

FIGHT DECLARED OFF.

# LOUBET WILL SUCCEED FAURE

Is Upanimously Nominated for President of France.

## DUPUY WILL NOT ACCEPT

At a Meeting of the Leftist M. Loubet Is Unanimously Nominated for the Presidency-His Election Is Almost Assured-Faure's Body Lies in State in the Salle des Fetes of the Theatre Built by President Carnot.

Paris, Feb. 17 .- The premier, M. Dupuy, has fixed the meeting of the nutional assembly, or congress, in which the senators and deputies unite in voting for a president of France, for 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Vermilles.

At a meeting of the Leftist senators today M. Loubet, the president of the senate and former premier, was unanimously nominated for the presidency of France, in succession to the late President Faure. The senators consid-er M.-Loubet's election assured.

M. Dupuy declines to enter the presldential contest against' M. Loubet. In view of the apparently united support of the senate and M. Meline's withdrawal in his favor, it was generally thought this afternoon that M.

Loubet's election is almost assured. M. Emile Loubet, who is about 61 years of age, was born in the department of Drome and began his political career in 1876. In 1892 he formed a ministry, became minister of the interior but was overthrown on account

of the Panama revelations. He was re-elected president of the senate on Jan. 12 last.

Mrs. Emily Crawford on French sitmation

"Everything is very quiet in Paris There is no danger of a coup tonight. dictal. The favorite candidate for the presidency is M. Emile Loubet, now president of the senate. Still the ministors whom I saw today think that M. Faure's death is a misfortune at the present juncture: and this is the conventional talk. They had all looked forward to his having soon to resign; and they spoke today of the possible effect of his death on the courts of Entrope

"If M. Loubet be elected, European of the river of a few inches will cause sovereigns would soon transfer to him their friendly regard. He is a good,

#### brass bedstead in the president's sit-THE TRIAL OF ting room. Two sisters of charity watched beside it. Before the operation, which lasted an hour, took place. informal dead mass was celebrated in the Elysce chapel.

outes

Today the whole official world has paid formal visits of condolence st the palace, the formality consisting in writing the visitor's name in the register. Piles of telegrams from corporate bodies, personal friends, sym-

pathizers in all parts of France, and, indeed, Europe and even Asia have arrived. The first to telegraph to Madame Faure was Emperor William, the next, Prince Ferdinand, of Buigaria. The army has been ordered to go into mourning until after the ob-

Public events in France have a trange suddenness and take spontanously a dramatic character. Thus M. Faure's body lies in a Salles des Feter, or hall of festivities. The card had m issued to six thousand persons to attend a state ball next Thursday. Today the tapestries of the ball om have been taken down, that the ooms may be hung in black. M. Faure had looked forward with delight to the Elysee being in 1900 the resort of sovereigns. The last letter he had from Emperor Nicholas was an acceptance of his (M. Faure's ) invitation. He took great pleasure also in thinking that membership in the order of the annunciation would make him a "cousin" of King Humbert; and the insignia of that order was to have been presented to him by a special embasy this month. But his soul was soildenly required of him, and all connected with his presidential career is over. His death preaches a sermor

## upon the vanity of human ambition, RICHMOND SUBMERGED.

The Upper James River on a Rampage-Heaviest Storm Experienced

in Many Years, Richmond, Va., Feb, 17 .- The rush of he increased volume of water and the ice from the upper James river, together with the back water from the the morning, gorging of the ice below the city, has esulted in one of the heaviest floods ever known here.

The wharves at Rocketts, the landing dace for steamers, and the streets for blocks around are under water, and the Virginia Navigation company's wharf has been swept away.

The depressed section of the city between Shockoe and Church Hill is also inder water and hundreds of cellars are flooded. Early tonight it was reported that the Manchester end of Mayos bridge connecting Richmond

was forced to leave;

PRISONER CREATES A SENSA-TION IN THE COURT ROOM. He Insists Upon Going on the Witness Stand Contrary to the Advice than enough members are paired until

**PROF. STEPHENS** 

of His Counsel-Interesting Testimony of Quintus Messenger-The Blow That Brought Stephens to and Democrats will each have a rep-His Senses. Easton, Pa., Feb. 17 .- Much to the

surprise of every one the taking of testimony in the Stephens trial was abrupily concluded this afternoon. Joint assembly and a very light vote Stephens insisted upon going upon the stand, contrary to the advice of his counsel. His lawyers then asked for a recess in order to hold a consultation with the prisoner. While they were closeted in the jury room an exciting

scene ensued. Stephens became violent when the lawyers persisted in objecting to his going on the stand, and it is said they threatened to abandon the case altogether. After a halt hour's delay Mr. Shipman returned to the court room and asked permission to enter a plea of guilty. Judge Scott would not permit this, whereupon Shipman announced that the defense

had concluded its testimony, and he began to plead to the jury. Stephens appeared brighter than usual at the eginning of the day's session. The first witness was John Carey, of the Columbia house, Phillipsburg, where Stephens stayed the night he burned

Pardee hall. Carey had with him his register to show that "Aaron Snyder, Scranton" (the name Stephens wrote in the book), was at the house on the night of Dec. 17, 1897. Stephens did not register until after midnight of the 17th, but he was recorded as a guest of the 17th because the hotel day begins with the opening of the house in Quintus Messenger, a watchman at

Lafayette college, was an interesting witness. He told of his encounter in the college chapel on a dark night in June last with "A living creature. He was stationed there to watch for the party who had been committing depredations in the building. He heard the door of the chapel open. Then an object stole toward the organ. When the intruder raised the lid of the instrument Messenger struck out with a piece of hose. He hit the organ A second blow came into contact with his unknown visitor. Messenger did not know who or what he had struck. The room was very dark. Messenger found a key in the door entered by the in-

with Manchester, which is a foot and truder. Later it turned out that the vehicle bridge, had been swept away, I key was the one given Stephens when This proved not to be correct, but its he was an instructor at the college, condition is such that a further rise and which he did not return when he

WHAT STEPHENS CONFESSED.

MR. SIBLEY TURNS No Further Ballot at Harrisburg **ON THE LIGHT** Until Thursday, Harrisburg, Feb. 17 .- The fight for United States senator has been declared DEFINES POSITION OF DEMOoff until next Thursday. A tacit agree CRATS AND INDEPENDENTS. ment was reached today between the leaders of the rival forces that there

should be no quorum present at the The Congressman-Elect Is Tired of joint assembly before that time. More Holding the Snipe Bag for the after the ballot is taken next Wednes-Alleged Reformers-He Prefers to day to prevent an election. The Quay Republicans, anti-Quay Republicans Be Slain on an Open Field of Battle and Not by a Stilletto in the Back resentative present at the balloting by the Hand of Brigands. during the next four days. Both bodies of the legislature have adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon to observe Harrisburg, Feb. 17 .-- Congressman election day and Washington's birth-

lect Sibley has issued an extended day, Many of the members absented statement defining and defending his themselves from today's session of the attitude on the senatorial question t he narrates teh attempts of the Wans was the result. The vote follows: amaker bolters to capture the Demo-124 4. 33. 81. A eracy by promises which were never

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Total Necessary to a choice, 69; paired or 1104 ing, 116. No election.

## PRESIDENT AT BOSTON.

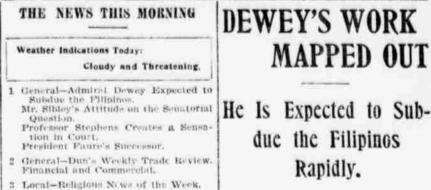
### Hospital Residents of the Hub Make His Last Day One Continual Round of Pleasure.

Boston, Feb. 17 .- The last day of bag. Volcing my own opinion, if my pockets are to be picked, let it be by President McKinley's visit to Roston was spent in one continual round of a professional rather than an amateur if defeated, let it be by the regulars not the militia; if to be slain, let it be pleasure, and the different events which were crowded into the few remaining hours followed each other with bewildon the open field of battle, not by the stilletto in the back by the hand of brigands. If we cannot elect a D-moering rapidity. The president arose and breakfasted at 9 o'clock and at 10 crat to the United States senate, we o'clock was en route to Tremont Temple, where he spoke to the members of the Massachusetts department of the G. A. R., who were assembled in annual convention. Immediately following this, carriages further aid of Democrats.

vere taken for the state house, where the president visited the legislature in joint session and made an inspiring address. Here also Secretary Long created much amusement by his witticisms and his allusions to the time when he wielded the gavel as speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives, Democratic don as well. After a short reception, the presiden-

tial party was taken on a tour through sub-way and thence to the Algonthe quin club, where a breakfast was tendered to the gentlemen by the members the Commercial club, composed of the principal business and professional.

next fall with those spears, which have men of the city of Boston. At 4.50 the party was taken to the south terminal station and they left each other, and while they are engeged for Washington on the special train at in the struggle of mutual extermina-



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) News Round About Scrauton. 15 Chats About Advertising.

Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow Colds How Caught and How Remedied.

12 General-Scranton Soldiers Have a Reminder of Valley Forge, Jurous for April Court.

### forces open to suspicion on all propo-sitions, opponents of Democracy, and in no manner entitled to the consider-ation due to allies. We have ones joined with them in a hunting expedi-PROCEEDINGS OF

## HOUSE AND SENATE

sag, Democracy has purchased from bag, Democracy has purchased from them one gold brick, not large, but "twill suffice." We have been invited by them to one feast. They ate the pudding. We have been cheaving the Resolutions of Sympathy Sent to the French Republic -- House Passes Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill. United States, as president of the senate, to express to the government and people of France the sympathy of the ment in the shape of a gunboat now senate in the bereavement that has on its way to Manila. fallen upon the French republic in the

It is not anticipated that there will an, of least, teach a lesson in poll'ideath of President Faure. The naval personnell bill, for which be a necessity for any formidable demal morals by insuring that no man stalking in the guise of reformers, backed by cunning and duplicity, shall the navy has been contending for so onstrations but the very fact that the many years, was passed by the sea- United States government is able to reach the goal of their ambition by any ate this afternoon. It was under dis- exhibit a sufficient force to accomplish cussion for several hours, but was Mr. Sibley remarks in one place: the purpose of occupation is expected passed practically in the form in which It was reported by the senate com- to deter the native from profitless re-If we have correctly read the election mittee. Its provisions have herstofore sistance. Owing to the vast number of returns, the Independents are in a very small minority. This seems to be clear-ly a case where the Independent tall been fully given. The remainder of the Philippine islands a large number the day's session was devoted to pas-sage of bills on the private pension demands not alone the privilege of wagging the Republican dog, but the calendar, 74 in number, and to the them simultaneously so that the proreading of the Alaska code bill. The gramme will be to have the vessels agreement under which the Alaska bill visit in order the principal towns outwas read provided that no other bus-iness than the formal reading should If the withdrawal of the Democratshould result in the election of Senator Quay, then the light between these fac-

be transacted.

side of Manila, especially those where Spanish garrisons were maintained on The house today finally passed the the islands of Cebu and at Zamboango

sundry civil appropriation bill, to on the Island of Mindanao and some which it had devoted over a wick. No of the cities on Negros. formerly been levelled at the breasts of Democrats, levelled at the breast of important amendment had been adopt-

ed. The speaker's ruling upon the most The naval vessels, probably, will be tion to recommit the bill with instru- accompanied by some group transports tion, the Democrats will march to the tions to incorporate in it the Nicata- and the soldiers will be landed where gua canal amendment was sustained. necessary to holst the United States citadels of power and place the fame was taken up and over half the bill flag and take possession formally of 155 to 96. The naval appropriation bill was completed during the remainder the ports. It is understood that there of the day. There was no general ap- will be no attempt made at this time position to the measure, although it to displace any of the existing municithan the largest naval appropriation pel governments except where they bill ever passed by congress. An at- prove refractory and offer resistance, tempt to defeat the provision for a In fact a policy of conclusion will joint arrangement between the good he followed at all points in the treaternment and the Fitchburg Railroal ment of natives. company at the Boston navy pard failed. A point of order against the MAGEE JURY BILL. provision in the bill relative to the re-This arrangement and reconstruction of the Amended by Incorporating the New buildings at the naval academy went

**MAPPED OUT** due the Filipinos

Rapidly.

## FIRM POLICY IS ADOPTED

A Naval Demonstration in the Philippines - The Administration Decides to Extend the Jurisdiction of the United States Rapidly Over the Whole Group-The Gunboats Now on Their Way to Manila to Figure in the Naval Campaign.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The administration has determined rapidly to extend the jurisdiction of the United States over the whole of the Philippine group, acting on the theory that delay in this case is dangerous and that anarchy and a general paralysis of such interests as the islands support will be brought about through a failure to promptly replace the Spanish sovercignty over the islands by that of the Washington, Feb. 17,-At its session United States. This decision involves today the senate adopted a resolution the necessity of a naval campaign and instructing the vice-president of the this will be instituted as soon as Admiral Dewey receives the reinforce-

unaffected, level-headed man, of hon st, open life and intellectual culture. He is an advocate and practiced at the Montilemar bar, in the department of Drome. Montilemar is his native time.

As a precaution against a coup d' etat, et any attempts of the sort the troops have been ordered to keep with-In barracks in all the garrisons,

#### LOUBET A FAVORITE.

Although M. Loubet, possessing the H. Hawes & Co. was totally destroyed nimost unanimous support of the sen- by fire. Loss, \$25,000; insured. ate, is so strong a favorite for the presidency it would be rash to predict his election.

was chosen, M. Waldeck Rousseau was tributary water of the James river is an almost equally hot favorite, but in the first ballot he only obtained 185 votes against 314 cast in favor of  $M_{\rm c}$  reported and the rige is slow. The Brisson. The precedents, therefore, are danger here from ice gorges and back unfavoral > to M. Loubet.

Furthermore, there is a large section to estimate the loss to merchants in of deputies who are strongly in favor of M. Meline. When, at the meeting of progressive Republican deputies to. Booding of first floors and cellars,

day, M. Meline announced his withdrawal on the ground that a continuance of his candidature would divide his party and perhaps cause its defeat. Will Be Elected President of the D., a noisy discussion followed. A large section firmly opposed the withdrawai, Unable to arrive at a unanimous decision, the group adjourned until to night, when it reassembled at half-past nine, Resolutions were then adopted unanimously in favor of M. Meline's candidature and the leaders of the party in the chamber were directed to: endeavor to arrange an understanding on the subject with its leaders in the

senute. Apparently, as the result of this dodaton, there will be three candidatesoubet, Meline and Duouy; for the intest accounts represent M. Meline as wavering. He has the support of the whole right section, and of the large ody of protectionists. He is an able lebater, a hard worker and a man of rear political influence, and on Dreyfus question, he is an anti-Revis. Iroquois at Honolulu---The Baltimore onist. It is also reported that the vatcan has decided to support M. Meine's candidature.

Contrasted with him, M. Loubet s a comparatively colorless candidate. which is, perhaps, in his favor, He and managed eleverly to conceal his pinions completely on the Dreyfus af-Since his ministry was overarned on the Panama affair, he has and been preminently before the puble: and the impartiality required for he presidency of the senate seems to e regarded as one of his best qualifiations for the first magistracy.

FAURE'S BODY IN STATE.

M. Faure's body, now embalmed, is ging in state in the Salle des Feter f the theater, built by President Car not for concerts and dramatic entertainments. The couch is on an inclined plane, the head being eighteen inches higher than the feet. M. Faure's face was greatly convulsed during the emsalming overation, but recovered later its sector expression. The body is dressed in evening coat and the im maculate, well known white waist toat, athwart whist broad red ribbon n watered silk of the legion of honor the eyes are closes," and fill out the we lids. The hands, of the color of lvory, are crossed on the breast.

black canopy, bordered with allcer braid, overshadows the couch, Previous to embaiment the body lay on a opiates.

dition of the whole. The Southern railway bridge across the James river is in great danger and may go before morning. One of the electric light plants is under water and nower and lights are out off from sertain sections of the city,

The gas works are momentarily expecting an overflow. The lime and cement warehouse and coal office of S.

Later-Reports from up the river are

more encouraging. At Columbia, the In the election of 1895, when M. Faure great danger point, where the great received, only sixteen and a half feet is water still continues. It is impossible the lower part of the city from the

> . . . TRUESDALE SELECTED

## L. & W. Soon After March 1.

New York, Feb. 17 .- At a meeting of the hoard of the directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, it was The professor identified the key found agreed unanimously to recommend the ar Stephens' home as one fitting a do c election of William H. Truesdale as in Pardee hall. Zimmerman was represident of the road, to succeed Samnel Sloan.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held on March I, when Mr. Sloan will be re-elected as president and will resign immediately to make way for the election of Mr. Truesdale, Mr. Sloan will then be elected chairman of the executive committee, a position which, he said this afternoon, would be very

## agreeable to him. MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS.

## and Monterey at Hong Kong.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The Iroquois

for the Oregon on Jan. 28. It is supwored that the latter ship has already ter way to Manila. The Baltimore and Monterey arrived at Hong Kong today from Manila, probably for supplies, and ome repairs. The Princeton arrived at Sucz today

en route for Manila. The Sterling arrived at Boston today to go out of com-The Justin has arrived at nission. Mare island and been placed out commission.

### Commission Makes Progress.

Washington, Feb. 17.-The Canadian bint high commission was in session the Arlington today for the usual lengt time. There was nothing whatever he proceedings to give rise to the belie hat any disagreement had been reache which would involve the dissolution of th onference at this point. On the contrar cording to one of the American commioners, the commission is making strady progress.

### Mr. Haywood Sinking.

Sharon, Pa., Feb. 17,-Ex-State Treat night Wednesday. His physicians state today that the end is not far off. His sufferings e intense and only made endurable by

Stephens, in his confession, admits having been in the chapel on the night Messenger referred to and having been struck by some one. It was this unexpected encounter Stephens claims that brought him to his senses. Then for the first time he fully realized the gravity of the crimes he had commit-

Detective Wilking was recalled. He produced a valise belonging to Ste phens. In it were stains made by the tor with which Stophens besmcared the chapel pews, the pulpit and the bible used by Dr. Warfield. Charles Zimmerman, Stephens' gru dent friend, was recalled and told of

the finding of the former professor in his room and in his bed when he raturned from the opera house the time my visit to the city of Boston my com the commencement play was produced. the commencement play was produced. This was the night Stephens was in the chapel. On Sunday Zimmerman your noticed a blue mark on his guest's head. It looked like a briuse. On Mon- one of you,

day Stephens left Easton for Duncannon. Pa., where he applied for a position as principal of the public schools, Zimmerman did not are Stephens again until the day he was brought

in the chapel the morning after Messenger's experience a basket containing twenty-six "very magure" eggs,

called and identified the "Aaron Snyder" entry in the hotel register as being in Stephens' handwriting. At 11.15 the commonwealth rested.

THE DEFENSE OPENS. Ex-Senator Beldleman opened the prove that the prisoner had committed the crime charged against hun, in

but he reminded the jury that "every man is innocent until he is proved guilty." Mr. Beldelman contended that there votion to American honor and I want to

was practically nothing in the case except the confession that his client had arrived at Honolulu with dispatches of evidence against an accused person. for the United States officials there and He declared that no confession was ever secured under more extraordinary

circumstances than those used against put in at Honolulu and departed on Stephens. It was apparent that the prisoner was oppressed when he made his statements. Beidelman dwelt upon the way a man of culture and refinement like the prisoner was brought

here and faced by Detective Johnson with "that good man;" Mr. Fox. that "true man," and the professors of Lasfayette college, who are too good to do harm to any one. Counsel claimed the confession was

extarted from the prisoner. The defendant's mind was clear when he told if the wrongs, or fancied wrongs, done him by Dr. Warfield, but when he dwelt upon the subjects of the crimes he is accused of having committed he did

not know what he was saying. Hugh Merrick, of Phillipsburg, night clerk at the Columbia house, was the first witness for the defense. He swore that Stephens is not the man who reg-

istored at the hotel as Aaron Snyder on the morning of the fire. Merrick admitted that he wanted \$25 to come to Easton as a witness for the prosecution. He asked \$25 for his wife's presence. Mrs. Merrick was in the dia-

ing room when Snyder took breakfast on the 18th of December, 1897.

Secretary Long did not return with the party, preferring to go to his home at Hingham with Mrs. Long and start or Washington in the morning. Hon, Ferdinand Peck, commissioner of the Democratic mail and drive the wedg United States to the Paris exposition, with his wife, accompanied the presi- Senator Quay is re-elected, we have the dent as far as New York. The presis of portunity to make a fight, with prom dont left in excellent health and expressed himself as having enloyed overg moment of his trip and as being well

pleased at the welcome and greeting heand received at the hands of the Home Market club, whose especial guest he had been, and from the citizens or Boson and the commonwealth.

To the G. A. R. President McKinley suid: I count myself most fortunate to that at

in session in the same city, thus givin me an opportunity once again to look int. taces and exchan greeting of constades, with each and every

You rought in a holy cause, which, an der the providence of God. triumphed. You not only were good soldiers, miln taining in the battles front the ho integrity of the flag we loved so much all show the war in your relation as elli

Professor Moore told of having found been loval and faithful, preserve peace the government which you'secure The and features about these reunions is that our numbers an dimbutahing.

Every annual roll call discloses one or nother of our comrades not present but econnied for. They have gone to join ndes on the other side, now in majority deeping within that green tent whose curtain never turns. it has occurred to me, as it has to ever old soldier of the war, that the consul ous commanders, these who gave orders | were injured, two veriously.

we breed to obey, have all gone from among use Granu and Shermin and Shericase for the defense. He admitted dan and Logan and Hancuck, and a fonst that at present the evidence fended to brave that the prisoner had commit. I am glid to have an opportunity of living as you have had the opportun of living in this last, when the Ameri people have again manifested their pa-trictism, their love of country, their de-

see all the brave men of the Spanish way north and south, in some great pairion organization, and I know none better that made and a confession is the worst kind the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you and bid you all good morning

After the applause had subsided. Secretaries Alger and Long spoke briefly.

### Miller in the Lead.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17. -At 8.45 p m. the end of the ninety-fourth hour, was reached. The previous record was 1.162 miles and 72 yards, made by Miller por, at Madison Square garden. New York, Score: Miller, 1572.7; Gimm, 1537.5 Auronaut, 1502.5; Hule, 1461.1; Atherts 1455.3; Pierce, 1423.7; Fredericks, 1411.4 Nawn, 1,6024; Pilkington, 1.364.6; Barnaby 1.359.1; Lawson, 1.283.1; Ashinger, 1.152.2 Julius, 1.045.5.

Lutheran Minister Dead.

Hagieton, Pa., Feb U.-Rev. J. W.

a prominent Lutheras minister lied today at his home in Freeland. His mith followed a stroke of paralysis re-erved two days ago. He was ordained at Altoorna and during his life had charge of various German Lutheran churches in many parts of the state. He was aged 2

No More Austers. Washington, Feb. 17 -- There will be no more invators out of general officers of the army except in cases of individual requests neading the formal termination

f the war through the exchange of rail incations of the peace treaty.

of Pennsylvania upon the highest pinnucles of good government. The wedge is now in deep between the factions. Now is the opportunity to take th home, solitting them permanently, of success in each county in our commonwealth outside the cities of Pittsburg and Philadeiphia. The Democracy of the conarry districts is full of virility, determination and courage, and between the warring factions we can elect Democratic officials in ever ounty in the commonwealth. light will go on until we shall elect. alone county officials, but shall give to

tions goes on through each county in

amonwealth. We shall find the

meant to be redeemed and says on this

Senator Quity is charged at the bar

of public opinion by the Independent

with many misdemeanors, but he bas never by his own party been charged

with violation of solemn obligations en-tered into with honorable gentlemeta-having for their end an honorable pur-

pose. Therefore, the position, it seems to me, is clear, that in any further

dealings with the Independent Repub-licans we must treat with them as

tion. To us was assigned the lofty and furnitive position of holding the snipe

Finally he says:

point

the people a legislature and eventually governors and United States senators THREE FIREMEN PERISH.

Lose Their Lives While Working in

Ruins. Philadelphia, Feb. 17 .- Three firemen lost their lives early this morning while working on the ruins of last night's destructive Market street blaze. They were William Chance, Hugh Duffy and George W. Deirde. These men with a number of other firemen were workpreserving in ing in the rulus of the Emerson Shoe company's building at about 5 o'clock when a mass of iron and stone fell from the upper floor and buried them. Chance's body was recovered. When the three min were first caught under the debris they answered the shouts of their companions but the answering eries soon ceased and the unfortunated were doubtless sufficiented. Five other livemon caught to the crash-

At 5 o'clock this morning, two hours after this accident and long after the five was thought to be completely extinguished flames burst from the roof of St. John's Roman Catholic church on 13th street below Market, and the American | interior of the building was gutted. This loss is placed at \$50,000,

BLEVINS MURDER MYSTERY.

#### An Apparent Shortage in the Accounts of the Dead Treasurer.

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 17.-The apparont shortage in city and school accounts of John Blevins, the murdered city treasurer, which is about \$67,000, has equised the special auditing committee of councils to determine on a more complete audit of the treasury books, an expert accountant to direct the investigation. The integrity of the dead treasurer had never been doubted and he was known as "Honest John Hlevins.

There is a growing belief that the dencit and the murder are in some way sonnected. It is remembered that cortain papers, the exact nature of all of is not known, were removed which rom the vault by the murderer. Many believe that notes given for loans were among these Import.

#### Brady Wants Time.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.-W, A. Brady, who has charge of the interests of Jef-tries, the California heavyweight matched to fight Fitzeimmons, has requested Mar-tin Julian, manager for the champion, to agree to an extension of the time of offering purges from Feb. 24 to March 5.

### McGowan Will Hang.

Harrisburg, Feb. 17.-Governor Stone to duy fixed April 20 for the execution of Anthony McGowan at Pitisburg.

over until compriow. TELLER SCIPLE IN JAIL.

Stroudsburg Bank Official Goes Wrong-He Was Not a Sunday School Superintendent.

Easton, Pa., Feb. E.-George C. Selple, paying teller of the East Stromisburg National bank, is in the Easton jail awaiting a hearing on Feb. 25. before United States Commissioner Kirkpatrick on the charge of default- , by the house committee. ing the bank out of \$4,700. Supple was arrested at his home at East Stroudsburg last night and brought to Endon Not being able to furnish \$5,093 brill he was sent to prison. Sciple said today that he was not prepared to either admit or dony his gull: and in timated that there would be cit-unit stances under which the case would be settled. Sciple's defidentions cover a period of two years. For the basi two months he has been suspect shand

on Wednesday last admitted to the heard of directors that he had stolen \$1,000. An investigation of his books revealed the fact that he was \$4,700 Fears. whore.

Sciple is 24 years old and married He comes from a well known family. ous father being the superintendent of a Presbyterian Sunday school Sciple belongs to a number of bulges and was

always considered an exemptory man the was of a quiet disposition and nev er spent money lavishty. What he did

with the stolen money he will not say,

## NORCROSS WAIVES HEARING

#### Accused of Endeavoring to Procure the Murder of His Brother.

Uniontown, Ph., Feb. To--Carl Novcross, charged with attempting to pro- arms, she jumped from a second story cure the murder of his little brother, window, leaving the other four chilfor the alleged purpose of inheriting his estate, waived a hearing today hefore Justice Miller and the case goes aged 7, perished in the flames, wer to the March term of court.

Effort is being made to secure ball for Norcross. The required amount is \$1,000 in each of two charges. Norcross is under strict surveillance to prevent another attempt at self-destruction.

### Mrs, Fayne Moore's Trial,

New York, Feb. U.-Justice Fursman, the criminal branch of the Supreme art today set the second trial of Mrs. ayne Moore, charged with extorting hone Moore, charged with extorting noisey from Martin Mahon, proprietor of New Amsterdam hotel, he Badger game, for Monday, Feb. 27.

### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Feb. 15-Cleared: lague, Havre; Etruria, Liverpool; Spaar9dam, Rotterdam.

## York Code.

Harrisburg, Feb. 17. - The Magee Jury bill as amended by incorporating the New York code, which allows jurors to he impeached for blas, whether expressed or implied, and defining the causes for challenges, was reported to the house this morning from the judiciary general committee by Chairman Harris. The bills goes over until next. Thursday, when it will probably be reached on first reading.

Should it mass the house it will have to be returned to the senate for concurrence in the amendments inserted

## CHOCTAW PARDONED.

### John R. Jacobs Will Be Free After Serving 20 Years.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The president has granted a pardon to John H. Jacobs, a Choctaw Indian, convicted of killing James Moriallio, In the Choetaw nation in 1882, for which he is now serving a life sentence in the penitenthary. It appears that Jacobs was only 12 years old when the crime was committed and has now served twenty

This, together with the fact that the

killing took place under circumstances

peculiarly aggravating prompted the

FOUR CHILDREN CREMATED.

Awful Tragedy at DuEois-Mother's

Leap for Life.

Datais, Pa., Feb. 17.-Pour children

named Carlson were burned to death

early this morning at their home near

Mrs. Carlson was aroused by the

smoke, and, taking her babe in her

dren in their beds, three boys, aged 12

5 and 2 years respectively, and a girl

Mears Declines to Accept.

Gleveland, O., Feb. 7.-Charles W. Mears made the announcement toway

hat he had declined to accept the chair-

manship of the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen tendered

in by President Keenan. The reason ha

a the duties of the affice the time which

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Peb, 17.-Porecast for Saturday: For castern Penn-

sylvania, cloudy and threatening weather; light to fresh southerly

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is that he cannot afford to dev-

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Medix Run, Elk county. The father

was away from home at the time.

president to restore him to liberty.