



SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1897.

General Merriam, commander of the de-partment of the Columbia, requesting him to come to Vancouver, Wash., for

the purpose of consultation with regard to the best route for the Klondike relief

TWO CENTS

IS DENIED

THE CRISIS IN CHINA **EXCITING RIDE ON A RUNAWAY CAR**

British Warships Sup- the officers of the government, thus inuring a satisfactory conduct of the enterprise. port the Claims of

Their Consul.

JAPAN IS ALSO AROUSED

Alarm at Russia's Advance in the Flowery Kingdom.

Seventeen English Battleships Are Off Chemulpo, Corea, to Sustain a Protest Against the Yielding of the Government of Corea Into the Hands of the Russian Minister. Japan Offers to Postpone the Payment of Her War Indemnity.

London, Dec. 27 .- A special dispatch from Shanghal says:

"It is reported that seventeen British warships are off Chemulpo, Corea, southwist of Scoul, supporting the British consuls protest, really amounting to an ultimatum, against the king's practically yielding the government of Corea into the hands of the Russian mnister.

"The protest is especially directed the dismissal of McLeavy against Brown, British adviser to the Corean customs, in favor of the Russian nomince. The news has produced consternation at Scoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty warships awaiting the result of the British representation that Japan fully supports, Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Corea, and it is believed that she will oppose them.

According to advices from Tokio, Japan has offered to assist the officers at Pekin in drilling the Chinose army and to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity. Many of the viceroys and Pekin officials favor the proposal.

According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghal, it is reported there, from reliable sources, that the British force landed at Chemulpo on Saturday and caused the reinstatement of McLeavey Brown. The same dispatch refers to "a native rumor that the Union Jack has been hoist d on an island in the mouth of the river Yang-Tse-Kiang.

The provisions, he says, would be sold wherever miners are able to buy, at prices in the ratio of one to two in summer and winter respectively, Mr. Boyle asks on winter respectively, Mr. Boyle asks on the part of the government that he be re-imbursed after the enterprise shall have been consummated for the money he spent for provisions, with a nominal profit added to pay him for his trouble. He insists that his scheme is not a money-making one and promises to enter into such a contract with the governmen is will proclude the idea of great per of-

sonal advantage. The government of-ficials have given Mr. Boyle no decisive answer to his proposition. MICHAEL'S VICTORY EASY

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Miles.

The Englishman Chase Hardly in day. the Race--Eight Thousand Persons See the Welshman Win the Thirty-Mile Race at Madison Square Garden -- The New Comer

Outclassed. New York, Dec. 26.-An enthusiastic crowd of about 8,000 persons gathered at Madison Square Garden last night to see special programme of cycling events. The chief feature ways and the special programme of the special programme of the special program is the special program of the special program of

The chief feature was a thirty-mile match between Jimmy Michael, middle-distance champion, and Arthur A. Chase. escribed as middle-distance champion The word match was a misnomer, as Chase was "never in it." He was a good mile astern before half the distance had

The latest rival of the Welshman had everal legitimate excuses to offer. He cas poorly mounted, carelessly paced and dollars.

had a couple of falls, the last of which put him clean cut of the game. The winner showed remarkable speed or ten miles, but subsequent delays res-ued the records from any threatening hall was falling, but as the motorman The track was the old one remodelled so

that the banking had a patch of twelve feet. To prevent tumbles into space at either end guard rails of rope were con-structed, and they filled the bill admir-The circuit was said to represent oneenth of a mile, good measure. That it was fast is shown by the times.

and it will probably be retained as the standard during the season. The star performers were preceded on

the track by a veritable host of pace-makers mounted on tandems. makers mounted on tandems. Thirty-mile race-Between James Mil-chael, middle-distance champion of Am-erict, and Arthur A. Chase, middle-dis-tance champion of England. Michael ied

at every mil-Time. Miles. M. S.

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.44 off a giant telegraph pole at the ground, dragging down a sheet iron

Conductor and Motorman Are Terribly Injured. THE VEHICLE IS A TOTAL WRECK.

On An ley Track the Car Becomes morning. Unmanageable and Dashes Downa Steep Hill at a Frightful Rate. While Making a Curve It Leaves the Track and Strikes a Brick Wall.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26,-Three perans were injured today in a runnway trolley car crash on the Roxborough, Chestnut Hill and Norristown road at Wissablekon, the circumstances being strikingly similar to those accompany-

ing the fatal accident on the Wissahickon and Manayunk road, last Mon-The injured are: Conductor William Webster, disloca-

tion of the left hip, general contusions of the body and limbs and a badly lacerated face. Motorman William Wilfong, contu-

sions of the left arm and extensive lacerations of the scalp. George Dorwart, 51 years old, passenger, compound fracture of his nose. There were three other passengers on

the cars but they escaped with only slight bruises. While the company will not sustain as much loss as its rival did last week, the damage done outside of the building into which the car crashed at the northwest corner of Ridge avenue and Osborne street, will

probably foot up to several hundred The accident occurred about 6.15 a. m., when it was still dark. The car was No. 14, the first out on Sunday morning. When the car left the depot

had little difficulty in the upper end of the line, he anticipated no danger when he struck the top of the long halfmile hill that extends from Hermit lane to Wissahickon street. Conductor Webster, nevertheless, had gone to the front platform at Shurr's lane, to be there in case he was needed. There

was plenty of sand, but the heavy car got a start and from that moment gained rapidly in speed. CAR LEAVES THE TRACK.

The men in front labored with all their strength to check it, but by that

time the four passengers inside had realized that they were running at an inordinate rate. On a nearly level stretch there they checked the speed a little, but about a square below, in swinging around a curve the wheels left the rails, and the car ran over the paving stones toward the curb and up onto the sidewalk, on its way snapping

Had it not been for the telegraph pole

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Louis A. Cook, Yale, vs. David T. Dana,

JAPANESE DIET REOPENED.

With all the World.

Games

player in the sories

Hewins, Harvard.

follows:

the best route for the Klondike relief expedition now organizing. Dalton, who has spent years in Alaska and who has the reputation of being the most experi-enced packer in the territory, has con-sented to impart his information to the general, and left on this morning's train for Vancouver. W. S. Gardiner, one of the last miners to come out over Dalton trail, arriving in Scattle yesterday, was also requested to visit the general on the same Part of China. NAVAL STORIES ARE requested to visit the general on the same He accompanied Dalton this

The London Standard Sets Forth the **Present Remarkable Complication** While these men are somewhat reticent, it is understood they do not look fa vorably on the scheme to employ reindee in European Politics -- Russia and Germany Do Not Favor a Conferand are more inclined to well trained dogs and pack horses, that have been accus-tomed to trails. Gardiner says that in ence on the Chinese Question -- An coming out it was very had packing part of the way until they reached Lake La-barge, when it was much improved. On Austrian Newspaper Enlarges on the Advantages of an Occupation of the lower river the ice had frozen in hummocks, which would have to be lev-China.

elled in order to permit the passage o large sled trains. The government is not advertising for proposals for relief goods.

WATCHING FOR FILIBUSTERERS.

The Cutter Seaward and Cruiser Montgamery are Floating About Mobile Ready to Pounce Upon the Pilot Boat Somers N. Smith.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 26 -- If pilot boat Somers N. Smith, of Pensaeola, gets out of this port with a filloustering expedition this port with a infoasiering expedition she will have to run over the cutter Seaward in the river and a cruis-er off the bar, The Smith was here in August last, was docked and blackleaded and had a speed wheel put in and also took off the figure 3 from her smoke stack and went to sen at night, bound, rumor afterward said, to Cuba today with eighty men on board and a lot of arms and ammunition. No trace of this expedition was afterwards found, howver, and William Bazel, commodore of the Pensacola Pilots' association, pre-sumably the owner of the tug, denied emphatically that the Smith was in the filibustering business. Two weeks ago the tug re-appeared in Pensacola and came by ediately under suspicion, the papers there saying the cruiser Montgomery was on watch over her. The papers also said the Smith needed docking for repairs, but that the Mobile docks were too busy to take her. Nevertheless she arrived here Thursday and immediately went on the Mobile ways to be re-painted. The manager of the ways says the paint on her does not need renewing and is just as good as when put on four months ago.

She is to have been followed as far as this port by the cruiser Montgomery. Telegraphic orders were sent here through Mobile last night and the col-boror was notified to be on the bookout lector was notified to be on the lookout for fillbusters.

United States Marshal Simmons went on board the tug today and had the boat searched, but nothing suspicious was found. Bazel, who is here with the Smith, says there is no intention of filbustering and that she is merely here for repairs. The cutter Buaward dropped down the river this afternoon and came to anchor just opposite the exit of the marine ways and lies there with steam up and keeping an eye on the Smith. Persons from the lower bay report that the cruiser has been off the bar for the verses which the auspicious gallantry of its army has failed to avert to reduce the sphere of its activity abroad

and smoke. The paint is now peeling off her sides; while gangs of men are land-ing the cattle, almost maddened with THE ORIENT heat. Captain Humphreys admits that he ould not have controlled the fire twentyfour hours longer. Holes are now being cut in her sides to admit more steam pipes, in the hope of having the fire sub-Great Britain Will Not Try to Annex a dued by Tuesday, when the cotton will be discharged until the heat of the fire is reached. Nearly me entire cargo was DOUBTED damaged.

KENTUCKY TURNPIKE WAR.

the provisions were all spolled by steam

Tribune.

Raiders Put Toll Gate Guards to Flight. Flemingsburg, Ky., Dec, 26,-Five negro guards sent to protect a toll-gate near here on the Maysville pike Friday night were attacked by raiders and put to flight. The toll house was set on fire, but the green boards would not burn. One negro received two buckshot in his neck. As for as it is known more of the neck. As far as it is known none of the

raiders were hurt. Turn pike officials may ask the governor for troops to protect their property.

AN AGED COUPLE BRUTALLY MURDERED

Milton Neal and His Wife are Shot to Death by an Unknown Assassin. Friends Unve a Clue to Work Upon.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.-Milton Neal and its aged wife were shot to death by an mknown assassin at their home near Jacksonville, nine miles southwest o here, some time during Christmas. Their bodies were found at 9 o'clock that night by their son, Harry, who was passing he house and stopped to pay a Christma call on his parents, Neal was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of the vicinity in which he lived. Officers

are today scouring the country for the murderer, but as yet he has not been apprehended. When young Neal tried to nter his parents' home he found the loor locked. He forced his way h through the cellar and on entering the sitting room a horrible sight met him. On a chair near the window lay the form of his mother, her face entirely blown away. At her feet was all that remained of her husband and a ghastly hole in the middle of his head told the tale of his inurder. At his side lay a double-barreled shot gun, the implement of death. All of the walls, ceilings and furniture in the room were spatiered with blood, and on the ceiling was a good sized dent in which was impeded a piece of the murlered woman's skull.

For a time there was a suspicion of sulcide, but as the facts in the case de-veloped the murder theory gained strength. The woman was killed with Such is the lucky magnetism of the Muscovite autocracy that Austria permits itself to forswear its distrust and bird shot; the husband with buck shot. There were no marks of powder on his face, something which, it is said, would lismiss, for the time being, my extreme apprehension about the Balkan ave been impossible to avoid had suicide seen committed with a shot gun. There peninsula, But Austria-Hungary is itelf rent by internecine disputes which, to those who watch with admiration nothing to indicate that the crime was committed for plunder, as in Mr. Neal's pocket was a \$10 bill, and a \$20 bill lay and gratitude the noble devotion of the emperor-king, appear to threaten

on the top of a dresser. The friends say they have a clue upon which they will at once begin work to the cohesion of the vast fabric that is held together by his personal influrace the murderer. "Italy meanwhile is forced by re

BODY BURNED AFTER MURDER.

and husband its resources at home. Florida Cattleman Assassinated and Great Britain, because it refuses t

REGARDING CONCENTRADOS Their Condition is Still to Be Deplored.

SCOVEL YARN

The Correspondent Has

Not Been Hanged by

Insurgents.

A Relief Fund of \$100,000 Will Hardly Give the Sufferers Twenty Cents Each -- Numerous Robberies and Stabbing Affrays Occur at Havana .- Insurgents Burn Cornfields and Strip Clothing from Residents. Weyler's Friends Become Intoxicated on Christmas and Raise a Rumpus at Havana.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., Dec. 26, Rumors which have been circulated Fore that Sylvester Scovel, a New York newspaper correspondent, had been hanged by the insurgents, are untrue. It is reported that he and Senor Rafael Madrigal, the American conzul at Sancti Spiritus, were the bearers of an important dispatch from President McKinley to "President" Masso and General Gomez.

Generally sneaking, the condition of the concentratos is as pitiful as it was during the administration of Lieutenant General Weyler, despite Captain General Blanco's relief decrees. A re-Hef fund of \$100,000 will hardly give the sufferers twenty cents each. La Luchs demands that the amounts expended by municipal authorities for the relief of the destitute inhabitants be published.

During the last month numerous robberies and stabbing affrays are reported to have occurred in Havana. These outrages are ascribed to the return to Havana from Ceuta prison of the "Nanigos" who have been pardoned for political offenses under recent decrea

It is officially stated that many canefields in Havana province have been burned by the insurgents. It is reported that Brigadier Aranguren was at Cuanabacca night before last. A party of insurgents, it is reported, unofficially, recently dynamited a culver

and bridge midway between Sagua

It is reported that in various en-

gagements with the insurgents the

forces of General Pando have suffered

considerable losses. The column for

several days was short of provisions.

owing to the vigorous resistance made

by the insurgents to the advance of

the Spanlards and the many impedi-

Pando's exact losses are not known,

owing to difficulty of communication.

the heligraphic towers at Guisa hav-

INSURGENTS SEIZE CLOTHING.

ana province, while foraging a few

days ago, were surprised by a band

of insurgents who stripped them of their clothing. The insurgents have

burned the canefields on the estate of

Senor Cardenas at Calabaza Sagua,

near Minas. While a number of insur-

gents were carrying a case containing

dynamite in the province of Puerto

ing seven of the party and wounding

e, large crowds of Spaniards assem-

bled in Central park and indulged in

dancing, singing and other forms of

amusement. A large number of those

present, becoming intoxicated, began

o make demonstrations and to shout

"Viva Weyler," "Vivi Espana," "Viva

Union Constitutional." "Down With

Autonomy" and other disturbing crics.

The police were summoned and upon

their arrival ordered the crowd to dis-

perse. No attention was paid to their

orders, and, the officers being reinfore-

ed, guards were stationed in all the

avenues in the vicinity of the park.

In the meanwhile the groups in the

park continued their shouting and

demonstration, compelling the cavalry,

a detachment of which had been sum-

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 27.-In the middle tates and New England, today, tair to

moned to the scene, to charge upon

Several of the police were

Principe, the dynamite exploded, kill-

Eighty residents of Bejucal, in Hav-

General

ments placed in their way.

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and Remdior.

From the Sun. London, Dec. 25 .- The story of a combined naval demonstration by England and Japan finds few believers. The Japanese would have nothing to gain thereby, as the British concern is entirely for the commercial position which may result from seizing a port for a naval station. But certainly Great Britain will not attempt to occupy and administer a tract of Chinese territory. With the present object lesson of India staring it in the face, the

THE TANGLE IN

British government is not in a mood for ranexing and governing a few more millions of Orientals, even if it had the chance, which it is not likely to get. Even the government's mouthpiece, the Standard, does not seek to put an optimistic coloring upon the present situation. It says ' an article

"We have for Christmas contemplation one of the most singular tangles that have ever tried the patience and perspicacity of diplomatic experts. The Eastern ouestion in Europe, as effected the system of Continental alliances, was baffling enough in its intricacy, Republican France, from mere fear of Germany, or from a desire for revenge, became the sworn friend of despotic Russia. But while the Czar is full of grace and enthusiasm toward President Faure, he has also the lan-guage of sympathetic, warm friendship and close understanding to offer the German emperor.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

The Pekin correspondent of the Times says: "The government refuses to place the Likin under foreign control as security for a loan proposed by the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank and asserts that unless the loan is procurable without this condition arrange ments will forthwith be made for Russian guaranteed four per cent, loan of 100,000,000 taels to be issued at 93 net

"The security would be the land tax which would remain under Chinese administration. China in return would give Russia a monopoly of the railroads and mines north of the great wall, open a port as a terminus for railway (trans-Siberian), and would agree that a Russian should succeed Sir oRbert Hart as director of Chinese im perial maritime customs. If these conditions should be permitted. British trade interest would suffer severe

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "The sloop Phoenix sailed today (Sunday) under orders to join skilled in all kinds of fancy needlework. the British squadron. The utmost se creey is preserved with regard to the latter's movements, but gozsip here suggests that its destination is Ta-Lien-Wan." Sec.

THAT INDEMINTY YARN.

The Secretary of State Denies the Rumor.

Washington, Dec. 26-Secretary of Stab Sherman was seen tonight regarding tory cabled from Mudrid to the effect that the United States had demanded of Spain \$8,000,000 indemnity to American traders for damages sustained during the rebellion in Cuba. The secretary stated that if any such demand had been made had not heard of it.

Judge Day, assitant secretary of state id: "As far as I know, there is abso thid: lutely nothing in the story. Some one may have attempted to foot up all the in-dividual claims that have been filed but even on that suposition I should not at tempt to say their estimate was correct." At the Spanish legation it was said that no information had been received of any such action. The legation had heretofore been notified of the filing of all individual claims but it was thought improbable that any claim in bulk would be made.

NEWPORT NEWS LIVELY,

Celebration of Christmas Marked by Shooting Affrays and Scraps.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 25.-The cele-bration of Christmas in this city was productive of five shooting affravs beides numberless street fights and cutting scraps. The most serious of the wounds was received by Charles McElroy, who will probably die. In a quarrel over a woman Ernest Saunders fitted three times d McElroy, two of the bullets taking ef-

The participants in the other affray: were negroes who resorted to the use of pistols in a general melee in the negro ction of the city. The wounded men are Edgar Scott, Charles Thornton, A. Warden and Sam Wilson.

KIONDIKE RELIEF.

Jack Datton Will Advise Gen. Merriman About the Expedition Route. Washington, Dec. 25.-J. W. Boyle, the promoter of the snow locomotive as a means of opening up a route to the Alas ka gold fields, has a new proposition which he explained yesterday to General Nelson A. Miles at the war department. Mr. Boyle proposes that the government urchase his locomotive outfit, and that he himself purchase sixty tons of provis-ions to be carried to the miners. He ould place the expedition in charge of | eye.

street, while his conductor was all but

Steamer Harlequin Ashore.

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buried in the mass of wreckage on the Nassau, N. P., Dec. 26.-The schooner Harlequin, which was previously reportfront platform. The two firemen who had escaped, hurried to lend their ased, went ashore on the reef near Rum-cay, Bahamas, on the 12th, became a total sistance, Yaeeker caring for the mo torman and McGeehan extricating the The crew and mate were saved conductor, who was then most serious-The vessel was owned in New York. The British man-of-war Patridge went to ner assitunce and spent several hours in a ly hurt, and was in great pain. brother, Frederick Banham, who, with effort to float her. The schooner other residents of the locality had been was in ballast. wakened by the noise of the crash, ar-

Mrs. Silva Dies ar the Age of 110.

rived on the scene, and opened his San Francisco, Dec. 25.-Mrs. Madeline Rita Silva, 110 years of age, died at the tore to receive the injured. None of their injuries will result fatally. It was several hours before residence of her daughter, near Pleas-anton, on Wednesday. The old lady had the damaged car could be extricated lived in Alameda county about twenty from the mass of debris and retracked. cars and was born in the Azore Islands. For the past two years Mrs. Silva had Nearly the entire dasher, front platform and vestibule and a part of the seen quite feeble and was bedridden most of the time, but up to her 108th birthday she was in the best of health and was roof were wreeked. When the car struck the telegraph pole it was with such force as to turn it half around

Decree Against Huron.

"oux Fails, S. D., Dec. 25.-Judge Car-land, of the federal court, has entered a have been partly demolished. fecree of judgment against the city of luron for \$56,000 and interest in a suft grought by the holders of school bonds recover their face value. The town of The Sixth Series of Intercollegiate furon sought to repudiate payment faiming the bonds were illegally issued cause the legal amount of indebtednes intercollegiate chess tournament will be-gin tomorrow afternoon at the Columbia eded. The bonus were held by eastern banks.

Killed by a Deputy Sher. S

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 26-Deputy Sheriff Stanton McWilliams shot and killed Edley Heard at Dunlap, Tenn., yes terday. The deputy had arrested Heard's brother who had disturbed a church festival. Edley Heard met the deputy later and threw a stone at him where-upon McWilliams resented the assault with his revolver with a fatal result.

El amparcial Wants Ships.

George O. Seward, Columbia, vs. Will-Madrid, Dec. 28.-Today El Imparcial arges that, in view of the character of lam W. Young, Princeton, William M. Murdoch vs. Elmer E. William the reply of United States Minister Woodford to the note of the Spanish gov-Southard, Harvard. Play will begin at 2 o'clock and be conernment to the first communication of the American government through him, it is necessary to increase the Spanish fleet there against the eventuality of a conflict until 10 o'clock. with the United States.

Striking Engineers.

London, Dec. 25.-The outcome of the allot of the striking engineers, taken as The Mikado Claims to Be at Peace a result of the recently adjourned conference between the representatives of the men and the employers, will not be known officially for several days, but Yokohama, Dec. 25.—The imperial dist has been dissolved before the house of representatives had started a discussion there is no doubt the verdict is over-whelmingly against the acceptance of of the motion of no confidence in the cabinet. It is expected that there will be several ministerial changes. the terms of the employers. The Japanese dict was reopened of

Death of William Grace.

New York, Dec. 26 .- William H. Grace a leading Republican of Brooklyn, is dead, aged 57 years. He was conspicuous in the Marrison campaign; was one of the founders of the Home Protective league and was a candidate for congress a few YOUTS REO.

Mr. and Mrs. Peary Arrive.

He announced that the government in-tended to submit fresh taxation measures, the character of which is known to have New York, Dec. 26 .- The 'American line steamer St. Paul arrived today from Southampton after a very stormy pasaunited the three chief political parties in opposition and to introduce a bill age of six days, 22 hours and 51 minutes Among the passengers were R. E. Peary and Mrs. Peary. engers were Lieutenant amending the codes, civil and criminal. AID TO SUFFERING MINERS.

Result of a Christmas Row.

London, Ky., Dec. 26-In a drunken Christmas row at Pittsburg, this county, this evening, Grant Moore shot and mor tally wounded George Kinley. The bal ontered the forehead just over the left

awning and fipally rounding up agains twenty-four hours. the brick wall and bulk window of Samuel T. Banham's cigar store. When

BICYCLE MEN DELIBERATE. hurled some twenty feet from the car

Stories of the Short Track at Madison Square to Be Investigated.

New York, Dec. 27.-The Lengue of merican Wheelmen racing board was in assion all of yesterday in this city, hav-ing under consideration the shortness of the track on which the recent big sixday race was held at Madison Square Garden. Those present were: Albert Mott, of Baltimore, chairman; A. D. Waite, of Troy, and J. F. Foltz, of In-dianapolis, Isaac B. Potter, chief consul of the New York division, and C. M. By that time Mr. Banham, with his ands, chief consul of the Maryland di-

ision, were also present. The managers of the race, P. T. Powers William Brady and James Kennedy, were examined, as were also Charles Ashinger, who constructed the track, officials of he garden and a number of the riders and trainers.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and at its conclusion Chairman Mott made the following statement: "We cannot make public the testimony atil a decision has been rendered. Al of the testimony taken will be malled t the different members of the racing board. After they have reviewed it care-fully they will write their decision and punishments merited, if they find that there has been anything wrong and send it to me. When this has been done I will be and any double the final verdict." it is likely the building wall would inmediately send out the final verdict." Chairman Mott admitted, however, that here has been little if any conflicting testimony. In reference to Ashinger's ex-amination, he said that Ashinger had made a statement, but the nature of this New York. Dec. 26 .- The sixth annual statement he refused to divulge.

Child Burned to Death.

Grammar school, in this city. It will extend over the entire week, and repre-sentatives of Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Princeton will compete for the honor Franklin, Pa., Dec. 26.-Grace and Anate Nelson, whose parents live near here, were left alone in their home last evenf holding the cup during 1898. Each college has two representatives and each ing. The former fell into the grate fire and her clothing was ignited. She was burned to death. In trying to save the man will play one game with every other The order of play tomorrow will be as life of her sister, Annie, was badly burned and it is believed she cannot re-Arthur S. Meyer, Columbia, vs. James COVET.

Henry George Memorial.

New York, Dec. 21.—The committee hav-ing charge of the Henry George memorial fund have made another appeal for sub-scriptions. In their report the committee state that \$13,000 has already been sub tinued until 6 and in case there should be any games left unfinished at that time quate for the erection of a memorial such will be an evening session from 8 as had been contemplated.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 25 .- Arrived: La Cham agne, Havre; Etroria, Liverpool, Liver-nool-Arrived: Sauric, New York, 1.42-ird-Patria, Hamburg for New York; 1.4

Gascogne, New York, for Havre. Prawle Point-Passed: Southwark, Antwerp for New York. Queenstown-Sailed. Aurania (from Liverpool) New York (de-tained at Liverpool and Queenstown by fog).

Looking For Filibusterers.

Monday last, with such a union of the three chief political parties as to make Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 3.-A special from Punta Gorda states the cruiser Montgomery and cutters Forward and t certain that a vote of no confidence in the government would be carried. On Friday last the Mikado, in the speech from the throne, declared that the rela-McLane arrived in Charlotte harbor this morning in search of a filibustering expodition that was reported to be about to tions of Japan with all the foreign powers were friendly, though he made no specific allusions to the complications in China. ot sail for Cuba. Vessels in port were earched but nothing of a contraband na ture was found.

Death of Col. Whitney.

Revalston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Colonel Geo, A. Whitney, a prominent manufacturer of this town, died today after a month's illness. He was born here in 1817 and for lfteen years drove a stage coach between Royalston and Boston.

Shot and Mortally Wounded.

The Promoter of the Snow Locomo-Rockville, Ind., Dec. 26,-Isaac Durrett tive Makes a New Proposition. was shot and mortally wounded at a dance here. His assallant is unknown, Durrett pitched for the Washington, Ind., Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26 .- This morning Jack Dalton, of Juneau, the discoverer of Dalton Dawson, received a telegram from I base ball club during the past season.

identify itself either with the Russo French or the German-Austrian alliance, becomes a mark for the ill-nature of at least two powers. Yet a con cert of all these powers is contrived to prevent the reopening of the eastern uestion, which, it is recognized, would the signal for the long-postponed collision. This co-operation, however,

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

of Crete and Greece.

"While things in the Levant are in his harassing condition of uncertain

equilibrium, suddenly the Chinese ter ritory is, so to speak, thrown into the diplomatic market. Germany and Rus sia, whether in pursuance of a concert or in amicable rivalry, each occupy positions on the mainland, which mus provoke Great Britain, the paramount ommercial power, to seek compensa tion as a safeguard against exclusion. COLUMN. There has been a suggestion of an nternational conference on the Chinese question, but it is not likely to com to anything. Neither Russia nor Germany thinks it desirable, and, despite the flamboyant orations at Kiel, it suits both to put an entirely pacific complexion on their policy. The Fremdenblatt, which is the inspired organ of

the Austrian foreign office and anroves of the occupation both of Kiao Chou and Port Arthur, discusses the partition of China as a natural and proper proceeding, thus:

mined now, as the enormous territory is too little known, and as it is impos ible to foretell the effect of European interference on the people and the or-ganization of the state. There can be

roads and steamers will connect the remote provinces with the centres of

trade and activity from which hitherto they have been cut off, and one conequence of better communications will e the stoppage of the emigration which so disquiets Australia and Amerca, as the surplus population will in

Cargo of Cotton Smoking.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 20-The British teamer Lamberts Point, Captain Humphreys, seven days from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool, with cattle, cotton, grain and a general cargo, has arrived here with her cotton on fire and the ship in a bad state. On Friday afternoon the fire was discovered in the compartment amidship, and it gained headway rapidly. Holes were cut in the cabin flooring, pipes inserted and the compartment was booded with steam and water. The car for forty hours nobody rested, all hands battling the fire, which, steadily gaining, gave the ship a list of 15 degrees to the were almost unbearable with heat and | 8

His Body Parmany D

Leesburg, Fin., Dec. 20.-I. O. Arms, a cattleman and farmer, was murdered on Wednesday and his body burned on his place at Emerelda, Marion county, Arms had gone to his pasture, a qui Mr of a mile west of his house, to cut sills for

id been stolen. The assassination occurred in the same lighborhood where Ruben Starke was murdered by negrocs ten years ago. Mr. Arms came from Indiana. About nine years ago he bought a large tract of land cost side of the Ocklawaha river rom P. B. Alsabroot and fenced lands of took pastures. This action was disiked men who had free use of the land for

MINISTER'S WIFE RUNS AWAY.

eight others. He Finds Her With the Aid of th As is customary here on Christmas

Police, But She Refuses to Return. Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 26.-The Rev Frank R. Welch, pastor of the First Methodist church of Newfields, Me., is ere looking for his wife, who, he has described him. To City Marshal Wor-cester he said he had traced her to this city and all that he wished was to secure his two children, whom she had taken with her. She had become infatuated with a former resident of Newfields, he

City Marshal Worcester detailed Ins tor Durgin to investigate the case, and he and the husband finally found the missing wife. A long conference followed, but the flatly refused to return home The husband asked that she surrender the two children, but at first she refused. After a two hours' interview she consenthim to take the little boy home with him.

President Byrne's Condition.

them, gebre in hand, and disperse New York, Dec. 25.-President Charles H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn base ball club, was unconscious for several hours today them. slightly injured by stones thrown by the populace. Eight arrests were made and during the remainder of the time he but no shots were fired. was semi-conscious. The physicians however, believe that his condition show slight improvement over that of yester

day. He passed a quiet night. Rail-

Weather Indications Today:

Dead.

Miscellaneous,

Killed Four Children and Himself. Park River, N. D., Dec. 26.—The wife of Jacob Peyter, living near this place, poisoned her four little children with strychnine last night, and then took it herself. All are dead. Mrs. Peyter had quarrelled with her husband and had sey-eral time threatened to kill her children ral time threatened to kill her children | erly winds will prevail.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Vote of Dunmore Being Recounted.

Local-West Side and Suburban.

Lackawanna County News.

of War

Rev. W. W. Taylor Dies.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26.-Bey, W. W. Taylor, aged 26 years, the oldest Pres-byterian preacher in this state, died robyterian preactor in this state, and too day. He was graduated from Yale sixty years ago. At one thus he was pastor of the church which President McKinley's wife's parents attended and officiated at their marriage. In his career he had held many charges.

Blanco Gives a Banquet.

Havana, Dec. 26.- Tonight Captain Gen-eral Illanco gave a banquet to the officers of the German corvette Stein. Forty guests were present, including the Spati-ish admiral, the mayor of Havana and other naval and civil authorities. Conressman William Henry King, of Utah, has arrived here.

Fight Declared Off.

New York, Dec. 25.-Tom O'Rourks, manager of the Long Island City Athletia club, announces that the Yank Kenny Boh Armstrong fight, scheduled for scheduled for March 20 at the club, is off.

Fair: Colder: Northwesterly Winds. General-The Crisis in China. Exciting Ride on a Runaway Car. The Tangle in the Orient. Scovel Yarn is Denied. General-Some Improvious Swept Cubit. Local - Christmas Services in the Churches Record Breaking Week in Business. Editorial. Comments of the Press. Local-Scranton's Pioneer Hotel Man

pread to the fore compartment. It then became necessary to flood this, which sterboard. She met terrible weather in trying to reach here. Ser aldes and deck

future flow into the distant provinces, there to earn a livelihood." STEAMER ON FIRE. A British Craft Enters Port With Her

The form which the opening up o China will take can scarcely be deter-

doubt that it would be an enormous advantage to any nation to be brought into connection with such a market as the Chinese. For China, on the other hand, the appearance of Europeans within her borders will mean the letting of a current of fresh air into her new life into that nation's stagnant existence, Europeans will supply the 'hinese with the means necessary for cultivating the whole empire.

rigid culture. This, not improbably, will cause many a crisis, but will put

new barn.

permits Germany to show its bad tem per and masterfulness at the expense

The report of a shotgun was heard if that direction, and when Mr. Arms did not return at night search was made, but no trace could be found. At daylight yes-

erday parties went in all directions. A ight the remains were found on the anks of the Ocklawaha. They had been burned in a bonfire. Only a few bones, with two buttons and matchbox were left to tell the tale. A gold watch and \$11.5