SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17, 1899.

BATTLE WILL OPEN TODAY

The Legislature Will Vote Mr. Quay's Election Almost Assured. for United States Senator.

MR. QUAY IS CONFIDENT

Believes That the Struggle Will Be Short and Decisive, and That He Will Be Elected-The Anti-Quay Contingent Also Takes a Hopeful View of the Situation-John Wanamaker on the Ground.

Harrisburg, Jan. 16.-The great batde for United States senator will open in earnest tomorrow with the taking of the first ballot in the senate and house. The two houses will vote separately at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and in joint assembly on Wednesday. If the same person receives a majority of all the votes in each house he will be declared elected. If the houses in their separate action do not agree the joint assembly will proceed to elect a senator. In the event of a deadlock or failure to elect the joint assembly will meet each succeeding day and take at least one vote until a senator is chosen.

The fight is between Senator Quay, backed by the 109 senators and members who took part in the Republican cancus; George A. Jenks, of Brook-ville, the condidate of the Democratic caucus, and a half dozen of "favorite sons" nominated by the anti-Quay Republican legislators. With the Democrais and anti-Quayites voting for their candidates the indications are there will be a deadlock. It is an open question with the Republican and Democratic leaders how long this condition of affairs will continue.

Senator Quay's managers are confidem there will be only one result and The Republican that his re-election. senators and members opposed to his candidacy are just as confident he will be beaten. The Democrats know they of Quay politicians. It may be set down cannot elect their candidate and are as the solid truth that the Democrats leaving the Republicans fight it out are too wise to take the responsibility of among themselves. State Chairman sending Quay back to the senate. They are not particularly in love with the men Elkin and Senator Penrose are directing the Quay campaign from headquarters at the Lochiel hotel. They said tonight there was no doubt of the tion of the senior sens Neither side will give any figures | Gen. Menocal and Capt. McCullagh to show how they propose to elect or defeat Mr. Quay.

SECRETARY MARTIN RESIGNS.

The features of the day's skirmish were the resignation of David Martin as secretary of the commonwealth and the conference of the anti-Quay Republican senators and members. Mr. Martin was elected in November to the senate from the Eighth Philadelphia district and expected to qualify tomorrow after the change in the state administration. He changed his mind this evening and sent his resignation to Governor Hastings, to take effect upon its acceptance. The resignation was promptly accepted and Mr. Martin will qualify in the morning. The senator-elect is one of the lead-

ers in the anti-Quay movement, and a rumor was current today that Governor-elect Stone, who is in sympathy with the Quay movement, would not send his cabinet appointments to the senate tomorrow, but withhold the nominations until the senatorial fight is over. This would have kept Mr. Martin in office as secretary of the commonwealth and prevented his qualifying as senator until his successer was appointed and confirmed. To avoid such a complication, Mr. Martin resigned and thus retires a day in advance of the other members of Governor Hastings' cabinet.

There were present at the anti-Quay conference 47 of the 52 senators and members pledged not to vote for Senator Quay while he is under indictment in the Philadelphia courts. The five absentees were accounted for to the satisfaction of their associates, Senntor William Flinn, of Allegheny, pre-Mded and made a short speech, pre dicting Senator Quay's defeat. He said there were no desertions from the anti-Quay ranks, except possibly Representative John L Shaw, of Allegheny, and ballot.

Mr. Flinn said he was authorized to state for Senator Chisoim, of Huntington, that he would vote against Senator Quay on every ballot. Mr. Chisolm signed the anti-Quay pledge after the meeting and announced that his John Stewart, of Chambersburg. Mr. spent some time closeted with the sec Stewart la one of the "favorite sons who have entered the anti-Quay field. He is apparently taking no part in the contest, although his friends claim he is a bona fide candidate.

ANTI-QUAY CANDIDATES. Congressman John Dalzell, of Pittsburg: Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren, and John F. Downing, of Erie, who has also been entered in the fight by the anti-Quay people, are on the ground looking over the sit-Colonel George F. Huff, of uation. Greensburg, another anti-Quay candidate, is also here with a large delegation of Westmoreland county friends, who are urging his election. Mr. Huff's followers opened headquarters for him at the Commonwealth this morning, and at their request he here from Washington to take part in the contest.

Senator Quay reached Harrisburg midnight from Washington and is staying at the residence of County Chairman Weiss. The senator expects remain here through the early stages

TEN PAGES.

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Rain; Clearing by Night.

TWO CENTS.

of his managers and followers that he will be re-elected and that the battle will be short and decisive. Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker is one of the most conspicuous figures at the anti-Quay headquarters.

VARIOUS OPINIONS.

Wanamaker Loves Democrats.

Harrisburg, Jan. 16, - Ex-Senator Durham, of Philadelphia, gave out a statement tonight, in which he claims there were only 34 Republicans present at the anti-Quay caucus, and, assuming that all of them shall vote against Senator Quay, is not sufficient to prevent his election. "The Wanamaker managers will doubtless claim a large number to have been present." Mr. Durham adds, "but we took the precaution to have two reliable people at the door of the conference room, who checked off those who went in and

"I am satisfied, as well from the surface indications as from inside reports we have received, that the opposition is demoralized by their showing tonight. As a matter of fact, I am absolutely certain of Senator Quay's election. If I ever had any doubt of it, such doubt would have been removed by the developments of the last twen-

Senator Flinn denies Senator Durham's statement with reference to the number of Republicans present at the anti-Quay conference, and adds: "Senator Quay has but 112 votes, three of which will not be cast for him tomorrow, bringing his total down to 110."

Ex-Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, said tonight he was confident that the Democratic legislators are a unit in opposition to Senator Quay's re-election and the same is true of the attitude of the Democrats toward the confirmation of State Chairman Elkins as attorney general and General Frank Reeder as secretary of commonwealth.

"The Democratic senators and mempers," the judge added, "can do the state a great service and reflect honor on their party at this session and they will begin the good work by rejecting the padded pay-roll conspirators and defeating Quay for the senate."

WANAMAKER'S TALK. Mr. Wanamaker said tonight:

The men who have compacted to stand malterably against Quay's election are onscious of the distinguishing privileges they have in meeting the demands of the citizens of this commonwealth that the Quay machine be broken at this time. As the Quay forces cannot cap-ture any of the signers the inference is that they see their way to get what they

equire from the Democratic side.

I believe this is an injustice to the Democrats. They are a fine class of men and expect to please their consti-tuents, whom they are obliged to face. rather than serve the diminishing crowd who have been against them publicly and

HAVANA'S NEW POLICE.

Selecting Men.

Havana, Jan. 16,-General Menocal and Captain McCullagh are examining today three hundred applicants for positions on the police force here. About eighty patrolmen have been accepted so far, and of this number thirty are Spaniards.

General Menocal is acting fairly toward the Spanish candidates. If physically and morally up to the standard they are accepted. Some former Spanish officers are among the applicants. Two lieutenants accepted positions as patrolmen on Saturday. The height required, five feet six, bars out necessary tact. many applicants, including a number of Menocal's men. The force will be selected, in the main, by the end of the week

The weakest part of the system is the pay. Fifty dollars a month for own, but, of course, they would always patrolmen is regarded as too little money for high class, honest men. San Juan de Porto Rico pays \$75 a month there was the slightest truth in the and the question of raising the pay of patrolmen here to that amount is under consideration.

The first piles were driven this morning for the construction of the United States pier at Triscornia. Colonel in Cuba. It is estimated that the sugar Hecker was present. The construction of seven warehouses is beginning at the railroad terminal. They will be finished in about a month. About 1,300 men are at work.

Senor Alfredo Rego has applied to General Ludlow for the privilege of inspecting cattle entering this port and collecting fees for doing so, in Spanish style. His application was not consid-

SECRETARY ALGER IS MUM.

Declines to Talk on the Subject of Beef.

Washington, Jan. 16.-In answer to that he did not believe Mr. Shaw will a direct question, Secretary Alger, at vote for Mr. Quay until he casts his the close of the official day, said that the war department had taken no action in the case of Commissary General Eagen, but when the inquiry was pursued he declined to say one word to the Rhine. Weser and Elbe. as to his intentions in the matter. It was apparent during the day that this matter was receiving attention, and in will be east tomorrow for Judge fact the commissary general himself

retary. General Miles left town last night on a personal errand and it was said at army headquarters would return to-It was stated that General Miles would not prefer charges against General Eagen for the utterances delivered by him before war investigating commission last Friday, but intends to let the war department deal Hugh H. Hamilton, of Trenton, N. J. with the matter in its own way.

ANOTHER CLUE SPOILED.

The Mysterious Box Sent to Cornish Contained Cigars.

Binghamton, New York, Jan. 16. The mysterious oblong box, mailed from this city on Saturday to "Harry Cornish, Knickerhocker Athletic club, New York city," and which it was suggested was an infernal machine, sent by persons interested in the Adams

poisoning case contained cigars. A local dealer sent the cigars to Mr Cornish, saying he hoped the "government bonds" would be a solace to him of the fight. He shares the confidence while the mystery was being cleared.

THE FUNERAL OF **NELSON DINGLEY**

ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT. CABINET AND MEMBERS.

The Remains Taken to the Hall of the House of Representatives, Where They Are Viewed by Thousands --- Services Conducted by Rev. S. M. Newman.

Washington, Jan. 16,-A state funeral, almost majestic in its impressiveness, was given to late Representative Nelson Dingley at noon in the house of representatives, where he has so long been such a commanding figure. The president, his cabinet, distinguished members of the diplomatic corps, members of the supreme court, senate and house and distinguished men in military and civil life were ranged about his bier on the floor of the hall, while the galleries were occupied by the famllies of those who sat upon the floor and other prominent personages invited to be present. Some of them, like a delegation from the New York chamber of commerce, had come from a distance to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead statesman. Not since the late William D. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, was given a state funeral in the house during the Fiftyfirst congress, while President McKinley was chairman of the ways and means committee, has such an honor been conferred upon a member of the house. The remains were taken from the Hotel Hamilton to the capitol this morning at I o'clock and were borne into the hall of representatives by a squad of capitol police under the direction of Sergeant-at-Arms Russell, The easket was placed on a bier in the area in front of the marble rostrum of the speaker and for an hour the public which would have no opportunity to witness the official ceremonies later, was allowed to view the remains as

they lay in state. THOUSANDS VIEW REMAINS.

Thousands of persons streamed through the main door down past the easket and gazed upon the calm features of the dead during that hour. At noon Speaker Reed called the house to order, and, after the chaplain's prayer, the resolutions of both

houses on Mr. Dingley's death were read and passed. A quartette sang Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" and the services were conducted by the Rev. S. M. Newman, of the First Congregational church, of this city, assisted by Rev.

Dr. Souden, chaplain of the house. Rev. Newman read the fourteenth chapter of St. John, and spoke of the deep solemnity of the occasion and the great lesson which might be drawn from the life which had been finished, Rev. Millburn, the blind chaplain of the house, made a touching prayer and the exercises were concluded with the

singing by the quartette, to the organ accompaniment, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul.

Views of a Correspondent of the London Times.

CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

Mexico City, Jan. 16,--Charles Akers, orrespondent of the London Times in Cuba, is here. He praises highly the conduct of the American regular troops during the Cuban campaign. He says the Cubans are in the main peaceable and there is no danger of a conflict between them and the American authorities, provided the latter show the

The Cuban generals are disbanding their forces, and are aiding in the work of reconstruction in good faith. Mr. Akers sees no reason why the Cohons should not form a government of their be more or less under the protection of the United States. He denied that pretended revelations made in Havana regarding the blowing up of the Maine,

Mr. Akers adds that by the end of January there are to be from 180 to 200 central sugar factories in operation erop should be from 700,000 to 800,000 tons. Preparations are being made for planting increased areas next June and July.

OPENING OF PRUSSIAN DIET.

Emperor William in His Speech Says the Situation Is Favorable.

Berlin, Jan. 16.-The Prussian diet was opened today with a speech from the throne, in which Emperor William declared that the financial situation political and national life being soundly established and the prosperity of the country is visibly growing.

His majesty regarded the future with confidence and mentioned the measures which would be introduced to extend the state railroads and navigable canals from the Dortmund-Ems Canal

Emperor William read the speech personally in the White hall of the palace. He was interrupted repeatedly by cheering.

The Carbon Trust.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 15.-The National Carbon company, with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, was incorporated here today. The incorporators are W. H. Lawrence, Myron T. Merrick, James Parmlee, Webb C. Hayes, all of Cleveland; J. C. Van Blarcum, of St. Louis; A. M. Young, of Brocklyn; J. M. Hum-bird and D. D. Dickey, of Pittsburg, and

Decision for Kid McPartland.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Kid McPartland of New York, secured the decision over Jack Carrig, of Olean, in their twenand bout at catchweights before Olympic Athletic club tonight, McPart-land did all the leading throughout the bout, and Carrie never had a chance against the swift New Yorker.

Search for a Lost Vessel.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 16 .- Under order ington, the revenue cutter Winona left here this morning at 19,39 o'clock to search the gulf coast for the missing pleasure yacht Paul Jones, now more than two weeks from New Orleans to

SILVER IS ALIVE.

According to the Opinion of Col. W. J. Bryan.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 16.-Colonel W. J. Bryan declared today in a brief speech which he made at the public reception given him by the Bimetallic league of this city, that the silver issue is still very much alive. He said:

"The cause lives because it embodies the hopes, the aspirations and the belief of our people. The American people favor bimetallism, never mind where the silver is produced. We do not need it because it is produced here, People eat because thy need it, not be cause food has to be consumed. And so with gold and silver. They are important in the world's commerce because they are needed and you can never destroy silver while it is needed. The farmer, the creator of wealth, knows that the gold standard lowers prices without raising money. And if the gold standard should once be established you may set it down that the date of bunkruptey is not far ahead, To restore bimetallism is to restore the

parity between money and property. "Those who advocate the gold standard as a rule know that the gold dollar is not stable nor honest. The strength of the gold standard is to be found in the money centers and its strongest advocates are those who, when their dollar is invested, want it to go up. "If our cause is just, and I firmly believe it is, its triumph is sure. Truth cannot be crushed to earth. The hour

GENERAL EAGAN'S EXPLANATION

of death is not here."

Goaded to Desperation by General Miles' Charges---He Apologizes to the War Investigation Commission, but Maintains His Anger Was Excusable --- Remits His Statement Revised as Requested.

Washington, Jan. 16,-Commissaryleneral Eagan has sent to the war inestigating commission a revised statement in place of the one he read before that body in response to General Alles's charges as to the quality of the army

beef rations. The revised statement is about onethird shorter than the one which was returned to him because of its violent and abusive character.

The commission after its receipt of the statement went into secret session to read it and to decide whether or not in its present form it had been expurgated sufficiently to permit it to be made a part of the commission's records. The following is the text of the let-

ter sent by General Eagan to the war ommission today, enclosing his amend-

Office of Commissary General of Sun

Washington, Jan. 14, 1886. To the commission appointed by the pres ident to investigate the conduct of the war department in the war with Spain Gentlemen-I have the bonor to bas ou herewith my testimony, which now resubmitted and revised in accordance with the views expressed by you n your letter to me of Jan. 12, 1889. Th ddered irrelevant matter by you, in while opinion I entirely agree, are eliminated. In this connection I desire to state that there was never a thought or intention on my part of any disrespect what soever to your commission, but in ex-planation and in extenuation of the language used by me heretofore, I beg to invite the attention of the commission to the fact that I have been accused practically of feeding the soldiers with poisoned beef, which made them sickembalmed beef," so-called; that I hav furnished ment to the army under the "pretense of experiment," which charge n effect is corruption, and worse, be cause it jeopardizes the lives of soldier, sent to the front in tropical climates and who were dependent on such food as was sent them; that these statements have gone to the whole country uncontradicted; that they have been published and I have been pilloried in the press of the country as a man who had fed the army on poisoned ment and corruptly so that for about three weeks' time I kept silent for the reason that I am debarred after talking with the honorable cretary of war, from preparing charge because of the immunity granted by th president to witnesses before your ssion, notwithstanding the gravity the accusations; that it is unreasonable to believe that such monstrous charge ould have any other effect than to work upon an honorable man in such a was is to goad him to a species of desper-tion and that it was but natural, wh the proper opportunity was given him, to meet and refute the charges, that he should characterize them in harsh language and in terms that are deemed im roper, no matter what the provocation.
I therefore withdraw the language and matter so objectionable, and resubmit t you now my sworn statement, with abiding faith that your cotomission, continued favorable, the bases of both ing all the facts before you, will decide the points at issue justly.

Very respectfully.

Charles P. Eagan. Commissacy General Subsistence.

The commission, after a brief executive session, decided for the present to make public only General Eagen's letter and not the accompanying statement.

ASHES OF COLUMBUS. They Arrive at Cadiz on a Spanish Cruiser.

Madrid, Jan. 16 .- The cabinet meeting called for today adjourned on account of the illness of one of the ministers. Senor Sagasta is reported as saying that the situation of the Americans in the Philippines is very serious, but he declined to go into details, The Spanish cruiser Conde de Ven

adito arrived today at Cadiz from Havana with the reputed ashes of Columwhich were transferred to the armed yacht Giralda for conveyance to Seville.

Steamship Arrivals.

York, Jan. 16.-New York-Ar Servia, Liverpool; Weimar, Antwerp-Salled: Southwark, Nev Liverpool-Arrived: Aurania, New York, Naples-Arrived: Fuerst Bismarck New York via Genoa.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.-In the Suprem court today petitions for appeals were allowed in borough of Jeannette vs. Rochme and Thayne vs. Scranton Trac-

STATE SENATE IS ORGANIZED

GEN. GOBIN PRESENTS HIS RESIGNATION.

Bills Are Introduced and Properly Referred-Mr. Vaughan Offers an Amendment to the Constitution, and Also an Amendatory Act to the Ballot Law - Nominations Con-

Harrisburg, Jan. 16.—The senate met at 9 o'clock this evening with Presilent pro tem. Snyder in the chair. As Gen. Gobin is inducted into the office of lieutenant governor tomorrow, he handed in his resignation as a member of the senate. The resignation was acepted.

The following bills, among others vere introduced and properly referred;

By Mr. Vaughan-An amendatory ac the ballot law of 1893, providing that counting the ballot the intention of the voter shall prevail; also making the salaries of court erlers \$1,000 and the stayes \$730 in courts of common pleas, quarter sessions, over and terminer and orphans' court in counties having a pop-ulation of 150,900 and over; also, an amendatory act of 1874, providing that illegal voters shall receive no witness cer; also an amendatory act relating to nominations, enlarging the grounds on which the court may set aside the same; also to make active or visiting committors of societies incorporated for the purrs, official visitors of penal and reform-

tory institutions. By Mr. Grady-Authorizing the rep ig and publishing of the opinions of all ourts of record which break record oth-r than the Supreme and Superior courts to be known as the "miscellaneous re-orts" and the appointment by the gov-mor of a miscellaneous reporter.

Mr. Vaughan introduced a joint reslution proposing the following amend-

ment to the constitution; PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

No net of the general assembly after en years from the date of its passage thall be held unconstitutional by reason of any defect or insufficiency in the title of any defect or insufficiency in the true or on the ground that it is a local or special law relating to any of the sub-jects prohibited by the constitution unless such act, within that period, shall have been so adjudged by the supreme court of the United States or by the suprem or the superior court of Pennsylvania.

The senate went into executive sesion and confirmed the nomination by the governor of the following as memers of the board of medical examiners: Drs. H. G. McCormick, of Williamsport: W. S. Foster, of Pittsburg: L. H. Willard, of Allegheny: Augustus Koradoorfer, of Philadelphia; A. B. Woodward, of Tunkhannock, and W. H. Blake, of Philadelphia.

The senate then adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning

BRYAN AT DENVER.

He Is Given the Glad Hand of Hundreds of Citizens. Denver, Colo., Jan. 16.-Colonel Will-

reception committee and escorted to the residence of Hon. T. M. Patterson, At II o'clock a public reception to Colonel Bryan was given by the Denver Bimetallic league and hundreds of people embraced the opportunity to grasp the hand of the silver champion. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Patterson held a reception for the distinguished vistor, at which members of the legislature and other prominent people vere present.

The programme tomorrow includes an address to the legislature and a public address in the evening, the subject of which is "Naboth's Vineyard."

CHEROKEES TO PROTEST. A Delegation Goes to Washington to

Object to the Treaty. Kansas City, Jan. 16,-Dave Muskrat, Q. Critis and F. H. Dick, of Talequah, L. T., prominent Cherokees, left here for Washington today, intending to see President McKinley and enter a protest against the ratification of the treaty enetred into on Saturday last by the government commission and the

DREYFUS HEARING POSTPONED

relations.

Court Not in Possession of Documents Furnished by Esterhazy.

Paris, Jan. 16 .- M. Loew, president of the criminal branch of the court of cassation, in an interview published in the Journal today, estimates that three weeks will clapse before the court of cassation will hold a public hearing of the Dreyfus case.

The judge also asserts that the statement that the court is in possession of documents furnished by Major Count Esterhazy is inexact.

Ended in a Draw.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 16.-The battle at the Hyperion theater between Spike Sullivan, of Boston, and Eddle Connolly, of St. Johns, N. B., twenty rounds, for a purse of \$500, ended in a draw. The fight was a spirited one, marred, however, by repeated and persistent clinchboth men. Connolly had to be warned twice for apparent fouling. At the conclusion of the bout he protested angrily at the decision, claiming the

Tommy Hogan Knocked Out. Ithnea, N. Y., Jan. 10.-Frank Mauldin

Rochester, knocked out Tommy Ho gan, of Philadelphia, in the seventh round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round bout before the Imperial Athletic club here tonight. The mon fought at catchweights. Hogan was the cleverer, but lighter, of the two, and was unable to stand hard punishment. In the sixth round he was all but gone. In the seventh he went out.

Pittsville, Wis., Jan. 16.-The farm-ouse of Favette Meacham, near this place, was blown to atoms by dynamite, killing Meacham and fatally injuring his wife and four children. Meacham had purchased it to use in blasting. How the dynamite became ignited is not known.

Blown to Atoms by Dynamite.

Esterhazy Is Expected. London, Jan. 17.—The Paris correspond-ent of the Daily Chronicle says that Count Ferdinand Esterhazy is expected to arrive in Paris today (Tuesday).

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

- 1 General-Opening of the Senatorial Battle at Harrisburg, Organization of the State Senate, Doings of the State Lawmakers, Funeral of Nelson Dingley.
- General-Miners Oppose Annexation, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Annual Meeting of the Board
- t Editorial. Porto Rican Taxes.
- General-Society as Found in Fair Hayana.
- Local-Argument in the Gibbons Case Questions for High School Aspirants.
- Local-New Home for the Masons, Return Judges Will Meet Today, Local-West Scranton and Suburban,
- News Round About Scrauton. General-News of the Soldiers at Camp MacKenzie

Hurley-Payne Fight.

AHRENS MYSTERY.

No Light Upon the Whereabouts of the Missing Girl.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.-The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Miss Edith Ahrens, who left her home in this city on Jan. 7, is as deep as ever and the young lady's strange absence is a topic of considerable discussion in

Miss Ahren left her home at No. 405 Irwin street. West Philadelphia, on the afternoon of Jan. 7. When she left her home she had on a gray hat, trimmed with purple velvet, a black coat, with a loose strip of bear fur around the neck, a mixed shirt, green, black and white, and dark red waist, trimmed with black braid. She is 30 years of age, 5 feet. I inch in height and weighs about 100 pounds.

Her family fear that her mind has ecome temporarily unbalanced and that she is wandering away while in this condition.

A liberal reward has been offered

FARRAGUT'S PILOT UNPAID. Captain W. Taylor Presents a Claim

for her apprehension.

Against the United States. Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 16,-Captain William Taylor, of this city, has forwarded to Washington a claim against the government in the sum of \$72,500. During the civil war Captain Taylor was engaged in building a canal from the Bayou Furche to the Mississippi river, near New Orleans. When Farragut ran the chain of forts and entered the river Taylor sought out the aval commander and offered his services and the use of his light-draught vessels. The offer was accepted, for the presence of a pilot who knew the

shallow waters was invaluable. When Commodore Farragut returned to Washington Captain Taylor was given passes through the federal lines and went to the capital to present his claim. Farragut was mortally ill and am J. Bryan and his wife arrived in Taylor was not admitted. He ther re-Denver today. They were met by a turned to the Mississippi river and served as pilot for the federal government until the close of war. Several times he narrowly escaped death at the hands of southern guerillas and both his payents were murdered by them.

MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

Several Persons Near Little Rock Suffer from Poison.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 16,-There I ntense excitement in Baxter county had a pleasant word for each, and the over a series of sudden and mysterious | little ceremony was none the less apdeaths which have occurred in the preciated by the men who helped to vicinity of Mountain Home, the county seat, within the last few days, No less than six men, all of whom were apparently in robust health, have been suddenly stricken and died within a

very short time. In every case there was unmistakable symptoms of poisoning. Besides those who have died, a number of others suddenly became violently iii and their lives have been saved only by prompt medical attention. Four of the victims are Dr. Simpson, of Mountain Home; a farmer named Hogan; E. L. nation's commission, dissolving tribal Hayes, proprietor of a hotel at Buffalo, and owner of an extensive zinc mine, and John Fout. The men are believed to have been poisoned by bad whiskey purchased at a "blind pig." A bottle of the stuff has been sent to

a chemist for analysis. TURKEY ORDERS KRUPP GUNS

Liked the Sample Presented by Emperor William of Germany.

Constantinople, Jan. 16.-An imperial trade has been issued ordering the purchase of 162 Krupp field guns and 20,-009 shrapnel shells.

The irade is undoubtedly the outcome of the act of Emperor William, on his return from the Orient, in presenting the sultan of Turkey with a perfect model of the most modern Krupp fieldgun introduced into the German army. The German newspapers at the time commented approvingly on the emperor's shrewdness, which, they predicted, would result in Turkey sending a large order for guns to Germany.

Burglary at Centralia.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 16.—Five masked men, before daybreak this morning, broke into L. A. Relliy & Co.'s store at Centralia, and after gagging and bind-ing the watchman, Jacob Pollard, and stealing a number of watches, forced the safe and obtained \$25. They broke open the safe in the Lehigh Cont company's office, which is in the same building and got away with \$100,

Battle on the Blue Nile. fondon. Jan 18.—The officers of the foreign office here say they have heard nothing of the alleged defeat on Dec. 28 of the Anglo-Egyptian forces on the Blue Nile by the Dervishes under Emir Fedil and the total destruction of the Tenth Soudanese battation. The British of-ficials do not attach the slightest cred-

ence to the report. The Report Doubted.

London. Jan. 16.—Diplomats refuse to take seriously the revival of the report cabled from Washington that the United States is willing to exchange the Philip-pine islands for the British West Indian

INAUGURAL **PROGRAMME**

Opened Yesterday on Arrival of Governor-Elect Stone.

CLOSE TONIGHT WILL

The Governor-Elect and Family Are Entertained at the Executive Mansion, Where Luncheon Is Given in Their Honor-Governor Hastings Holds an Informal Reception to the Attaches of the Department on the Hill-Political Clubs Arrive.

Harrisburg, Jan. 16 .- The inaugural programme opened today with the ar-Stone and family and will conclude tomorrow evening with a public reception at the executive mansion, Colonel Stone will be inducted into office at noon tomorrow with simple ceremonies at the west side of the capitol. At the close of the exercises the governor and other incoming and retiring state officials will be driven to a large platform along the river front to witness the parade. The entire division of the National Guard and

many political, civic and soldier societies will form the procession. Upon the arrival of Governor-elect Stone, Mrs. Stone and Miss Stone from Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon, they and their Washington party were met at the Union station by the joint inaugural committee and escorted to the Lochiel hotel, where a suite of rooms has been elegantly fitted up and decorated for their brief occupancy. After exchanges of greetings with members of the inaugural committee, state officials and others, Governor and Mrs. Stone were driven to the executive mansion, where luncheon was given in their honor by Governor and

Mrs. Hastings. The large dining room of the mansion was decorated in pink and white and the mantels, sideboards, buffet and corners were hidden behind palms and potted plants. The parior was also handsomely decorated. The guests were: Governor-elect and Mrs. Stone, Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. David Martin, Mrs. J. W. Roney, Private Secretary and Mrs. L. E. Beitler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dull, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Calder, Colonel and Mrs. W. F. Paeder, Congressman M. E. Olmstead. Mrs. W. O. Hickok, of Harrisburg, After the luncheon Governor and Mrs. Hastings retired to the residence of a Harrisburg friend and the Stone family took possession of the mansion.

INFORMAL RECEPTION.

At the executive department this morning Governor Hastings held an informal reception to the attaches of the departments on the hill. He bade them all farewell and spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be associated with them during the four years of his administration. The attaches all passed before the retiring executive and shook him by the hand. Governor Hastings

make the administration, Many of the political clubs which will participate in the parade arrived in the city today and were assigned to headquarters. All of the clubs are accompanied by bands and attract a great deal of attention with their waving banners and flags. The hotels are filling up with visitors and the largest crowd in recent years is expected in the city tomorrow.

BROOKE'S CABINET.

Advisors to the Administration at Havana Are Chosen.

Governor General Brooke announced the following appointments to the newly constituted cabinet of advisers to the administration: Department of government-Domingo Mendez Capote. Department of finance-Publo Des-

Havana, Jan. 16 .- This afternoon

Department of justice and public instruction-Jose Antonio Gonzalez La-Department of agriculture, industry, commerce and public works-Adolfo

Against Incompetent Inspectors.

Saensi Yanez.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 16.—At today's session the Bricklayers' and Masons' International union opened a resolution prepared by Union No. 1, of Pennsyl-vania, caffing attention to the alleged incompetency of inspectors employed upon overnment buildings was discussed and The Hillman Case.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16,-The Supreme court today affirmed the decision of the

court of over and terminer, of Allegheny

county, in the case of William Hillman, who was convicted in October last of murdering Bertha Spiegel, a 15-year-old girl, in Pittsburg, Hillman had been sentenced to death.

Mistake of the Jury. Harrisburg, Jan. 16.-Mrs. Annie Win-on, convicted of administering poison her husband, James Winson, by sentenced to twenty years in the Eastern peritentiary. In sentencing the prisoner Judge Simonton said; "The jury made a mistake in not making it a first

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degree verdict."

Washington, Jan. 16.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain followed by fair Tuesday after-noon or right; fair and much coldson or night; fair and much con-Wednesday; fresh variable winds.

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