ALLEGED PLOT OF CUBANS

Ambitious Generals Secking to Establish a Monarchy.

LUDLOW ON THE WATCH

Promoters of the Plan Are Said to Have Been Working at It with Secrecy-The Cubans, It Is Alleged, Chafe Under Military Rule. Outlaws Captured Near Santa Gertrulis-Celebrating the Fourth in Havana.

Havana, July 4.-Rumors of a plot on foot, in which it is said certain Cuban generals are scheming to establish a monarchy, are causing some uneasiness here in military circles and a strict watch is being kept on those suspected of complicity in the affair. The royalist party organization is unimportant at present, probably numbering fewer than fifty members, but a well known Cuban general, who claims to be a descendant of Charlemagne, is reported to be the head of the party, and the meeting place is usually the Inglaterra cafe. The Cuban general in question is said to be dissatisfied with American rule. He thinks that what Cuba needs is not a republic, but a strong hand at the helm like his own. He is of the opinion that the people of the Latin race prefer royalty and the possible honor accruing under a mon-

archical regime, The Cuban general referred to is understood to deny that he is the head of a party with such objects, but there is considerable evidence that such a movement is on foot. He is the officer who has recently reported to Governor General Brooke for collecting 30 centimes from a Spanish merchant on the ground that It was an assessment for a fund devoted to driving out the in-

General Ludlow Watching Him.

General Ludlow has been made aware of his successful attempts to collect money from gambling houses under threats to use his influence to have them closed if the proprietors refused his demands. For political reasons it has not been considered advisable thus far to proceed against him, but he has been warned to discontinue these practices, and it is believed army and navy circle. Colonel Denby now that he is more interested in maknow that he is more interested in making money than starting a new party. ding to such other reports of his bombastic scheme as have leaked out, the promoter has represented that | cers of the Colorado regiment gave a will persuade a majority of the alcaldes to give the movement their support by promising to make them the evening, lukes, counts and barons. It is also in the plans to form a Cuban legion of honor. Several persons, who affect to believe that such a scheme might succeed, say the outcome will "depend largely on the charm of novelty with a populace judiciously prepared to embrace the idea."

The theory is that it would be particularly acceptable to such families already have titles from the crown of Spain and to Spaniards residing in Cuba who, owing to business or other considerations, have been compelled to forfelt their patents of nobility. The promoters of the movement allege that they expect financial assistance from these sources, as the plan promises to substitute equal dignities and positions for those that have been forfeited.

Desire the New Railway.

It is asserted that no fewer than 20,-000 Cubans will sign the petition to President McKinley recently sent for for more than six hours, signature to the principal cities of the eastern provinces by those interested in the construction of the proposed censets forth that Cuba only waits for President McKinley's word to awake and to take giant strides toward civilization and progress. Peace will be assured, it declares, when work is plentiful and brigandage ceases.

The Puerto Principe newspapers print a dispatch from Hayana announcing withdrawal of General Carpenter. The news has caused widespread regret there. The Dos Republicos, a radical journal, always a bitter opponent of the American administration and a violent enemy of annexation sentiment, "As we have said before, we oppose the form which American intervention has assumed. We have protested and always shall protest against President McKinley's dictatorial sys-We are as tired as ever of an undefined policy, and we continue to insist upon that absolute independence for which the youth and wealth of the islands have been sacrificed these many generations.

Still, we must say that General_Carpenter has proved a dignified and just governor and a cultured gentleman. He has always attempted to further the interests of our people, who had grown to admire him. The Washington administration is making an error in removing a man universally popular among us and sending to succeed him an unknown quantity-a man who may prove equally acceptable, but who has wfore him a long and tedious experience in learning the situation, proving his ability and winning the confidence

Chafe Under Military Rule.

La Lucha, in an editorial today based upon the foregoing declaration of Dos Republicos, uses it us an argument ensing the continuance of a military administration of civil affairs. Citing the changes of military commanders during the last six months in provinces of Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara, it says: "Military regulations are a constant drawback. They neeenough to thoroughly understand their

vants of a military machine which must work with regularity."

The mayor of San Jose de Los Ramos has telegraphed Brigadier General Wilson that a party of twenty-one out-laws has been captured near San Gertrulis. The band, which had been raiding the district and securing money by threatening the lives of the inhabitants, was surprised by the rural guards, surrrounded and taken before Article 10 of the Russian Proposal any effective resistance could be made.

Celebrating the Fourth. The streets of Havana were today ablaze with bunting in honor of America's Independence day. Flags of all nations were flying, with American fings largely predominating and the Cuban colors a good second. The con-sulates are all figing their own flags, nd two Spanish flags flaunted proudly above the Spanish club.

Though no stores laid in a supply of fire-crackers, the dozen or so Amerian boys here made their presence felt, to the astonishment and wonder of the local police, who asked instructions regarding re-arresting those found firng "bombs" in the streets, the "bombs" being fire-crackers obtained at Chinese

MANILA'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY

The Ever Glorious Celebrated in Good Style by Americans, Filipinos and Spaniards-Speech by Oscar F. Williams.

Manila, July 4 .- There was a great elebration of the Fourth here today, with fireworks, bands, speeches and decorations everywhere, all nationalities participating. The foreign ships and consulates including the Spanish raised their colors in conjunction with the stars and stripes. The flamblip, Baltimore, fired a national salute at

All nationalities enjoyed what the Spenish papers termed "the fiesta of North America." News boys shouted Fourth of July editions, soldiers paraded the town throwing firecrackers from the batteries on the water front, in the afternoon the Lunetta was owded with Americans, Phipinos and spaniards. There were thousands of pedestrians and hundreds of carriages here for the concert, directed by Bandmaster Carl Oindt, of the Sixth artillery band. A hundred Filipinos played American tunes.

Several hundred boys and girls, Fillpinos, Spaniards and Chinese, from the public schools, dressed in their best clothes, each carrying an American flag, sang "America" in a curious mix-ture of dialects. Chaplain Knudsden, of the Washington regiment, read the

Declaration of Independence.
The officers of the United States cruiser Baltimore gave a reception and dance which was attended by the foreign warships and all the society of the diers club, where Mr. O. F. Williams, United States consul general and others, delivered addresses. The offireception at the regimental barracks and there were several dances during

A general celebration at night was rendered impracticable by the law requiring the streets to be clear at half past eight.

FIRE AT MEMPHIS.

The Former Headquarters of General Grant Destroyed.

Memphis, Tenn., July 4.-Fire broke out in the establishment of the Memphis Paper at the corner of Gayoso and Front streets late this afternoon and injury of an ex-fire chief, Cleary, and the serious injury of assistant Fire Chief James Ryan, besides a property lowed to see Dreyfus privately, loss of about \$50,000. The Gayoso hotel, one of the oldest landmarks of Memphis, was one of the buildings totally destroyed and while the guests were all rescued some of them lost valuable effects in the fire, which burned fiercely

The Gayoso hotel building could not be duplicated for \$200,000 and insurance men tonight say the remainder of the tral railway to Santiago. The petition | burned buildings are worth \$250,000 to \$300,000. The Gayoso hotel was established in 184? and has been the scene of many historic events. It was the headquarters of General Grant during his brief stay in Memphis before the fight at Vicksburg. General Sherman also established his headquarters there for a time and General Huriburt narrowly escaped capture by Forest in the same building,

MATTHEWS ON EXPANSION.

One Bostonian Who Realizes the Government's Responsibilities.

Boston, July 4.-The Fourth of July was celebrated much as usual, with parade, band concerts, games and fireworks. The city's formal exercises were held at Tremont temple at 10 a. m. Ex-Mayor Matthews, jr., delivered the an-

nual Fourth of July oration, taking for his subject "Expansion." Mayor Joslab Quincy presided. Ex-Mayor Matthews spoke upon the

policy to be adopted in the far east, He said, in part:

"The question is not whether we shall let the Philippines govern themselves, but whether we shall allow a small portion of them to misgovern all the rest. We have no more right to abandon these islands and their mecupants to savage or semi-civilized misrule than Dewey had to scuttle his ships after the battle of Manila. As trustees we cannot realgn."

Toy Cannon Accident. Harrisburg, July 4 .- The right hand of George Hower, a Pernaylyania railroad engineer, was blown of this afternoon by the premature explosion of a small

DEATHS OF A DAY

Bedford, Pa., July 4.-Loy McMullen, of Pittsburg, one of the chief operators of the Western Union Telegraph office in that city, died here today. Deceased was one of the most expert telegraphers in rogant to place the stars and stripes on one of the most expert telegraphers in regant to place the stars and stripes on the state. He was 52 years of age. A wife the hallyards, the lad fell to the ship's duties. Officers are merely the ser- and two children survive him.

GERMANY'S DECISION ON ARBITRATION

WILL NOT ACCEPT THE OBLIGA-TORY PRINCIPLE.

Struck Out and Replaced by a Provision Declaring That Arbitration Should Be Optional Except in Case of Conventions Between the Powers-Accepted as a Compromise,

The Hague, July 4 .- At a meeting this afternoon of the arbitration committee, the question whether arbitration should be obligatory or optional was raised and drew a categorical declaration from the German delegates, to the effect that he had received formal instructions not to accept the principle of obligatory arbitration, otherwise than by special conventions, In view of this statement article 10, of the Russian proposal was struck out and replaced by a provisional declaring that arbitration should be optional. except in case of conventions between the powers.

All the delegates adhered to this, M Bourgeoise, head of the French dele gation, declaring he accepted it only as a compromise.

LARGE COAL DEAL.

Ten Thousand Acres Change Hands at Uniontown.

Pittsburg, July 4.-One of the largst coal deals ever made along the Monongahela river has just been closed Uniontown, The deal involves about \$1,200,000 cash and 10,000 acres of coal, extending from Eric and Landing to Big Whiteley creek, Greene The property has a river frontage of eighteen miles and is between one and two and a half miles

The purchasers are Payette county capitalists, but it is said that an eastern syndicate is behind the deal. The same persons purchased a block of 4,850 acres of coal on the Payette side of the river last week for \$400,000 cash and have fust secured 2,000 neres on the Greene county side, from Lock No. 7 to Durkard's creek, the consideration being \$180,000. Colonel James M. Guffey, of this city, has also concluded a sale of 7.000 acres of coal property on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Farmington, W. Va., to the Georges Creek Coal and fron company, of Baltimere. The price paid is said to be about \$250,000.

DREYFUS VISIT HIS BROTHER. Always Accompanied by an Officer

Rennes, France, July 4.-Matthew Dreyfus paid his first visit to his rother this afternoon, the interview lasting half an hour. The brothers threw themselves into each other's arms. Matthew found his brother in good spirits and buoyed up by the necessity of mustering his strength for the coming ordeal and by the hope that at last he will have justice done him. Captain Dreyfus was unable to talk freely with his brother, owing to the presence of the officer who is under instruction to be present at all interviews between the prisoner and members of his family. This arrangement has been a terrible trial for Madame Dreyfus and the rest as they have been unable to converse as to intimate matcaused the loss of one life, the fatal ters, because every word has been overheard and every gesture watched by the officers. Only his counsel are al-

DEATH OF KAPIOTANI.

The Widow of the Late King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, Passes Away.

San Francisco, July 4.-The steamship Coptic arrived late last night from Hong Kong and Yokohoma via Hono-She brings news of the death at Honolulu on June 24 of Dowager Queen Kaplotani, widow of the late King Kalakana. Her death had been expected for some time.

She was 65 years of age. She was much esteemed in the islands and her death was sincerely mourned. left no children. The queen visited San Francisco in state in 1887, with her sister-in-law, Princess Lilioukaiani and was given a royal welcome,

OVATIONS FOR MILES.

The General Is Received with Enthusiasm in Ohio.

Mansfield, O., July 4.—General Neion A. Miles, who arrived here yesterday, as the guest of Hon. John Sherman, to whom the general is related by marriage, was the orator of the day at the celebration of the Fourth of July at Sherman-Heineman park. The general was tendered evations both before and after his address. General and Mrs. Miles left tonight for

Buildings Burned.

Washington,

chilgens.

Momphis, July 4.-Fire here this evenestroyed half a block of buildings the buildings of the Blumentha Liquor company, American Bismit pany, Memphis Paper company and Mallory & Co.'s Cotton mill. The guests with their effects were safely removed from the hotel.

Jubilee a Financial Failure.

Cincinnati, July 4.—Although the Golden Jubilee Saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund was a great success here last week from a musical standpoint, the local committee now finds a deneit of \$55,000 with the great half still probabled. The committee will be seen to be a supposed to the same terms of the committee will be seen to be a supposed to the committee will be seen to be supposed to the committee will be seen to be supposed to the same terms of unfinished. The committee will be Heyed by amiscriptions from prominent

Signal Boy Killed.

Plymouth, Eng., July 4.-A fatelity marred the naval celebration of the

WALKED OUT IN HER SLEEP.

Young Woman Said to Be of Pitts burg Created a Sensation at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 3.-In a canty garb an extremely attractive oung woman, said to be Miss Belle English, of Pittsburg, took a stroll on he boardwalk this morning. Michael ampl, the fruit vender at the foot of South Carolina avenue, was waiting or belated customers shortly before o'clock this morning, when he saw figure approaching that shocked him. He notified Special Policeman Marmaduke and Albertson, who spoke to the young woman, but she made no anser, and continued her walk. "She is walking in her sleep," exclaimed Marmaduke, and, seizing her arm, he shook her sharply. Finally the girl started violently, looked around her as if dazed, realized her predicament and "Hush!" begged Marma-"You'll have the whole island

'O-O-O-O-h! What shall I do-" wailed the somnambulist. Right gallantly did Marmaduke lay off his coat. and Albertson did likewise. Pieced together they made a covering, which was gratefully accepted. A little crowd of stollers had gathered, and a abman drove up. The girl entered the ab, and, escorted by one of the officers, was driven to a Virginia aveane hotel, where the woman is

NO MONEY TO PAY THEM.

About 800 Men to Be Discharged from the Springfield Armory.

Springfield, Mass., July 4.- The prob ability that the night shift of employes be employed when operations are resumed July 24 is an unpleasant surprise for Springfield, involving as it does the discharge of 800 skilled workmen. The armory has been in opera-tion day and night for more than fifeen months, and at times the number of employes has exceeded 2,000. The heavy pay-roll has been a source of unusual prosperity in the city, which cit keenly the slump in bicycle inlustry two years ago.

The reason given for the discharge of the men is lack of sufficient appropriaion, but some persons maintain that the war department has determined to transfer to Rock Island much of the work that for a century has been perormed in this city. The department is naking large expenditures to equip the Rock Island plant for manufacture of small arms.

MOVE AGAINST BANANA TRUST.

165 Fruit Growers of Honduras Enter Into a Combine to Fight It.

New Orleans, La., July 4.-Louis Dier, United States consular agent at leiba, Honduras, arrived here yesteray with the power of attorney for 16% of the leading fruit growers of Honduras, and in their name signed contract with the Bluefields company which is fighting the fruit trust, agreeo deliver all their fruit bunches of bananas a month, to the independent company at Puerto Cortez. Cieba and Truxillo, and including all the Atlantic coast of Honduras The fruit growers of that country were very much alarmed when they neurd that the banana business had fallen into the hands of the trust, and have combined for their own protecion and offered their business to an

ndependent company. The Honduras trade was formerly wholly in the hands of the Macheca and Oteri lines, which were recently ought out by the trust.

BAD AIM OF VENGEANCE.

In Attempting to Pay an Old Score Merzeirio Kills an Innocent Party.

New York, July 4 .- The throat of Theodore Merzeierio was cut a year igo, by Nicolo Angelino, during a card party. Merzeirio, though near dead, refused to tell who cut him, saying: will take my own vengeance.'

Today Merzeirio met Angelino on One Hundred and Forty-ninth street. and whipping out a revolver, blazed The first shot went through Angelino's hat, the next two went through the terrified Italian's coatsleeve, the fourth went wild and the fifth landed in the abdomen of Camillo Demaria, a 2-year-old child, who had come todoling up to see the fireworks. She will Merzeirio ran and the police are looking for him. Angelino escaped with a bad scare.

WASHINGTON WAS SCARED.

Handy with His Gun, Yet Had a Dread of Lynchers.

Harrisburg, July 4.—Harry Walker, of Hagerstown, Md., a colored waiter, cas shot and probably fatally woundd today in Harrisburg by James Washington, colored, of Steelton, Washington escaped and was pursued through the streets by an excited mob, throwing stones and clubs at him. He was finally captured by a colored man and hustled off to jail to await the resuir of Walker's injuries. Washington was badly scared while ing pursued, and cried as he ran:

'Don't kill me!" "Don't lynch me!"

Pennsylvania State Teachers.

Gettyaburg, Pa., July 4.—The Pennsyl-vania State Teschers' association con-vened here today. President McKnight, of Pennsylvania college, delivered the ad-fress of welcome, which was responded to by Deputy Superintendent Stewart. by E. Mackey, superintendent of the Heading city schools and Dr. J. H. Harris, president of Bucknell university,

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, July 4.—Sailed: Georgic, Liverpool; Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Bremen, Arrived: Anchoria, Glasgow; Spaarndam, Rotterdam, Scilly-Passed: Frave. New York for Southamp time, 2.17%.

McKelway on Destiny.

Wilkes-Harre, July 4.-St. Clair Mc Kelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle. addressed a large audience at Glen Summit this afternoon. The speaker was in troduced by Judge Woodward, of Wilker Barre. His subject was "National Tran-sition." He said expansion was destiny

HEADLESS **BODY FOUND** IN RIVER

Man's Remains Were Cut and Hacked in Terrible Manner.

PACKED INTO SMALL SACK

The Discovery Was Made by Three Boys, Who Were Bathing in the Susquehanna River at Kingston. Investigations of the Coroner and Police Have Failed to Unearth the Slightest Clue to the Identity of the Victim-No Doubt That It Is a Case of Murder.

pecial to the Scranton Tribune

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 4.-Three oys bathing in the Susquehanna, just below Kingston, this afternoon found at the United States armory will not the headless and hacked body of a large, powerful built man encased in an ordinary sized meal sack. It was resting on the bed of the river in shallow water.

The investigations of the coroner and police as yet have failed to unearth the slightest clue to the identity of the victim or anything upon which an acceptable theory of the crime might be

That it is a crime and not the prank of dissectors, as some would have it, evidenced by the condition of the ody, which was fleshy and plump, bearing no indications whatever of disease, or of having been inhumed.

The body was bent up double, the knees touching the neck. There was a slit from the throat to the abdomen exposing the internal organs, all of which were intact excepting the liver, a large portion of which was missing.

Another gash extended from the abdomen the whole length of the right leg and still another followed the whole course of the back bone. Surgeons who examined the body agreed that the opening in the front of the oody was made by a hand doubtlessis skilled in dessecting.

The decapitation and the gashes in the back and leg were done in a bunging manner. With the exception of some strips of muslin which bound the lower part of the legs, the body was nude. The man was over six feet tall and weighed it is estimated over 200 pounds.

There is nothing about the body, the sack or the bandages that would give the slightest clue to identification. It s hoped by the authorities that the missing head will turn up as in the famous Guedensuppe, which this in the main closely resembles.

MISS HOFFMAN A NEW DIANA.

San Francisco Girl Gives Up Society for Rough Mountain Life.

San Francisco, July 4-Miss Alice Hoffman has temporarily given up the pleasures of society and is emulating the example of Diana in the Yosemite Valley. Miss Hoffman has abandoned conventional attire for the picturesque dress of a mountain girl She lives at a camp with her brother. handles the rod and gun, climbs the steepest mountain trails and rides astride her steed like a cowboy.

Miss Hoffman has long been a favorlte of San Francisco society. seems to be possessed of the same fearless disposition of her sister, Miss May, who some time ago startled her friends by accepting a situation at the Bellevue hospital for the express purpose of learning the art of the trained

Miss Hoffman started out on a trip Mount Dana with the swowed inention of climbing to its lofty summit, 13,000 feet above sea level. The mountain is about sixty miles from the Yosimite Valley, and in order to reach it the party will have to travel over almost inaccessible trails and over dangerous ledges that line the sides of rugged heights.

DEADLY DYNAMITE.

Kills Forty-four Persons and Wounds Twenty at Berlin.

Berlin, July 4 .- A dispatch from Odessa announces that a dynamite lief train with row boars and provisions cartridge exploded near there today, while the excavation of a coal mine was in progress, and that forty-four the persons were killed and twenty wounded.

Races at Lancaster.

Lancaster, Pa., July 4.-A three days' race meeting opened at McGrann's park today and the attendance was the largest scen at races here in years. The sum-maries: 2.35, for pacers and trotters; purse, \$235-A B C, won; Autonia, sec-ond; J T K, third. Best time, 2.40, 2.17 pacing, purse \$300-Niana, won; Dalsy B. and Coras Own, third.

Ethelbert the Winner. New York, July 4.-At Sheepshead Bay the rich Realization stakes dozen lengths by Ethelbert, with Lothario second. There were five star ers. Distance, 1% miles. Time, 251 2-5.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS; COOLER. General-Alleged Cuban Plot to Found

a Monarchy. Work of the Peace Congress. Headless Body Found in the River at

Kingston. Destrictive Central City Fire. Scranton Base Ball Club Dishands

Atlantic, National and Other League Base Ball Games.

Local-Convention of Letter Carriers Internal Revenue Report,

Editorial. News and Comment

Local-How the Fourth Was Celebrated. Y. M. C. A. Secures a Site for a New Bullding. Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

Tammany Celebrates Independen

News Round About Seramon.

WHEELMEN AT PHILADELPHIA

A Largely Attended Race Mest-The Events Sanctioned by the National Cycling Association.

Philadelphia, July 4.-The feature of the largely attended bleycle race meet held under the auspices of the National Cycling Association this afernoon on the Woodside Park track. vas the one mile heat race between Owen Kimble, of Louisville, K.; Earl Kiser, Dayton, O.; and H. B. Free-Portland, Oregon, which won by Kimble in two straight heats. H. F. Kuset and Con Gregory, of this ity, broke the quarter mile word's amateur tandem record of 25 4-5, they doing the distance in 24 2-5. Sum-

maries: One mile, heat race, best two in three between Owen Kimble, Louisville, Ky. Earl Kiser, Dayton, O.; and H. B. Fres oan, of Portland, Oregon. Won by Kim-de in straight heats. Kiser second. Pime, first heat, 2.28; second heat, 0.26, One mile, open, professional. Won by Owen Kimble, Louisville; John Zimmerman, Philadelphia, second.
One mile, handicap, professional. Won

Earl Kiser, Dayton, O.; 10 yards; John rman, Philadelphia, 50 yards, se-Tandem pursuit race between B. ltevens and John Zimmerman, of Phila-lelphia, and Archy McEchren and Bobby Thompson, of Canada. Stevens and Zim-merman caught the Canadians at 31/2 Time, for three miles, 6.13,

one mile and two-mile handicap amateur RECEPTIONS AT LONDON.

H. F. Kuset, of this city, won both the

Mr. and Mrs. Choate Receive Well Known Americans.

London, July 4.-Joseph H. Cheate, the United States ambassador and Mrs. Choate celebrated the day with receptions in the United States embassy and at their residences. Each of the crackers buildings was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers representing the na-

The guests included Sir William Collins, the queen's master of ceremonies; | Lee courts and just behind the resi-Samuel L. Clemens and Mrs. Clemens, Senator and Mrs. Mark A. Hanna, Senator and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge and United States Consul General and Mrs. William M. Osborne. The recept 50x75 feet, owned by Hess Brothers and tion at the residence was attended by 1,506 persons.

ELECTRIC CAR COLLISION.

Fourteen Persons Are Injured. Four Are in the Hospital.

Wilmington, Del., July 4.-Two heavfly loaded electric cars collided today on the Wilmington and Chester railway, near Bellevue, a short distance from here. Fourteen persons were injured but none fatally. Four of the injured are still in the hospital. The others went to their homes. The four in the hospital are: Robert H. Roberts, (colored), of Claymont; Sarah Jefferson. (colored), of Wilmington; Miss Mary McIntire. Trainor, and Mrs. Mary Gamerdinger,

of Philadelphia. CAMP SEXTON DEDICATED. Thousands Witness the G. A.

Ceremony at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, July 4.-Camp James A. Sexton which will be the tented home of 10,000 veteruns of the Grand Army of the Republic next September, was for-

a large American flag. The camp ground is the magnificent dateau at Belment in Fairmount park. Thousands of people viewed the simple but impressive ceremonies.

IN GAY PAREE.

Celebration of the Fourth by American Citizens. Paris, July 4.—There was a grand re-

States embassy, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, tropical plants

eption this afternoon at the United

Nearly the whole American colony attended.

An Appeal from Brookshire. Houston, Tex., July 4.-An appeal for the has come from Brookshire and a releft tonight. The Brazes is ten miles wide at that point. The message says

thirteen neathe have been drowned and hundreds of others are in posit. MAYOR HARDING'S CONDITION.

storcial to the Scranton Tribune Wilkes-Barre, July 4.-The condition of Mayor Harding, of Pittston, who is the hospital in this city, is unchanged is not thought that he can recover.

Boarding House Tragedy.

New York, July 4.-Lewis Define was that and killed today by Nicholas Epaski at his hoarding house in Yonkers. After killing Define Epaskt shot and severely wounded Jos Bescarie because he interfered and tried to save Define. The murderer escaued.

Mrs. McKinley Better.

Washington, July t-Mrs. McKinley's andition continues favorable tenight, her physician reports her as being better,

BUILDINGS AND HORSES BURNED

Destructive Fire at Pine Street Yesterday Afternoon.

LOSS WILL REACH \$18,000

Local-Annual Games of the Caledon- Boys Shooting Fire Crackers Set Fire to Straw Inside the Barn of Jones Brothers, Between Dix and Lee Courts-The Flames Were Communicated to the Barn and Spread with Great Rapidity-Ten Horses Were Burned to Death in the Flames-Firemen Made a Gallant

> A very disastrous fire, which in its earliest moments threatened to do awful damage, broke out at about 4.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the barn owned and occupied by Jones Bros. the ten merchants, between Dix and Lice courts in the block bounded by Pine street on the north, Washington avenue on the west. Olive street on the

south and Adams avenue on the east. The flames spread to the adjoining buildings almost immediately and before the firemen had the blaze under control there were nine other buildings, both large and small, in flames. The total damage done as far as could be estimated last night was about \$18,000, Ten horses owned by Jones Brothers

were burned to death. The Fire Discovered.

The flames were first discovered at 4.50 o'clock by the young daughter of Patrolman McMullen, who lives in the neighborhood. She ran to the nearest alarm box at the corner of Adams avenue and Olive street, and an alarm was turned in from that box by the family who have charge of the key. The fire originated in the southwest corner of the Jones' barn. Some loose straw was outside of the barn at this place and it is supposed that this was ignited by hove who were shooting off fire-

The Jones' barn was a two-story frame structure about 75 feet long and 40 feet wide, running between Dix and dences at 518 and 520 Pine street. On Dix court just behind the barn was a long two-story frame structure about occupied on the second floor by E. G. Davis as a pattern and cabinet-making shop. The lower floor of this building was unocccupied, E. J. Worden, the architect, having moved his horses and carriages from there on the first of

the month. Rehind the Jones barn on Lee court was a series of three stables owned by Hess Brothers. They were occupied by the following parties: Alex. Patterson. John Blabec and Miles Hines. Next to these were two two-story houses occupied by colored families. The one nearest the barns was occupied by John Lane and the other one by Mrs.

Eleanor Lane and Mrs. Sim Emory. Ten Horses Burned.

The basement floor of the Jones barn was occupied by the horses, of whom there were twelve in the barn at the time. The ground floor was used for storing the wagons and carriages, of which there were about twenty. The mally dedicated tonight by the raising | flames gained such rapid headway that only two of the horses could be taken out and the remaining ten were

urned to death. The fire had enveloped the entire building when the firemen arrived and the flames were rolling out from the sides of the structure and licking the sides of the adjoining buildings.

The first to catch fire was the barn in the rear of Dr. C. W. Roberts' restdence, on Washington avenue, and owned by himself and brother, County Commissioner S. W. Roberts, The Hess Brothers' building took fire a few moments later, as did also the barns

on Lee court. There was now a seething, roaring mass of flames and the situation looked very serious, as the fire department were only beginning to get anything like the requisite amount of water on the flames. All the people residing on the 600 block of Washington avenue got out their garden hose and kept the rear portions of their dwellings theroughly wet. This undoubtedly prevented to a very great extent a further

spread of the fire The Hess building borned very rapedly, and in about three-quarters of an hour from the time it caught all that was left was a mass of burning tim-

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++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, July 4-Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, showers and not so warm; + probable showers Thursday; light + to fresh to southeast winds.