hejucal, this province. Zertucha has belonged in his day to all the politiparties in Cuba. At one time he was a bandin in the Vuelta Abajo, and his res-ord was very discreditable. At the time the famous Cuban commander was killed, Zertucha was charged with leading hin and his party into the fatal ambush.

Colored Forger Was Desperate. Princeton, Ind., Dec. 22.-A colored boy named Decker tried to pass a forged

check for \$15.50 today on the Farmers' bank, signed by Charles Howard, trustee of White River township. While the bank officials were making inquiry he made his escape. Marshal Murphy purbot, of the dlocese of Idaho and Wyo sued him and the boy shot and mortally wounded him.

Convention of Mine Workers

Hazieton, Pa., Dec. 29.—It is announced today that a convention of mine workers is to be held in this city on Thursday evening, at which some of the officers of the United Mine Workers, who have been active in this section, will be present Questions pertaining to the interests of the coal miners will be discussed.

Tammany Primaries.

New York, Dec. 20,-The chief general committee of Tamamany Hall met tonight and decided that the primaries of the or-anization should be held on December 28. A motion to continue the present execu-tive committee was passed unanimously. Neither Richard Croker nor John S. Sheehan was present at the meeting.

"Reddy" Connolly Varquished. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 20.-Paddy Sheehan, of South Bethlehem, knocked out "Reddy" Connelly, of Carbondale, in a sharp twelve-round fight at Nanticoke tonight.

INQUIRY AS TO CIVIL SERVICE

Testimony of Commissioner of Pensions Evans.

AN EXPERT OPINION OF THE LAW

Commissioner Evans Thinks That it Does Not Accomplish What Was Expected of It -- He Believes the Hend of a Department Should Not Be Hampered in the Matter of Removals of Clerks for Inefficiency.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Commissioner of Pensions Evans today appeared before the senate committee on civil service and retrenchment, which is conducting an investigation into the ope ration of the civil service commission. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so-called "spoils system. They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing. The pension examining boards, he said, ught not to be in the classified service, as it was desirable to secure men s members of such boards who had wide surgical experiencs—army experence, if possible-and such men would not enter into competition for the places with young men just out of colege. He thought, however, that the entire system of appointing the boards was wrong and that all of them ought o be under a uniform system of appointment. The commissioner believed that the head of a bureau was the best allfied person to pass upon the effelency of a clerk, and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so, he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force.

LIMIT TO TENURE OF OFFICE. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office not exeding ten years, so that every year about 10 per cent, of new blood could be infused into the force. This would do away with the abuses resulting from some clerks remaining in office too long. The commissioner thought that some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list. He wied it was a mistake to include in the classified service the special examiners, medical boards, chiefs of divisions and all others receiving salaries

exceeding \$1,400. The committee appointed at the house civil service conference ten days ago to draft modifications of the civil the various bills pending before the Playing the role of a highwayman, he house. The committee expects to have a measure framed by the time congress | nate woman's head and demanded meets next month. Its members are pposed to the present law as includ-

ing too many offices within its scope, KID M'COY INJURED.

they were arrested, but they stoutly Struck on the lieud With a Club by John McGinniss.

New York, Dec. 29.-John (Kid) Mc-Coy, the noted ex-burglar, whose record is known to the police of all countries, was struck on the head with a club and probably fatally injured to-The men a bowery lodging house, quarreled because McCoy said that the reputation of the house was not good . and he would not allow his wife to work there. McGinniss threw McCoy down a flight of stairs and then struck him on the head with a heavy club. causing hemorrhage of the brain. Mc-Coy was taken to a hospital and Mc-

Ginniss was arrested. Lately McCoy has earned a precarious living by selling locks. At one time he took part in a realistic drama called the "Stowaway," in which he and Spike Hennessey cracked a on the stage. Norman Shelby, the Indiana pugllist, it is said, after witnessing a performance of the "Stowaway, announced that thereafter he would call himself "Kid McCoy," and he has ever since appeared in the ring under

that name. EXPLOSION OF CELLULOID.

Two Boxes Filled With Combs are

Blown up on the Elevated Road New York, Dec. 20,-Two pasteboard oxes filled with celluloid combs came inimals ingetting supplies to theminers | in contact with the steam pipe of a car on the Sixth avenue elevated road today and exploded with great force while the train was standing at a station. Two men were hurt and three women fainted and had to be carried

out of the car. There was a panic in the car, but the There was a panic in the car, but the fact that when the accident occurred the car was stationary and the gates that he may die. They were standing were open operated to avoid disastrous results.

BISHOP TALBOT'S TRANSFER.

It is Approved by the Standing Committee of the Delaware Dioceso. Wilmington, Dec. 20.-The standing ommittee of the Protestant Episco pul diocese of Delaware today approved

ming, to the position of bishop of the

the transfer of Bishop Ethelbert

diocese of Central Pennsylvania, to succced the late Bishop Rulison. The committee also voted consent to the consecration of Rev. W. N. Me-Vickar, D. D., of Holy Trinity church. Philadelphia, as coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Rhode Island.

Suicide of a Lunatic.

Chicago, Dec. 20-John stogan, a patient at the Cook county insane asylum and brother of the widely known sporting man, Malachai Hogan, committed suicide last night in a peculiar manner. He cluded the vigilance of the guards, and going to the bath room picked up a dust pan and drow the ragged end or it across his throat, severing the wind-pipe and veins of his throat.

Long Nuit Abandoned.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20,-The long ending suit of Godfrey Morse and others against the Bay State Gas company to compel the defendants to show cause why nterest on bonds had not been paid, has been discontinued. The bonds in ques-tion amounted to over \$2,000,000. The men fought at 150 pounds for a \$290

NEW JEWISH SOCIETY.

Formed for the Purpose of Assisting Indigent Hebrews in Palestine.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20 .- A certificate of incorporation was filed today with the secretary of state by "the American Congregation, the Pride of Jerusalem." Its principal headquarters is to be in New York city and it is in tended to carry on operations throughout the United States and Canada. The object of the organization is to aid and assist indigent and needy Jews of all nationalities resident in Jerusalem and Palestine by means of dues, donations and collections from receptacles bearthe Hebrew words "Rabbi Meyer Ball Ha Nes," or an abbreviation there-of—"Rambahn." These receptacles are to be placed in the homes of throughout the United States and Canada and in the synagogues. The money is to be forwarded to the main organ ization in Jerusalem called "Kollel American Tiphereth, Jerusalem," and under the supervision of Rabbi Joshua L. Disuin and the United States con-

sul at Jerusalem. It is also proposed to encourage and aid the so-called Zionistic movement and to support, furnish and equip pilgrims from the United States to Jerusalem and Palestine n connection with that movement.

LIZZIE DE KALB'S CONFESSION.

She Claims to Have Been Hypnotized .- Story of the Murder of Mrs.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 20.-Lizzie De-Kalb, who is to have a hearing with James A. Clemmer, tomorrow, on the charge of complicity in the murder of action by the officers of the Las Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser, for which Villas department makes the opposi-Charles O. Kaiser, husband of the victim, is under death sentence, has made a confession to her counsel. She says that for three years Clemmer has wielded a hypnotic influence over her. She met him in November, 1894, and although she knew him to be a married man, his influence was such that he induced her to live with him, and they took a house in Philadelphia, under the name of her, and Mrs. Moore,

On October 28, 1896, Clemmer percuaded her to go driving with him. When they reached a certain point on the road where the crime was committed he left her for a few minutes. She heard two shots fired and presently Clemmer returned. His hands and clothing were bloody. They went together to Philadelphia, where he told her he had shot Mrs. Kaiser and gave her all the details of his meeting with Kaiser and his wife in another carriage by previous arrangement with the husband.

Clemmer, the confession continues, stated that he approached the buggy ago to draft modifications of the civil from the left side. This brought him service law met today and went over directly to where Mrs. Kaiser sat. presented a revolver at the unfortumoney. Kaiser had told him that his wife always carried money, which she had gotten from home, and the agreement was that he and Kalser were to

At the sight of the revolver Mrs. Kaiser screamed. She shrunk from the pistol muzzle, leaned towards her husband for protection, but none came from that quarter. Then realizing that her doom was sealed, Mrs. Kaiser resumed her cries.

Clemmer, stepping between the wheels of the buggy, pressed the reday, by John McGinniss, proprietor of volver against his victim's head and pulled the trigger. Mrs. Kaiser's blood spurted from the wound and reddened Clemmer's hands and cuffs. He then seized Mrs. Kalser's watch and chain, which Miss DeKalb took

The couple returned to the Philadelphia house and later went through New Jersey and Pennsylvania, working separately at various places until arrested.

New Italian Cabinet.

Rome, Dec. 20.-In the enumber of dep ties today the Marcuis di Rudini on nounced the formation of the new cabinet and the debate on the subject was opened. A vote will be taken tomorrow. After criticisms upon the composition of the ministry, Signor Colombo, former minister of the treasury, submitted a resclution of want of confidence in the new government, but the chamber rejected it by a vote of 290 against 1st.

Suit Against a Preasurer.

graska, by the attorney general, filed civil suit today against ex-Treasurer Bartley, and his bendsmen, for \$325,000. This is the amount which Bartley is charged with embezziling of the public school fund during his first two years in office and is one

of a number of similar suits.

Fireman Killed. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—William Rackus and John Thomas, Lehigh Valley fire-men, were struck by the engine of a passbeside their engine and did not notice the being injured.

approach of the express train. This May Be Thorn. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 29.-A colored nan, supposed to be Charles Thorn, the

suspected murderer of George D. Farra was captured at Middletown tonight. He

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Rain or Snow

- General-Cuban Patriots Renew Atteglance to Cupan Libre. Commissioner of Pen Pensions Evans View of Civil Service. Murderous Cook on Trial for a Crime on the High Sca. The Partition of China.
- State-Runaway Freight at Altoona Does Much Damage. Local-Lackawanna County Taxes.
- Editorial. Comment of the Press.
- On the Way to the Klondike. Local-Board of Trade Nominates til-
- Banks Will Receive Money Orders as Deposits. Local-Twelfth Anniversary of
- John's Society A "Living Mermaid." Local-West Side and Suburban.
- 9 Lackawanna County News. 10 Neighboring County News, The Markets.

RENEWING **ALLEGIANCE**

Patriots Cuban Make Known Their Opposition to Antonomy.

FILIBUSTERS IN FLORIDA

Three Vessels Under Suspicion at Pensacola.

Authorities on the Alert .- Cruises Montgomery Preparing for a Chase. Revenue Cutter's Crew Augmented by Armed Men .- Prompt Measures to be Taken.

New York, Dec. 20.-Copies of a statement signed by the officers of the fourth army corps of the Cuban army. perating in the department of Las Villas, renewing allegience to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city today. This action by the officers of the Las tion to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers. The

stat ment says, in part "We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain, and is in itself a triumph for our arms. Our fighting attitude will continue just as t is today until our unfortunate country is made free.

'We will accept no other settlement

than that based upon absolutely independence, which must be agreed to with our government, and the assembly of representatives," Among the signers are Juan Maso Parra, brigadier general of the first di-

vision, and Calixto Garcia, adjutant

LOOKING FOR FILIBUSTERS. Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 18 .- On board the United States steamship Montgomery there was considerable activity resterday, owing to information received by the commander that some vessels in the barbor were being fitted out for fillbustering. The fires on board the cruiser were started and preparations for getting under way, if neces-

The crew of the cruiser worked in conjunction with that of the revenue cutter Penrose. Late yesterday afternoon the Montgomery sent a squad of armed men, in charge of an officer, on board the Penrose. The cruiser mated out reveral of her boats with guns. ammunition and armed crews to patrot the harbor, while the Penrose did duty outside, around Warrington, The beats of the Montgomery have orders to fire two blank charges to bring to any suspected vessel, and if the vessel refuses to stop, a loaded shell is to be

fired. The Somers N. Smith, a pilot boat, a vessel called the Britannia and a schooner are loading here under offi-cial supervision. The Smith is said to have run the revenue service surveilto Pottsville the next day and con- lance several times, with fillibustering expeditions, having escaped the Montgomery once, and as she came in from sea on Thursday night and has been taking on board all day long a cargo of some description, an unusual proseeding for a pilot boat, the Montgomery intends to follow her as soon as

she gets under way. The Britannia and the schooner have also been taking a cargo of boxes, supposed to be ammunition, etc., on board, and it is reported that the Dauntless is waiting some where outside the bar in order to ship the munitions at sea. It will thus be seen that a well-organized expedition to Cuba is appara

GONTROLLING CHAINS BROKE.

ently being equipped liere.

Mears Building Elevator Took a Very Sudden Drop. The controlling chains on one of the

elevators in the Mears building broke yesterday when the cage had reached the seventh story and allowed it drop into the basement at a rapid rate of speed. Air cushions at the bottom of the

elevator shaft prevented William Deipre, the elvator boy, and a lady who was a passenger in the cage from Unges Erduced. Manchaster, N. H., Dec. 29.—Notices of 10 per cent, reduction in wages on Jan-

mary I have been posted in the Amory, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills in tals The Ameskeng nulls, employing The Amory, Stark and Jefferson mills employ 11,000 operatives.

William Olcott's Appointment. New York, Dec. 29.—District Attorney William K. Olcott, of New York county, oday announced that he had recepted the appointment by Governor Black as a indge of the city court to till the unexnired term of Mayor-elect Robert A. Van Wyck. The term is for one year and the

Steamship Arrivals.

salary \$10,000 a year.

New York, Doc. 20.—Cleared: Sante, Bremen and Southampton, Queenstown.— Sailed: Etruria, New York, Gibrattar.— Sailed: Werra, from Genea and Naples, New York.

The Herald's Weather Porecast.

New York, Dec 21.—In the middle states and New England today electing weather and slightly higher temperature will prevail, preceded in the morning by fog and rain on the coasts, with fresh yarlable winds, mostly westerny, followed by a slight fall in temperature, and in New England rain, with higher temperature and variable winds, clearing at neon. On Wednesday in both of these sections, fair weather and light westerly winds will prevail with slightly lower, followed by rlaing temperature,