## BRAZNELL MINE HORROR STILL GROWS

## Number of the Dead Is Now Estimated at Forty.

#### MINE LAWS DISREGARDED?

A Strong Presumption That the Disaster Has Been the Result of Criminal Carelesaness--List of the Dead and Injured -- Bodies Horribly Mutilated-Story of Jonah Meese. Evidence That Naked Lamps Were Used and That the Presence of Gas in the Mine Was Well Known. Not a Safety Lamp in Use.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4 .- A special to the

Post from Brownsville says: The horror of the Braznell mine grows in intensity with every hour. The number of dead is now estimated at forty and may pass that figure. At the same time there is a strong presumption that the laws regulating mining were carelessly and, probably, criminally disregarded. Today the first bodies of the victims were brought out of the mine and never in the history of mine disasters were human beings so horribly mutilated. It was nearly 11 o'clock before the first five bodies were taken out, twenty-eight hours after the explosion. At 5.5a three more bodies were brought to the surface, and at 6.30 three more came up in the cage of the main shaft.

The dead taken out of the mine so

HENRY HAGAR, 20 years old, leaves PETER OROSSORY, 34, leaves wife and

WILLIAM THOMAS, 36, leaves wife and MICHAEL REHTHELL, 21. single.

SAMUEL MEES, 35, leaves wife and ALBERT MEES, 13, died after being

MICHAEL MAHIO, 28, leaves wife and

GEORGE KOVITZ, 40, single JOSEPH POSTSKY, Z. leaves wife JOSEPH MAGYAR, B. single.

WILLIAM MOLOK, 33, leaves wife and

At least twelve other bodies are in sight, but cannot be reached an ac-

The estimate of the number of dead

is conflicting. A. H. Braznell, of Stock. dale Coal company, this afternoon said he believed that about twenty to twenty-five men had been killed. Men who were working around the mine yesterday give different figures. They say thirty-five to forty men were down the main shaft in the cages, while about twenty climbed down the steps in the elevator shaft. From fifty to sixty men were in the mine and of this number but twelve have been recovered alive. All the rest. whatever the number, are dead.

Among the men missing and known to be dead in the mine are the following Hungarians: Michael Parahek, Andrew Parahek, brothers; Paul Laundis. Thomas Kuelako and Andrew Tour-

Rough but reverent hands carried th bodies of the victims, when they reached the top of the shaft, to the hundred feet away. Of one man, Peter Crosoy, but a portion of the trunk and the back of the skull remained and that was virtually but a cinder. He was identified by a shred of his shirt that had been blown into his flesh. Of the twelve dead there was but one that was not a hideous spectacle. Among the men at the Braznell mine today were many who had been at other explosions, but never had they seen such

mangled, burned and distorted bodies. Dr. N.tH. Taylor, coroner of Fayette county, arrived early in the morning from Uniontown. He empanelled a jury, who viewed the bodies as they were brought to the surface. The inquest will be held at Uniontown as soon as all of the bodles are recovered.

### Story of Jonah Meese.

John, or, as he is popularly known, "Jonah" Meese, is one of the thirteen men who escaped from the mine alive. He is fearfully burned and is lying at home with his head swathed in bandages. He told this story today; "I was in the stable," Meese said, "currying my mule, when the explosion occurred. My brother Sam was by my side, and his boy, Albert, was standing In front of him. Then came the crack of the explosion. Nex 'n my life have heard such a terri-

thought my head had been 'n off. In about two seconds the he was filled with dazzling light, as the fine coal dust in the air was consumed. My brother Sam dropped to the ground as if shot through the heart. He must have been killed instantly. His boy, Albert, swayed and fell over on his father. I began to back out of the stable, that is why my face is so terribly burned. Our lamps, were blown out and we were in total darkness.

"After I got out of the stable I heard Albert crying for help. I went back and found him and Henry Atwood, a driver. I proceeded, half leading and half carrying them to the foot of the mine shaft. They were both delirious, and I believe I was, too. Both of them persisted in standing up and began to walk around. I immediately forced them to lie down, to get them out of the path of the fatal after-damp, which hovered about four feet above the Then I felt myself going to sleep, but I did not care, although I realized that it was the sleep of death,

was a corpse, and fell asleep as calmly as ever I did in my life. When I awoke somebody was forcing somebody was forcing me to swallow brandy and coffee, and I was trying to explain that it would be needless for me to drive a wagon, as there had been an accident in the mine."

#### Evidence of Force.

An evidence of the force of the explosion was discovered today. On the hillside, 500 feet back from the main shaft, was discovered an arm and a toot. These were portions of a victim killed 108 feet below the surface and blown out of the saft like a bullet from a rifle.

From statement obtained today it seems clear that the presence of gas in quantities in the mine was perfectly well known and that naked lamps were used for several days before the explosion. According to credible authority not a single safety lamp was used in the mine by the working crews since last Tuesday morning. Fireboss James Ratcliff, whose duty it was to look after the safety of the mine and upon whose care and intelligence the lives of the diggers depended in a large degree, said:

"I believe that the explosion was caused by a sudden fall which occurred just before the explosion. I do not believe there was enough gas in the mine to be dangerous. As a matter of fact the coal itself gives off little gas, but the gas comes chiefly from the roof of the pit. After the explosion I went into the mine with Jones. the pit boss. It was awful," said the fire boss. "The men were trapped in there like rats, and there is no hope. that a single man is alive. I have never seen a more terrific mine explosion. Stone stoppings two feet thick were utterly destroyed. Not even parvas blown into dust."

William Pastorious, a driver in the for many years and is regarded as a might be dispensed with, and in their handle a gun." stead the miners were permitted to use naked lamps. Pastorious also states that the lamps were unlocked, contrary to regulation. "The miners alvays prefer to use naked lights," said Pastorious, "whenever possible, as they give better light and are more easily handled.

#### Safety Lamps Unlocked.

"Contrary to the mining regulations, the safety lamps in use were in many ases unlocked. The safeties were provided by the company as usual and they should be locked, so that it is impossible for a miner to open them while at work. My lamp was unlocked and I frequently opened and closed it. On Tuesday the pit boss issued an order that the men could use open lamps and they, of course, discarded the safety lamps, which made a poorer light. About 100 yards from the bottom of the main shaft there was a fall, which had been boarded up and in which the gas stood against the roof. I think it from excellent sources that no offer route.

told of the above statement, said: "I that it must come through the idol of 14 ther statement.

### STORY OF LOGAN'S DEATH

### Interesting Letter from Dr. B. Alments Disproved Effectually.

reports put in circulation at the time following letter received today by L. vary from three months to a year. S. Leiberman, from his son, Dr. 45. fantry (Major Logan's regiment), ef-

San Fabian, Luzon, Nov. 12. As I wrote you, day before yesterday, that we were to attack a town, I will though we whipped them the cost was severe, the killed including Major Logan, We left here at 7 a. m., and marched about two or three miles when we ran into the enemy who were in houses, rice fields and tops of trees along the road, and intrenchments without end,

Corporal Robinson, in the advance, was wounded by the first volley. Major Logan, in passing him, stopped and asked him if he had a first aid package, and was shot through the head, just above the temples. It was only a short distance schind-and I called to my acting hospital steward, Mercier, and we went forward e him. I took Major Logan's head and Mercier his feet so as to move him, when poor Mercier was shot through the heart from a tree under which Major Logan was. I looked up and saw the fellow about fifteen feet above me. Drawing my revolver, I shot him and he fell from the tree. Then, right at that spot, several others were killed or wounded, and when I established my dressing station at that place, the sharpshooters in the tree tops made things very lively for us until a detail of men cleaned out the tree tops. One hundred and fifty natives were killed and 50 prisoners and about 200 guns captured. The road was something terrible, as it had been raining. the rice fields were like lakes, the streams vere greatly swollen and the bridges destroyed so that we had to form or swim all of them. The natives all had Maus-The battle lasted about three and one half hours. General Wheaton today sent us a letter of congratulation on our victory, the biggest one since the war

### GOOD NEWS AT SHAMOKIN.

### Work Will Be Provided for 1,500

Men and Boys. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 24.-The Union Coal company, of this place, has announced that work on the Scott breaker, which was postponed on account of the coal trade depression two years ago, will be resumed in a few weeks, and boys will be given employment. It is expected the coal veins will last fifty years, and that the shipments every working day will be about 3,000 tons A modern breaker will be erected at

### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 21.—Arrived: dam, Rotterdam. Queenstown— Queenstown-Bailed: I laid down upon something which I Tauric, from Liverpool, New York.

# IN ENGLAND

#### HOLIDAY SEASON ONE OF EX-TRAORDINARY DEPRESSION.

One Pleasing Circumstance in the Days of Gloom Is the Exhibition of Patriotism Throughout the Land-A Keen Rivalry as to Who Shall Do the Most for the Country in Its Hour of Need-Wild War Enthusiasm Has Been Replaced by a Spirit of Grim Determination.

London, Dec. 24 .- Not for many years past has Great Britain faced such a situation as confronts her this Christmas. Yet, to meet it, there has arisen a new Britain, which by its virility and pluck extorts admiration even from her bitterest Continental critics. Since the boastfulness has disappeared from the British press the comments of the foreign papers, at least such as are printed here, are couched in tones far more fair and friendly than when it was believed a speedy victory awaited General Buller, As repeatedly asserted, there is no likelihood of European interference, yet W. T. Smead, in The Chronicle today, has an alarming column in which he has visions of a "superior Jameson raid" by sixty thousand Frenchmen on Lon-don in the absence of the Channel flect. Mr. Stead points out how easily, in his opinion, this might be accomplished, and says:

"To rely, as some appear to do, upon ticles of roca remained. The stone the addition of a number of raw recruits under the excitement and stimulus of the present war fever is to mine, who has lived in Brownsville rely on a broken reed. Wootwich Arfor many years and is regarded as a senal might be in flames and the man of intelligence, says that Pit Boss | French tricolor flying over Westmin-Jones on last Tuesday morning issued ster Palace before the first of these a general order that all safety lamps new recruits would have learned to

### Boers Looking for Mediation.

Though Great Britain's plight in South Africa seems temporarily critical the Associated Press learns that the Boers are straining every nerve to secure the mediation of President Mc-Kinley toward a favorable peace. But any one with the slightest knowledge of British feeling quickly appreciates that no one person in a million contemplates any result but an ultimate British triumph, and all sections units in saying this must be secured, no matter what the cost. Hence the Boer agents themselves have only slight hopes that mediation would be accepted, though believing, if President McKinley could be persuaded to proffer it, that Lord Salisbury, though perhaps bound to reruse, would lose humanitarian sympathy in the United much wavering sentiment.

Superintendent Boyer, who is the Lord Salisbury in any shape or form superintendent of Pit Boss Jones, when The popular conception of peace is the army, General Roberts, and his not with safety lamps." He would make no less adored chief of staff, General Kitchener. The country is prepared to wait indefinitely for that eventuality. The fall of Kimberty, Ladysmith and Mafeking would not make a partiele of difference, for this stolen selve is thoroughly imbedded in the bert Leiberman-Certain State- cup of miltary defeat and disgrace. Any other defeats that the future holds for the British, except entire Kansas City, Dec. 24.-Apropos of the annihilation, are anticipated by the seathing self-criticism which the naof the death of Major John A. Logan, tion has indicted upon itself. Estikilled in action in the Philippines, the mates of the duration of hostilities

The lack of news this week has by Albert Leiberman, major and surgeon | no means been taken as an instance of the Thirty-third United States in- of the adage regarding no news. A very general impression prevails that fectually disproves the statement that Kimberly will succumb. An officer of Major Logan was shot by his own men. the British South African Company. who has an intimate knowledge of South Africa, says he believes that if the Beers capture Cecil Randes they will shoot him.

### Queen's Christmas.

A baron of beef for the queen's Christmas dinner will be roasted next Saturday, Dec. 25, at the Great Kitchen fire. Windsor, in readiness for the royal dinner party on Monday. The great joint when cold will be gurnished with the royal and imperial monogram in shredded horseradish, and, with a boar's head and game pie, will assist in adorning her majesty's sideboard on Christmas day.

This quaint announcement in the Court Circular, with the spirit of royal plenty breathed in every line, sounds almost like a hollow mockery of the sorrow and shadow of death which have turned the season of rejoicing geness. into one of mourning.

Osborne, owing to her wish to be near the cabinet, thereby sacrificing a habit her children.

The Prince of Wales will spend Christmas at Sandringham and the Duke and Duchess of York will also be there. But there will not be much nerry-making at Windsor, at Sandringham or in the noblest or lowliest homes in Great Britain, for with sevmissing in South Africa there are few families which have not been touched royal carabineers and the police. with this depression, which only serves to make the nation more determined than ever, and which is a silent occompaniment to one of the most spontaneous outbursts of patriotism and universal desire to risk life and give up property that ever marked the history of any country. Cooks' sons are no ess anxious to serve their country on the battlefield than dukes' son or than the dukes themselves. The Duke of Marlborough's offer to equip 150 men of his yoemanry regiment for service in South Africa is merely one among hundreds of such offers from his class. Peers with vast business, property and political interests are exhibiting the utmost eagerness in their desire to have their names enrolled among the volunteers who are going to endeavor to retrieve the reverses of the Pritish

erms. The day of wild war enthusi

asm and over-confidence has passed.

#### determination to atone for the mistakes of the past by individual effort,

regardless of consequences. An instance of the spirit which pervades the country is that in the Cum-

berland and Westmoreland yeomanry. of which the Earl of Lonzdale is colonel. Every officer and nearly every man in the regiment has volunteered, and is using every influence to get ac-cepted. Among the officers is Captain Hugh Jefferson, well known in America, formerly manager of the Sand Creek Cattle company, of Wyoming. The Duke of Marlborough will probably receive an appointment on Lord Chesham's staff.

In the northern countles there is keen rivalry as to who shall do the most for his country in the hour of need. Northumbrians, headed by Earl Grey, have subscriked large sums to equip one hundred men, and the Earl of Durham calls on the men of his county not to be outdone by the Northumbrians, and heads the list with a substantial subscription. Lords Stanley and Wolverton go as yeomanry troopers, though the former was at one time an officer in the guards, and the latter is an admiral's son. Two nephews of General Lord Roberts, both ex-majors of the regular army, have volunteered to go in any capacity in the yeomanry. The Earl of Essex, who is a major of the Hertfordshire Yeomanry, accompanies the contingent of his county.

In short, the eight thousand mounted men who have responded to the call for yeomen will have the brains, blood, muscle and dare deviltry of the famous American Rough Riders,

#### OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR

#### Impressive Ceremony at St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome-Service Conducted by Pope Leo.

Home, Dec. 21.-The pope solemnly inaugurated the holy year by perform- writing and correctnes of copy they ing the impressive ceremony of open- cannot be beaten. The returns are ing the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral at 11 o'clock this morning. vestibute, which was handsomely decorated, in the presence of the papal in population. officers, the members of the diploof specially invited guessis.

After donning the nontificial robes, and escorted by the papal guards, proceeded with the cardinals and court to the Sistine chapel, in the representatives of the Itoman religious orders and clergy. After a brief prayer before the holy sacrament, which was there exposed, Loo intoned the

In the vestibule the papal throne had | erals with having voted illegally. conded the threne, which was immediately surrounded by cardinals and dignitaries.

Suddenly a heavy bell boomed.

ope rose and walked towards the holy door, preceded by the grand | ble to vote one must be a taxpayer. penitentiary, Cardinal Monsignor Serafine Vannutelli, prefect of the congregation of bishops and regulars, met him and handed him an artistic golden mallet given by the Italian bishops. Lee, wearing the mitre, uttered the verses of the Liturgy and struck three blows with the hammer on the door. which had previously been cut with a saw. A few moments of solomn silence followed, the pope and the rapat dignitaries in their state robes being grouped before the door. Then tho latter swung back, and the officials of St. Peter's laved the threshold and door posts with holy water, while Lea opened the paslin "Jubilante Deo," which was taken up by the pontifical choir. The pepe, having again covered his head and holding in his right hand a cruciffy, and in his left a lighted candle, knelt at the threshold amid the strains of the "Te Deum." Rising to his eet, he stopped alone within the portals of the vast and empty basilica. The cardinals and others followed.

At this moment all the church bells in Rome rang out. Lee stopped before the altar of Michael Angelo, where the janitors of the hely door for the coming year kissed his feet. He addressed a few words to them on the importance of the ceremony and then proceeded to the altar, where the sacrament was offered, followed by a short prayer. Then advancing on the sedia gestatoria to the high altar he pronounced a solemn benediction, according to the plenary indul-

By quarter past one he had re-The queen will spend Christmas at turned to his private apartments, hav-Windsor instead of, as for years, at | ing performed the ceremonies with great and apparent satisfaction. He was smiling throughout, but grew very dear to her for years past. With pale and showed signs of fatigue toher will be the Duchess of Albany and | ward the end. Nevertheless he gave the three blows upon the door with

onsiderable force. Profound silence was maintained throughout the ceremony save when pope gave his blessing, evoked loud "vivas." The weather was fine and an enormous concourse assembled in the precincts of the basilica. en thousand men killed, wounded or Order was preserved inside by the nontifical guards and outside by the

### BRICK BUILDING BURNED.

#### Six-Story Edifice in New York Was Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 24.-The six story brick building at 134-136 William street was gutted by fire today and the adjoining structures at 132 and 138 were damaged considerably fire resulted in a loss of about \$100,600, believed to be fully insured.

The burned building which ninety years old, was occupied by the Berlin-Jones envelope company, whose oss is estimated at \$5,000. The building at 132 William street, was occusied by Henry Allen, wholesale drugrist, whose loss is \$10,000. No. 138 ame occupied by Thurston & Bradish, im porters of gum, whose loss is \$15,000. More than 300 girls employed by the envelope company will be thrown out and there reigns in its stead a grim of work.

### CONDITIONS AT PUERTO RICO

#### NUMBER OF AMERICANS ON THE ISLAND INCREASING.

Report of Mr. Dingman, Who Has Charge of the Census Bureau. Fraudulent Voting-An Order Concerning the Display of Flags-People Carrying Deadly Weapons Must Avoid the Police.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 15 .- The only census district in this island completed up to date is that of Playa de According to the last Spanish Pance. this district had a population numbering 3.497 persons. The present census enrolls 4.667 names, an increase of 1,170. This gain is unexpected, as Playa de Pence is the point which received the greatest damage during the hurricane of August 8 last. The centre of the storm struck this sec tion, resulting in a great less of life and the submerging of the town in six feet of water for several days.

The twenty-nine districts of San Juan are completed, but not tabulated. There are at least a thousand Americans in San Juan now than there were a year ago. Out of 959 enumeration districts, 162 have been reported in full. No idea of the exact population of the island has yet been arrived at, so no estimate can be made until the entire work is tabulated The work of enumeration will he completed by December 20, according to the schedule originally laid out. Mr. Dingman, who is in charge of the Census Bureau, says:

men who applied for positions as enumerators my heart sank. When I saw the work they did they went up to par in my estimation. For handcoming in fast now, and I am confident that the work will be finished. The ceremony was performed in the except for tabulation, by December 20. The returns show a decided increase

The message of President McKinmatic corps, leading representatives ley, which arrived here December 11. of the Roman nobility, and a number met with the hearty approval of the thinking population of Puerto Rico. His advice in regard to a temporary the pape, borne on the sodia gostatoria, government of some kind for this island, the opening of the markets of the United States to Puerto Rico's products and the establishment of free the hold of the vessel, but she is still vatican palace, where were gathered trade is applauded by all as just and The United States Previsional Court

has just returned from a ten days' dered. session at Guayama, to which town it "Veni Creater," and then again as- was called to try cases of fraudulent cended the sodia gestatoria. Preceded voting. Elections were held in Guayby the clergy and friars who bore ama on October 24. There was con-States, and thus divert to the Boers lighted candles, the pope proceeded to siderable excitement in the town durmuch wavering septiment.

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against one person, Dr. Vanceez. Under the election laws, to be eligi-The accused persons were charged with having paid the taxes and registered the names of certain persons who, it was claimed, were not eligible to vote but nevertheless took part in the election. In one case, it was reported, a half-witted dulce peddler was registered and allowed to vote. One of the accused was acquitted. Dr. Vasquez, however, was found guilty and fined \$100. He intends to take his case to the supreme court of the United States. This is the first notable charge δf illegal voting during the present elections, and the summary action of the authorities will, it is thought, have a material effect on the elections to

ago issued an order governing the display of flags throughout the island. The municipal authorities of some towns, on their own responsibility, had been flying the Spanish flag from the city halls and other public buildings, as they were accustomed to do jor General Henry W. Lawton. before the American flag came to Puerto Rico. The United States emblem, of course, was hoisted beside the Spanish flag. The new order prohibits such a display and says that no Spanish flag shall be flown from any publie building, except in the event of a holiday or in cases where flags of all Fund." nations are run up. If a stranger were to judge alone from the flags to be seen displayed from the housetops of this town on a Sunday or a feast day he would surely think he was in a Spanish city. Not infrequently the streets from end to end are decorated with yellow and red flags, which are suspended from house to house, broken here and there by the Stars and Stripes in the ratio of about one in thirty.

The young men who come to this island, and who think because they are in Puerto Rico they must needs carry a revolver, must in future steer clear of the police. If detected with the weapon in their possession they may be arrested, fined \$5 and imprisoned in the jall for thirty days. Any person carrying a stiletto, sword-cane, dagger poniard or other sharp or pointed weapon, including pocket knives with folding blades over three inches in length, will, if detected, be punished by thirty day imprisonment at hard labor and \$10 fine. The enforcement of this order will probably give the authorities more or less trouble, and should it be carried out to the letter the police force would have to be doubled. Of the lower classes of natives, the laborer and peon, it is estimated that nine in every ten carry knives from eight to twelve in her long. This weapon rests handily in the waist of the owner's trousers, under the belt, or in his shoe, should he pos-

### Shot by a Constable.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.-George Petway, a well known man about town, was shot and killed last night in Wagoner's hotel by Constable John Irwin. A few minutes later Irwin fell and expired al-most instantly from a pistol wound inflicted by Petway.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today:

FAIR : COLDER.

General-Braznell Mine Horror Victims Estimated at Forty. No War News from South Africa Ex-

Dismal Christmas in England. Americans at Puerto Rico Increasing. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

Local-Special Christmas Services in Churches. Holiday Shoppers Throng Streets and

Editorial.

Local-Burgiars Make a Rich Haul. Mention of Some Men of the Hour. Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News.

Fifth Ward Primaries. TWENTY-ONE DROWNED.

#### British Steamship Aristo Stranded on Ocracoke Beach-Nine Members of the Crew Are Saved.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24,-The weather bureau at Cape Hatteras, N. C., reports that the British steamship Aristo, Captain Baines, from Galves-Hamburg, loaded with cotton, corn, wheat and meal, stranded on Ocracoke beach, six miles south of the Hatteras weather bureau office at 4 o'clock this morning. The steamship carried a When I came here and saw the crew of thirty men. Twenty-one men abandoned the steamer and took to The boats were wrecked in the heavy government again declinedseas and the entire twenty-one were maining eight men were taken from cabled, says: the ship today by Captain James Howard and crew of the life saving station. The rescue was effected with city of water." difficulty owing to the heavy sea, the landing taking almost the entire day. station. Some water is making in

Washington, Dec. 21-Superintendent iEmball tomorrow will instruct ranks." Lieutenant Johnson, of the revenue cutter service, who is attached to Modder river, dated Dec 18, says: circumstances attending the life. This is the practice always followed by the life saving service when there is loss of life attending an accl dent to a steamer to which the surfmen have given assistance. The su- Such a force will prove the truest perintendent believes that the distressing loss of life is probably due to the hurried efforts of the men to get away from the ship instead of waiting until the breeches buoy could be shere and their rescue effected. As the vessel appears still to be in good condition the men he thinks, might time before there was any real danger of losing lives. Ship hards of deep water boats he thinks take to the too often, a practice not fellowed by men devoted to ceast navigation who realize the opportunities for rescue by the breeches buay.

### LAWTON MONUMENT.

#### Fund Will Be Collected by Spanish War Veterans.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 24.-A movement has been started among the members of the National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans to raise a monument in honor of the late Manumber or prominent soldiers throughout the country have interested themselves in the movement are a fund is about to be started under the auspices of the National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans to be known as the "Henry W. Lawton Memorial

General Willis J. Hullings, of Pennonel E. W. Hine, of New Jersey, the quartermaster general and Lieutenant E. W. Miller, of Lancaster, adjutant general, are mentioned as president, treasurer and secretary respectively of the association.

### KILLED AT A CROSSING.

Daniel Strausser and Charles Lyttle Meet Death on the Pennsy.

Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 24 .- Daniel/Strausser, aged 65 years, and Charles Lyttle, aged 25 years, were killed at a crossing on the Pennsylvania railroad, about a mile) below this place, late tonight, They were farmers, and came here during the day to make their Christmas

purchases. About II o'clock at hight they started for home in a two-seated wagen drawn | made. by a horse and a mule. Upon reaching the Pennsylvania railroad they started across the tracks without not! ing a passenger train approaching. The locootive whistle bewildered the men. both men a distance of fifty feet, tkills the highest of the season and the gale both instantly and grinding the horse and the mule to pieces.

Decision Regarding Enlistments. San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Judge DeHaven, in the United States district court, has decided that minors over 18 do not require the consent of their parents to enlist in the navy, and when once enlisted they must serve their term. The decision was made in the case of Edward L. Hor-ton, aged 19. His mother sought his reease on a writ of habeas corpus, which

## Tolstoi Restored to Health.

Moscow, Dec. 24.-Count Leo Toistoi is unced, by his medical advisers, fully restored to his ordinary health. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## NO WAR NEWS IS EXPECTED

### A Truce Will Be Kept for Observance of Christmas.

#### CONNAUGHT CANNOT GO

Government Refuses to Allow the Duke to Take Active Part at the Front - Dispatch from Modder River-General Gatacre's Reconcentrado Order-The Need of 100,-000 More Men.

London, Dec. 25 .- 4.30 a, m .- The war office has received a cablegram from General Forestier-Walker, dated at Cape Town yesterday, saying: "Have no further news of the general situa-

It may be almost safely predicted ton to Norfolk for coal, thence to that nothing will occurreday. A truce, either formal or informal, is being kept for the observance of Christmas by the opposing forces.

The Duke of Connaught again pressed to be allowed to go to the front, but the government declined to give its assent. Then, waiving considerations of rank, he offered his services to Lord Roberts in any capacity as a staff offiboats soon after she stranded, cer. Lord Roberts consented, but the

The Morning Post's correspondent at Chieveley telegraphed on Monday, Dec. drowned. Captain Baines and the re- 18, and confirming intelligence already

"At dawn today the column struck camp and formed a new one, three miles to the south, owing to the scar-A dispatch from Modder river, dated

Dec. 18, says: "The Boers continue extending their Captain Paines and eight surviving trenches. They now have nearly twenmembers of the crew are now being ty miles of entrenched works due north cared for at the Ocracoke life saving of the British camp, which also is in an admirable position for defense, as the surrounding country is perfectly level. The Boers, moreover, are comin good condition and probably can be pelled to keep a force estimated at 20,saved if prompt assistance is ren- 000, in order to contain the British cotumn. A large number of Lord Methuen's wounded have recovered and are ready to resume their places in the

> "We are now waiting until England we have found oursely well matched, but the Boers nave always the choice of positions.

> "Let England then become alive to the need for a further 100,000 men.

#### economy in both blood and treasures." Gatacre's Reconcentrados.

Cape Town, Dec. 18 .- General Gatacre, in order to check insurrection rigged up between the ship and the among the Dutch colonists and to prevent disaffected persons giving information or other assistance to the Boers, has issued a modified reconcen have remained on her an indefinite trado order. By its terms all males over 12 years of age, of whatever nationality, residing outside of towns or villages, but within a radius of tvelve miles of military camps now established north of Sterkstroom, are required to vacate their places of residence and either remove to some place outside the twelve mile radius or to form a camp in close proximity to the nearest military camp-the spot to be selected by the officers commandingwhere they must reside ur ! further notice, providing for their own needs, All persons found with a radius with-

out passes will be arrested. Advices from Colesburg assert that not many colonial Dutch have Joined the Boers in that district.

Certain residents of Malmesbury celebrated General Gatacre's repulse at Stormberg by a dinner.

### Transport Valencia Arrives.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The United States transport Valencia arrived today, 42 days from Manila, via Nagasaki. The Valencia experienced very heavy weather during the entire trip, and was compelled sylvania, the commander in chies: Cols to put back three times for shelter. Her passenger list consisted of three civilians, ster sailed for Manila today with 400 head

#### Death News Kills a Partner. Akron, O., Dec. 21-Samuel Wall, a

prominent contractor, died shortly after nidulght of consumption. The news of us death was carried to Albert Baraes, his partner in business, who was so af-fected by it that he was stricken with paralysis, and died a few hours later. Barnes was 55 years of age and Wall 57. Shot from Ambush

#### New Orleans, Dec. 24.-B. F. Searborough, a citizen of Slidal, La., was shot from ambush last night and mortally wounded. A second shot killed his little bycar-old daughter, who was sitting be

fere a grate fire. No arrests have been

Damage Along the Coast. New York, Dec. 2t.—The storm today did considerable damage along the Jersey const about Staten Island, and along the The engine struck the team and burled | water front generally. The tides were

#### Texas Passes in the Capes. Cape Henry, Dec. 2t.-The United States battleship Texas passed in the Capes tonight. She has on board the remains of

blew 50 miles an hour at times.

the Maine dead.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* WEATHER FORECAST.

for Monday and Tuesday; Eastern Pennsylvania-Fair, colder, Monday. Tuesday, fair: high west to northwest winds, diminishing by
 Monday night.