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MURDER IN

Has Agreed Upon

Its Verdict.

WOMAN WEEPS BITTERLY

During the Reading of the Judge's

Charge the Prisoner Has a Fit of

Tears and Is with Difficulty Re-

strained-Final Incidents of One of

the Most Sensational and Drama-

tic Murder Trials of Modern Times.

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ing of which occupied more than an hour. The jury then retired to deliberate on the guilt or innocence of the FIRST DEGREE accused woman. Mrs, Botkin cried bitterly several times during the day and during the reading of the charge almost lost control of herself. Her sister, who sat beside her during the progress of the trial, took Mrs. Botkin in her arms Jury in the Botkin Case

NO NEWS FROM ILOILO.

General Otis Cables That He Hasn't Yet Heard.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- A cablegram was received at the war department today from General Otis, in command at Manila, but to the disappointment of the officials he announced that he had not yet heard of the result of

at Hoilo. Provisions have been made by the may department for the establishment of a mail service between Manila and Guam, our new naval station in the Pacific. Admiral Dewey has been instructed that after the Yosemite arrives at Manila he must send a mail to the island of Guam at least once in every two months, using any vessel of

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- The jury in **ELKIN IN CHARGE** the Botkin case has returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, with pen-

alty fixed at life imprisonment. The fate of Mrs. Cordelia Potkin. charged with the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., was placed in the hands of the jury late this afternoon. District Attorney Hosmer made his argument and Judge Carroll Cook read his charge to the jury.

The argument for the prosecution closed with District Attorney Hosmer on the stand. Mr. Hosmer was cool and collected throughout. He modulated his voice to a nicety and seldom spoke passionately. The curious crowd that gathered in the court room expecting to hear Mrs. Botkin griddled were measure dissatisfied but it was Mrs. Botkin's attorneys and their methods in the conduct of the case that Mr. Hosmer made the principal point of his attack.

CONDEMNED THE DEPENSE.

Mr. Hosmer commenced his argument with the incidents attending the arrival of the package of candy at the Dover, Del., postoffice. He condemned the defense for insinuating that the package might have been placed in the mail bag any one connected with the postoffice. He accused the attorneys of go-ing behind the facts. He traced the package to the Pennington home, and its delivery to the unsuspecting Mrs. Linning and the passing of the bon bons to other guests, their siekness and the death of Mrs. Dunning and her sis-

Mr. Hosmer pictured the grief of the parents and friends of the Penninston and Dunning families and concluded with a seathing attack upon the prisoner. He took up the analysis of the candy by Chemist Wolf, of Dover, Deli., and Professor Price, of this city. He ridiculed the defense for its contention rs of the police department that men in this city or even the chemists themselves might have inserted the poison to make out a case. He pointed out that Chemist Wolf had found lump arsenic and that Dr. Price had discovered the presence of powdered arsenic. The defense in argument asserted that only lump arsenic had been found.

and comforted her as best she could, but the tears could not be stayed,

the landing of General Miller's forces

the navy available for the service.

OF OUAY'S FIGHT

Speakership Matter Nearing a Decision-Democratic Editors Want the Democratic Members to Support Wanamaker.

Harrisburg, Dec. 30 .- John P. Elkin, chairman of the state Republican committee, reached Harrisburg this even same: ing to take charge of Senator Quay's campaign for re-election to the United States senate. The senator will be here himself on Sunday and will remain until after the senatorial caucus next Tuesday evening. His friends have opened headquarters at the Lochiel hotel in charge of Senator Mitchell, of Jefferson

Representatives Farr, of Scranton, and Bliss, of Delaware, rival candidates for speaker of the house of representatives, are also on the ground, looking after their campaign. The Republican house caucus will be held Monday evening to nominate a speaker and appoint a slate committee to select the officers and employs of the house. The Republican senators will also caucus on Monday to hear the report of the slate committee appointed at the close of the last session to appoint the officers of the senate. A caucus of the Democratic senators

and members will also be held Monday to consider, among other things, the movement to fuse with the independent Republicaos on the organization of the house

DEMOCRATS FOR WANAMAKER. Harrisurg, Dec. 30 .- A secret meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic State ress association Democratic State Press association was held tonight at the Commonwealth hetel Benders Lore Zenmen of Cart hotel. President Jere Zeamer, of Cartition, they will be glad to further and lisle, stated at the close of the con-ference that each of the editors pre-but they are convinced that this is not a sent favored fusion on the speakership suitable or expedient time for it. and if a Democrat can be elected sen-Senor Mora said today: "We are ator it was the unanimous expression sorry we cannot execute our prothat the Democratic legislators should gramme, but we agree with General make every proper effort to unite with the independent Republicans on John culty in keeping the low people down Wanamaker. A meeting of the asso-ciation has been called in this city for and restraining the young men in the Tuesday, Jan. 17.

CUBANS WILL BOW They Stand by Aguinaldo and Want **TO THE INEVITABLE**

THE PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE AC-CEPTS GEN. BROOKE'S ORDER.

General Lawton's Letter Explaining Allowed When Spaniards Leave Havana - Assurances That the self-Ludlow's Letter.

Havana, Dec. 30 .- The Cuban patriotic committee, consisting of 150 leading Cubans, lawyers, doctors and business men, at a meeting which lasted until four o'clock this morning decided to yield without reservation to the wishes of General Brooke and General Ludlow in the matter of postponing the six days' celebrations, and has ap proved a manifesto to the Cuban pop ulation of Havana, on the lines of General Ludlow's reply on the subject of

the proposed celebrations, quoting some portions of it and paraphrasing others. The Cuban citizens in Havana and

the Cuban soldiers outside the city, are intensely excited, but the patriotic the Cubans think they can quiet this United States. feeling and prevent violent incidents. LUDLOW'S REPLY.

The following is the text of General Ludlow's reply to the Cuban deputation which visited him vesterday and

of the six days' festivities. Messrs, Mora, Nunez and others representing the patrictic committee of Ha-

Gentlemen: I have given careful consideration to the matter of the proposed celebration by Cuban citizens of Havana uring next week, of the exchange of national flags that will take place on Jan. 1 and, as I promised you, I have taken the occasion also to ascertain the views of Major General Brooke commanding the Division of Cuba, upon the subject. I regret to inform you that a celebration of this character must, at this time, be deemed inexpedient and cannot for the

present be authorized, for the following First-Havana has for a long time suffered from strife and contention, and it is the supreme duty of all at this critical period to suppress disorder and preserve public peace. All other considerations, for the mement, should give way to this, Second-At the present time the only effective means of maintaining order is the presence of United States troops in the city, since the local police in several dis-

tricts have disappeared with the depart-ure of the Spanish soldiers. Third-It is in the interests both of citizens generally and particularly of the more distinctively Cuban citizens themselves that the occasion be one of peace and order and of quict rejoicing only, and that everyone should be controlled by a patriotic desire to do what is best for the

> community. Fourth-The American authorities sympathize fully with the Cuban feeling of

> > MR. PALMA'S VIEWS.

a Commission Appointed. Hong Kong, Dec. 22.- The Fllipino junta here has replied to the report of ommissioner Hurden, who was sent to the Philippines by the government of the United States to report upon the conditions there prevailing. The junta asked the Associated Press to publish Why No Demonstration Could Be the following as "revealing the true situation and sentiment" in the Philippines: We deny that Aguinaldo will be satis-Better Element Will Restrain It- fied If made a major general in command of five native regiments and that if this is done the national army could be dis-

armed and disbanded. We repeat our appeal for an importial nquiry by an able commissioned and implore the American people to refrain from

hasty decision. The Filipino government views with darm Commissioner Harden's proposal to impose in America a high protective ariff against Philippine products. Boilo surrendered to the national army, which is the completion of the occupation of the island of Panay. There is no truth n the reported establishment of an oppo vition republic in the Visayas. All the of-ficials in the Visayas hold Aguinaldo's The Filipinos are yearning for a p

ful settlement of all questions. To their brothers across the sea, the Filipinos send greeting and earnest prayer that with the new year will come a dawn of a new era of peace, prosperity and good fellowship ommittee and the military chiefs of with the free and beneficent people of the Though but an infant among nations, yet we are strong if as ured of the good will of the great Amerlean nation.

CUBAN JUNTA TALKS.

presented him with a written program Circular Dealing with the Abandonment of Festivities.

Havana, Dec. 30 .-- The address of the Junta Patrotica regarding the abandonment of the proposed demonstrations has been widely circulated today. It is as follows:

"To the people of Havana: In ac cordance with the wishes of the Amer-ican authorities, the directory of the Junta Patrotica, after consultation with the main committee, has agreed to suspend the festivities planned to celebrate the independence of the island. In a reasonable letter to the committee, charged with presenting the festival programme, General Ludlow has indicated the desirability of suspending for the present public demonstrations, owing to a rumor that at the present moment, when the Cuban police are not organized, there might be some interruption of public order, in strangers to their customs and tradithe preservation of which all citizens, and especially all Cubans, are deeply interested.

"At the same time General Ludiow declares that the American authorities are in full sympathy with the joyous

feeling of the Cubans and that, when the situation becomes more settled, they will take pleasure in gromoting such festivities as have been proposed, and will even participate in them. But the American authorities are convinced that the present moment is not opportune for celebrations.

"In view of the fact that the considerations thus urged are quite in accord with abvious good judgment, the rep resentatives of the directory have determined to suspend the festivals arranged for the coming week, which will be carried out as soon as circumstances permit. The directory regrets the existence of such doubts and misgivings Ludlow's desire. He will have diff. as prevent the carrying out of the programme as projected; but they have agreed to recommend to the Cubans to army, but we are sure only detached | co-operate in maintaining order during | in that it failed to have a careful exthe change of flags and in the days folacts of disturbance will occur. Nothing will be done in combination against lowing, because they are convinced the American wishes. Now is Cuba's that the moderation and orderly beopportunity. If we go wrong now we havior of the Cuban people at these moments will powerfully influence the shall never attain independence, never future destiny of our country."

PLANNING HOW BEST **TO GOVERN CUBA** HELP TO BE GIVEN TO GOVER. NOR GENERAL BROOKE. The Task Is Too Complicated for One Military Officer with a Small der. Staff to Handle Satisfactory-He Will Have the Assistance of Well Known Experts.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The cabinet meeting today was not concluded until nearly 2 o'clock, the entire session being consumed in discussing matters in connection with the administration of law in Cuba. It was pointed out that the collection of the taxes and customs dues, the administration of laws relating to postal matters, and the courts and many other important branches of the government of the island would be a burden to heavy to be borne by the military governor, assisted by only a small staff, all more or less inexperienced in such matters. Practically a new government had to be established and it was agreed that the multitudinous affairs incident to such an undertaking could be successfully administered only by the creation of several bureaus at the head of which were to be placed men of wide experience in the particular work to which they would be assigned, all to

be under the general direction of the military governor. These matters were gone over at

some length and it is expected that from Lackawanna. the several cabinet members will take up the details of the proposed plan at once as far as their respective de partments are concerned and submit their conclusions to the president at an early date. It is proposed to duplicate in a small way and as far as practicable the systems now in force in the United States, the collectors of customs and taxes being directly responsible to the military governor, the same as our secretary of the treasurer who is charged with these functions, is to the president. It is proposed, too to employ citizens of the island in every subordinate capacity, if this can be done without detriment to the service This course, it is contended, would promote a friendly feeling towards the United States and avoid the friction that necessarily would result from them. sending among them men who are

BIG SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

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Prominent Trust Company Is Charg-

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.-A suit was commenced in the United States Circuit court today by counsel for Carrol Sprigg, of New York, assignee of Addison B. and Edward Rice, trading as Rice Bros., against the Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust company, of this city, 'to recover \$55,000 damages,

ions.

The statement sets out that in 1892

BEST TRADE Weather Indications Today: Rain; Cold Wave. 1 General-Mrs. Botkin Declared Guilty of Murder. Dun's Review of Business in 1888. Old 1898 Has Been One Task of Governing Cuba Becomes Complicated. Cubans Accept General Brooke's Or-2 General – Annual Report of State Treasurer Bencom, Financial and Commercial, Local-Religious News of the Week, Social and Personal. Musical Question Box. FIGURES ARE PHENOMENAL 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local-The Bachelors' Ball. 6 Local-Year's Work of the District Attorney's Office. Pike County Faces a Serious Publem, Day's Doings in Dunmore, 7 Local-Watch Night in the Churches, Police Deal with a Desperate Trio.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 News Round About Scranton, 10 Story-"The Iconoclast." Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Brotherhood of the Black Hand. 2 General-News of the Soldiers at Camp MacKenzie

SOLID FOR FARR.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30 .- Thirty-three

out of thirty-seven Republican members of the coming legislature from this Farr, of Lackawanna, for speaker. The meeting lasted a half hour and Representative Clarency, of the Eighesentatives Aimen and Noblit would not commit themselves. Three others, Reibel, sent word that they would support Farr. The only other absentees

ENMESHED IN QUICKSAND.

Four men working at a point some

distance down the gangway towards

were gotten out unharmed,

CONDITIONS AT PANA.

to Appear.

manager of the Springside mine.

non-union miner. Warrants are out

or two negroes who in a fight shot

The strikers today received \$1,000

Death of Minister Romero.

through his heart,

at Wanamie.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. ed with Costly Negligence.

way at No. 18 shaft of the Lehigh and

he trust company agreed with the

centre of financial power has crossed the ocean. After paying debts of sevcity tonight endorsed Representative eral hundred millions abroad, and conover imports, but December has gone nuch beyond November,

OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

Very Narrow Escape of Seven Miners Power in the world's markets comes with a demand for breadstuffs and oth-

r necessaries never before equalled. Exports of cotton have been over 7,700. Wilkes-Barre, Dec, 39 .- Seven men 000 bales, about 3.956,000,000 pounds, and and two mules were caught in a stream in no previous year as much as seven of quicksand which burst into a gangmillion bales or 3,500,000.000 pounds, Exports of breadstuffs have been in value Wilkes-Barre Coal company, at Wana- \$283,918,294 in eleven months, and have mie, at noon today. The mules were never been as large in any other year. smothered, but the men escaped un+ Exports of wheat for the year, lacking harmed, although three of them were a day or two, have been 218,594,656 bushels, flour included, slightly exceeded

imprisoned for over five hours. These three were William C. Will- only by 225,665,812 in 1892 and of corn tams, miner: Peter Doleroy, his laborer, 200,379,077 bushels, only approached by and Samuel Brown, a driver, A blast 189,127,570 in 1897. The heaviest ex-

As a Result of the Wonderful Industrial and Commercial Develops ments of the Expiring Twelves month the Center of Financial Power Has Crossed the Ocean and New York Now Dictates the World's Rate of Exchange-A Narrative to Make Americans Feel Proud.

YEAR KNOWN

of **Business**

Triumph.

New York, Dec. 20 .-- R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say in tomorrow's issue: The year 1898 has All But Seven of the Philadelphia not only been one of victory, of import-Delegation Declare for the Man ant increase in territory and of incalculable expansion of the influence of the United States among other nations but has surpassed all other years in financial and industrial results. The

ducting a war to an honorable end, the ountry is lending so many millions in Europe that for the first time banks abroad look to New York to dictate the teenth district, presided. Of these, Rep-resentatives Aimon and Nobilt would about \$1,250,000,000, and the excess over imports about \$617,000,000, against \$357,-000,000 in 1897, and in only two previous Representatives Stulb, Stewart and years has the balance risen to \$300,000.-000. In no past calendar year have net imports of gold reached \$75,000,000 but were Representatives Voorhees and 000,000. November passed all previous Lloyd, and no word was received from months in value of produce exports

TRUTHFUL WITNESSES.

Mr. Hosmer addressed the jury of the rights of witnesses. He contended that all witnesses were entitled to respect and credit until disproved, and none of the witnesses for the prosecution he assorted had been proved untruthful. The attorney for the defense attacked all the witnesses for the prosecution and introduced matters entirely dealing business. I do want to see the irrelevant to the case in an attempt to Republican caucus nominee elected beamirch them and belittle their testi- speaker of the house of representatives mony. particularly and characterized his efforts to free his client as dishonest and the legislation passed, and for that readespicable. He asserted that the attacks of the defense had ended in straight Republican." naught: that not one witness had been

contradicted. He then took up Mrs. Botkin's testi- port promised to resign the senatorship mony. He showed that in spite of Mrs. before his new term expires and turn Botkin's statements and the assertions | the office over to you?"

of the defense to the contrary the wo-"Such statements are utterly without man had more than a passing regard foundation," said the senator. "I do for Dunning: that her life with him not believe it is within the power of was licentious and depraved. He point- any man to bequeath the United States ed to Dunning's action in coming across senatorship to another. Pesides it is the continent to prosecute her and as- only natural that Senator Quay should serted that Dunning would not have like the United States senatorship too gone through what he had unless he well, and the power and prestige it sas certain of the guilt of Mrs. Botkin; gives too much, to turn it over to me

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that he would not have disclosed their or any one else." "Another report was that in return relations and been exposed to the criticism of the newspapers and public for your support you were to get any personal legislation you desired at Harwithout just reason.

THE ANONYMOUS LETTER.

"That report is just as false as the He took up the letter of June 17, 1897, others," said Mr. Magee. which the defense claimed had been want any personal legislation. mailed in this city at the time Mrs. legislation that I may introduce will be Botkin was residing in Eureka. The in the interest of the people generally, letter asserted that Dunning was finanand not in the interest of myself or cially embarrassed and that the woman any other individual." with whom Dunning was infatuated was "Are you a candidate for the United a divorced woman. He proved by Mrs. States senatorship?" Botkin's own testimony that she and "Not at this time: it would not suit Dunning alone knew of his financial me at all." condition and showed by the testimony "Then there is nothing in the story of Dunning that Mrs. Botkin had told that you are to be the residuary legatee him on his return from Salt Lake that of Senator Quay?"

"Absolutely nothing at all, Such a she had secured a divorce from her husband during his (Dunning's) ab- thing has never been proposed to me, nor, so far as I am aware, has it been

Homor argued that the leter in dismade to any of my friends." pule could have been sent from Eupute could have been sent from Eure ka to Sau Francisco on the steamer Farraton and matical here on the arrival of the vessel. He expounded this theory with such force and effect that Attennoy Knight enter d a vigorous objection to Rosmer's argument. He was not summined by the court, awevee, and Hosmer was permitted phia bar. He was 75 years of age.

to continue on this line. Mr. Hosmer argued on the author-

ship of the anonymous letters and the Harrisburg, Dec. 30-In the bill in equity address on the box of candy. He went over the evidence of the expert's test-McMillan, president; Benjamin F. Beaty coretary. imony and assorted that Mrs. Botkin was the writer of the letters and had written the address on the box of at the cost of the plaintiffs. The bill ob candy jected to a recent decision of the court.

Mr. Hosmer continued his address by asking the jury to return a just verdict- a verdict of murder in the first degree.

THE JURY RETIRES.

After a brief receas Julge Cook deusquehanna, \$10 to \$12, Lemuel P. Worlivered his charge to the jury, the read- | den, North Rome, Bradford, \$12 to \$14.

SENATOR MAGEE TALKS.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20 .- Senator C. L. Magee returned from the east this morning. When asked if the reports ent out from Philadelphia to the effect reach national life, and the Americans that he had a deal with Senator Quay would never leave Cuba." were true, he said: "I am not in the New York, Dec. 30 .- T. Estrada Palma, president of the late Cuban junta. He attacked Attorney Knight for the reasons that the Republican said today that he did not anticipate any serious disturbances in Havana at party will be held responsible for all the raising of the American flag. Mr. Palma expressed a disbelief in the son the man elected should be a rumor that General Menocal had taken

the field. General Menocal, he said was Some of the reports sent out say a patriotic and a brave man and would that Senator Quay to secure your supnot become actively hostile to Americans, Mr. Palma expressed re-

Death of Judge Brewster.

Bill in Equity Dismissed

Pennsylvania Pensions.

ed by Attorney J. G. White for

gret that General Gomez was not summoned to Havana, as such a course would furnish the best guarantee of peace and order. "I hope for fraternity

Cubans and Americans," said Mr. Palma, "for it will greatly facilitate the beneficent work of the United States in Havana."

ANOTHER PAPER TRUST.

Scheme to Consolidate All Papermaking Interests.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 30 .- Dean and Shibley, brokers and bankers, of this "I do not city, have taken charge of arrange-Any ments to consolidate the paper manufacturers of this country. The deal will involve about \$40,000,000 and will include the mills making writing paper bond paper, wrapping, ledger, envelope and newspaper. The purpose of consolidation is to eliminate competition, stop over-pro

duction and make a condensation on the lines of manufacture so that the mill best adapted to make a certain grade of paper may restrict its attention to that specialty and this, by util izing all the machinery and capital invested to the best advantage, and get the best results.

Wants a Regiment Mercel

Philadelphia, Dec. 30-A private tele-gram was received in tids city today an-Washington, Dec. 20,-Sen f Illinois, saw Secretary Al. urged that the Ninth regiment of imouncing the death at Charlotte, N. C., (f former Judge F. Carron Browster, Philadelphia. Ex-Judge Browster was camp outside of Santiago. It is said that they are in a swampy locality which injudge of common pleas and one of the most prominent members of the Philadelduced disease and that many deaths have resulted. Major Harrison, of the regi-ment, was with the senator to point out

the desirability of a change. Charged with Forgery.

New York, Dec. 30.-Frank A. Parker and others against William H aid to be the son of wealthy residents of Chicago, was remanded in police court here today on a charge of formery. The Gaskill, receiver for the order of Solon Judge Simonton today dismissed the bill police say Parker is at the head of a dan-

gerous gang of forgers.

of the year,

Want Their Wages Restored.

Washington, Dec. 30.-These Pennsyl-Fall River, Mass., Dec. 30 .- The textile workers of this city are preparing to ask for a restoration of the 10 per cent. recrease-John Truesdail, North Jackson, In wages made in the early part

WHERE IS JONAS GARMAN?

Absence from Home Gives Hi Family Some Anxiety.

Harrisburg, Dec. 30 .- Jonas Garman a Lykens druggist, left home on Tuesday for Harrisburg to attend to business, leaving word with his family that he would return that evening. His wife has heard nothing of him since, other than a telegram from Harrisburg on the Tuesday evening, purporting to come from him in which it was said he missed the train. Not returning home on Wednesday

or yesterday, the family and friends of and intelligent sympathy between the Mr. Garman became uneasy and have notified the authorities in this city to be on the lookout for him.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED

Detective McCluskey Says He Has the Man Under Surveillance.

New York, Dec. 31 .- The World says Captain George McCluskey, chief of the detective bureau, firmly believes that he has solved the mystery surrounding the attempt to kill Harry Cornish by

was formerly a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic club,

Wholesale Vaccination Ordered.

Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 30 .- The health authorities of Waynesboro have ordered a wholesale vaccination of school children and of difficult not previously vacof small-pox in Hagerstown, Md. Fullon en The doctors are tinite - Alint step. The doctors any mon -

Melba Scores a Triumph. Philadelphia, Dec. 39 .- "La Bohme" wa given its first production on a grand opera sale tonight by the Elli Opera companwas unqualified the BUCCESS larges audionce of the senson repeatedly show ing enthusiasm over the efforts of the ar tists. Melba was the "Mimi" and her acting surprised and delighted her friends,

Moore Has Resigned.

New York, Dec. 20.-Frederick P. Moore ant of the New York, Susque vice pres hanna and Western railroad, has resigned his position. Mr Moore had charge of the company's coal business and assumed aome of the work of President Hopkins fier the retirement of the latter,

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 30.-Cleared: La Nor-mandie, Havre; Aller, Naples, Genoa, te ; Etruria, Idverpcol; Spaarndam, Rot-Queenstown - Atrived: terdam. Gor New York for Liverpool. Naples-Sailed: Ems (from Gaussa), New York.

Standard Coal and Timber company, of West Virginia, to act as trustee of a mortgage executed to secure bonds of the timber company aggregating \$1,-000,000 and bearing 5 per cent, interest, The complaint states that as trustee the Commonwealth company was legally bound to protect the interest of bondholders; that it neglected to do so amination made of the title to property in West Virginia which was conveyed by the mortgage given to secure the issue of bonds. It is alleged that the Standard Coal and Timber company

had no title to the property thus conthe foot got to the other side of the veyed. dip, and although they were several By a contract dated February 21, 1893 times threatened with death, managed between Benjamin F. Howland and to wade out of the torrent and reach Rice Bros., the latter agreed to purthe foot in safety. chase of Howland certain timber from They brought succor to the other the lands conveyed under the mortthree men and after five hours' labor gage. The following April they agreed they to advance Howland sixty promissory

through other workings. notes, aggregating \$15,000, provided Howland should have delivered to or held in trust for Rice Bros, one hundred bonds of the Standard Coal and Timber company valued at \$100,000 as Signs of the Recent Trouble Continue collateral security for the performance of the contract. It is alleged that Rice Pana, 111., Dec. 30 .- Earl Herring, of

Bros, were induced by the defendant company's negligence to execute the romissory notes and contract with in East Pane. During a storm Herring Benjamin F. Howland upon the faith entered an old coal shed for protection of the defendant company having perfrom the rain. He stumbled over the formed its duty in ascertaining the cont and as he fell his gun dropped and epresenting the validity of the title to the lands of the Standard company.

SENATOR MORRILL'S FUNERAL

Simple But Impressive Services Are to Be Held Today.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The funeral services of the late Senator Morrill will sending him poison through the mails, be held in the senate chamber tomor-The name of the suspected murderer row at noon, the Rev. Mr. Leavitt, pasis withheld from publication lest its tor of All Souis' church, officiating, asannouncement should defeat the ends sisted by the chaptain of the senate, of justice. The man under surveillance The services will be of the simplest character. The president, the cabinet and members of the diplomatic corps will attend. The public gaineries will

be open to the friends and admirers of the deceased senator. Senator Morrill's remains will be tak-

William Sayder, a fellow miner, inflicten to Vermont for interment in charge ing fatal wounds. of a joint commission of senators and representatives conducted by Colonel from the state organization to aid in Bright, the sergeant at arms of the the struggle.

Signs of Trouble.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 30.-Sir Herbert Murray, the governor of Newfoundland, dispatched by the British cruiser Pelican, which sailed yesterday for England, imfrom appendicitis. Mr. Romero ortant charts and data respecting the proposed fortifications here and the esablishment of a naval reserve among the fishermen. The French government, fel-lowing Great Britain's example, will will strengthen its squadron in Newfoundland waters next season, appointing to the command Commodore Hennique, bureau hief at the French naval hydrographic

numls here tonight. They started off at good pace but after the seventh both judge to fill the vacancy created by the death of J. Howard Reeder, of Easton. Colonel Reeder prefers to resume his private practice when he retires as deputy Creedon was weak. Green got the deattorney general and has declined.

ports of both grains and flour in any fired in the breast of Williams' chamber tapped the sand, large veins of previous year were 59,000,000 bushels which are very common in that region. smaller, only 560,220,513 in 1897. Though In an instant it burst through in imwheat was raised to \$1.91 in May, the mense volume and flooded the gang- highest quotation with the highest monthly average for thirty years, 153 -

Williams, Doleroy and Brown ran for 23, so that the average for the first half a high portion of the road and suc- year was 111.11, exceeded slightly in eeded in finding a resting place where 1891, but the highest since 1893, the December average has been nearly 72:25 the sand only came to their waists. cents below that of last year, but the The mules went down the road, and year's average, 95 cents, is the highest getting into a dip, were covered over since 1881. and smothered.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS,

The triumph in finance has been largely due to industrial progress, The output of pig iron has been about 11,645,000 tons, the greatest yet reache in any year by two million tons, and greater than Great Britain ever reached by 2,800,000 tons. Yet the consumption manufacture has been still larger in spite of not exports of pia iron, in ten months, 163,089 tons, for unsold stocks were reduced in eleves months 280,000 tons. Exports of Iroz manufactures in ten months were about \$87,644,536 in value, against imports of \$13,497,817. Prices for the year have been unusually steady, varying not five per cent, for pig iron from the

Company C, Springfield, Ill., was shot lowest to the highest, and for finished and killed today while on guard duty products not six per cent.

Textile industries have been retarde ed by high prices of wool and abnormally low prices of cotton, both deters ring purchases. In three months cote was discharged. The ball passed ton reached 5.31 cents, the lowest prior for 50 years, the greatest yield even In aid of the strikers the Brotherhood known being followed by receipts since of Mine Hoisting Engineers today call-September 357,000 bales larger than las: ed out the day and night engineers at year. Exports have increased, but no the Pana company's mine. The associ as greatly. Towards the close recover ation of mine managers has also called ery came with accounts of some deout John Duddy, for eight years mine struction by storm, and the price reached 5.87 cents, giving a strong impulse to the manufacture, so the take ings by northern and southern spins ners in the calendar year have beer 1,425,206 bales, a little greater than is any previous crop year. Goods were reduced in price five per cent, to the middle of November, but have riser was held to the circuit court today for per cent, and closed at the highest seriously assaulting James Meyers, a

point for the year. In spite of enor mous stocks held, wool was so lifted that buying of wool and of goods was checked early in the year, but slow declines began in February, Saler have been only 232,451,131 pounds at the three chief markets, so that the mills have probably used less than # full year's supply and the stock of

goods was also excessive a year ago Washington, Dec. 30 .- Senor Don Matias Failures in the United States for the Romero, the Mexican ambassador, is dead. He had been confined to his room week are 252, and in Canada, 22, total 274, against 289 last week, 202 the pre at the legation since Saturday, suffering ceding week and 416 the corresponding inder week last year, of which 395 were it went a surgical operation on Wednesday the United States and 21 in Canada which lasted one hour, notwithstanding which the patient came out of the ordeal Of failures in the United States 74 have liabilities exceeding \$5,000 and 178 liabilities less than \$5,000. For four weeks of December total liabilities of firms

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last year.

WEATHER FORECAST.

failing are \$11,697,605, against \$10,366,584

Washington, Dec. 50 .- Forecast or Saturday: For eastern Penn-vivanta, rain, followed by clearig; cold wave; the cold weather will continue till Tuesday; brisk southerly winds becoming northand increasing *******************************

in a condition that was encouraging to his physicians and friends. Soon after midnight, however, the patient began to

sink rapidly and his death occurred at 4 o'clock this merning. Senor Romero was one of the most eminent statesmen and

diplomats of Mexico. Hunting Judge Reeder's Successor.

Harisburg, Dec. 30 .- Governor Hasting. has tendered to Colonel Wilbur F. Reedr, of Bellefonte, deputy attorney gen-ral, the appointment of Superior court

office. Green Got the Decision. San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- George Green

and Dan Creedon fought twenty tame

did a lot of sparring and elinching and were repeatedly histed by the spectators, After that Green woke up a little but

ciston.

senate.

Within the past few days the militla have made fifty arrests of union and negro miners and a number of prominent citizens for carrying concealed veapons. All were heavily fined. Six negroes are in the county jail for theged assaults. Page Smith, a striker,