SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

TWO CENTS.

NAVAL GUNS TURNED ON THE BOERS

Hostilities Renewed the Day Following Christmas.

USE LYDDITE ENGLISH

Ladysmith Has a Busy Morning Shelling the Boer Position on the Umbulwana Mountain - Twenty Boers Killed and Many Wounded During the Attack on the Sequani Laager-Mafeking Relief Force. The Story of the Escape of Winston Spencer Churchill.

London, Dec. 28.-4.30 a. m.-Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all today's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position

Certainly, the Boers are not inactive, At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defense works which, in both bases are seemingly impregnable.

Despatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse, before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement, Chieveley Camp, Natal, Monday, Dec.

25.-Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with the temperature 102 degrees in the shade, the British today enjoyed characteristic Christmas cheer,

Captains Gleenfell and Kirkwood, of the South African Light Horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrola ng the eastern hills. Their horse, returned at night alone.

Colonel Donald, of the Royal Fusil fers, has had his collar bone broken by being thrown from his horse, while on outpost duty.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Tuesday Dec, 26.-The naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock this morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours,

Ever since the engagement at Colenso the enemy have been energetically improving their entrenchments They can be seen galloping freely from hill tops.

Ladysmith also had a busy morning today, shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting

shells were plainly visible at Chieveley. London, Dec. 27.-The Rhodesian Mafeking relief force, according to a despatch from Mochudi, Bechuanamand, dated Saturday, Dec. 16, was progressing slowly, owing to the necessity of repairing the bridges, averaging one per mile.

An intercepted Boer mall bag, it is added, shows that twenty Boers were killed and many wounded during the British attack on the Sequani laager,

Dutch Colonists Hostile.

London, Dec. 28.—A special correspondent to the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Thursday, December 21, says;

"Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose sedition is shown in the removal of railway bolts, the obstruction of bridges and culverts, attacks upon solitary horsemen.

"Disaffection is bound to increase unless immediate reinforcements are forthcoming. The loyal Dutch and British settlers were becoming alarmingly impatient."

London, Dec. 28 .- The Dally Chronicle publishes the following from Cape

"Herr Schlesinger, an agent of the New York Equitable Assurance society, who has arrived here from Pretoria, says the Boers possess immense stores of food imported by speculative capitalists under a belief that mining would be allowed during the war.

"He says also that there were thou sands of spectators at the Pretoria railway station when the British who were captured at Nicholson's Nck The people were ordered by the Boer commandant to bare their hea s and they did so. The British, astenished, returned the salute."

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE.

Thrilling Experience of an English Captive in Making a Dash for Liberty.

London, Dec. 27.-Winston Spencer Churchill has called an account of his escape from captivity with the Boers after having been taken prisoner in the reconaissance of an armored train at Estcourt. The dispatch, which is published today in the Morning Post, is dated Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 21. It

On the afternoon of December 12 the Transvaal's secretary of war informed miles from here, and the house ransacked was that there was little chance of my re- It is supposed the woman was murdered. Arrived: Amsterdam, from New York.

lease. I therefore resolved to escape, and the same night I left the State School's prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the scntries' backs were turned momentarily. I walked through the street: of the town without disguise, meeting many burghers, but was not challenged in the crowd. I got through the pickets of the town guard, and struck the Delagoa Bay railroad. I walked along it, evading the watches at the bridges and walked for a train beyond. culverts, and waited for a train beyond the first station. The 11.10 o'clock goods train from Pretoria had arrived before I reached the place, and was moving at full speed. I bearded it with great difficulty

and hid under coal sacks.

I jumped from the train before dawn, and was sheltered during the day in a small wood, in company with a huge vulture, who displayed a lively interest in me. I walked on at dusk. There was no more trains that night. The danger o meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to fellow it, as I had no compass or map. I had to make wide detours to avoid bridges, stations and huts, and so my progress was very slow. Chocolate is not a satisfying food. The outlook was gloomy, but I persevered, with God's help. For five days my food upply was very precarious. I was lying ip by daylight and walking by night. Meanwhile my escape had been discov-

ered and my description telegraphed ev-erywhere. All trains were searched, and every one was on the watch for me, Four times the wrong people were arrested.

The sixth day I managed to board train beyond Middleburg, from whence there was direct service to Delagoa. In the evening I concealed myself in a railway truck under a great pile of sacks. I had a small store of good water. I remained hidden so, chancing discovery. The Boers searched the train at Komatipoort, but did not search deep enough. After sixty hours of misery I came safely here. I am very weak, but am free, have lost meny pounds in weight, bu am light in heart. I shall avail myself of every opportunity, henceforth, to urge earnestly the unflinching and uncompromising prosecution of the war.

Boers Have Every Advantage.

London, Dec. 28.-The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill under date of Dec. 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander in chief and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader.

"The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river, and with a smooth plain in front.

The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early re-

SENATOR QUAY

INTERVIEWED

Declines to Give a Schedule of His Future Political Course-A Sameness About the Wanamaker Insurgent Bureau News.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.-Colonel M. S. Quay, former United States senator, arrived in the city this morning from Washington. He left for Beaver this afternoon, where he will spend a few days. His object in coming here at this time, while he did not state it, is thought to be to meet some of his political friends of western Pennsylvania in conference.

The ex-senator was not inclined to talk very much about his chances for getting a new lease upon the United States senatorship from this state, but from the tenor of his remarks it was inferred that he had not fully made up his mind whether or not he would be a candidate for reelection. When seen after his arrival he was asked: "Senator, what are your prospects

for being seated by the United States senate? "I don't know; I expect to be sea ed,

but you can't tell what the senate wiil "Will you be a candidate for reelection whether the senate seats you

or not?" "I don't know; that is further along. don't know whether I shall be a candiate if I am seated or if I am not seated. Those stories which were sent out from Washington about the situation came from the Wanamaker insurgent bureau. They have headquarters in Washington. Those reports are very similar to the news about the Boer war in Africa. It all reads alike anyhow.'

FATAL STREET DUEL.

Two Men Killed at Huntsville, Ala Another Wounded.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 27.-In a street duel at Deposit today two men were killed and a third probably fatally

wounded. James Harden was stabbed to death by his nephew, Jesse Harden. John C. Harden, a brother of James, was also seriously cut by Jesse, and the latter was then shot and killed by Mac Rus-

All the parties are well known and prominent in politics.

PENNSYLVANIA COAL TRAFFIC.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.-The Pennsyl ania railroad reports the quantity of coal and coke originating on its lines east of Pittsburg and Eric for the wock ending December 23, 1899, and the year 1899 o that date, in comparison with the pre-

vious year as follows. 1899.	1899.	1598.
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Tons. Dec. 23.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 24.
Anthracite 81,485	3,650,425	3,500,343
Lituminous558,169	16,251,459	13,818,949
Coke185,056	7,512,593	5.886,038
Totals624,710	27,414,477	23,596,430

Murder Near Wilmington.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 27.-Detectiv Macey tonight receved a telegram stating that Mary Saunders had been found dead in her home at Glasgow, eighteen

ATTORNEY MONNETT TALKS ON TRUSTS

"THE ABDICATION OF SOVER-EIGNTY" HIS THEME.

Before the Twentieth Century Club, of Boston, the Well-Known Attorney General of Ohio Gives an Interesting Address-He Characterizes the Enormous Holdings of the Standard Oil Company and Other Large Industries as the Fruits of the Illegal Abuse of Governmental Functions.

Boston, Dec. 27.-Frank S. Monnett, attorney general of Ohio, well known for his opposition to trusts, made an interesting address tonight before the Twentieth Century club in the hall of Boston university law school on "The Abdication of Sovereignty." The speaker read his speech from manuscript. He was accorded general applause as he concluded. He said in

"I want to demonstrate to you that the most potent weapon of oppression is that club that we as sovereign people hand over to certain favored interests, and they in turn, having thus seized the mace of governmental authority, pervert it to their own use and for their own self aggrandizement, in defiance of the rights of the great majority of individuals or citizens composing such sovereignty.

"I maintain that if by a great aggregation of capital a pipe line com-pany may ramify all the oil fields with its system and connect with the manufacturing centers which it in turn so controls as to prevent all competition, and is enabled to destroy all competitors, then the state and federal government for the good of the common man and the common welfare, has the power and right, and is its duty to interfere.

"So likewise, when one giant corporation establishes a system of tank cars and erects tank stations, and combines with the railroad companies as to get an untair rate by virtue of owning its own tank cars; and tank stations, then the state has a right under its police regulations to protecthe comon man and the man of smaller means from such abuse and usurpa tion of the transportation department. The \$600,000,000 owned by a little coterie of Standard Oil magnates, the \$1,000,000,000 controlled in the iron coal. copper and other industries by a limited number of capitalists, represent the fruits of the illegal abuse of the governmental functions."

WAGES TO BE ADVANCED.

Good News for the Miners at George's Creek.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.-The George's Creek mine operators sent a letter today to the representatives of the miners Cumberland, stating that they would be prepared on April 1 to grant an increase in wages. The miners of the George's Creek, Md., and Meversdale, Pa., regions recently held a convention at Loanconing and organized a district union. The convention decided that the operators should be asked to increase the wage scale ten cents. making it 55 cents per ton and a conference between operators and miners was to have been held in Cumberland tomorrow. The operators decided, however, that a conference was hardly necessary, and the letter was sent as They say they cannot see their way clear to increasing the scale before the date mentioned as their contracts were all made on the present basis of 45 cents for mining.

It is expected that the Meyersdale operators will also increase the scale.

FAVORING FREIGHT SHIPPERS. Recent Decision of the Interstate

- Commission.

Washington, Dec. 27,-The interstate commerce commission decided today to comply with the request of the shippers of freight to transmit to the attorney general of the United States, a transcript of the evidence taken before the commission last week on the increase in the classification of freight by the official classification commission. The shippers in their petition urged that the testimony taken showed a violation of the Sherman anti-trust

Their desire is that the attorney general shall take action by injunction or otherwise to restrain the railroads from putting the classification into effect on Jan. 1.

HAY WILL BE ARRESTED. Will Answer Charge of Conspiracy

in the Shaw Case. Harrisburg, Dec. 27,-Governor Ston ssued a warrant today in requisition of Governor Voorhees, of New Jersey, for the extradition of William H. Hay, a Philadelphia Times reporter.

Hay is wanted at Camden to ans er a charge of conspiracy in connection with an alleged confession of Eli Shaw, who was acquitted recently of the murder of his mother and grand-

Kentucky Election Commissioners. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27 .- Governor Tay or today appointed W. H. Mackey, anti-Goebel Democrat, and A. M. J. Cochran Republican, state election commissioners As Clerk Shackleford will swear in the Commissioner Poyntz, it is probable Tay lor's appointees will institute a man damus proceedings to get possession of

Cold Day in Germany.

the office.

Berlin, Dec. 27 .- An Hustration of th reverity of the cold throughout Germany is the fact that communication between Scherrebek and the island of Room is now had exclusively ever a frozen are of the North sea, a condition which had not previously existed for twenty years.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 27.-Safled: St. Paul. or Southampton; Westernland, for Ant-Textonic, for Liverpool. La Bretagne, for Hayre; Rotterdam, for Rotterdam Rotterdam via Boulogne.

BLISS AN IDEAL CANDIDATE. Opinion of Secretary Wilson on Vice President Timber.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27,-Secretary of Agriculture Wilson stopped in this city few hours today while on his way to Doylestown, Pa., where he inspected the National farm school. The secretary was entertained at dinner by a

number of prominent citizens. In an interview on the presidential campaign of next year, Mr. Wilson said: "The administration has no candidate for vice president. It wishes the candidates to be the complete choice of the people.

"Do you think Secretary of War Root is a candidate for the vice presidency? "I do not think he cares for the

nomination. "Do you think that either Governor Roosevelt, or ex-Secretary of the Interior Bliss will be candidates for nomination?

"I do not think that Governor Roosevelt wishes the nomination. Mr. Bliss, I consider, an ideal candidate for the vice presidency, and especially as it conceded that the next vice president is to come from the east."

NO STRIKE AT ALTOONA.

Conservative Miners Object to Agitation Looking to Betrayal of Faith with the Operators.

Altoona, Dec. 27.-In the bituminous coal fields of northern Cambria and Clearfield counties today several mass sectings of miners were held, the object of which was to create sentiment in favor of higher wages. It was expected that mass meetings would be held all over this district, but such was not the case. The reason for this is that the leaders of the United Mine Workers and the conservative element of the miners were opposed to them, because the scale of prices which every operator of any note is now paying was made by the miners and holds good until April 1 next. The conservatives argued that they would be betraying the operators if they demand-

ed an increase at this time, The meetings of Barnesboro, Hastings, and smaller places, were well attended, but orderly and quiet, dresses were made but the tenor of the remarks was conservative and cautioned against strikes. Many of the meetings were held tonight and delegates elected to the Indianapolis convention next month. The convention is to be a conference between operators and miners to settle the wage scale and other differences. None of the Altoona operators have received an invitation to attend.

Where the conservative miners were n a majority there were no mass meetings, notably at the Berwind-White collieries at Punxsutawney and vicinity, the Rochester and Pittsburg company's collieries in the same locality, the Philadelphia Coal and Coke company, at Irvine, and in southern Camria and Blair counties, where the mines of the Altoona operators are located. The leading Altoona operator said tonight that he did not believe his miners would strike because they were being paid their own scale and the best of feeling existed between operators and men. The same is said of all the

other Altoona operators. Press correspondent over the telephone tonight that he did not fear a strike among his men in the near future, if at all. One thing is patent, there will be no general strike at the beginning of the new year, and the indications are that there will be no disturbance after the Indianapolis convention.

NEW MASONIC YEAR

Officers of the Grand Lodge Celebrate A. L., 5899.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.-Today marked the beginning of the new Masonic year -A. L., 5899-and the officers of grand lodge. Free and Accepted Majurisdiction of Pennsylvania, elected at the quarterly communication December 6, were installed in their respective stations in ancient and solemn form, at the Masonic temple in this city.

The officers installed were: George E. Wagner, of Philadelphia, grand master: Edgar A. Tennis, of Harrisburg, deputy grand master; James W. Brown, of Pittsburg, senior grand warden; George W. Kendrick, r., of Philadelphia, junior grand warden: Thomas R. Patton, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer, William A. Sinn, Philadelphia, grand recretary. At the close of the installation cere monies Grand Master Wagner an-

WANT THE HORSESHOE BEND.

nounced the committees and other ap-

pointments for the ensuing year.

Altoona and the Pennsylvania Rail-

road Apply for Unseated Lands. Harrisburg, Dec. 27.-The Pennsylvania Railroad company and the city of Altoona have joined in an application to the department of internal affairs for a tract of twenty acres of unseated land on the Allegheny moun-This tract includes the large reservoir which supplies Altoona with water and the picturesque Horseshoe

The official surveyor of Blair county recently discovered that the land was held here today. The following officers never conveyed to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Deadly Duel at Berlin. Berlin, Dec. 27.-Two officers, named

Schlabitz and Kissitg, belonging to the One Hundred and Twelfth regiment. which is garrisoned at Muelhausen fought a duel yesterday on the Swisfrontier under previously agreed murder-ous conditions. Schlabitz was killed. The cause of the duel was trifling. Mr. Ledyard's Contribution.

Washington, Dec. 27.-Among the con-tributions of the Lawton fund received

by Adjutant General Corbin today was one of \$500 from Mr. Lewis Cass Ledyard of New York, which contribution he sald was made "in memory of my hephow. Lieutenant A. C. Ledyard, killed in action in Negros, December 8, 1836."

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Pensions; In-rease—Marshall S. Rogers, Athens, Bradford, \$8 to \$12.

RECRUITING STATIONS FOR THE BOER ARMY

AN OFFICE IN NEW YORK IN CHARGE OF AGENTS.

Gustav Simon, a Boer, Recently Arrived, Has Charge of the Enlistments-Some Two Hundred and Fifty Left New York a Week Ago. British Consul Besieged with Applications From Men Who Wish to Join Their Army.

New York, Dec. 27 .- The work of enlisting men in this city to take the Boer side in the war is in charge of two agents who operate in a saloon near police headquarters.

The leader in the movement is Gustay Simon, a Boer, recently arrived from the Transvaal. Associated with is a young German, Henry Scharff, who has lived many years among the Boers, and who reached New York a week ago from Pretoria. Simon owned in Johannesburg several hotels and saloons; there were closed up when the war began and, being incapable of active service in the field, he came here in the interest of his country. Scharff, his companion in this work, was among the first to come out from the Yukon country with news of the Klondike gold fields and he has mining interests there and in the Transvaal. Since his return to the Transvaal from Alaska he has been in the confidence of the Boer leaders and he has been sent here on this special mission.

A number of people, chiefly young men, have gone to the Transvaal. Some 200 left a week ago and sixty went just before Christmas.

Ever since the outbreak of the Transvaal war the British consulate in this city has received letters from persons eager to enlist in the British

"I dont' think it is any exaggeration to say that we have received 5,000 letters from persons who want to enlist." said the British vice consul today, "and besides these a great many apply to us in person for help or advice in the matter. We are prevented by United States statutes from enlisting them and we have to send them away. The only way they can get into the army is to go to England and enlist on their responsibility. How many of them do this we have no way of knowing. I think, however, that a great many of them do enlist.

"It is surprising to notice the various sorts and conditions of men who seek enlistment with us. There is scarcely a nationality that is not represented. Englishmen, of course, predominate, but Americans are second in number It is an interesting circumstance that several United States soldiers in uniform have come here and asked to be enlisted."

Boerites in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.-There is a general movement among the Irisn citizens here to aid the Boers in their war with England. A call was today sent out for a special assessment on every member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or which there are 25,-000 in this city. A return of \$25,000 Thomas Barnes, the big operator at is expected, which will help to swell Barnesboro, told to the Associated the general fund of \$1,000,000 which the Irish organizations throughout the

country seek to raise. P. J. McManus, a prominent Irishman, said today that preparations are being made for a public meeting at the Academy of Music. Final arrangements will be completed at a meeting of the county board of Ancient Order

of Hibernians next Friday. In speaking about the alleged Fenian plot to raid Canada, Mr. Mc-Manus said:

'The proposed Fenian raid, if there is any such thing contemplated, is against the rules of international law The loyalty of the Irish to this country leads them to regard the announcement as merely a bluff to keep the Canadians at home."

It is expected, he says, that the meeting at the Academy of Music will result in a \$50,600 fund to fit out a hospital relief ship.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

Republicans Will Meet at Harrisburg on April 25. Philadelphia, Dec. 27.-It is probable

that the Republican state convention will be held at Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 25. Chairman Reeder, of the state committee, suggesting that date, and it is believed no objection will be made.

At this convention candidates will be nominated for auditor general and two congressmen at large. Eight delegates at large to the Republican national convention will also be named, as well as thirty-two presidential electors, one for each of the congressmen and one for each of the United States senators.

STATE MUSIC TEACHERS. They Will Meet at Philadelphia Mext Year.

Allentown, Dec. 27,-The tenth annual convention of the Pennsylvania. State Music Teachers' association was

were elected: President. Dr. Huge A. Clarke; sec retary and treasurer, Edmund Wolsleffer; executive committee, Thomas A. Recket, Gilbert R. Combs, Enoch W. Pearson: auditing committee, Richard Zeckwer, William Wolsieffer, Vivian Engel, all of Philadelphia, 1t was decided to meet in Philadelphia next year.

Casualty List.

Washington, Dec. 27.-General Otis at Manila sent to the war department to-day the following list of killed not previously reported: Killed, in action, gagement near Banna, December Third cavalry, Harry Sweger and Charles W. Frazee; action against Rombion, Panay, December 19, Eighteenth infantry, Charles J. Feilly.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 27.-E. E. Harding, was today appointed postmaster at Kassenbrook, Wroming county

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SNOW

General-Renewed Activity in the South African War. Boer Recruiting Station in New York, Filipino Insurgents Routed.

Frank S. Monnett on Trusts.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.

Local-Banquet of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association. Court Proceedings.

Editorial. Local-Three December Brides

Prevailing Epidemic. Local-West Serunton and Suburban Round About the County

Organized Effort to Rid the City of

MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Local-Live Industrial News.

An Objection Is Made to the "Shadowing" Process-The Jurors Are

Exasperated. New York, Dec. 27.—Two things of interest, if not of importance, were developed at the trial of Roland B. Molineux today. The first incident was the protest made to Recorder Goff against the policy of "shadowing" adopted by the district attorney. furors complained that a detective had been assigned to each member and that the "shadows" had allowed their zeal to outrun their discretion. Even their domestic and business conversations of the jurors while away from court had been stealthily listened to by the ambitious detectives. This the jurors said was a vexation that was rapidly becoming intolerable. It is said that Recorder Goff told the jurers that

he could do nothing for them, Assistant District Attorney McIntyre in explaining the action of the district attorney's office, said that fifteen de tectives had been selected to watch the members of the jury. He said that it was the custom to employ men to "shadow" jurors during an important murder case, and that the precautionary action thus taken was in the interest of justice and the public good. It is understood, however, that orders will be issued to the "shadows" to give the jurors as little trouble as possible in the future.

The other incident of interest occurred during the cross-examination of handwriting expert, Ames, of San Francisco, who is the author of a book on "Biblical Myths." Mr. Weeks inquired whether the expert had ever written this sentence: "Again ignorance and fear tremble and are prostrate before self-seeking, cunning and fraud, according to the

Ited) re-established; articles of copartnership perpetual; powers omnipotent; capital infinite, realms, terrestial and celestial and Moses its general nancier

firm of Moscs, Jehovah & Co., (unlim-

Expert Ames for the purpose of prejudicing the jury. After a lively battle of words for a few moments the recorder called Mr. Weeks to order and ruled that the law allowed no religious testimony of a witness; and that an affirmation does not

necessarily embrace a declaration of faith in God. During recess Clerk of the Court Brophy explained that Expert Ames had merely affirmed when taking the stand that he had not used the words

'so help me God.' The day was largely devoted to technical examination of Handwriting Experts Ames and Tyrrell. Nothing new or important was developed. The trial which is now in its forty-fourth day, has broken the record for murder trials in New Yok county by one day, with the posecution apparently not having half finished its side of the case. It is understood that the state will introduce very little, if any, additional expert handwriting evidence, and that expert medical witnesses will soon be called to the stand for the purpose of proving the body of the crime and showing that Mrs. Adams really died as a result of the administration of the contents of the poison package.

FAILURES IN BOSTON.

Liabilities to Amount to Nearly

\$17,000,000 in Two Weeks. n the Boston stock exchange a few minutes after the opening today of the embarrassment of E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers, was not alto gether unexpected by some of the larg-

er financia! interests. The suspension of this well known house, it is estimated, will carry the total of liabilities of concerns here which have failed within the past two weeks close to \$17,000,000,

Fake Yarn Exploded.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.-A prominent nember of the Hibernians of Ottawa telegraphed President James Noonau, of Didision 36, Ancient Order of Hibernians Worcester, Mass., mking if it were corect that he and the members of the order had voted for an invesion of Canada A reply has been received denying that anything of the kind has taken place. Mr. Noonan added that the society was

Plans to Continue Moody's Work. East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 27.-An aphe continuation of the work begun and

purely for fraternal purposes.

eal to the world to provide funds for for twenty years carried on by Dwight L. Moody was issued today by the trusces of the North-field seminary. Tisin plea will be the only action by the trustees until their meeting a month hence.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 27 .- John I. Hartman, president of the Lancaster Trust company, and until recently a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Miller & Hartman, died last night after a long liness from Bright's disease. Bedford, Pa., Dec. 27.—Job S. Barefoot, former stowart of the Bedford county aimshouse, died at his home in Bedford

township today. He was 45 years old,

and was the father of sixteen children, twelve of whom with his wife survive

BATTLE IN THE MOUNTAINS

Col. Lockett Routes Force of Filipinos Near Montalban.

LOSS HEAVY ENEMY'S

It Is Supposed That the Insurgents Are Those Who Were Driven from San Mateo on the Day General Lawton Was Killed-The Nature of the Mountainous Country Made Impossible the Attempt to Capture the Flying Rebels-Marriage Order by General Otis.

Manila, Dec. 27.-10.15 p. m.-Colonel Locketi, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked this morning a strong force of insurgents entrenched the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San The enemy were completely Mateo. routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the insurgents ere these who were driven out of San

Mateo on the day General Lawton was

killed. They numbered probably a thousand. A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the sleep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the Forty-sixth Volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery, Colonel Lockett commanding in person. The rest of the command operated from emote points in an endeavor to carry out Colonel Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it imprac-

ticable to execute this movement sucessfully After the insurgents began to run here was a vain attempt to use artii-

Manila, Dec. 27 .- 10.50 p. m .- It now appears that one American was killed n the attack upon the Subig garrison vesterday by General Santa Ana. Matrimonial Encouragement.

At this point Assistant District At- celebration of civil marriages in the torney Osborne objected emphatically Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to the introduction of these writings of to that effect today and the secretary promptly approved the action. Heretofore all marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The does not interfere with the Catholics,

who may be married according to their

own rites, but extends the privilege of

civil marriage to those who desire it

Washington, Dec. 27.-General Otis

basued a decree authorizing

just as it is practiced in the United States.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

The Remains of Andrew Simicky Found in Braznell Mine. Brownsville, Pa., Dac. 27 .- Another victim of the Braznell mine explosion was found today. The body was terribly mutilated. It was identified as that of an Hungarian named Andrew Simicky. The body was found under a heavy fall of roofing. The inspectors said from the location they had evidently walked over the body a great many times. It is now supposed that

there is another digger in this same room, and that probably he is under the big full of slate. Inspector Conner said the Suding of the body of Simicky simply goes to show that they do not know how many people are yet down in the death pit,

or where they will find the bodies. EMPLOYMENT OF 600.

Boston, Dec. 27 .- The announcement | Modern Breaker Will Be Constructed at Shamokin.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 27.-Joseph Stickney, of New York, vice president and general manager of the Union Coal company, and John L. Williams, who yesterday resigned the superintendency of the company's collieries at i this place, started a force of men at work today providing new veins near Hickory Ridge, and they will sink

slopes at once. A modern breaker will be constructed and work will be given to six hundred men and boys. The veins are expected to yield coal for twenty-five

Years.

The Queen Proclaims a Warning. London, Dec. 27.-The privy council held a meeting at Windsor castle today at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warneg to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State, or to sell or transport merchandise thereunto under penalty of the law. The preciamation was gazetted

Bubonic Coffee Landed.

New York, Dec. 27 .- President Murphy, of the board of health, at the meeting of he board today decided that the coffee which arrived on the bubonic infectmitted to be landed. He decided that the coffee should be reasted in Brooklyn The Taylor arrived in this port on November 18, bringing 42,000 bags of coffee.

. WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 27.-Forecast for Thursday and Friday; For eastern Pennsylvania, snow Thursday; Friday fair; fresh south to east winds, becoming westerly Thursday night.