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GATACRE **FIGHTING**

Boers Attack Molteno, Near Stromberg.

BRISK FIGHT YESTERDAY

Action in Progress as Dispatch Was Sent-Fighting Around Colesberg. Boers Resist General French's Attack, but Retreat Gradually. London Pleased by the Success of Colonel Pilcher.

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Jan. 3 .-The Boers attacked Melteno this morning. A brisk action is in progress,

Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, Jan. 4 .--There was brisk fighting today in the The Boers hills around Colesherg. stubbornly revisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated. British hold the extreme position to the south and east, overlooking the

The hills around Colesberg are numerous, not in rarges, but in groups, It is very difficult to hunt the Boers out. Sixteen wounded mea have arrived at Arundel.

London, Jan. 3.-A special dispatch from Naauwpoort, dated Tuesday,January 2 says that the British command Norval's Point bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesberg bridge, and that the Boers have no way to retreat except by way of Stromberg. The dispatch adds that big developments are expected tomorrow.

Military Mine Ignited.

Kimberley, Dec. 26.-The Boers last night evinced considerable interest in the Premier mine, using their search lights. This morning they actively shelled the fort. The royal artillery replied. Our shells were well place! and dropped amid the smoke of the enemy's guns.

Last night's storm ignited some of our military mines, but there were no casualties.

Cecil Rhodes has supplied the Boer prisoners with new clothing. London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Nagwpoort, dated Tuesday, January 2, savs:

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PRAISE FOR COLONIALS.

London Pleased by the Success of Colonel Pilcher.

London, Jan. 3.-Lacking news from the main British camps in South Africa, the future action of whose commanders can alone have an important . effect on the larger issues of the campaign, the British public is making the most of Colonel Pilcher's success. Unbounded tribute is paid to the prowess of the Canadians and Australians, and resphic accounts are published of the enthusiasm in Douglas as the victorious troops entered the place. The representative of the Associated Press, with the flying column, says:

"The immediate result of Celonel Pilcher's success is the entire dispersal of the rebets who have been governing country for the last six weeks After Sunnyside had been captured the Torontos occupied the laager for the night and joined the main body the following morning, bringing the whole of the Boer tents, wagons and loot, ard leaving the Cornwalls in garrison at Sunnyside. The British force then started for Douglas, the Torontos bringing up the rear in wagons. In the afternoon the troops entered the town unopposed and amid extraordinary scener. The inhabitants were overjoyed. They crowded about the soldiers and shock hands with them. When they learned that their deliverers were Canadians and Australians the enthusiasm became frenzied. Deafening cheers were given as the roops traversed the main street, and it was almost impossible for them to make progress, the croy'ls being so eager to shake bands with the colonials. It appears that the Landrost and all the mounted rebels evacuated the place on the previous night. The unmounted rebels, it is reported, are entrenched in the vicinity. Quantities of ammunition were captured and de-

A dispatch from the Modder river intimates that the Sunnyside prisoners will not be treated as prisoners of war, but as British subjects caught in open

At the Modder river camp the conduct of the colonials is admired greatly and every one is delighted that they have struck the first blow on the western frontier since the battle of Magers. fontein. It is believed the relief of Kuruman is to follow quickly.

The latest advices from the Colesberg district tend to modify General French's success. The predicted occupation of Colesberg had not been accomplished yesterday evening, while the Boer's guns, which, it was announced, had been silenced, were still active. The war office this afternoon issued a dispatch received from General French, under yesterday's date, in which the general said his position was the same as it was on the previous day, but that with small reinforce ents he could dislodge the Boers from Colesberg and, in the meantime, he

continued manoeuvring. Nothing further has been heard from Molteno, which was reported from sterkstroom to have been attacked by the Boers this morning. So far as known here, the British force there is

A dispatch from Sterkstroom announces that Swanelef, the Boer commandant at Stormberg, has died from

A special dispatch from Rensburg,

dated Tuesday, Jan- 2, says a supply train without a locomotive was set in motion within the British lines near Colesberg, and proceeded so near the Boer position that it was impossible to ecover it. The British gun, therefore, destroyed the trucks. Treachery is sus-

The total British casualties about Colesberg in two days was six men killed and twenty wounded.

The supply train from Rensburg, it is asserted in another dispatch, ran into a broken culvert and was wrecked. The Boers began to loot it, and another Rensburg train was dispatched to the spot in an attempt to recover the provisions. The Boers opened fire on the troops and natives who accompanied the second train, and forced them to retreat, after several of the natives had

WILL ASSIST THE BOERS.

The Knights of the Red Branch of Philadelphia Will Furnish Recruits and Money.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.-The movement in this city to send assistance to the Boers received renewed impetus last night, when the association known as the Knights of the Red Branch held an adjourned meeting here and decided to extend all possible aid to President Kruger. Resolutions of sympathy for

the Boers were adopted The Knights of the Red Branch claim a membership of 100,000, made up principally of Irish and Germans. There were 250 delegates at last night's meeting. Grand Chief John A. Ryan, of this city, presided.

A meeting of the local branches of Clan-na-Gael was also held last | yers in Great Britain. A high official night for drill. Fully 400 young men have been formed into companies and will, it is said, be sent to South Africa. The fund of \$1,000,000 now being raised by the Irish Nationalist union is inended primarily to meet the cost of \$248 per capita in sending recruits to the neutrality laws. They will, therefore, be sent to Parls as individuals and engineers, and arrangements made there for their transportation to the Transvaal.

Grand Chief Ryan left this city today for Troy, N. Y., where he expects to organize a council of the Knights of

P. J. McManus, a leading spirit in the move to aid the Boers, said today: "We do not care to publish our plans. We will assist the Boers, and in such a way that results will tell-"

NAVAL OFFICERS DEAD.

Commander Carlin and Captain Ingate Pass Away.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The navy defor treatment when he died. December | question of contraband. 0. hast.

Marine corps, at Guam, where he was stationed, on December 24. His death followed a surgical operation.

Commander Carlin was among the officers of the navy who were at Apia, Samoa, at the time of the memora ve hurricane on the 16th of March, 1889. His rank then was that of lieutenaat. was executive officer of the Vincalla and after the loss of Capitla Schoonmaker he was in charge of the ship. Commander Carlin was 51 years of age when he died. He was a graduate of the naval academy class of 1868. Subsequent to the disaster at Samoa much of his time had been spent on the Pacific and Asiatic stations. He was a man of impressive appearance and highly regarded here as a capable officer.

COL. BRYAN AT LINCOLN.

After an Absence of Six Weeks He Returns for a Conference.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.-Colonel W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln today, after an absence of six weeks. He found a number of leading Democrats from other states awaiting him and conferred with them in an informal way. Mr. Bryan will remain in Lincoln until Saturday. He is interested in the meeting of the

Fusion state central committees Friday and is to respond to a toast Friday the banquet of the Nebraska traveling Men's club. He will leave for Chicago early Saturday.

AUSTRIAN WAR TALK.

The Government Will Spend Largs Sums to Increase the Army.

Budapest, Jan. 3.—The Pestie Hirlap says that the Austro-Hungarian government contemplates spending £20,-000,000 for increasing the army and navy, in consequence of the grave European situation.

"he government, according to the same authority, will also propose to the Austrian and Hungarian parliaments an increase of the annual grant for defensive purposes.

Superintendent of Venango Schools. Harrisburg, Jan. 3.-G. W. Ladd, of Franklin, was today appointed superin-tendent of the public schools of Venango tendent of the public schools of Venan county, vice John F. Bigler, resigned.

McLaurin for Senator. Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.-The Democratic caucus here tonight unanimously nomi-nated ex-Governor McLaurin for the long

term of United States senatorship.

Roland Reed Improving. New York, Jan. 3 .- Roland Reed, the actor, was resting comfortably tonight and his condition through the day showed

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 3 .- One of the most familiar figures in Cumberland county valley business circles and the shrewdest business man in Frank-lin county, Jacob Le Master, died at his home today, at Le Master, a town named after him, aged 81 years. Le Mus-ter's fortune amounted to \$150,000, and he owned most of the town in which he lived and died. London, Jan. 3.-Rev. George Buckle. father of George Earle Buckle, editor of the Times, died today.

AND CHARYBDIS

POSITION OF ENGLAND ON DEL-GOA BAY AFFAIR.

BETWEEN SCYLLA

The Official Representations of Mr. Official Circles in London, but Will Not Be Likely to Cause International Friction-New Regulations

London, Jan. 3.-The United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, visited the British premier, Lord Salisbury, at the foreign office this morning for the purpose of making the first official Delagoa bay flour seizures. Mr. Choate received no definite reply, as the premier informed him that the British government had not yet arrived at any decision as to whether or not food stuffs were contraband of war, but Lord Salisbury assured Mr. Choate that the commercial rights of the Unit- | veloped nothing important. ed States would be equitably considered and that a decision in this important matter would be reached as soon as possible. The interview was brief. The Associated Press learns that Lord Salisbury has not only got the attorney general, Sir Richard Webster, working hard on the question of the Belagoa bay seizures, but that he is consulting with the ablest law-

said: "England is between Scylla and Charybdis. If we declare foodstuffs contraband we put ourselves in a most awkward position should we be a neutral power in some future war. We are most anxious to conserve the inthe Boer army. The men cannot go in terests of the United States, yet selfbody, as that would be a violation of preservation must necessarily come

New Regulations.

It was further learned by a repre-Great Britain may lay down new regulations regarding contraband, making a distinction between food evidently intended for domestic purposes and food palpably intended for field rations. Under the latter head might come certain classes of canned goods.

The British government fully realizes that the representations of Mr. Choate will compel it to decide this far-reaching matter, and, while his request has been made and received in the most friendly spirit, the quandry is not relished by Lord Salisbury, partment has been advised by a cable is certain, the question will not be set-message from Admiral Watson of the tied hurriedly, though it is impossible death of Commander James W. Car- even for the cabinet ministers to ferelin, on board the Culgoa, from an at- | cast the date when Mr. Choate will retack of peritonitis. He was on his ceive a definite answer, which must way to the naval hospital at Yokohoma settle Great Britain's stand upon the

Berlin, Jan, 3.-It is semi-officially The message also reported the death | announced that Germany has not proof Captain C. L. A. Ingate, of the tested against the seizure of the Bundesrath, but has merely requested that the matter be investigated and settled as speedily as possible. Friendly notifications in this direction are proceeding here.

GOEBEL-TAYLOR CONTEST.

Colonel Whallen Held to Bail in the Sum of \$10,000-Taylor's Attor-

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 3.-The joint ommittee, which will hear evidence in the Goebel-Taylor contest for governor, and also for lieutenant governor, will be formed tomorrow. The law provides that the members of the committee shall be drawn by lot, three in the senate and eight in the house. The policy of the Goebel leaders will be to push the contests to a final issue as speedily as possible.

Governor Taylor's attorneys are preparing not only for rebuttal evidence to offset the charges of fraud set forth in Goebel's notice of contest, but nccording to Senator Deboe, are going much farther and attempting to show up counter frauds of a glaring nature on the Democratic side.

Colonel Whallen was today held by Magistrate Thompson in \$10,000 bail to answer before the grand jury the charge of having offered Senater Harrell \$4,500 to vote against Goebel in the contest before the senate.

In the circuit court President Loving, of the Louisville Trust company, was before Judge Cantrill, charged with contempt for disobeying the order of the court to turn over the vault box alleged to hold the \$1.500 which it is claimed was to be paid Harrell in the event he voted against Goebel in the contest.

Loving stated that he merely desired to protect the customers of his company, and his attorney moved to quash the summors against him. This the court overruled and ordered the box to be produced in the court at 11 o'clock tomorrow. It is understood the order of the court will be compiled

Challenge from Jeffries. Hot Springs, Ark., Jen. 3. - Tom

Sharkey tonight received a challenge from James L. Jeffries to fight twenty rounds within thirty days, the winner to take all, provided Tom O'Rourke is exfrom Sbarkey's corner. Sharkey said he was glad of an opportunity to fight Jeffries on the terms stated, but would insist that George Siler should not referee the fight.

Cooper Succeeds Fetterolf.

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.—A. D. Fetteroif, resident clerk of the house of representatives, today tendered his resignation to Speaker Farr, to take effect immediately. Mr. Fetteroif has occupied the place for several years, having previously been chief clerk. The last vacancy in the ofhee of resident clerk occurred when John A. Smull died in office. By agreement the speaker appointed William L. Cooper

American Flour Seized.

Reading, Jan. 2.—The American flour seized by the British off the coast of Africa was manufactured by the Sea-board Milling company, of this city. The shipment consisted of 25.000 barrels, vamed at \$125.000. This company has been sending most of its product to South Africa for the past four years.

THE MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Interesting Testimony Given by Chemist Yocum.

New York, Jan. 3 .- In the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams the most interesting testimony today was that of John H. Yocum, a chemist and a warm friend of Harry Cornish. said that any chemist could make eya-Choate Causes Embarrassment in nide of mercury, the polson which is alleged to have caused the death of Mrs. Adams. He had made it him-self and the process was easy. He took prussian blue and yellow oxide of mercury, boiled them toget te; fil-Regarding Contraband May Be tered the mass and the precipitate contained cyanide of mercury. other drugs would yield cyanide of mercury. All the drugs required were what is known as dry colors. Molineux, it will be remembered, was superintendent of a dry color factory in Younm testified that any man known as a chemist can procure representations on the subject of the | the ingredients of cyanide of mercury, even without registering his name.

Alvin A. Harpster, who has figure ! in the case as a friend of Cornish and an object of Molineux's hate, had been expected to give important testimony as to Molineux's ill will toward Cornish, but his examination today de-

Andre Bustanoby, an employe of the Knickerbocker club, and who had been, he said, "very friendly" with Molineux, testified that when the facsimile of the poison package address was published he recognized the handwriting as that of Molineux and told Secretary Adams, of the club, of the discovery.

Other witnesses were policemen who were connected with the case after the murder, clerks in patent medicine houses who handled the "Cornish" and "Barnet" letters alleged to have been written by Molineux, and members of the Knickerbocker Athletic club to whom Cornish had shown his Christmas present, whose contents afterward killed Mrs. Adams. Their testimoay built up the case of the prosecution Some of them were not cross-examined. Court adjourned until tomorrow.

sentative of the Associated Press that | GEN. WOOD'S GOVERNMENT

Freedom Given to Political Prisoners. Public Meetings Held to Express Satisfaction at His Appointment.

Havana.Jan, 3.-Today General Wood issued an important order giving freedom to forty men in the province of Santa Clara. Some of them had been detained without trial, and others were suffering excessive punishment. All had been released ten months before by an order issued by General Bates, though it is not regarded as likely to but they were immediately re-arrested cause international friction. One thing | by orders from division headquarters. on the ground that a department commander did not have the power to par-

After looking carefully into the cases, General Wood decided that the judgment of General Bates regarding their release was wise, and consequently today's order setting them at liberty wa promulgated.

Representatives from other departments are daily expected, and it is believed that before the end of the month a large number will be released, especially in the province of Havana, The cases of those who have been held for a long time in detention without trial will be the first to be investigated The people of Sancti Spiritus had a large public meeting today to express satisfaction at the appointment of General Wood as governor of the Island and at his selection of secretaries, all of whom are regarded as capable of helping General Wood materially in establishing a permanent form of government.

TRAINMEN HAPPY.

Advances in Wages on the Pennsylvania Lines.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3 .-- A general advance in the wages of trainmen on the Pennsylvania lines seems assured, but the exact amount of the increase cannot be stated as yet. Following up the series of conferences between trainmen and officials which have been held recently, another committee represent-Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, composed of Frank E. Page of Indianapolis; W. T. Wright, of Dennison, Ohio; W. E. Leonard, of Columbus, and others, met General Manager

L. F. Lorce at a conference. While no information was given out, owing to the failure of F. P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, to arrive, yet it was the understanding that the increase demanded by the trainmen, with certain modifications, dependent upon prosperous conditions would be granted. A general advance in the wages of the system is now probable.

BIG GAS WELL.

The Greatest Find Since the Famous Karg Well. Toledo, Jan. 3 .- A special to the Com-

mercial from Findlay, says: A ten million cubic feet gas well was struck four miles east of here at noon today, by operators who are "wildcatting" in new territory. All tools, casing and tubing were blown out of the well, and the foar of escaping gas can be heard for five miles.

This is the greatest gas well in Ohio since the famous Karg well of ten years ago, which started the natural gas boom in Northwestern Ohio.

Bridge Builders Strike.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.-It was announced today by officers of the National Associa tion of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers that 200 of the men who went on strike vesterday had returned to work, their employers having agreed to the union demands of 28 cents an hour nine-hour day. This leaves from 100 to 200 men still on strike.

Money for the Boer Sufferers. Grand Rapids, Jan. 3.—John Steketoe, vice consul of the Netherlands, today forwarded to Holland a draft of 9,290 guild-ers. Grand Rapids Hollanders latest con-

tribution for the widows and orphans of

Boers killed in South Africa. The sum

mounts to \$3.708 American money.

Astor's Contribution. London, Jan. 3 .- William Waldorf Astor has contributed £1.000 to the Prince Wales' hospital fund.

BRAZNELL MINE INVESTIGATION

FOURTH SESSION OF THE CORO-NER'S INQUEST.

Interesting Features of the Case Brought Out by the Testimony of Fireboss Radeliffe - Peculiar Method of Measuring Mine Gas. Danger Signals Written with Chalk. No Gas Reported on Day of Dis-

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 3 .- The fourth session of the coroner's inquest into the Braznell mine disaster began this morning in the large court room in the presence of a large crowd. The three previous sessions were devoted to the work of viewing the bodies of the victims as they were removed from the mine. Today's session was given over to the taking of the testimony of the officials of the mine and others who knew of the condition of the mine, after as well as before the explosion.

An interesting feature was brought out today during the examination of Fireboss James Radeliffe by Inspector James Blick, Radeliffe testified that he measured the gas by reckoning the distance from the top of the lamp to the roof and whatever that distance he said, was the depth of the gas. The answer took Inspector Blick by surprise and he had the fireboss repeat his theory, to make sure there was no mistake. When the fireboss had concluded his explanation, Inspector Blick asked:

"How far was the flame down in the lamp-that is, from the top of the lamp?

"Eight inches," was the reply. "And the top of the lamp was four inches from the roof of the mine?" asked the inspector, in a surprised "Yes, sir."

"And you would call that only four nches of gas?" "Yes."
"Well, I would call that twelve inches

of gas," replied Inspector Blick, with

ome emphasis. The witness replied that Mr. Blick probably knew what was right in the matter, but that he had stated his calculations as he had always made and reported them.

Danger Signals.

The daily report of Mr. Radcliffe for Dec. 23, the day of the explosion, showed that gas was found in room No. 2, third left heading, in a volume measuring four inches at the face and "tailing" back possibly eighteen feet. The witness said he put up danger signals at the entrance to this room at the "neck" and the other two at the cut-throughs into rooms Nos. 1 and 2. Gas was also found in the main heading, about four hundred feet from the shaft. At the point indicated there had been a fall in the roof some time ago, troduced were the following: leaving a "pot" in which gas had been standing for a month. The place was protected by timbers. A month before the explosion. Fireboss Radeliffe testified he had put up a danger signal at that place forbidding anyone to pass the point with open lamps. The signat was printed with chalk on a piece of brattlee cloth, which was tacked upon the timbers. On the morning of the explosion witness said, he had changed this signal, making it read: "No one must pass this section."

The fireboss' report on the day fore the disaster showed no gas in the mine but on the two days preceding that his report showed four inches in the right main entrance "tailing" back thirty to thirty-five feet.

Fireboss Radeliffe testified that the roof in room No. 2, in which gas was found the morning of the explosion. was in bad condition. There had been no fall when he made his rounds that morning, but the roof was always conidered bad, the witness said, and a fall may have occurred after he left.

CHINESE WEDDING.

A Christianized Couple Will Be Mar-

ried at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Jan. 3.-The first marriage in this city of a Christianized Chinese couple will take place here next week. The fact that the prospective bride and bridegroom have never seen each other lends additional ir terest to the event. The future hushand is Wung John, proprietor of a Chinese restaurant in this city, and his fiancee is Su Ting Fu, who is now on her way to Philadelphia from San Francisco, where she was a pupil in the Presbyterian School for Chinese

The wedding will be solemnized in the Arch Street Presbyterian church and the rector, Rev. Mervine J. Eckels, D., will perform the ceremony. Elaborate preparations are in progress for the unusual affair and the nuptial knot will be tied amid gorgeous floral lecorations to the accompaniment of the Lohengrin wedding march.

Some time ago Wung John applied to Rev. Frederick Poole, in charge of the Chinese mission here, with the request that the latter endeavor to secure a wife for him. Mr. Poole went to San Francisco and selected Su Ting Fu. She and Wung John exchanged photographs and the engagement was made by mail. Wung John forwarded \$200 to his affianced with which to purchase her wedding gown and pay her expenses to this city.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 2-Arrived: Taurie, rom Liverpool. Salled: New York, for Southampton; Kensington, for Antwerp, Cleared: La Normandie, for Havre; Cleared: La Normandie, for Havre Kniser Wilkelm Der Grosse, for Breme via Cherbourg and Southampton. South-empton-Arrived: Steamer St. Paul. from New York. Antwerp-Arrived: South-wark, from New York via Southampton Queenstown - Arrived: Teutonic. New York, Plymouth-Arrived: Patricia, New York for Hamburg, Southampton-Sailed: Trave, from Bremen for

Kent Sentenced.

Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 2.-Alba M. Kent, jr., of this city, who was recently arrested in Japan and extradited ing \$19,000 thereby, today pleaded guilty to two indictments for forgery, and was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor for three years and two months.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS.

- 1 General-Battle in Progress in South Africa. Bubonic Plague in Manila. The Seizure of American Flour. Investigating the Braznell Mine Ex-
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
- Local-Day's Work in Equity Court.
- Editorial. News and Comment.
- Story-"The Iron of Remorse."
- 6 Local Diphtheria and Scarlet Feye Spreading. W. S. Largetaff Resigns. Local-Attorney Harris Explains.
- County Commissioners Say Increase of Office Force Means Economy. Died from Exposure.
- Local-West Scrantor and Suburban
- 9 Round About the County. 10 Local-Live Industrial News

IMPORTANT WORK IN THE SENATE

Foundation Laid for Proceeding or Financial Hill-The House in Session but Fifteen Minutes.

Washington, Jan. 3.-The senate evinced a disposition today to take up the work of the session in earnest, and, while the sitting was of only a little more than an hour's duration, a large number of important bills were introduced and a definite foundation laid for proceeding with the financial bill. hour for the beginning of the debate on this measure was fixed for 2 o'clock tomorrow. The most notable event of the day was an objection entered by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, to the summary disposition of resolutions asking for information about the conduct of the Philippine war. He indicated a purpose to demand consideration for such measures ever at the expense of the financial bill. The tenth instant was named as the day for the delivery of eulogies in honor of the memory of the late Vice President Ho-

The house was in session but fifteen minutes today and during that time had a little flurry over an attempt by Mr. Sulzer, of New York, to secure consideration for a resolution asking information concerning the relations of the treasury department with the National City bank, of New York, The resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means. Mr. Gaines. of Tennessee, rose to a question of personal privilege respecting his vote on the Roberts resolution. These events and the prayer of the chaplain occupled the brief time the house was in

Among the bills and resolutions in-By Mr. Cooney, of Missouri, joint resolution for a constitutional amendment providing that "no new state, the

territory of which is not contiguous to the United States, shall be admitted by the congress into the Union.' By Mr. Bromwell, of Ohio, joint reso lution proposing the following amendment to the constitution: "Congress shall have power to define trusts and

any other place subject to its jurisdic-THE FINANCIAL BILL.

to regulate, control or prohibit the same

within any state, territory, district or

Amenaments Authorized by Republican Members of Committee

Washington, Jan. 5 .- The Republican

members of the senate finance com-

mittee authorized Senator Aldrich to bill which he offered in the senate today. The most impertant relate to the greenbacks and is as follows: After the word "authority" on line five, page 12 strike out the remainder of section and insert: "And the gold coin received from the sale of said bonds shall first be covered into the general fund of the treasury and then exchanged in the manner hereinbefore provided, for an equal amount of the Ohlo delegation at large," he exnotes redeemed and held for exchange, and the United States notes exchanged in accordance with the provisions of this section shall, when covered into the treasury, be re-issued as now pro- ator, there will be a contest between vided by law, and the gold coin in the General Grosvenor and General Dick. reserve fund, together with the redeemed notes held for use as provided in this section, shall at no time exceed and friction will be avoided."

the maximum sum of \$150,000,000," It is stated by members of the comintention of the bill and to leave no question as to the construction of the law when enacted.

SEVERAL ASPHYXIATED.

Bodies Found in Apartments Occupied by Them.

New York, Jan. 3 .- The dead bodie of George F. Gallagher, a special policeman, and Nellie Walsh, were found today in a Second avenue apartment occupied by them. They had been asphyxiated by gas, turned on by them during a New Year's carouse Gallagher was formerly a member of

the New Orleans police force. The bodies of two men found asphyxlated by gas in a room on Twentyfourth street last night have been identified as those of Wiro Walpuski, son of a wealthy manufacturer of morocco jewel cases, and a window ing. It is believed the men committed

suicide. FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.-The latest reports from Achalkalek, in the government Irtusk, show that 500 lives were lost er oday. during the co-

Hershey barppen and Quick. Luncaster, Jan. 3.-The county commis-ioners admitted today that last week before the guilt of Emanuel H. Hershey the absconding county treasurer, was positively known they had secured a warrant for his arrest on the charge of em-bezzlement. His flight defeated their plan. They declare they will make every effort to bring him to justice.

THE PLAGUE AT MANILA

Man Found Who Has Symptoms of the Discase.

WAR DEPARTMENT ACTS

Rigid Steps Will Be Taken to Prevent the Introduction of the Plague to the Philippines-Marine Hospital Service Already Has Two Quarantine Plants at Manila-The Bubonic Plague at Honolulu.

Manila, Jan. 3.-The health officers have found a native having all the symptoms of bubonic plague in a house n the walled city, where two deaths which may have been due to the plague have occurred. The patient has been isolated and every precaution taken to prevent a spread of the dis-

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The war department is taking steps to prevent the introduction of the plague in the Philippines. Secretary Root this morning called into consultation Surgeon Wyman, of the marine hospital service, to discuss the establishment of a quarantine system for the islands It was decided that the war department should adopt toward the Philippines a sanitary policy similar to that pursued in Cuba, and confide the maintenance of a quarantine system

to the marine hospital service. Quarantine Plants.

The marine hospital service has already two quarantine plants in the Philippines, while two of its surgeons are now on their way to Manila, so that little delay will be encountered in beginning to draw a rigid quarantine

line in the islands. The reports received by the state department and Surgeon-General Wyman from Honolulu confirm the newspaper despatches relative to the existence of the plague there.

Surgeon General Wyman has no in-

formation of the report that three sus-pected places of bubonic plague have been discovered within the walled city of Manila, but no attempt is make to conceal the gravity of the situation should the report prove true. Still it. is said, a few sporadic cases need not necessarily result in an epidemic in the Surgeon General Wyman said the

sease no longer creates the conster-

nation it once did, because it has been demonstrated it can be handled by modern scientific work. San Francisco, Jan. 3 .-- Until all danger of a spread of the bubonic plague now prevalent in Honolulu is past, the transports leaving this port for the Philippines will not stop there, as has been the general custom, but will go straight through to their destination. taking sufficient coal with them from

here to last the entire trip. SENATOR HANNA DECLINES.

Will Not Be Permanent Chairman of Republican Convention.

Cleveland.Jan. 3 .- Senator Hanna declared today that although he had been urged to stand for the permanent chairmanship of the next Republican present amendments to the financial national convention he would not do "There are other men," he said, "who

are more ambitious than I am, who

value that honor more than I do. I will give way to them," He also de-

clared that he will not be one or the delegates at large from Ohio in the convention. "I greatly desire that General Dick shall have an uncontested place in the plained, "and I am glad to step out in one of the delegates at large, precedent giving the place to me as a sen-

for both of them, as there should be, It is evident from the foregoing that the plan to make Senator Hanna a mittee that the amendments are for delegate at large and permanent chairthe purpose of making more clear the man of the Republican national convention, was formed without his con-

I being out of it, there will be room

FRENCH CONSPIRATORS GUILTY Deroulede and Guerin So Adjudged,

with Extenuating Circumstances. Paris. Jan. 3.-The high court (sepate) today, rendering its verdict in the conspiracy cases not previously dis-posed of, decided by a vote of 136 to 37 that M. Deroulede was guffty, and by a vote of 200 to 1 deciding on extenuating circumstances. Later the court acquitted M. Dubue and M. Barillier and found M. Guerin guilty.

The sentences have not yet been pronounced. TWENTY-TWO DROWNED.

British Steamer Borkhese Founders Off Cape Finisterre.

London, Jan. 3.-A dispatch from Bristol announces that the British steamer Borkhese, of Glazgow, foundered off Cape Finisterre last Friday during a hurricane. Twenty-two of the crew were drowned. The survivors, nine in number, have just arrived at Bristol.

................. WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Thursday; increasing cloudiness Friday; threatening in the afternoon; light variable winds becoming easterly. ***********