zai valley has been visited.

is now accomplished.

"It now appears that the enemy's loss

has been more serious than was at first

first believed, and out of all propor-

tion to its possible fighting strength.

Their trade with our centres for the

necessaries of life has been closed, and

their autumn tillage prevented. The

complete submission of the Orakzais

"Many hitherto unknown strategical

frontier routes have been surveyed and

mapped out. The vaunted prestige of

the Afridis has been lowered and their

punishment has paved the way for the

permanent settlement of the issue, It

s firmly believed that, cut off .rom in-

dia and threatened with a reinvasion

of their country in the spring, they will now submit. It is also expected that

the internal friction resulting from the

operations will prove almost as severe

a punishment as the operations them-

Only the Very Sick Are Admitted to

the Hospitals .- Their Condition

City of Mexico, Dec. 28,-A gentleman

rom Cuba, who has been in Manza-

nillo in one of the so-called pacified

provinces, says that in reality the war

has not begun there for the country

has been abandoned to insurgents who

have built homes which are supplied

with abundant provisions from the

neighboring estates established by

rebels, who even manufacture gunpow-

der and have arms factories, tanneries

and shoc factories, so they can sup-

ply their troops with the most indis-

ensable articles. Spanish authority

are comfortably settled under the au-

thority of the Cuban republic. Occa-

out and meet them and fighting occurs

on the roads, the patriots always taking the offensive.

The poorer Spanish soldiers are in

such condition that much sympathy is

aroused, they being mostly boys, thin,

pale and ill, and complaining of the

COAL COMPANY ORGANIZED.

Four Millions Subscribed to the New

Combination.

meeting begun yesterday, and this eve-

ning had completed plans for the new

this city on Jan. 18 for organization.

election of officers, etc. The entire

capital, \$4,000,000, was subscribed to

day, the plants of the Pittsburg people

being taken as \$2,000,000 cash. When

all the operators had subscribed the

necessary capital was short nearly

\$100,000. This deficiency was made up

by W. A. McDonald, the Cincinnati

It was decided that five elevators

owned by the company at Cincinnati

shall be put down, leaving but six in

operation after the first of the year.

Under the new agreement no coal will

be delivered in Cincinnati from Pitts-

GIDEON'S WITHDRAWAL.

L. A. W. Enthusiast Does Not Wish

to Sacrifice Harmony in His State.

Boston, Dec. 28.-Sterling Elliott,

onsul of the Massachusetts L. A. W.,

said today to a representative of the

on as a candidate for the presidency

"George D. Gideon can be elected

of the National L. A. W. organization:

han could any other member of that

game, and could prevent much of the

rouble that is liable to arise from that

"In view of all these facts there

ould be no difficulty whatever in

lecting Mr. Gideon at St. Louis to the

office for which he is eminently fitted.

British Fing Welcomed.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 28.— Hesha and Berchara, important Bariba

towns, have been occupied by the Lagos

Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as

hey feared an attack from French na

The Canisteo Adrift.

Boston, Dec. 28.—No news has been re-ceived from the barge Canisico, which broke adulft from the rug C. B. Sanford

ast Sunday. Several tugs have gone out n search of her, even as far as the Seorges. Captain Carl Rusch, the com-

nander of the missing barge, is an experi-

evastating it.

emselves on the Bariba country and are

a ton is secured.

empany. A meeting will be held in

Pittsburg, Dec. 28,-The promotors of

composed of Pittsburg and Cincin-

months.

not recognized and the inhabitants

SPANISH SOLDIERS

CONDITION OF THE

Arousing Sympathy.

CURRENCY REFORM

Representatives of the Republican

Party Hold a Conference.

THEIR PROPOSITION A SURPRISE.

Silver and Gold Will Be the Issues.

Senator Fairbank Makes a Speech

in Which He Points Out Prosperity

That Will Follow the Dingley Bill.

of Indiana held a conference here to-

day. The unanimity of the party in

the state on the proposition that the

looking to currency reform, it was said,

the party in this state would go into

humble judgment a more patriotic citi-

zen of the republic never graced the

Senator Fairbanks expressed the be-

lief that the Dingley law will prove a

only by the McKinley law itself.

blessing and bring prosperity equalled

"Some of our Democratic friends say

will not raise revenue sufficient for

the government-that it is not raising

sufficient revenue now. This is true

as to the present. Why? Because pre-

vious to the enactment of the Dingley law millions and millions of dollars in

products made by foreign hands were

sent into this country. Foreigners knew the best friend to them was the

Wilson bill and its doom was sealed by

the Republican congress. After these

products, sent to us by the swiftest ships which plow the seas, are con-

sumed, we shall have sufficient revenue from the Dingley bill. The bill

will vindicate itself. It will speak more

eloquently for itself than any Repub-

ON CURRENCY REFORM.

Senator Fairbanks spoke as follows: "Our Democratic friends say to the

will not keep faith with us; when the

The currency question is a great ques-

day before coming here. I asked him if

state have given him heretofore, and

sound money plank in the St. Louis

"A party which keeps faith with the

platform pledges the width of a solltary

hair. At the coming session of con-

gress the great currency question will

be the result of the issue for unfor-

tunately we have a majority only in

the house of representatives. In the

senate the free silver Democrats, free

silver Republicans and Populists con-

stitute the majority, whether we can

pass through the senate any measure

that will commend itself to the con-

servative judgment of the American

people, I cannot say; but I do believe

the American people will give us credit

for an honest determined effort and

that effort they will surely witness. If

we fail it will not be because of any

lack of determination, and her sever-

ance in purpose on the part of the Re-

DEATH OF A FAMOUS CHAPLAIN.

publicans in the senate."

The Republican party, with Mc-

lican can speak for it."

on the defensive from the start.

the president. He said:

chair of chief executive."

prise to many in attendance.

OUT IN INDIANA

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

TWO CENTS

JAPAN READY FOR WAR SETTLING THE BANK T

A Fleet of Twent Bat- | Stary operations on the frontier are now concluded, Every Afridi and Oraktleships Now at Gao.

ORDERS WAITING FOR

Prepared to Grapple with Russia, if Necessary.

The Japanese Fleet is Acting in Close Touch With the British. Squadron Under Vice Admiral Bulter .- Japan Will Oppose Permanent Russian Occupation of Port Arthur The Sudden Dissolution of the Cabinet Due to the War Spirit.

London, Dec. 29.-A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, says:

"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over twenty war ships is waiting near Goto Island, outside Magasaki, fully equipped for war, and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from

The Japanese fleet, it is said, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander in chief of the China station.

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port sionally the Spanish convoys pass over Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the the high reads,, but the insurgents go Japanese diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russia Trans-

Asiatic railway in Manchuria." Lendon, Dec. 29 .- A dispatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the diet has greatly anmered the political rarties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry with a vigorous foreign pol-

these mere lads have been conscripted The military party is eager for ac-Extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots and warships are assembling at Magasaki.

ITO'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 28.-The Japanese minister has not yet been advised of the resignation of the entire cabinet and he feels that while the resignations rosy have been tendered the emperor will not accept them until it becomes apparent that an entirely new cabinet under Marquis Ito can be

Ito has been in private life much of the time since his notable achieve ments Juring the China-Japan war. and it is not believed he is ready to return to the cabinet. He is strong with all parties, however, and has the people behind him, so that he may again assume the premiership if the emergencies damand it.

The reference in the dispatch to the public sentiment in Japan for a strong Standard Oil man, who will in all likeministry, capable of coping with the lihood be president of the company. situation in the east, is one of the first | latimations direct from Japan that she may take a hand in the controversy centering ir China.

London, Dec. 28 .- According to a letter which the Times publishes this burg or the Kanawha valley unless \$2 norning from a correspondent at Tokio, a cabinet crisis occurred in November, due to the refusal of the progressists to vote an increase in the land tax, which is necessary owing to the deficits caused by the late war, Parliament would have expired next June and the progressists with a general election in sight, did not desire to risk unpopularity by voting to increase taxation.

However, Count Okuma, the leader of the progressists, left the foreign office, says the correspondent, with an enhanced reputation, and next to Mar quis Ito occupies the largest space in the field of the nation's vision.

The Times, commenting editorially

organization. Mr. Gideon would be perfeetly willing to accept the nomination upon this letter and its dispatches if it can be done without the sacrifice "The advent of a cabinet led by two such statesmen as Marquis Ito and vania, above any state, deserves to ment has prosecuted, condemned and Count Okuma may be regarded as an more harmony and command respect. event of great significance by the other He thoroughly understands the racing powers.

ROMANCE OF THE WAR.

A Veteran Weds the Daughter of His Nurse.

St. Louis, Dec. 28,-A romance that had its beginning at the time of the civil war resulted in the marriage of Frederick Walsen, ex-state treasurer of Colorado, and millionaire banker of Denver, to Miss Emma Storck, aged 25, of this city.

Mr. Walsen, who is a Union veteran, returned to this city after the war, broken in health and pocket. He was nursed back to health by Mrs. Gustav Storck, mother of his bride of today. He went west, gained prominence and a fortune. He lost his first wife s-veral years ago. The couple will leave tonight for Denver, where they will make their home.

NEWS FROM KHYBER PASS.

Military Operations on the Indian Frantier Are Now Concluded.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 28.—Cleared St. Paul outhampton; Majestic, Liverpool; Ken-London, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch from Peshawur says: The British columns that returned from Khyber Pass after punishing with slight opposition the Saile New York, for Southampton and punishing with slight opposition the Sante N Zakka-Khels in the Basar Valley, Mil-Perenca,

BANK TROUBLES

Comptroller Eckels Makes a Statement to Publishers.

A MEETING OF THE CREDITORS

In Compliance with an Order from Comptroller Eckels, a Meeting Is Called .- The Many Creditors Who Agreed to the Arrangement of Set-

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels wired a statement to this city tonight in relation to political feeling had something to do with the failure of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund company, of which William M. Singerly, proprieto of the Record, was president. The omptroller says:

I have read with deep interest the state ment in a New York paper of this date relative to the affairs of the Chestnut Street National bank, of Philadelphia, its president, William M. Singerly, and the acts of the comptroller of the currency in connection with the bank's failure. I have no objection to any criticism which ay be made of any of my official acts hich goes to the merit of them, nor have any wish to evade full responsibility to them. The objection which must be made to the article referred to is that by in-nuendo it undertakes to show that the difficulties of the bank were not deal iliations between Mr. Singerly, some oth rs and myself. The injustice lies in the attinde of introducing into a grave business situation an element of selfish-ness and partisanship. Nothing could be more foreign to anything done or at-

Throughout the period of time that the affairs of the Chestnut Street National ank have been under supervision the con litions have from time to time changed At one time they would seem to be bette and another time worse. The paper of Mr. Singerly and his affied commercial interests were in the question to be dealt with, and that question was how to we it out, having in mind the creating o the least disturbance to business condi-tions and if possible saving the bank to the shareholders and keeping the crestitors unharmed.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS.

In compliance with an order from retched quality of their scanty rations Comptroller Eckels, Deputy Comptrol-ler Coffin today called a meeting of the and of not receiving any pay for directors of the bank to take steps to Only very sick soldlers are admitted end out the notice of the meeting for to the Spanish hospitals, and others shareholders to vote upon the question who are really ill are compelled to of going into voluntary liquidation, The sleep in court yards exposed to the law requires thirty days' notice of such venther. Their condition is pitiful in meeting, and Jan. 29 was the day fixed. Mr. Coffin stated that he had 3.357 extreme, arousing sympathy mong the insurgents who know that shares of stock, 17 more than the nec essary two-thirds, pledged to vote for and sent to fight them under conditions voluntary liquidation under the plan which no veteran troops would stand proposed. Meanwhile the forms for without mutiny. The Cuban republic, consent to the plan have been prehe says, is a fact, and over a considpared and will be issued tomorrow to erable part of the island its authority ditors for signatures

The directors of the Trust company in the plan

the Citizens' Coal company, which will nati operators, today continued their

agree that it is the best way out.

assume the status of any other prefer- familiar with the methods of work and red creditor, but since the liquidation with the native laborers and the homes plan contemplates the acceptance of of the native Christians. Record stock and the state is forbidjustment.

LENZ MURDERERS.

Have Escaped to Caucasus But Have

been pressing for the punishment of to be sent by the American board. Associated Press, in relation to the alleged withdrawal of George D. Gidthe murderers of the American Bicyclist Lenz, is contained in a cablegram from Minister Angell, received today at the state department announcing president of the L. A. W. more easily that the murderers have been convicted and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

These murderers are at large, having scaped months ago to the Russian of harmony in his own state. Pennsyl- Caucasus, so that the Turkish governhave the office in '98. He would pro- sentenced them in their absence.

FEET FROZEN TO THE BOAT BOTTOM,

Four Men Nearly Perished Off Rock. nway Beach.

New York, Dec. 28 .- A rowboat containing four men frozen and unconcious was washed up on Rockaway Beach today. The men's feet were frozen fast to the bottom of the boat. They were carried to a hotel, put to bed and restoratives administered.

After four hours' care they recovred so far as to explain that they had hired a rowboat from a fisherman yesterday, had lost the oars and had been at the mercy of the wind and waves all night. It is probable that they all will recover. Their names are: Joseph Day, B. Black, James Room and George Metzger, of New York city.

Sachs Not Guilly.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 28.-The jury in the case of Herman Sachs, who was ged with murder in the first degree willing of Bertrand L. Hotehkiss, of killing Worth, after being out about three ours, returned a verdict of not guilty,

Jackson Gets Ten Years.

New York, Dec. 28.—Peter Jackson, col-ored, who on August 12 last killed John Cosgrove, while in a fight about a woman at New MUford, N. J., was today sen-

RATCLIFFE SENTENCED.

Judge Newburger Does Not Admire Wife Benters.

New York, Dec. 28.-Edward J. Ratdiffe, the actor, convicted of assault in the third degree for brutally beating his wife, was today sentenced to six months in the penitentiary. Late in the day, however, Supreme Cour Justice Dickey, at White Plains, granted a temporary stay, returnable in Brooklyn on Monday next. The actor will remain in jail pending the argument as to whether there shall be a retrial of the charge of assault.

Mrs. Ratcliffe and her father, Peter Have Cailed at the Bank Have DeLacey, were not in court when sentence was pronounced. A motion for a new trial was first made in the lower court by Lawyer Towns, representing Rateliffe, who said there had been some justification for the assault, Newburger, in denying the motion, said: "I am surprised to hear counsel the published articles intimating that make such an admission, Wife beating may be popular in some countries. but not in America

Ratcliffe is an Englishman.

NO STARVATION IN KLONDIKE.

Passengers on the Steamer Alki Report That Food is Plenty in Dawson City.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.-The steamer Alki arrived here today bringing advices from Dawson City up to Nov. 25. The Alki's passengers included thirty persons who left Dawson between Nov. 22 and Nov. 25. All without exception say there will be no starvation at Dawson this winter or next spring, When informed of the action being taken by the United States government to send out a relief expedition, they said it was unnecessary and uncalled for. Several thousand men have gone from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an unlimited supply of provisions. Those remaining in Dawson have three regular meals every day and have enough supplies in sight to last well along into spring. No sickness is reported at Dawson and everybody there is in much better circumstances and worrying less over the food situation than their friends on the outside imagine.

Nearly all those who arrived on the steamer Alki today were at Dawson City only about three months, having started in with the first rush in the latter part of July. They came out to purchase their outlits for next season. A. J. McKay and wife, whose home in Tacoma, made the trip out from Dawson to Dyea in the quick time of

twenty-five days. They passed over 00 people on the way up. The Alki's passengers brought out,

is estimated, about \$150,000 gold, in dust and nuggets.

DEPUTATION TO VISIT CHINA. Missionary Work in the Flowry Kingdom to Be inspected.

Roston, Dec. 28,-At a meeting of the Prudential committee of the American eard of commissioners for foreign missions today, it was voted to send a will probably meet tomorrow for action deputation to China, consisting of Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., secretary of the Mr. Eckels, according to Mr. Coffin. foregn department; Colonel Charles will give his opinion as to the advisa- Hawkins and Samuel H. Shapleighbility of going into voluntary liquida- The visit is made in response to urgent tion when he sees what success the and repeated invitations from the plan, which, according to a dispatch, North China, Fee Chow and Shansi meets with his approval, has with the missions. They wish the executive officials to know their work and its Among the many creditors, it may be surroundings as they themselves know stated, who have called at the bank to it, by actual contact and observation. have the plan of liquidation explained. The visit is to be made during the to them, not one has dissented. All earlier months of the year. It will begin with the South China mission and In regard to the claims of the United maye northward with the advancing States, the city and the state, it is season, first to the Foo Chow mission, stated, that the first named is pro- thence to the North China mission, tected by its bonds, on which it can with a month or more allowed for the calize, and that the city has the status Shansi mission. Every mission will be f any other preferred creditor. In re- visited and as far as practicable every gard to the state funds there are some station in each mission and enough complications. Ordinarily it would as- out-stations to make the deputations

The question on which light will be den by law to hold stock in any com- sought are such as these: The locapany, there is some difficulty of ad- tion of several missions, the opportunity for work, success in twos, the anequacy of the mission force, the housing of the missions and the condition of the mission premises, the native agency and the means of training it, the mission schools and their work, Been Sentenced in Their Absence. | the medical work, the literary work Washington, Dec. 28 .- An indication woman's work, missionary opportuniof the willingness of the Turkish gov- ties, means of making the work more ernment to oblige the United States effective, the question of self support. minister at Constantinople, who has This is the first deputation to China

COTTON SITUATION.

It is Thought That Operatives Will

Not Resist Wage Reduction.

ton mill situation here is uncertain, but it is thought the operatives will not

forcibly resist the reduction of their

vages when it goes into effect next

week. Among those conversant with

the attitude of the various unions, the

feeling is that the spinners, loom fix-

ers and slashers will favor a strike,

while the carders and weavers will be

against striking. This will leave the balance of power with the smaller and

chinists and firemen, and it is believed

that they will decide against opposition

at least for the present. They are not

as well situated financially as are the

other oganizations, and it is generally

believed that they will choose small

quarters that the present would be a

Japanese Cabinet Troubles,

he cabinet have resigned in consequen-

of the failure of the premier, Count Mat-

strong ministry able to cope with the

American Historical Association.

Cleveland, O., Dec, 28.-Learned men

com all over the land are assembled in

soukata, to reconstruct that body, press demands the formation of a

Yokohama, Dec. 28.-All the members of

has been frequently discussed,

good time for its adoption.

counger organizations, such as

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 28.-The cot-

Very Rev. William Corby, of South

platform."

Bend, Passes Away. South Bend, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Very

Rev. William Corby, of Notre Dame, head of the Order of Holy Cross in America, died this afternoon. He was the chaplain of the famous Irish brigade. His death took place at Notre Dame university. The funeral

will be held Friday morning in the chapel of the university of which he was formerly president. Father Corby was one of the seven chaplains who left their classes in the university for the Union army. He was a comrade of the recently organized Grand Army of the Republic post 569, composed of priests and brothers at Notre Dame.

MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

William Daly Admits Having Killed William Doolan.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 28.-William Daly was arraigned in court today on the charge of murdering William Doolan yesterday. He pleaded guilty and pay rather than none at all.

The matter of a sliding scale, which was held without ball for the grand jury. Previous to the arraignment he brought up anew by the present situ. made a full confession. He said that after a scuffle between the two men ation and there is a feeling in some he procured a slaughtering knife. There was another dispute and in a clinch he plunged the knife into Doolan's heart.

He then dropped the knife and does not know what became of it. thought that Daly is slightly dement-

Death From Foot Ball.

New York, Dec. 28,-Frank Henley, the oung man who was found uncor n the street on Sunday last, and whose ondition was said by his father to b fue to an injury received in a foot ball game eight years ago, died today. An op-eration revealed a clot of blood at the base of the skull, which must have come from an old injury. It was at first thought that Henley had been sand-barged.

FITZSIMMONS WILL FIGHT.

Corbett and Kid McCoy Will Be Give en a Chance.

Chicago, Dec. 28.-Martin Julian today, on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, announced the following statement: Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retire-

Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says:

These conditions are as follows: Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Cheyn-ski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class; let McCoy best his way up to a commanding position and come along with his challenge afterwards. But first McCoy must fight a fit opponent at the middleweight limit and not at catch-Indianapolis, Dec. 28.-Five hundred epresentatives of the Republican party

mons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes Fitzeimmens will meet them all one after the other in currency must be reformed was a sur-The Democrats, it was said, will dethe same ring if needs be clare for free silver in their next state Signed) Martin Julian, Manager of Bob Fitzsimmons, World's Champion Middle and Heavyweight. platform, and the Republicans will, of course, take the opposite ground. Should congress full to take action

The statement concludes as follows:

I am not going to allow Mr. Pitzsim-

SECRETARY GAGE the state campaign embarrassed and HAS NOT RESIGNED. The chief speakers were United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks and Governor James A. Mount. Sen-Firm For the Gold Standard, the ator Fairbanks paid a high tribute to Secretary of Treasury Desired to

> Relieve the President From Tronble With His Republican Bimetallic Senatorial Critics. Washington, Dec. 28.-It was reported yesterday that Secretary Gage had offered to resign if the president thought that step desirable, in

> view of the secretary's declaration for the gold standard before the banking and currency committee, and the president had stated that he desired him to remain at the head of the treasmry department and thereby has expressed his approval of Secretary Gage's declaration. These statements were made at the cabinet meeting last Friday. They

> created no special sensation, for the members of the cabinet all knew that the president stood with Secretary Gage and would stand by him in spite of the criticism of him by the Republican bimetallists. Secretary Gage was seen today on

his return from New York and questioned as to the truth of the published report that he had tendered his resig-On the subject of currency reform, nation to the president, and that it had been firmly declined with many expressions of confidence and appreciation of his ability. Mr. Gage was not old Democrats, the Republican party inclined to discuss the matter at length. Republicans declared in favor of sound but said he had not tendered his resigmoney at St. Louis they did not mean nation, nor had he any reason to believe that he and the president were Kinley as our leader intends to keep not in substantial accord on the great faith, to preserve the gold standard questions now before the country. The unimpaired to the American people, report, he said, probably sprung from a remark he had made to intimate tion and to it the president of the friends to the effect that not for any-United States and its advisors are ad- thing would be embarass the presidr ssing themselves with arder and in- dent, and if he saw that he was doing telligence. I saw the president but a this he would resign at once.

He added: "A he had any message for the Republi- always to be, and is, ready to surrendcans of Indiana. He commissioned me er his office at the call of his chief, to say to you that he gratefully remem- the executive, but 1 have not the bers the encouragement and assistance | slightest reason to believe that such which the Republicans of this splendid action on my part is even remotely desired by the president. The desires he further said: I am going to keep of other people in that direction I am the bond. I am going to vindicate the not disposed to consider."

KILLED HIS FRIEND.

American people will, in my judgment, be supported and sustained by them. George H. Lincoln Stabs John Healy No party can afford to vary from its

to Death White Intoxicated. New York, Dec. 28.-John Healy died today in a hospital from the effects of Indigent Christian Fernales, the Sheltstab wounds inflicted by George H. Lincoln, a designer. Healy had been out of work for some time. Lincoln. Mercy St. Mary's Home for Children. who is married, befriended him and the two men were the best of friends. On Christmas day Lincoln came to his home intoxicated and threatened to strike his wife. Healy pleaded for her, the wife ran into another room, and when she returned, after hearing sounds of a struggle, she found Healy covered with blood. Her husband had gone to the hospital. Lincoln, who was only slightly stabbed, was arrested and taken to Healy's bedside. Healy positively refused to implicate

his old-time friend in any way. Lincoin is so distressed that it is feared he will attempt suicide. He was re manded to await action of the coroner

The Cold Hand for George. London, Dec. 28.—The Constantinopic orrespondent of the Times says that at

he last meeting of the ambassadors of the powers, the Russian representative created surprise by proposing Prince George of Greece, as governor of Crete, The proposal was coldly received.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 28.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued. Origal-Thomas Vose, Hollenback, Brand-rd, \$10; John Langan, Pittston, \$8; John M. Newhari, Kingston, Luzerne, &. Original widow, etc.—Elizabeth B. Congeiton, Pikes Creek, Luzerne, \$12.

His Non the Engineer. Saint Hyacinthe, Que. Dec. 28.—Antoine Coyette, aged 55, was run over and in-stantly killed at Richmond yesterday by a train whose engineer was Coyette's son,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair: Warmer: Southerly Winds

1 General-Japan Is Busy Preparing for

War. Heipiessness of China Comptroller Eckles and the Singerly Bank Failure. Currency Reform in Indiana.

State-Whitney's News Budget. Trump Held for Murder at Norristown Local-U. of P. Bonquet. Social Events.

4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Story-"The Cuban Fillbuster."

6 Local-West Side Wemen Arrested for Shoplifting 7 Local-Marion Crawford's Talk on Lee XIII.

Discourse to the Members of the Lack-awanna Bar. S Local-West Side and Suburban

9 Lackawanna County Happenings. 10 Neighboring County News. The Markets,

CHINA SEEMS **POWERLESS**

German Question Unsettled and the Alarm Spreading.

GOVERNMENT PARALYZED

Apparently Unable to Cope With the Situation.

Uncertainty as to the Attitude of the Powers -- New Year's Day Forebodings -- England's Fleet Reported at Port Hamilton, Twenty Ships Strong .- Japan's Squadron Said to Have Arrived There Also.

Pekin, Dec. 28.-The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increasing owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the Powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiao-Chau Bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is becoming alarmed at the present situation. The government ap-

swer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan, and there are calamitous forebodings connected with the sun's eclipse on the Chinese New Year's Day.

pears to be utterly powerless. No an-

London, Dec. 28 .- A special despatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. The despatch further says that a re-

port is current at Che-Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton. The Globe this afternoon says that a private telegram reached London yesterday evening, announcing that over

twenty British warships have arrived at Port Hamilton. The Daily Chronicle asserts that the negotiations with Germany on behalf of the Chinese government are no longer being conducted by Li Hung Chang. but by Chang-Yin-Huan, who represented the Chinese emperor at the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen.

WILL OF CHARLES GONTOIT.

An Estate Amounting to \$1,500,000 Devoted to Church Charities.

New York, Dec. 28.-The will of Charles Gontoit was filed for probate today. After a number of bequests to relatives and friends, the residue of the estate, amounting to \$1,500,000, will be divided in equal shares among the following institutions:

The General Theological seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church, the Domestic and Foreign Missions society of the Protestant Episcopal church, the the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary society for seamen of the port of New York, the New York Protestant Episcopal City mission, the New York Bible and Prayer Book society, St. Luke's hespital, St. Barneba's house, the Mulberry Street Orphan Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal church, St. Luke's Home for ering Arms, the Home for Incurables, the Protestant Episcopal House of the Midnight mission, the House of Rest for Consumptives, the Home for Old Men and Aged Couples, the Socisty Library and the New York Free Circulating Library.

THE FIGHT A DRAW.

Daty-Everhandt Match at New Orleans Ends W th the Touth Round.

New Orleans, Dec. 28 .- Jack Daly and lack Everhardt met before the Tulane Avenue Athletic club tonight with about a thousand persons present. The was originally for twenty match ounds, but the mayor would not issue a permit for over ten rounds, and charged \$500 for that. Everhardt said he had trained for twenty rounds and refused to go on until he secured an agreement that If both men were on their feet at the end of ten rounds the fight would be declared a draw. Everhardt tried to make it a rough and rushing fight from the start, but Daly was clever enough to keep away from punishment. Daly's left was weak, so that there was not much harm done until the seventh, when Daly learned o use his right and kept it going on the body.

In the tenth round Daly's right did a rushing business on Everhardt's body and there was danger of a knock-out. Then Everhardt clinched and wrestled and saved his skin until time was called and Referee Duffy declared it a draw. New York, Dec. 28.-Kid McCoy announced tonight that he had arranged to meet Al Smith in this city tomorrow, and that he will then post \$1,000 as a guarantee that he will meet any man named by Fitzsimmons. It is to meet Martin Julian's condition, announced in Chicago today, that McCoy has arranged tomorrow's conference, He is anxious, he says, to find out who Fitzsimmons wants him to fight,

Kathryn Kidder Itt. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Kathryn Kidler, the tragedienne, is ill at the home of friends in this city. Her company has been dis-banded and gent back to New York.

The Herald's Wenther Porcenst. New York, Dec. 29.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy weather will prevail with slowly rising temperature and light and tresh westerly to southerly winds, becom-ing high on the takes and faller to be northern districts of this section by

light or moderate snow which will reach coming high on the coasts, followed by clearing in the western districts of this rection and possibly by night on the seaboard.