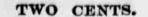


forma amendment and taunted the oth-er side with having abandoned its plat-

form. Mr. McKinley's acceptance and



SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1898.

part of the investigation, but he was

satisfied that the committee now had

sufficient testimony before it to indi-

cate the need of stringent legislation

It had been shown, he said, that in the

scalping business not only outsiders, but the agents of some railroads were

engaged. "I do not want to investi-

"but desire to prepare some bill which

ZOLA READY FOR DEFENSE.

He Will Call 250 Witnesses at His

Trial.

Paris, Jan. 19.-It is said that Emile Zola has prepared his defense and that he will call 250 witnesses, including hand-writing experts, when he is tried for pub-

licly accusing a number of French offi-cials of perjury, in connection with the

London, Jan. 19.—With every show of authority, the Pall Mall Gazette, this at-

ternoon, prints prominently an article

giving what it declares to be the inward-ness of the Dreyfus case, and explains that the document, in addition to the

nishap, hence his recall.

will cure the evils we have found."

said he

gate throughout the year,"

ate Without Difficulty.

we have a faithful pilot at the helm. no desire to evade the truth in any

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST M. ZO

Mobs of Students Gather a Pantheon.

DRIVEN AWAY BY THE

A Thousand Young Men Take in the Demonstration Sho Against Zola and the Heb The Residences of Mathieu] fus and Emile Zola Are Prot

by the Police.

Paris, Jan. 19 .- The demonstrations against Zola and the Hebrews continued intermittently throughout today. A small mob of students assembled outside the law school, with the usual cries, but the police prevented a serious demonstration. A band of 200 students penetrated to

Bordereau note, on which the government found the prisoner guilty, was obtained in the following manner from the German military attache, Von Funcke: "Nine or ten months before the arrest of Dreyfus, Von Funcke was suddenly the Boulevard Des Capucines, with the intention of making a demonstration before the military club, but they were dispersed.

removed from his post. The explanation of his removal is of the highest impor-A demonstration in which a thousand tance and throws a curious light on the students took part occurred at 5 o'clock Dreyfus case and explains in some meas-ure the attitude of the government. tefore the pantheon. The students shouted against Zola and the Hebrews. have the facts, on undisputable authority, They were driven away by the police, who split the mob up into noisy that when his predecessor, Baron Von Huene, left Paris he handed Von Funcke a list of the persons in France who were groups, which then began parading in relation with the German inteiligence department, enjoining him never to let it out of his own hands. Von Funcke various parts of the Latin quarter. where there was much excitement. At midnight the city was tranquil.

carried the document in a leather bag around his neck. Shortly after entering As a precaution to prevent disturbances, the bridges from the Latin quarupon his duties an incident occurred whereby a woman of ill-repute obtained the document and took it to the foreign ter were today guarded by police, and the residences of M. Mathleu Dreyfus and Emile Zola were also protected.

office, where it was hastly photo-graphed and returned to her, she return-ing it to Von Funcke, who, in the mean-while, had discovered his loss, and, like an honest soldier and attache, hastened to inform the German government of his mishing honce his recell. A slight anti-Jewish manifestation took place at Toulouse, and there have been demonstrations at Nantes and Roven, where there were several arresta.

"Curiously enough, the woman refused compensation, though a large sum was A dispatch from Algiers says that the students there last night made a violent anti-Hebrew demonstration. offered her, but she caused amusement at the foreign office by remarking that what she had done was for 'La Partie.' They tried to burn an effigy of Zola, but the police prevented them. Sever-al were injured in the collisions and there were five arrests. Then the students attempted a rescue and a general scufflle resulted, the police making twelve additional arrests.

FIGHT AT LUETGERT'S TRIAL.

The Crowd Overpowers the Guards at the Door.

Chicago, Jan. 19.-Anxiety to hear the closing proceedings in the trial of Adolphic L. Luetgert for the murder of his wife resulted in a free fight in and around Judge Gary's court room today in which **Be Deferred.** Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—It is proposed to start the government Yukon relief ex-pedition from here in the steamship George W. Elder, which sails for Ska-guay on Feb. 1. Major Jacobs, of Van-couver barracks, has arraigned for the transportation of 56 men. 299 tons of sup-plies and 39 mules. The remainder are not to be shipped until a week later. It was the original intention to send the ex-pedition north on the steamship Oregon,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.	SILVER MEN DETERMINED
Weather Indications Today: Rain: Warmer.	
 General-Exciting Cuban Debats in Congress. Sliver Men Expect to Control the Sen- ate. Paris Mobs Threaten Zola and the Hebrews. Local-Gathered About Town. Local-Gathered About Town. Local-Annual Meeting of St. Joseph's Society. Court Proceedings. Decline of the Anthracite Output. Editorial. Comment of the Press. Local-Heroism of a Mine Engineer. Serious Charges Against an Olyphant Vigilance Board. Semi-Annual meeting of Group 3 of 	They Mean to Make Timid Senators De- clare Themselves. CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS
Bankers. 6 Local-West Side and Suburban.	Expect to Control the Sen-

Tribune.

6 Local-West Side and Suburban. Lackawanna County Happenings, Neighboring County News. The Markets.

WORK OF PARDON BOARD.

Numerous Cases Disposed of at the Sessions Last Night.

Harrisburg, Jan. 19 .- The board of pardons was in executive session until mid-night considering a long list of cases heard during the day in the Supremi-court chamber. Pardons were recom-mended for Charles T. Hetzel, Cambria forgery; Joseph Englitz and Charles Walzer, Lawrence, burglary and lar-ceny; John Devore, Washington, horse stealing; Anthony J. Harrer, Philadelphia, selling adulterated milk; William Frankford, Lancaster, larceny; Robert Newton, Philadelphia, second degree murder. The death sentence of Luther Huddle, Allegheny, murder, was commuted to nineteen years and six months imprisonment from December 4, 1897. The application of Frank Jongrass, of Law-

rence, for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment was refused. Pardons were refused Charles G. Mo-Closkey, of Philadelphia, second degree murder; Calvin Fry and Presley Kingmurder; Calvin Fry and Presley King-ensmith, Wesmoreland, burglary; George S. Black, larceny; T. J. Deshler, Lehigh, embezzlement; Samuel Harris, Allegheny, subornhtion of perjury; George Harvey, Allegheny, burglary; Ellis B. Read, Cam-bria, felonious rape; Samuel Stitzel, Berks, larceny; re-hearings were granted in the cases of William Hinden, Lancas-ter, burglary; Daniel Reavdon, Affle-gheny, receiving stolen goods, and Henry

gheny, receiving stolen goods, and Henry Marcus, Allegheny, receiving stoler goods. The case of William C. Moreland, ex-

city attorney of Pittsburg, was held un-der advisement until Feb. 23. These cases were also held under advisement: Walter P. Conaghan, Luzerne, larceny; Autonio Centola, Allegheny, larceny; nk Seyder, William Hutsell and Frank

er, Somerset, larceny. The cases of am Thompson, Allegheny, felonious

and Thomas Campbell, Luzerne

e continued and that of William Don-aldson, Philadeiphia, larceny, stricken from the list. The application in the case of James Sullivan, Biair, larceny, was withdrawn.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

STRAIGHT BREAKS JAIL.

He Parts the fron Bars.

s variously known as Henry E. or W.

rested in Jersey City a week ago, caped from the jall there today.

way.

il a half hour later.

is about 21 years old.

were of wooden rails.

tess people.

New York, Jan. 19 .- The swindler who

Straight and as B. O. Bly, who was ar-

Mrs. Straight has been arrested for ald-

HUNTSMEN WITH NIPPERS.

Farmers Whose Fences Are Dis-

turbed Threaten Veugeance.

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 19 .-- In order

ircumvent farmers who have erected

ire fences to check the wanton conduct

of unacrupulous fox hunters, some of the

nunters when mounted for the chase carry in their pockets steel nippers with which they clip an opening in the metal

ence with less labor than if the barrier

Many of the farmers have forbidden

respassing because of the abuse of cour-tesies extended to huntsmen, and when

hey found that their rall fences were

requently left open by some of the more reckless hunters wire fences were sub-

dituted. Breaks in the latter are more

difficult to repair than in the rall fences, and since the discovery of the latest

trick of hunters farmers are up in arms,

and threaten summary measures to put an end to the annoyance.

Ratcliffe Out on Bail.

Eight New Revenue Cutters.

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Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting at Harrisburg.

Senator Vest Says There Will Be a "Shelling of the Woods" -- Hopes to Make Things Uncomfortable for Mr. Murphy and Mr. Smith -- Confidence That the Teller Resolution Will Pass the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 19 .- Although the vote is likely to be close, the friends of the Teller resolution say there is not the slightest doubt about its passage by the senate. A great many senators would be glad to escape the responsibility of voting on it at all, for it is bound to result in embarras-sing political consequences for somebody; but Senator Vest, who reported it from the finance committee yesterday, not only gave notice that he should call it up, but has since declared his determination to press it to a vote. Mr. Vest says there is going to be a "shelling of the woods."

The men whom Senator Vest is most anxious to shell out of the woods are ome of the eastern senators, notably Murphy, Smith and Gorman. Smith and Murphy come up for re-election by legislatures which will be chosen next fall. Gorman is beyond the aid of legislatures, but he is ambitious to continue in politics, and is credited with an ambition to be speaker of the house or president. Both Smith and Murphy stood by their party in 1896, but not from any love of the principles repre-sented by Bryan. With the reduced Republican votes in New York and New Jersey last fall, their chances for securing Democratic legislatures are good; but how they will stand after a financial debate in the senate and a test vote compelling them to ally themselves with their own national party against the sentiment of their states. is a different matter. To bring out the latter is what the ultra free sliver Democrats are after, and for this reason the Teller resolution acquires great

insignificance. Vest, Teller, Cockrell and those who

his message to congress at the opening of this session in which the president said the recognition of the insurgents was "unwise and inadmissible" at this time, were also gone into. MR. HITT MAKES A SPEECH "This is what has made cowards of you all," shouted Mr. Sulzer. At the conclusion of the reading of the bill the general debate, by the He Explains the Attitude of

to better their condition.

CUBAN FIGHT IN HOUSE

The Exciting Debate Con- A little later Mr. Sulzer (Dem. N. y.,) again got the floor with a pro

the Administration.

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tinued at Yesterday's

Session.

A Comparison Between the Procrastination of the Cleveland Administration and that of President McKinley is Made -- The Many Reforms Granted by Spain, in Consequence of the Demands of the President, Are Alluded to in Eloquent Terms--Desperate Efforts, Made by the Cuban Champions, Are Thwarted.

fairs since Mr. McKinley's advent to power. Mr. Hitt said the president Washington, Jan. 19 .- All day long had immediately demanded the release the question of granting belligerent of the American prisoners in Cuba. In rights to the Cuban insurgents was many cases his demand was complied argued in the house but, as on yesterday, the minority hurled itself against with, but not in all. Then by the hand of an assassin the leader of the a stone wall. On the only vote taken policy of stern conservative opprestoday-a motion designated to overrule sion had fallen. His successors purthe decision of the speaker and direct sued the same policy until overthrown. When the Liberal ministry came in the committee on foreign affairs to report without further delay the Cuban the president had again pressed for resolution passed by the senate at the last session-the Republicans stood the release of the American prisonsolid and voted to sustain the chair. ers. The ministry yielded at last and all had been given their freedom. But The galleries, as on yesterday, were banked to the doors and there was the president had gone further. He had protested with such emphasis and considerable excitement throughout the energy against the barbarities of the early part of the session when the members of the minority were succeswar and the policy of concentration sively pressing all sorts of amendments that General Weyler had been recalled in disgrace, and the policy of concenbearing on the Cuban question for the tration had been abandoned. Further purpose of embarrassing the majority. During the general debate, Chairman even than this the president had gone He had notified the Sagasta ministry Hitt, of the foreign affairs committee, that the war must cease and proposals made an impressive speech of less than an hour, explaining at length the situof settlement made within a reasonable time. These representations had been ation which made action by congress inadvisable. He spoke with impasmade owing to the great interest all sioned words of the president's symover the country in the struggle the pathy with the struggle for Cuban in-Cubans were making. The president's dependence and the achievements of representations had been listened to by the present administration. The release Spain, said Mr. Hitt, and the scheme of American prisoners in Cuba, the resell' government, modelled upon that of Canada had been issued. call of Weyler, the abandonment of Whether it would be successful, said the policy of concentration and the autonomy scheme, he attributed to the he, whether it was practicable or sinfirm attitude of the president and concere many might doubt. Perhaps it trasted these results with the inaction would be a harsh judgment now to ty it had already failed. But that i that belligerent rights could not aid was sincere events had already made the insurgents' cause, and perhaps the clear. Those who understood Spain and most dramatic portion of his speech her machinations far better than we, had passed judgment and had already came when he declared that the insurgents only wished for belligerent rights attempted to destroy the autonomy in the hope and belief that this country scheme and to pull down the Sagasta would be embroiled in a war with government which had proposed it. The Spain, which would give them their commercial class in Havana, Cubans freedom with our triumph. He assertof Spanish birth, had vented their rage in riot and turbulence. They had ed that the president must assume the responsibility of any action which threatened the very existence of Hamight eventuate in war and appealed vana. to both sides of the chamber to patriot-Every act of the president, con ically support the executive if a crisis tinued Mr. Hitt, nas shown the spirit shall come. which animated him in his public utter-Mr. Dinsmore, of Arkansas, the leadances in the past. He had achieved ing member of the committee on formuch in a few months, but he said that eign affairs, replied to him and Messrs, he thought it unwise for the United Adams (Rep., Pa.), chairman of the States at this time to recognize the Cuban sub-committee of the same combelligerency of the insurgents. mittee; Berry (Dem., Ky.) and Wheeler (Dem., Ky.) also addressed the house ACTION MUST BE VINDICATED. Mr. Hitt admonished the members during the general debate. The debate will close tomorrow at 4 o'clock under that a national action must be vindi the arrangement made today, when a cated before the world and that we final test will be made on a motion of must prove in what we do that we are which Mr. Williams (Dem., Miss.) gave actuated by no vulgar greed to rob notice today, to recommit the bill with neighbors or to seize property of others, instructions to report back the Cuban Proceeding, he dwelt upon the effect of resolution as a rider he extension of belligerent rights to the insurgents, arguing that it would THE STRUGGLE RESUMED. give Spanish cruisers the right of search The struggle was resumed when Mr. and impose a great hardship on the Williams (Dem., Miss.) offered an Cubans, who were without a navy. A amendment to direct the president to three mile line about Cuba was now appoint three commissioners of peace, the limit of the Spanish cruisers' right amity and commerce with the republic of search. of Cuba and appropriating \$15,000 for A declaration of belligerency would defraying the expenses of the commisallow Spain's warships to hunt our It was ruled out of order. sioners. vessels on the high seas. In the ex-Immediately afterward Mr. Lewis isting situation good men sympathiz-(Dem., Wash.) offered another amending with Cuba's cause were constantly ment providing that to emphasize the making their way to the islands. Sup fact that a state of war existed in Cuba plies, guns and ammunition were gothe consul general of the United States ing from the United States.

country. While he could not prophecy as to the future he solemnly assurred the house that the president would not disappoint the expectations of his countrymen. Throughout Mr. Hitt's speech he was listened to with the closest attention. Members crowded about him, and the thronged galleries terms of the agreement made yesterleaned over to catch his words. As he day, was to follow. Mr. Hitt opened the general debate concluded a roar of applause swept the floor and the galleries. with a brief but important statement Mr. Dinsmore (Ark.), a Democratic as to our foreign relations with Spain member of the foreign affairs commitand Cuba, and the course of the adtee, declared that the time hadgeme ministration. He referred to the keen for giving the Cubana the recognition interest with which the struggle in Cuba had been watched, and how in they had so long sought. He declared

that no act by this government could the last congress the house, impatient of the delay of the then executive, bring war with Spain, for a bankrupt concurred in the joint resolution exmonarchy which could not put down 35,000 ragg-d Cuban soldiers would not pressing it as the sentiment of con-gress that the insurgents should be enter upon contest with the United recognized. That resolution went un-States. heeded and the war went on. The MR. ADAMS' SPEECH.

and that if the ship of state is near

the rapids we should be patient and ready to support him if he takes the step which the honor and the interests

of our country may demand." He re-ferred to General Lee as an officer of

ability and experience, who could be

relied upon to guard jealously our hon-

or at Havana, and concluded with an eloquent appeal to the members of the

house, though they might have had

differences, to drown all other voices as they did in the Venezuelan crisis,

and stand by the president and the

present executive had come into pow-Mr. Adams (Rep., Pa.), a member er a year ago. His sentiments were of the foreign affairs committee and well known. On this floor and in all chairman of the sub-committee on Cuhis public utterances he had shown his

ba, contrasted the inaction and apathy sympathy with any people struggling of the last administration toward Cuba with the achievements of this, Hastily he sketched the course of afdwelling particularly upon the release of all American prisoners in Cuba, the change in the Spanish war methods

and the abandonment of the policy of concentration. He maintained that the recognition of belligerency was purely an executive function. "Did you not vote for belligerency in the last congress?" asked Mr. Sulzer. "I did," responded Mr. Adams, "but then we were secking to protect Amer-

Ican property, that property is now destroyed. We were seeking to free American prisoners, they are now all free. This whole question is nearing a solution by its own weight. Spain is bankrupt. She cannot send another man to Cuba. There are riots in Havana. The handwriting has appeared on the wall.'

In reply to a direct question as to why his sub-committee had not re-ported the senate resolution he said the committee had called for official information. We cannot reply on newspaper reports when we see in this city the two sides of the question pre-

pleaded Cuba's cause, "I don't fear war," said Mr. Berry, will be kindled that will free Cuba."

Mr. Mabany.

replied Mr. Berry. After some further remarks by Mr Wheeler (Dem Ky..) in favor of granting belligerant lights to the insurgents. the committee rose and at 5 o'clock the house adjourned.

With the photograph of the document the French government went deliberately to work, and I am assured on authority that leaves no room for doubt that the name of Dreyfus appeared on it, but Dreyfus being a common name in both Germany and France, suspicion did not immediately fall upon the condemned officer. Later the document served as confirmatory evidence.

sented by different newspapers.

"I think a little blood letting would good for "s, Let Spain fire on the American flag just once and the flame

"Oh, we can take care of ourselves,"

Departure for the Klondike Has to Mr. Berry (Dem., Ky.,) eloquently

"But what will happen to us?" asked

at Havana be withdrawn and the government of Spain be notified of a suspension of diplomatic relations at that point.

Mr. Hitt quickly raised a point of order, which Mr. Hepburn, in the chair, sustained.

"I appeal from the decision of the chair," said Mr. Lewis. "And I make the point that the ap-

peal is dilatory," exclaimed Mr. Dalzell (Rep., Pa.). "The chair sustains the point of or

der," declared Mr. Hepburn, who di-rected the clerk to proceed with the reading. Excitement was at boiling and Mr. Terry (Dem., Ark.) oint shouted his protest.

"Can it be possible that we have reached the point where this side of the house cannot appeal from the de-cision of the chair?" he cailed.

Mr. Hepburn directed Mr. Terry to take his seat, and the clerk droned on with the reading.

Mr. Lewis found a parliamentary way of discussing his amendment, how-ever, by moving a pro forma amendment to strike out the last word.

The reading of the bill went on, interrupted every few minutes by fiveminute speeches from the Democratic side on Cuba.

Mr. Wilson (Dem., S. C.) presented the Cuban question in still a new form in hope to engraft it on the bill. It provided for a change in the salary of he United States consul general at Havana, pending the continuance of the present war. Mr. Wilson declared that it would be a blot on the name of the house of representatives if it pre- warned the members that the vast revented a vote on the question of war

that it could

It wa, said that every pound of powder fired in the cause of Cuba's freedom had come from this country. No Spanish cruiser could now molest our vessels on the high seas. Members, he said, might ask why with all these advantages in store for them the agents

of the Cuban republic in this country desired belligerents rights. "I could explain it," said Mr. Hitt, "but I prefer to do so in the words of

one of these agents to me." "'We know,' said this gentleman, that we have much to lose in the matter of supplies, but we also know that if Spanish cruisers begin to stop American skippers it will not be long before a hasty shot is fired. With that shot public opinion in Spain and the United States will plunge those countries into

war: ther our battle will be over."

"That, perhaps, is a very just argu-ment for the Cuban," continued Mr Hitt, "but not for an American. If we are to have war let us face it directly,

not be forced into it by a chance. do not blame the Cubans, however, any more than I blame the confederates, who during the rebellion hoped to precipitate war between the United States and Great Britain, knowing that once war came the contract for freeing the

confederacy would be taken off their hands." RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE

PRESIDENT. Mr. Hitt spoke of the Spanish author ity in Havana as tottering between

armed forces without and tumultuous riot within, but with impressive words sponsibility of action with the moment Cuba; a blot comparable only to ous consequences that might ensue written in blood and of rested on the shoulders of the execu-

tive, not on members of congress who might be making speeches for popular disposed of approval.

"Let us remember," he

IN THE SENATE.

A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate today by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Hoar (Mass.) providing for an inquiry by the committee on postoffices and post roads concerning the recent order of the postmaster

general reducing the force of letter carriers in several cities of the country. Mr. Hoar declared that the order had had the effect of a dynamite bomb in creating consternation among business men throughout the country, while

apparently all that was needed by the postoffice department was an appro-priation of \$150,000 fully to maintain the efficiency of the carrier service.

The debate took a wide range, Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the committee on ostoffices and post roads, insisting that many New England people represented by the senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Hoar) were responsible for the deficiency in the funds of the postoffice department, because they insisted that the government should carry second-class mail at an enormous loss

and Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, charging that the government was annually defrauded out of millions of dollars through the underweighing of mail matter. The resolution in a modified form is still pending. Mr. Vest gave notice that he would move tomorrow to take up for consideration the Teller resolution reported by the finance committee, providing that bonds of the United States may be paid in standard

silver tolls. Mr. Vest's notice seems to indicate an intention on the part of some of the senators to displace, temporarily, the Hawailan annexation treaty, as it is evident, as Mr. White (Cal.) said, that the consideration of

the resolution would "precipitate some slight discussion." Mr, Chandler presented and secured the passage of a resolution directing

the committee on interstate commerce to inquire whether the fund provided for in rules 16 and 17 of the joint traffic association is lawfully in existence; to examine the details of its expenditure, as to whether or not it had been expended for lawful purposes; and whether any illegal or improper use of

the funds could be prohibited and punished by law.

HANSBROUGH'S BILL PASSED. Mr. Hansbrough called up a bill

which had been sent to the senate by the house, providing that receivers of public moneys should be responsible under their bond for all money received by them from the sale of Indian lands.

The bill passed the senate on Monday, but Mr. Hansbrough's desire was that the bill should be enacted into a law by the passage of the house bill. The bill was passed.

Mr. Tillman presented a resolution for which he asked immediate consid-eration, extending the authority of the interstate commerce committee so that it might inquire to what extent railad companies issue passes, whether the railroads gave transportation for any other consideration than cash and

what arrangements they had with newspapers regarding transportation. Mr. Cullom, chairman of the com mittee, objected to the consideration of the resolution, as it would involve a long and tedious investigation by the

committee, which was anxious to get some bill before congress during the

salling on Sunday, but owing to inabil-ity of the Snow and Ice Transportation illing on Sunday, but owing to inabil-A detachment of police was sent on the double culck to the court and after a hard fight succeeded in clearing the room and driving the crowd out into the me General Merriam decided to defer and driving the crowd out into the miling the men and supplies for the ex-

edition until Feb. 1 D. D. Stewart, who arrived from Dawon City on the steamer Corona at Seattle, came to this city and deposited \$29.-0 in gold dust with a safe deposit com pany. Stewart, who is a partner of Alexander McDonald, a millionaire of Dawson, is on his way to San Francisco to purchase machinery to be used in min-

RELIEF EXPEDITION DELAYED.

Be Deferred.

in Alaska. It is his intention to rush the machinry over the passes as far as Lake Benett and then wait for the river to John Gregor, also a passenger by the Croona, passed here en route for San with a valise containing \$46,-Francis 000 in gold-dust.

MERRY SHAMS INSANITY.

The Alleged Wife Murderer Has Another Cursing Spell.

Chicago, Jan. 19 .- Today the alleged wife murderer, Chris Merry, even before his defense could be presented to the jury, apparently gave up all hope of escaping the gallows. Before court opened he broke into one of his fearful cursing spells. In the little room just off the court Merry acted like a will man. "Pratt," shouted Merry, to his at wild "Will you go with me to the torney, gallows? No priest, no minister for me. I want you. I'd rather have you to walk

with me to the scaffold than any holy hypocrite.' Counsel for James Smith, who is

trial with Merry for complicity in the murder, today made a motion that Smith's case be taken from the jury on the ground that no evidence connecting Smith with the murder had been intro-duced. The motion was overruled. The defence put witnesses on the stand toto prove Merry insane. Merry him-flatly refused to go on the witness stand.

GIRLS FLED BY THE FIRE ESCAPE.

An Exciting Blaze in an Uptown Yarn Will Quickly Put Out.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19 .- Fire started in he yarn factory of William Thornton, on Crease street, above Girard avenue, shortly before noon yesterday. Many of the girls employed in the hosiery man-ufactory of Berlizheimer & Sons, on the top floors of the building, became alarmed seeing the smoke and hastily descended the fire escapes to the street. The fire, which was speedily exting-

uished, originated in a carding machine and spread among a lot of yarn to the floors above. The loss is put at \$3,000.

FREE RURAL DELIVERY.

A Scheme Like the Old Penny Post System.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The house com-mittee on postoffices has made a favor-able report on the Sperry bill for rural free delivery. This project differs from the general rural free delivery proposition in that it depends on the petition-ing of one or more persons for each town

or place where there is now no free delivery, and the compensation of the carriers or collectors is to be derived from private agreements between them and the citizens served.

The scheme is substantially like the old penny post system.

Anti-Scalping Bill Reported.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The house com-merce committee today voted to report the anti-scalping bill in the shape of a substitute prepared by Mr. Sherman, of New York. New York.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 19.-Arrived: Bismarck, Hamburg, Salled: Fuersi Paris, "that present session. He said that he had Southampton; Britannic, Liverpoo

considerable excitement held here today.

President, John McDowell; first vic president, C. H. Bergner; vice presidents, George A. Vare, William H. Wanamaker, rumor that Luetgert was to go on the Eenjamin S. Kunkle, Charles E. Voor-hees, Frank Thompson, David Y. Wil-son, Robert E. Pattison, William T. Hildrup, George D. Stiztel, Amos L. My-lin, H. H. Colvin, A. D. Hay, Louis Piollet, Joel A. Herr, Samuel Berklin-bine, Henry C. Chisholm, M. D., Hiram Young, N. B. Critchfield, George Rhey, W. W. Speer, James McKean, Joshua Wright, J. D. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Thorn-ton, William Powell, Leonard Rhone; at large, Daniel H. Hastings, Thomas J. Edge; additional members exocutive Eenjamin S. Kunkle, Chartes E. Voor stand this afternoon.

SATAN STALKED IN.

Indiana Congregation Scared by the Device of a Preacher's Son.

Bourbon, Ind., Jan, 19 .- Rev. Mr. Aktn astor of the Bethel church, Sunday night took for his theme "His Sanatic Ma-, jesty." At the climax of the description a being dressed to represent the devil, with large head and switching tail, ambled up the aisle, blowing smoke from its nostrils and bellowing, "I am the devil, and I want all of you." Edge, Jaditional members executive committee, Levi G. McCauley, John H. Ziegler, S. B. Rutherford, M. W. Mc-Alarney, S. F. Barber, Joseph Montgom-ery, J. P. Nissley; corresponding and recording secretary, H. C. Demming; treasurer, W. F. Rutherford; chemist and geologist Hugh Hamilton; librarian The audience became panic-stricken.

Men, women and children were huried to the floor and trampled upon in the and geologist, Hugh Hamilton; libraria William H. Egle; stenographer, A. M. mad rush for the door. The stove was upset and the building caught fire. Gardner.

terday George Akni, son of the pastor, confessed that he, with the help of other boys, rigged up a devil suit, and, knowing the subject of his father's sermon, con-With Saws Furnished by His Wife cealed himself behind a chair and awaited the arrival of the audience.

THAT NEWSPAPER BOYCOTT.

Stores That Tried to Dictate Adver tising Rates Are Beaten.

Denver, Jan. 19.-The boycott of the newspapers of Denver, begun ten days ago by fourteen department stores, was ended tonight by the unconditional sur-render of the stores. The stores made the demand that the papers reduce their advertising rate 30 per cent, or they would cease to advertise.

The fight has stirred up the community greatly, the result being that the stores were almost forsaken by purchasers and the proprietors had to surrender or go out of business. Labor unions have held

Straight is wanted in Wilkes-Barre, meeting after meeting to contrive plans Harrisburg and Newport, Pa.; Balti-more and New York, for carrying on ex to spread the agitation and keep the people away from the department stores. At a late hour tonight the newspaper offices were visited by a representative ensive swindling schemes against busi-

from each store in the combination. They acknowledged that they were beaten and would resume their advertising contracts as soon as arrangements could be made

QUIET AT HAVANA.

The Maine is Ordered to Join the North Atlantic Squadron.

Washington, Jan. 19.-General Lee bled the state department at 2.41 this af-ternoon that all was quiet at Havana. He also reported that the decree issued Nov. 4 last admitting free imported cat-tie into Cuba until Jan. 10 has been ex-tended to March 10, 1898, under the same conditions contained in the first decree. Orders were telegraphed to Captain Sigsee, of the Maine at Key West, to join the North Atlantic squadron for drills and manouvres when Admiral Sicard passes Key West on the way to Tor-tugas harbor. It is expected that the whole squadron will be near Key West and a good deal of powder will be burned

n the drills near there.

Mayor Nichols Renominated.

New York, Jan. 19 .- Justice Dickey, Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 19.-At a convention of the third class city party this evening, Hon. Francis M. Nichols, the present inthe supreme court, Brooklyn, today signed the papers admitting Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, to bail in \$2,500. Dis-Hon. Francis M. Nichols, the present in-cumbent, was re-nominated for mayor. The third class city party is non-partisan, its aim being to make Wilkes-Barre a city of the third class. The city is now governed by a special charter which has trict Attorney Gardiner said after proceedings that Ratcliffe would be arrested on a charge of perjury. Ratcliffe is at present awaiting the sec trial on the charge of assaulting its adherents, too, Oscar Smith being their candidate for mayor. wife, a writ of reasonable doubt having been granted him in his previous riction

Ives Defents Sutton.

· Chicago, Jan. 19 .- After one of the finest displays of scientific billiards ever Washington, Jan. 19.-Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, has introduced a bill to construct eight vessels for the revenue shown in Chicago, Frank Ives tonight de-feated George Sutton by a score of 490 cutter service.

Harrisburg, Jan. 19.—The annual mee ing of the State Agricultural society was These officers elected:

think with them do not relish the plotting of Croker and other eastern Democrats to side-track the silver issue; and the Teller resolution will be used to undo the influence of the coterie which centres about the Democratic club in New York city.

When Senator Vest was asked how the eastern Democrats would regard his proposition, he replied laconically that he was not an Eastern Democrat and could not tell.

"But have you not disturbed their feelings by bringing up this question or, the eve of the legislative campaign. "Feelings should not be considered." he declared, emphatically, "when legislation that is right is to be considered."

MUSI KNOW INTERNATIONAL LAW

All Line Officers in the Navy quired to Study It.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19 .- The growing importance of the foreign relations of the United States has caused the navy department to issue an order that will be received with interest by naval officers. It provides that after July 1, 1898, commanders, lieutenant commanders, and lieutenants will be required to pass ex-aminations in international law before promotion, and lieutenants, junior grades, ensigns, and naval cadets of the line di-vision, at the expiration of their first cruise after the order goes into effect. sawed through an iron gar at a window of the toilet room, dropped into the jail yard, scaled a twelve-foot fence and got Line cadets at the naval academy will be obliged to pass an examination in mil-His flight was not discovered unitary law before being promoted.

This order is an extension of one al-ready in force. All officers appearing ing her husband to escape. She visited Straight in jall yesterday and when arfor examination for promotion to com mand rank are obliged to pass a satis-factory test of their knowledge of inrested today said she then gave him three saws. She said to the officer who arrested her that she was satisfied to know that her husband had escaped and ternational law, but the junior officers and cadets have been exempt. The Cu-ban situation and other matters that recould gladly take his place in jail. She quire the presence of American warships in foreign waters make it necessary for officers of the navy to be thoroughly informed on the principles of the law of nations, for they may be required to act for themselves in emergencies,

Washington, Jan. 19.-A special com-mittee from the Philadelphia city coun-cil, headed by Penrose E. McClain, and reinforced by the Philadelphia delegation

in the house, appeared before the house committee on naval affairs today to argue

League Island navy station and dry docks. The committee took the argu-ments under consideration in connection

with the naval appropriation which they

Attacked by Tramps.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 19.-A desperate fight which will result in the death of

one man, occurred on an Erie rallway train near Willson this afternoon. Spe-cial Officer McNabb was attacked by four

tramps and pelted with iron ore. He shot two of them, Alfred and John Green.

Killed Wife and Sister-in-Law.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 19.-Edwin A. Duff, aged 45 years, shot and killed his wife and sister-in-law while they were walking near the corner of Greene and

Hamilton streets shortly before 6 o'clock tonight. He had previously frequently

threatened to kill his wife on account of

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Jan. 20 .- In the middle states

New York, Jan. 20.-In the middle states and New England, today, cloudy, rainy weather and freah northeasteriy to southeasterly winds will prevail, pre-ceded by snow in the lake districts, with nearly stationary temperature; the winds becoming strong and the weather foggy on the coasts, clearing tonight in the western districts of this section.

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Petitions for Dry Docks.