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EXPANSION IN SENATE

Week Will Be Opened by Speech from Senator Platt.

WILL REPLY TO MR. VEST

A Number of Speeches on the Same Subject will Be Made After the Holidays-It Is Expected That the Treaty will Be Taken Up for Discussion Early in January. Nicaragua Canal Bill will Be Pushed.

Washington, Dec. 18.-The week in the senate will be opened with a speech by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, on the question of expansion. He has giver-notice of an address to begin immediately after the conclusion of the routine morning business Monday.

Mr. Platt will reply to the speech of Senator Vest made last Menday, and as he has given very careful attention to the extension of our territorial areano little interest is manifested among senators in his presentation of the matter, and it is not improbable unless the Nicaragua canal bill prevents that the speech will precipitate a more or less general debate upon this question. Whether it does or not a numher of speeches on the same subject will be made after the Christmas holidays preparatory to the consideration of the peace treaty.

It is hoped that the treaty will be taken up for discussion early in January. Already there is talk of the probability of disposing of the treaty during the present session and the impression is favorable to this result. A few sengrors manifest a disposition to debate the treaty at length and some profess unaiterable opposition, but the feeling is so strong against an extra ression and in favor of the postponement of the settlement of the disposition of the Phil prines after they come into our pescasion, that it now seems that even the minority will consent to the treaty's catheration without material delay. The friends of the treaty who are giving attention to the closest detalls of opposition as they develop themselves have taken the pains to have enumerated the names of the signers to the memorials against annexation which have reached the senate, and they find that there are fewer than 2,000 of them distributed among the states as follows: Massachusetts, West Virginia, 101: Indiana, 74; Ohle 50; Florida, 47; New York, 45; Virginia, 38; Vermont 20; Maryland, Pennsylvania and Illinois, 15 each Rhode island 12: New Hampshirs, 6; California and Missourt, 2 each: Wiscousin and Tennessee, 2 each, Maine, Colorado, Iowa and Nevada, 1

WILL PRESS CANAL BILL. Sometor Morgan said today that L meant to press the Nicaragua canal bill ne vigorously as possible, and he expressed the hope that he might get a vote before next Wednesday, the prob able date of the Christmas adjournment. The indications are, however, against such an early disposal of the subject, and it may be accepted as quite certain that even if Senator Turpie's motion for postponement until January to shall not prevail the bill will be naturally thrown over beyond the holidays. It is evidently the purpose of the opposition to prevent action during the few remaining days prior to adjournment. Mr. Morgan today indicated his willingness to accept the Berry amendments in modified form and the bill as the Arkansas senato proposes to change it has been printed

for information. The bill concerning the registry the foreign built vessels wrecked on the American coast is still on the calendar as a special order and Senator Elkins will probably make another effort to secure consideration. Senator Cullom. has also expressed a desire to get up the anti-scalping bill. Both these meas uses will be antagonized and most probably thrown over to January.

There will be no effort made to ge up any more appropriation bills until after the resumption of business in January.

IN THE HOUSE.

The holiday recess, by the terms of the resolution reported by the ways and means committee, is to begin Thursday and extend until Wednesday. Jan. 4. It is likely, however, that the resolution will be amended so as to make the recess begin Wednesday in stead of Thursday. The appropriations bills are farther advanced now than they have been for many years at the short session. Already the navat and army deficiency, a special bill, and three of the regular bilis-the pension, District of Columbia and Indian-have picked up by the Tyr on Nove passed the house. The agricultural bill in latitude 39%, and longitude 71, was reported yesterday and will be taken up on Tuesday. Four of the regular money budgets, out of thirteen, will, therefore, have passed the lowhouse before the holiday recess, an unprecedented thing in legislative annals he military academy bill could have been added to this list had it not been that Chairman Hull, of the military affairs committee, declined to allow the attention of the committee to be drawn from the bill for the increase of th army even for the limited time required

to prepare the academy bill. naval personnel bill and the bill for the Philadelphia exposition of 1899 have been urging the committee on rules to hotel and large lumber mill were damgrant time for their consideration Time will be allotted for the former bill soon after the house re-convenes after the holiday recess. It is possible that the Philadelphia exposition bill may be called up and placed upon its object tomorrow, as tomorrow, under the rules, is suspension day. The bill to extend First National bank of Muskogee, the navigation laws of the United States | g over Hawaii, which was pending yes- of Chief Isparhecker.

terday when the house adjourned, may also be voted upon under suspension of the rules.

BRICE FUNERAL TRAIN.

on a Special Train.

Lima, O., Dec. 18.—The remains of the late Calvin S. Brice arrived here today from New York. The special train bearing the body and the family pulled into the Chicago and Eric depot at 10.40 o'clock. Flags on all pub-He buildings are at half mast in honor of the distinguished dead and many buildings are in mourning. There was a crowd of over 2,000 people at the depot when the train pulled in and after the family were taken to their carriages, the procession started with the Grand Army of the Republic, Union Veterans' union, and the Lima lodge of Elks, which was the only secret order he belonged to, acting as escort. The remains were taken to the Brice residence where they will remain until tomarrow morning when they will be taken to the Market Street Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock and lie in state until noon. The services will occur at 1 p. m. Rev. Dr. W. O. Thompson, resident of the Miami university, will make a short address on the example set for under men by the deceased, and the pastor, Rev. R. B. Thompson,

D. D., will make the address, There will be a suspension of business tomorrow all ever the city, Business houses will close at noon and all manufacturing establishments will run with as few hands as possible. The Lake rice and Western road, of which Mr. Brice was president, will run three special trains here for the

accommodation of their employes who

will wear badges of mourning. It is expected there will be a thousand of them. The floral tributes are most elaborate and represent an outlay of at least \$10,006. The employes of this division of the Lake Eric and Western road presented an engine eight feet long, tender and two coaches ten feet long, each made from white

SHAFTER ROASTS CUBANS

He Says That They Are Not Now Fit for Self Government, That Gunpowder Is for Hell.

Savannah, Ca., Dec. 18.-At the colation of the officers of the Third Georhad some interesting things to say tional way, expressed himself, his re- creised for their benefit. though they were intended for the whole assemblage.

"It seems to me," said General Shafa good deal more of the 'insurgents'."

"How about self government for the peated. "Why, they are no more lit-

In the same line timeral Shafter would, in his opinion, be obliged to remain in the island for some time, and govern the territory by military force.

CINCINNATI INJURED.

The Cruiser Runs Against a Rock at Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 18.-While the United States cruiser Cincinnati was ing, as I believe they do, that we are leaving port about sunset yesterday acting in their best interests, I am conshe ran full full speed upon a rock fident they will welcome us, fully defined in the charts, but not buoyed. Last September General Wood, considering that the absence of a buny there might lead to some accident, anchored one, the first ever placed there, then there has been no buoy to mark the location of the rock

The Cincinnati is probably not serwater. For the last 29 hours the govflower have been engaged in an effort tide. The principal risk now is of tearing a hole in the cruiser's bottom while pulling her off.

been altered in any way since American occupation. Pilots are not compulsory upon the entrance of warships, pulsory upon the entrance of warships, tives of all factions who would light but the Santiago harbor is difficult and the hitter and rather than give in. a warship should invariably take o Hereafter a large buoy will mark the reck upon which the Cincinnati struck.

Shipwrecked Crew Rescued. ndon, Dec. 18.—The Norwegian steamr Tyr, from Philadelphia for Gloucester ingland, arrived at Sharpoers today, Sho as on board the crew of the American hooner Kate S. Plint, which was aboudoned on November 27, while bound from Ship Island for New York. The crew was

Dutch Minister Arrives New York, Dec. 18.-Among the para-ngers who arrived this morning on the Statendam from Rotterdam and Hoasine was F. H. von Week Herlin, minis-er of the Netherlands to the United States, On the French line steamer Bre tagne from Havre was Commandan Grand Prey, French military attache a

Peach Town Burned. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18 .- Nearly

to prepare the academy bill.

The latter, however, will be reported before the recess. The friends of the burned last night. An oil lamp in a boarding house exploded. The Masonia hall and ten stores were destroyed and a

Greek Warrant Fraud.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 18 .- Two me prominent citizens have been indicted for complicity in the Creek warrant fraues ch over \$70,000 was obtained. They H. Warth, former cashier of the It. Cablahan, former private secretary

MERRITT'S OPINION OF THE FILIPINOS

Arrives at Lima, from New York, BELIEVES THEY ARE GRATE-FUL TO AMERICANS.

> The American Army in the Philippines Should Consist of 20,000 or 30,000 Men-One-half Should Be Recruited from the Natives - The United States Admiral to Control the Islands for a Time at Least.

New York, Dec. 18.-General Wesley Merritt, commander of the United States army at the Philippines, gave his opinions on the situation in a clear manner yesterday. In speaking of the Philippines, he said:

In my opinion the army in the Philipes shous, commet of 20,000 or 30,000 mon. Of this number about one-half could be secured in the Philippines. By that i mean that many soullers could be re cruited from the native troops, and he-sides this there are many Spaniards there who would giadly wear the uniform of the United States. The healthfulness of the climate of the Philipplies is of a bigh order. I know English families that have and they have no idea of leaving there As for Aguinaldo, the leader of the Fili-phos. I think he is an exceptionally alread man. I know this in fact, although I have never personally seen hive,
His nuccess is heavely due to his advisors. These keep continually in the
background, and Aguinaldo reaps all the
glory. I think with proper handling, the surgents can be easily ruled, aithough by may give some slight trouble. The report became current long after I telt Manila that Aguinaldo had demanded \$9,000,000 ratesom from the Spanish government for prisoners, so I know nothing

STRENGTH OF INSURGENTS. General Merritt thinks there is an excellent chance for the investment of American capital in the Philippines.

He said that the market opened by the equisition of the Philippines is an xceptionally valuable one and that no one can predict to what volume the business there might swell, or how the commerce of this country would be rucreased by this new field, He said that everything was safe in the islands now and that there was nothing to fear from the insurgents or the Spaniaros. Our soldiers out there," he said, "are gia regiment to Postmaster General line fellows. The conduct of the volun-Smith and the newspaper correspond- teers under fire was the bearing of the enis this afternoon, General Shafter regulars. The Astor battery did good work. I think the Philippine natives about Cuba and the Cubars. He did have a great respect for authority if not make a speech, but in a conversa. | they think that authority is being exmarks being nominally addressed to contact with a number of natives, and Colonel Berner, of the Georgians, a more faithful and appreciative class of people I have never met before think they feel grateful to the Amer-

leans for relieving them of the Spanish er, "that a great many persons have yoke. In case, however, of a misunan erroneous idea respecting our rela- derstanding or wanton hostility to the tions with the Cubans. As I view it, American troops, and a consequent conwe have taken Spain's war upon our-selves. We shall in all probability hear we now have in that country could lire steamer Santiago. He was greetcompletely defeat the insurgents. They ed at the pier by a number of Cubans, been brought up on the Spanish 'ubans?" General Shafter was asked. style of fighting and most of the troops division of the army in Santiago prov-Self government," the general re- of the insurgents are either young boys ince at the time of his father's death. or old men. I think their numbers He will stay in this city for a day or for self government than gunpowder is are estimated by the officers of our ar- two and will then go to Washington my in Manila at about 14,000. They and later to Thomasville, Ga., to visit are not armed, equipped, drilled or his mother. went on to tell why the United States officered well enough to cause us any great trouble, although they were 12th. Before he left a number of Custrong enough to keep the Spanish in bans met at his house to offer condohot water all the time. The natives they have no leader strong enough to Aguinaldo is not a soldier, and the absence of any strong leader, I think,

are divided among themselves, and held, cement all factions among themselves, been a great blow. I do not know will be of material aid in helping us to get them to come over to us. Feel-

UNITED STATES CONTROL. On the other hand, I do not regard the Pitipinos as capable of self-government at least, not at the present time. They have many intelligent men and women the Bessle, on entering the harbor but just at present education is not wide one night carried it away and since by enough diffused among them to make then there has been no buoy to mark us believe they could conduct their own government. It is likely that it would not be long before they would be involved in some European or Asiatic complication. lously damaged, as she is not making with the result that they would go to wa with some power and get badly defeated. erment collier Southern and the May- Perhaps after one or two generations the Philippine natives, tegether with to pull her off. Thus far they have who go there in quest of hudness, will be been unsuccessful, but it is hoped they strong enough to have a government of their own. The natives are bright, and the children will undoubtedly, when once afforded a public school opportunity, learn rapidly. In time, perhaps, the natives would have you their freedom from Captain C. M. Chester, the cruise a Smain, but it would have taken a long commander, insists that the land marks time. If the United States should deterare in the wrong places and have not mine to allow Spain to resume her soy ereignty over the Islands, I do not think Spain could quell the insurgents and gov-

THE NATIVES.

ern the islands. There are too many on

General Merritt was asked, that inasmuch as he believed the natives were incapable of self-government, and that Spain could never peacefully gain control of the Islands again or subdue the natives, if the United States was justi fied in assuming control of the islands He replied:

"Yest, that is about the only course we can honorably pursue. There is a moral obligation resting upon us to proteet the Filipinos. After giving them freedom it would be unjust to turn them loose where they would be at the mercy of unscrapulous politicians. General Merritt would not say that he advised the peace commission in Paris, but he said, significantly, that he had entertained the same opinion ever since he left the Philippine islands.

General Merritt said that he believed nany of the Spanish inhabitants in the Philippines were glad of the change Those with property believe they will be better protected than under Spanish rule, and those without have, in many instances, manifested a desire to ge into the American army, "As for the monks," he said, "I do not think the will occasion much trouble. Their methods are not the methods of the Catholics of Europe and America, and think that the change will infuse new life into the church there."

King Oscar Ill.

London, Dec. 19.—The Copenhauen cor-respondent of the Daily Mail says that King Oscar II, of Sweden and Norway has been suddeely taken iii and is now confined to his bod.

HOBSON AT LOUISVILLE.

He was Tendered a Reception at the Pendennis Club.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—Last even-ing Lieutenant Hobson was tendered an informal reception at the Pendennis club. At its close he was escorted by a committee of prominent citizens to Macauley's theatre. As soon as he took his sent in the box and the audience recognized him, they cheered wildly, and from the balcony and gallery came three cheers and a tiger, which Lieutenant Hobson acknowledged with a bow. At the conclusion of the first act a miniature design of the "Merrimac" in reses and carnations was presented to him. When the curtain was rung down at the end of the first act of "Shenandoah" the audience went wild, cheer after cheer filling the big theatre and cries of "Hobson!" and 'Speech! speech!" mingled with the cheers. The orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner," while the whole company waved flags toward the lieu-The cheering became deafen-

Finally when the cheer ceased, Lieutenant Hobson made a characteristic speech, saying in conclusion:

'I have just come from Atlanta, where the chief executive of the nation laid his hands, as it were, upon the north and south and pronounced his benediction upon the comented Union." This sentiment was loudly applauded.

Lieutenant Hobson was tendered a banquet at the Louisville hotel after the

RUSSIANS IN TURKEY.

Monument to Czar's Fallen Soldiers Unveiled at Galatia.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.-The Russian Grand Duke Nicholas, who arrived here on Friday on board a Russian steamer, unveiled today at Galatia, near San Stefano, where on March 2, was signed the treaty of pears that terminated the Russo-Turkish war, a monument to the Russian soldiers who fell in that conflict. unveiling was accompanied with much reremony and a military parade at which representatives of all the Balkan states were present.

Earlier in the day a requiem was held at the Russian chapel there in memory

The Turkish newspapers are excessively irritated at these ceremonies, which recalls a great disaster of the Turkish arms.

At the reception at the palace yesterezar's autograph letter and informed his majesty that Emperor Nichclas had delegated him (the grand to draw closer the ties of friendship binding the two countries.

COL. GARCIA ARRIVES.

Eldest Son of the Late Cuban Leader in New York.

New York, Dec. 18.-Colonel Carlos Clarcia, eldest sor of the late General Colonel Garcia was in command of a

Colonel Garcia left Santiago on the lences to the members of his house-

'My father's death," he said, "has what my plans are while in the coun-

When asked about the present conditions in Cuba he said: "You must pardon me, but I can say nothing on that subject now. Everything, however, is going nicely."

BISHOP OF HARRISBURG.

The Honor Conferred Upon Father Shanahan.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.-Chancellor Laughlin, of this diocese, today received a telegram from Papal Delegate Martinelli at Washington informing depart for Macon, for which place their him that a papal buil containing the appointment of Father John W. Shanahan, of Philadelphia, as bishop of Harrisburg, is on its way to this country from Rome. Father Shanahan is at present rector of the Roman Catholic church of Our Mother of Sorrows, this city, and is superintendent of the parachial schools of the archdiocese, besides being a frequent and favorite consultant of Archbishop Ryan. The bishopric to which he has been appointed was last held by the late Bishop McGovern Prior to Bishop McGovern, a brother of Father Shanahan's held the position. It is the general belief among the clergy that Father Shanahan will urge that he be permitted to decline the appointment, because of his connection with archdioceasan affairs.

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT.

Brought Against Boys Guilty of Heinous Crime,

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 18,-Two mere eys, Elmer and George Butler, aged respectfully 20 and 13, were today cound guilty of manslaughter and will serve a term in the penitentiary for the murder of Daisy Brosce, a young girl. The crime was a belnous one and in the trial it was proven that the girl had been shot down from ambush for no cause whatever. The defens made an attempt that insanity ran i the Butler family, but the jury could not be convinced. The jury reached the verdict at 10.00

this morning, having been out since o'clock Saturday night. Sentence has not yet been passed.

Wreck on the Rail.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.-A wreck or arred on the Indiana, Decatur restern railroad at 2.20 o clock this morn ing, fifty-two miles west of here, hear Golon station. T. M. Wells, superintend-ent of the schools of Douglass county, 11., Arcola, was killed and eight others in jurod.

British Steamer Grounded.

Bordeaux, Dec. 18.-The British steams Darwin, from La Plata, for this port, grounded in the Gironde during force, weather but floated at high tide. She is eadly damaged, several plates being

THE PRESIDENT AT SAVANNAH

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AT-TEND VARIOUS CHURCHES.

Mr. McKinley Attends the Wesleyan Methodist and Is Received with Cordiality-General Alger Visits the Camps, and Shafter Makes a

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18 .- Notwithtanding that this was supposed to be the day of rest with the presidential party, it was, as a matter of fact, filled with interest and activity. The day was an ideal one.

Though they had sat late to the ban-

quet last night-it was nearly 2 o'clock when General Wheeler delivered his delightful peroration to "woman"-the president and accompanying members his cabinet arose to breakfast at about the usual bour and later they eparated to attend divine services. President McKinley attended church

it the Wesley Monumental church, Mrs. McKinley did not accompany him. She suffering from a slight cold and remained at the hotel. Her indisposition, however, does not amount to real DIess, and this afternoon she was able to take a carriage ride about the city,

The president was met at the door of the church by leading members of the congregation, who escorted him to the new reserved for him. As he entered the congregation arose and renained standing until he had taken his seat, The sermon was by Rev. John A. Thomas, D. D. There was no referace to the distinguished presence during the service beyond an invocation by the preacher for divine guidance for the president during the crisis which now confronted the country. Secretary Alger and General Shafter attended the First Presbyterian church, and after the service held an informal levee in the aisles, many persons crowding around them to shake hands and bid them welcome. General Joseph Wheeler and Secretary Wilson worshipped at the First Baptist. the service they shook hands with yeveral hundred people.

Secretary Long attended St. John's Episcopal church and Postmaster deneral Smith the Independent Presbyterian. They were also greeted by many members of the congregation.

day the grand duke handed the sultan Georgia State Agricultural and Menanical college (colored), where he delivered an address. The route to the college took the president through the camp of the Seventh army corps and going and coming he stopped at the camp for a brief inspection and to speak words of appreciation and encouragement to the men.

ALGER AT THE CAMPS

Secretary Alger and General Shafter also visited the camps. Secretary Alger paid more attention to the camp than any other member of the party, He went through several of the regimental villages from headquarters to kitchens, and made an examination. He also visited the hospital of the First division, where he spoke kindly to the sick men and made inquiries into their wants and how they were supplied. After his trip he expressed himself as very much gratified with the camp and the work of the hospital corps.

Postmaster General Smith, General Shafter and the newspaper correspondents with the presidential party the guests of the officers of the Third battalion, Third Georgia regiment, at the camp this afternoon. An oyster dinner was served. Postmaster General Smith made a short address, during the course of which he paid a high tribute to the press for its integrity, General Shafter made an impromptu, conversational talk to the men assembled, which was full of suggestiveness and at once placed the general in touch with all of his hearers. After the dinner the party made an inspection of the camps. Without exception the visitors pronounced the arrangements excellent.

The members of the visiting party spent the evening in the parlors of the hotel until the time came for them to train left at midnight. On the way to the depot the president was greeted with hearty cheers, as indeed he has been every time he has come within sight during his virit here.

PARDON FOR MOORE.

An Effort to Secure His Release Has Been Made.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.-Prominent itizens have interested themselves in behalf of Moore, the Maine artillery man, who was the other day sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or serve sixty days on the chain mang by Judge Norwood The City of Birmingham Badly for attempting, on the streets, to hug the wife of a prominent citizen. tition to the governor for pardon is be ing circulated and it is being signed not only by leading men but by society comen as well. Moore was hilariously intoxicated at the time of his offense. He has borne an excellent reputation in his command.

His petition will go to the governor probably tomorrow and considering the high character of the signers it is probable the pardon will be promptly granted. Moore is now on the chain gang where he has been for two weeks. The petitioners say they think his degradation and punishment have been

HOSPITAL SHIP SAILS.

The Missouri Sails for Havana With 300 Tons of Medical Supplies.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.-The hospital ship Missouri salled today for Havana with three hundred tons of medical supplies for the troops in the island nd carrying the hospital corps of the Second division of the Seventh army corps-the division which has already gone forward with General Le The Missouri after distributing her

supplies will take sick soldiers from Havana and vicinity and bring then o this country, either to New York Norfolk or Savannah.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. D.-Arrived: La Bre-agne. Havre. Queenstown - Sailed: Havre. Queenstown --frem Liverpool, New Etroria. York. Havro-Arrived: La Gascogne, New York.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Fair; Light, Northwesterly Winds.

General-General Merritt's Views of the Spanish Peace Commission Arrives at Madrid. Southern Tour of President McKinley

and Cabinet Forecast of Week's Work in Congress Financial and Commercial.

Local-Sermon by Rev. J. P. Moffat. Patriotic Service in Penn Avenue Bap-tist Church.

Editorial. Comment of the Press.

Local-Confirmation and Ordination at St. Luke's. Sentence Day in Court. Woman Frozen to Death.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

News Round About Scranton. General-Life of Soldiers at Camp Mc-Kenzie.

SECRETARY MARTIN'S REPORT TRANSMITTED

A Falling Off of the Corporation Receipts Reported-Some Important Recommendations.

Harrisburg, Dec. 18.-David Martin, secretary of the commonwealth, has transmitted to Governor Hastings his biennial report for the past two fiscal During the two years ended years. Dec. I, last, the department received as fees for letters patent and for the filing of corporation papers, \$61,519, and from commissions and other miscellaneous sources, \$13,325.5L. There was collected since the close of the last session of the legislature, \$1,056,781.47 as bonus upon charters and increases in capital stock. There was a falling off in the corporation receipts of the department during the period covered by the report and an increase in all other branches of the office.

Mr. Martin recommends that steps be taken to either reprint the laws of 1874 or to provide for an edition of the corporation laws of the state as it now exists. He recommends that after lexislative bills are finally passed and amendments made, a copy be printed on parchment paper signed by the presiding officers and transmitted to the governor. He also suggests that if there were fewer department reports printed and the money thus saved devoted to larger editions of the pamphlet laws and Smull's Legislative Hand book the public demands for these two publications could be satisfied and the state incur no additional expense.

Mr. Martin suggests that the legislature should pass an entirely new and complete ballot reform bill covering the whole subject and embodying the best results of ballot reform in other states. He thinks the mass law has much to commend it but there are many particulars in which it could be improved. He believes the legislature should specifically define which columns are entitled to the circles and which are not every obstacle in the way of the full exercise of the right of suffrage, render fraud irunossible and provide a simple and complete form of ballot.

Mr. Martin says the objection to ducould be largely removed by assembling all the candidates for each office to be filled in groups in a single column. He thinks there should be a legislative declaration as to what constitutes a political party entitled to nominate a state ticket to appear on the ballot

in all the counties. Mr. Martin also recommends that certificates of nomination should be filed within ten days after the nominations have been made and not less than forty-two days prior to the day of election; that all election blanks be prepared by the secretary of the commonwealth and that the use of any other forms be prohibited; that where more than one certificate purporting to nominate different persons for the same office by the same party is presented, the secretary of the commonwealth be directed to file only the first paper offered and if a second be presented apply for a mandamus; that the affidavit of the person to the signers of be received and filed unless the writcandidates thereby nominated is filed therewith. Governor Hastings will embody the most important of Mr. Martin's recommendations in his mes-

sage to the next legislature, HOLE IN A STEAMSHIP.

Injured. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18,-The steamhip City of Birmingham, of the New York-Savannah line, is lying at her ock with a hole in her bottom.On her ast trip up the river she struck what ritt and others of St. John, N. B. supposed to have been an anchor

oft in the channel. A jagged hole was torn in her hull emidships, through which the water ushed with tremendous force. pumps were put to work and the yesel was brought to her dock and tied Efforts were made to temporarily top this leak, and the vessel will probably be taken to Port Royal dry dock

o he hauted out. The Nachochee, of the Boston line, will sail for New York tomorrow evening with the Birmingham's cargo and

Her Port Side Damaged.

London, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Ashanti, bound for the Canaries, re-urned here today with her port side damgod. She reports having been in a col-ision with an unknown steamer in the Nore yesterday evening. The steamer with which the Ashanti was in collision probably was the Nerissa, from Hamurg, which has docked at St. Catharine with her stem and bows damaged.

Lighted the Fire with Oil. Morgantown, W. Vn., Dec. 18,-Thoma

Jones, living near Greece, attempted to light a fire with crude oil. An explosion ccurred, wrecking the room and dresses of his twin daughters, aged 6, ignited lones was too badly burned to assist them and they were so badly burned that ooth of them died shortly afterwards.

COMMISSION AT MADRID

The Spanish Peace Repre sentatives Arrive Home.

QUEEN RECEIVED RIOS

It Is Believed That Senor Sagasta Will Submit the Resignation of the Cabinet to the Queen Regent After the Council Today-El Liberal Declares That Warring Parties Represent the Annihilation of Spanish Prestige-Carlist Editor Arrested.

Madrid, Dec. 18 .- Senor Montero Rios and the other members of the Spanish sence commission reached Madrid late last evening. They were met by Senor Camazo, leader of the dissenting Liberals, and by many other politicians and high officials. Their arrival was not attended with special incldent.

This evening the queen regent received Senor Montero Ries in audi-

The newspapers today assert that esterday's council of ministers agreed the cabinet should not appear again before parliament and it is believed that Senor Sagasta will submit the resignation of the cabinet to the queen regent after the council tomor-

El Liberal in a very outspoken article, declares that both the Liberal and Conservative parties must disappear "as they represent the annihilation of Spanish prestige abroad, the failure of the country's finance and the loss of the colonial empire."

A national government, El Liberal asserts, is now in process of forma-

El Globo says that Senor Sagasta, the premier, withdrew from the cabinet council today, as he was slightly The editor of a Carlist newspaper published in this city, has been arrested at Leon, capital of the northern

province of that name, while in the course of a tour through that past of

the kingdom. Important documents vere found on his person.

SCHOONER ABANDONED. The Pawnee Rescues the Crew of the

Deer Hill. New York, Dec. 18.-The British steamer Pawnee, which arrived today and that such legislation will be en- from Mediterranean ports, brought ter acted on this question as to remove shipwrecked people, eight men and two women, who were taken from the disabled schooner Deer Hill of St. John N. B., in mid-ocean.

Captain Aikenhead reported that on

the morning of Dec. 9 he sighted the plication of columns on the ballot | Deer Hill in evident distress and needed assistance. A heavy northwest gale was blowing and a dangerous sea was running. The schooner was seemingly unmanagable and the rudder disabled or carried away. The Pawnee stood by and at 2 p. m. succeeded in geeting a tow line aboard which had been sent by drifting a small line to leeward. The line parted, however, and a boot was launched in charge of the chief officer and sent to communicate with the Deer Hill. The boat had nearly succeeded in boarding the wreck when an enormous sea struck and stove it and after great difficulty the boat's crew succeeded in getting aboard the schooner, where they were obliged to remain all night. On the following morning (9th) the weather had slightmoderated, a tow line was sent on board and the Pawnce towed the Deer Hill toward Bermuda. After towing about six hours the line again parted. those interested in it be compelled to | Finding that the wind and sea was increasing when the line parted it was impossible to get out another nomination papers be sufficient and captain of the Deer Hill signalled that that no certificate or nomination papers | he wanted to abandon the wreck and requested the Pawnee to stand by. ten acceptance of the candidate or The gale continued throughout the 9th, 10th and 11th, the Pawnee keeping her position near the wreck, but she found it impossible to use the boats to remove the unfortunate people of the Deer Hill owing to the dangerous character of the sens. Finally at 7 p. m. on the 12th the rescue was affected and the Deer Hill was abandoned in latitude 5.42. longitude 52.49. The rescued people were Captain C. W. Burns, Luisa Burns, his daughter, Hazel Merritt, the owner's daughter, and sev-

on of the crew of the Deer Hill. The Deer Hill was a three masted tor sail schooner owned by W. H. Mer-She sailed from St. John on Nov. 23

for Santos, with a cargo of lumber. RESULT OF COASTING.

One Man Killed and Eleven Seriously Wounded.

Pittsburg, Dec. P.-As a result of a consting accident at Turtle Creek, eight miles from Pittsburg, Joseph West, aged 30, is dead and cleven others in-

jured, two seriously.

The sled collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill and hurled the party with great force in every direction. The two seriously injured are: W. B. Mudey, both legs broken: Joseph nor, left leg broken and injured badly about the head.

London, Dec. 18.—The German bark Olga, from New York, is anchored in the Downs, she has lost her job boom,

Olga Loses Her Job.

Washington, Dec. 18.-Porecast or Monday. For eastern Pennsyl-ante, fair, followed by increas-

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WEATHER FORECAST.

durdiness in the afternoon; probably rain or snow at night; colder; tight northwesterly winds.