

tion of the next step began. Assistant lar today: Secretary Day was in consultation with the president on the subject at least times during the official day, and

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 9. Dear Sir: The signs of the times indi-ate that a Democratic victory in Pennsylvania is, this year, not only possible, building, were rescued ut probable. In order to insure such a result The windows are protected by heavy iron shutters which cannot be opened, party must present a united front and go into the campaign with a vigorous de-termination to fight the common enemy. and the firemen are badly handicapped. About \$1,000,000 in merchandise was in the building. The loss cannot as yet In order that an opportunity may be given for an interchange of opinions whereby our differences may be adjustbe estimated, but at lease \$100,000 worth of property has already been consumed. and a common ground of action select-The building and contents are all ind, it is deemed advisable to call upon our leading Democrats to meet together Just after the explosion, the large for consultation. warehouse of E. A. Hoevalor & Co., Republican enmities have broken their on Pine street, opposite the Chauanks and Republican misgovernment has tauqua building, was ablaze, and in a so disgusted the honest voters of Pennsylvania that they are ready to look to short time was beyond hope of saving. the Democratic party for relief. At about 1.15 the fire was brought un-If, without the abandonment of our principles or the appearance of cowardice der control and no further spread is expected. or surrender of convictions, we can con-The two large buildings are a total struct a platform upon which all good Democrats and all other honest men can wreck and the total loss cannot be much less than a million dollars. Unstand, we believe that 1858 will bring vic tory to Democracy and good government to our grand old commonwealth. til the fallen walls have been cleared away there can be no certainty as to I have, therefore, invited a goodly numthe number of victims. ber of our leading Democrats to meet in the board of trade rooms at Harris-TO LIVE WITH A PRINCESS. ourg on Thursday evening, Feb. 17. at 7.30 o'clock for the the purpose of paring views and taking such action as Witnesses in the Johnson Episode, a the participants may deem best for the Vineland, Start for Prussia. eneral welfare of our party. This invitation is not sent to Demo Vineland, N. J., Feb. 9.-George, Edrats of any factional affiliation, but to ward and Frederick Johnson, sons of matter what may have Colonel Johnson, left Vineland this en their former alliances. evening to make their permanent resl-John M. Garman. (Signed) dence with their aunt, Princess Salm-The circular will be mailed to prom-Salm, of Bonn-on-the-Rhine, Prussia. The two brothers witnessed the as inent Democrats throughout the state. sault made upon their brother Felix by George Johnson, who claims that **THE BILL FOR PURE FLOUR.** their father is also his father. The The prosecution excused George and Millers to Visit Washington and Urge Frederick from testifying at the trial of the claimant on Thursday.

making it in reality four buildings. Fifty horses belonging to the Ice company, stabled in one end of the

and Mulberry alley. It is a six-story brick with three heavy fore walls,

TESTIFY. This was the third day of the famous

trial, and when General Boisdeffre was called he refused emphatically to nle

rear of the court house. The prisoner was calm. He glanced

the superintendent says the damage gert and his guards entered through

will not be heavy.

vation. FOUR MINERS BURNED. Serious Accident at Lawrence Colliery, Shenandonh.

MODERN ROBINSON CRUSOE.

Theodore Gussmann Alone on a Coral

Reet in the Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.-Alone on

and of the island.

While Mr. Cannon was speaking a sensational incident occurred. A me-

then spent much time in framing his message to United States Minister Woodford at Madrid. The official statement of the sending of this message was accompanied by a declination to indicate its contents at this time, the department merely giving to the press the statement that de Lome does not deny writing the letter and that the department had communicated with aneral Woodford.

E. WOODFORD'S INSTRUCTIONS While the department refused to add nything to this meavre announcement can be stated without question that fr Woodford was directed to lay the facts developed before the Spanish government together with the statement that in view of the minister's refusal to deny the authorship of the letter the Spanish government is looked to with confidence to deal with the case properly. This amounts to an invitation to recall the minister, presuming that he himself had not already taken steps to vacate his position.

No doubt is entertained of a compliance with the implied suggestion but in case there should be undue delay in acting, the state department would feel called upon to move directly in the matter and give the minister his passports as was done when Sir Julian Pauncefote's predecessor wrote the celebrated Murchison letter.

The letter being genuine, there is no excuse that will be acceptable to our government. The rule as laid down in the Sackville case is generally regarded as the standard precedent for our guidance in such matters, though there are not lacking other precedents. To plead that the letter was purely personal, that it was not even addressed to an official or to a citizen of the United States will not suffice. Lord Sack- ton at an early date for a hearing beville set up such an excuse, but Pres- fore the Ways and Means committee ident Cleveland declared that it was insufficient and the minister was compelled to leave Washington.

The letter was almost the sole topic of conversation among the members of as to disclose the true contents, weight, the house today. Its contents were considered such a manifest breach of diplomacy that many refused to credit it. Chairman Hitt, of the foreign affairs committee, Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, and other leading Republicans declined to express any opinion at this time. On the assumption that the letter was authentic, however, the opinion was almost unanimous that no self-respecting government could tolerate such criticism of its chief executive and that Minister de Lome's words had put an end to his usefulness at this capital. Some fears were also expressed that the recall of Minister de Lome, while affairs were in the present delicate condition, might precipitate a crisis

LINE OF ACTION.

Inasmuch as the line of action in that case may form the basis for action in this, always presuming that the Spanish minister does not himself cut the knot and relieve the govern-ment from the necessity of performing a diaggreenble duty it may be stated a disagreeable duty, it may be stated | Joubert, 1.943.

Its Passage by Congress.

Washington, Feb. 9 .- The extensive nilling industry of the Northwest is organizing to secure favorable action n the "pure flour" bill introduced by Representative Pearce, of 'Missouri Representative Tawney, of Minnesota. received today a despatch from some of the millers stating their purpose to urge the bill, and to come to Washing-The measure is on the line of the Oleomargarine and filled cheese laws. It defines mixed flour, regulates its sale and importation, and requires packages of flour to be marked conspicuously so

INSURANCE IN MAINE.

etc.

The State Commissioner's Report Shows a Good Business.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 9,-The annual report of the Maine commissioner of insurance, S. W. Carr, which will be is-sued in a few days, will say that the business of last year in this state was very satisfactory to the insurance

companies, especially the old line organizations The increases in the amount of insurance written during the year was \$1.899,638, and the increase amount of insurance in force Dec. 21 was \$4,313,686. The increase in premiums received was \$154,439. The decrease in losses and claims paid was ed all the doors on leaving. \$306,552.

Kruger Re-Elected.

Pretoria, Transvaal Republic, Feb. 9. Paul Kruger has been re-elected presi-dent of the South African republic. The The

DISCIPLINE SAVES SCHOOL CHILDREN. Marched Cooly Out of Their Smoking

Room.

Cape May, N. J., Feb. 9 .- The Howell ublic school building took fire during the morning session today from an over-heated stovepipe. The children of the primary departnent, about 200, were all rapidly and safely marched into the yard of the smoking building, school bags and wraps in hand, under the excellent discipline perfected by their teachers, Misses Foster, Plaisted, Walter and Jacobs. The department put the fire out by means of the new chemical engine and the damage was trifling.

GAVE UP \$1,400 AFTER TORTURE.

Hiss Nancy Fix Tells How Boy Burglars Treated Her. Delaware, O., Feb. 9.-Miss Nancy Fix, who was tortured by burgiars into revealing the hiding place of \$1400 on

Tuesday night of last week, and who was taken to a hospital, was able today o give some account of the affair. I'wo of her torturers were boys. Miss Fix said that the robbers attempted to set fire to her clothing, and after securing the \$1400 they left her bound and nearly paked. They built three fires in the house, and then lock-

Business Men Want Pence.

Washington, Feb. 9.--A memorial was delegation of New York business men representing a large number of well known and influential firms in that city asking that action be taken by this government looking to the re-establishm of peace in Cuba.

and state secrecy. M. Delegorgue, the presiding judge, consented that Mme. Drevfus should be allowed to testify,

on the condition that her evidence was restricted to the Esterhazy case. M. Laborie, counsel for M. Zola, protested against the limitation of the evidence of Mme, Dreyfus and denounced scathingly the scenes in court, the blased reports in the newspapers and

the attacks on his client as being unworthy of France. General Gonze refused to testify, a scene followed and the court was

cleared read: The Aurore publishes the text of the

Gonze-Picquart correspondence, showing the anxiety of General Gonze to proofs of the authorship of the Bordereau, but foreseeing the extreme difficulties of the case and the necessity of acting with the greatest prudence. Colonel Picquart, on the other hand, promises in the correspondence faithfully to follow General Gonze's instruction, but points out that unless something is done quickly the initiative will come from others, as was proved by the fact that the Eclair had already published the Bordereau. The Aurore, commenting on the cor-

respondence, says the letters prove that General Gonze, in September, 1896, betime. lieved in the innocence of Dreyfus, and sought means to establish the truth.

TROTTING CONGRESS.

Representatives of the Association Discuss Changes in Turt Code.

New York, Feb. 9.-The biennial congress of the National Trotting association met here today. The representatives went over the entire turf code, and after discussing the various changs suggested by the rules committee,

approved the great majority of them. Few of the rules enacted at the congress of Feb. 12, 1896, escaped alteration.

Not only will the National Trotting association be governed by the revised code, but by a resolution the American Trotting association was requested to The annual election of officers concur. resulted:

P. P. Johnson, Lexington, Ky., presdent; David Bonner, New York, and M. T. Smith, San Francisco, vice presidents; Lewis J. Powers, Springfield. treasurer; W. H. Gocher, Hartford, secretary.

District boards for the Atlantic district-George W. Archer, Rochester; I. C. Sibley, Franklin, Pa.; Frank Bower, Philadelphia.

The Buccancer Was Shadowed.

Havana, Feb. 9.-The American yacht Buccoreer, which has several times entered this port without health or other papers, flying the colors of the Union Yacht club, is understood to have landed

Karl Decker, the Journal and Advertiser spondent at an insurgent camp. The t carries a small gun and it is reported she also has arms and ammunition on board. T The Buccaneer was

Cruise of the Montgomery.

Washington, Feb. 9.--A cablegram has seen received at the navy department

from Captain Converse commanding the United States steamship Montgomery, now at Santiago de Cuba, saying that all was quiet in that section. He expects to sail tomorrow from Santiago and He expects leave Cuba, going over to Port Antonio on the island of Jamaica for coal and there awaiting the orders of the depart-ment as to his further movements.

quickly around to see if the jury was waiting for him, and sank into a chair to await its coming.

the door leading from the jail, in the

In a minute they filed in, passing to Shenandoah, Pa., Feb. 9.-Four minthe seats which they have occupied ers were seriously burned today in the during the seventy-two days of the Lawrence colliery at Mahanoy Plane The spectators watched them trial. by an explosion of gas. They are: eagerly, hoping to catch from their faces some idea of what the verdict Samuel Stout, Henry Horn, Burgh Harkins and John Walaitis, all of was to be. Not one of the jurors Frackville glanced toward the prisoner, who vainly tried to catch an eye of some one

Stout and Horn are not expected to live. of the men who had determined his The men were timbering an airway

when there came a heavy fall of coal. Clerk Knops took the verdict, and The escaping gas was ignited by their lamps and the explosion followed. The

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment, flames set fire to the breast in which and fix his punishment at imprison-ment for life." they were working, and it will be impossible to extinguish the fire before tomorrow.

There was a hush and all eyes turned on Luetgert. He laughed, and laughed in a manner that showed that he did not regard the verdict as a serious matter, comparatively speaking.

Mr. Harmon entered a motion for a new trial, which will be argued within a few days.

fate.

coral reef in the Pacific, hundreds of Luetgert was led back to jail in ap miles from any other land and out of parently good spirits, comforted by the the usual course of vessels, Theodore assurances of his lawyers that he will Gussman is waiting to be rescued. get a new trial and that the state will Gussman is one of three men sent down not be able to convict him a second to Clipperton island last July by the Oceanic Phosphate company to keep

EAST RIVER MYSTERY.

Latest Mutilated Corpse Found Is That of a Scandinavian.

New York, Feb. 9 .- The autopsy on and hoisted the Mexican standard. the mutilated body found in the East Gussman refused to leave then, alriver yesterday revealed the fact that though an effort was made to "shangthe breast plate was fractured and hal" him by the Mexican captain. In that every rib was broken. The back- order to remain at his post of duty, bone was also broken. The man had Gussman practically marconed himprobably been dead only three or four seif, swimming ashore from the wardays. There was a small white mole ship with evidence of his employer's on the man's back between the shoul- titles to the island concealed in one der blades. The doctor says the body of his shoes.

was that of a Scandinavian. The doctor said that the head had

been first cut with a knife and then the face hacked with a clever or axe, and an axe used in removing the legs.

OLDEST MASON DEAD.

George Lord, Who Is Also the Oldest Odd Fellow, Passes Away.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 9.-George Lord, the oldest Mason in the United 25.639. There were 60 fatal accidents and States, and probably in the world, and 269 non-fatal. A human life was lost for every 124,140 tons of coal mined. also the oldest Odd Fellow in this country, is dead. He was born in New York city June 27, 1890, and first came to California in 1849.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.-Assemblyman After mining for some time at Steep Roche tried to introduce a resolution tofollow he returned to his Iowa home day calling upon President McKinley to ask for the recall of Senor Dupuy de and married Miss Arabella Singleton. Again coming to California in 1852 he Lome, the Spanish minister. The tempt was unsuccessful, the resolusettled in San Barnardino, which has since been his home. being objected to.

SPRECKLES' DAUGHTER SORRY.

Wants the \$1,500,000 Which She Imputsively Deeded to Papa.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.-While in Honolulu on January 22, on her way around the world with her husband, Mrs. Thomas Watson, Claus Spreckels' only daughter, took a strange legal measpre into the Hawalian courts.

She aims to recover from her father property in Hawaii worth \$1,500,000 which she impulsively deeded back to him after he had accused her husband of marrying her for her money.

ber of the house of representatives standing near the speaker, audibly denounced as a lie seemingly some statement Mr. Cannon made. Mr. Cannon, pale with feeling, made reply to what at the moment seemed an insult, but which was subsequently satisfactorily explained.

the insurgents in the field, had re-

sorted to a policy of bribery and star-

MR. MASON'S SPEECH.

Mr. Mason followed Mr. Hale in a ong and at times flery speech, in which he urged the president immediately to intervene in the Cuban war and end the struggle which on both sides had become so brutal as to shock the sensibilities of the civilized world. He discussed from the point of view of an international lawyer the right of the United States to intervene to put an end to the war and then with effective satire denounced as "a piece of Spanish fraud and chicanry" the scheme of autonomy which Spain was now endeavoring to force upon the Cubans, He did not believe war would result from intervention, but thought if it should, it would be a war of glory and of honor.

Mr. Mason maintained that it was no answer satisfactory to the Cuban patriots or to the sympathizers with them. that the battleship Maine should be sent to Cuban waters. Above all it was possession of the company's property no satisfaction to see the stars and stripes dipped to the Spanish ensign. His companions descried him at the It was no answer to those in waiting time the Mexican man-of-war Demofor something effective and fraught crata hauled down the American flag with results that the administration should have under consideration at this time a treaty with Spain looking to reciprocal trade relations with the Span-

sh government relating the island of Cuba. On motion of Mr. Hale, the resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

IN THE HOUSE.

The Republican majority was increas-MINE INSPECTOR'S REPORT. ed today from 49 to 50 when the house by a vote of 143-112 unseated Mr. Plow-Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 9,-Mine Inspector man (Dem., Ala.) and gave the seat G. M. Willhams, of the Third district, has to Mr. Aldrich (Rep.) This was the completed his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1897. The total numfirst contested case decided by the present house against the sitting memher of tons of coal mined in the district ber. Those who spoke on the case today during the year was 7,448 (05.12. Of this amount 6,591,694.11 tons were shipped to were: Messrs, Settle (Dem., Ky.). Hamilton (Rep., Mich.), Bartlett (Dem., market. The average number of days worked by the companies was 123.92 and the total number of persons employed was Ga.) and Taylor (Rep., O.)

Mr. Sulzer (Dem., N. Y.) attempted to secure recognition for the introduction in open house of a resolution which after reciting the contents of a letter alleged to have been written by Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister to Don Jose Canalejas, editor of the Madrid El Heraldo (which letter was published this morning) and after alleging that said letter was an insult to this country, declared it to be the sense of the house that the Spanish minister "be given his passports and sent home in disgrace." He was cut

Steamship Arrivals.

successful, the resolution

New York, Feb. 9.-Sailed: outhampton; Teutonic, Liverpool; Kensington, Antwerp, Arrived: Western-land, Antwerp; Spaarndam, Rotterdam, Southampton-Sailed: Lahn, from Bremen for New York.

No Ginger at Albany.

The Hera'd's Weather Forecast. New York, Feb. 10.-In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy and slightly warmer weather will prevail, with fresh southerly winds, folowed by rain in the western district and possibly tonight on the coasts, when the of Cuba since the advent of the new weather will become thick.

The house committee on foreign affairs today decided to deport favorably the Williams resolution calling upon the state department for the information in its possession concerning the present condition of the reconcentrados in Cuba, what steps have been taken to prevent them from starvation and suffering and also if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform the house of the general condition

regime under General Blanco.

off by the regular order. WILLIAMS' RESOLUTION.

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