

TWO CENTS.

Kop.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1900.

MASON MAKES REPLY.

REPORT ON OUR

Last Five Years.

TWO CENTS.

puts an end to the unpleasant rumors **DEFEAT OF** that were in circulation here and on the continent. The splendid gailantry of the men in capturing Spion kop is THE BRITISH read of with great pride and satisfaction. It is taken as an assurance of the ultimate success of British arms. The war office does not give any idea of the casualties in taking and holding Spion kop, but a report from the Boe Warren's Troops Forced headquarters near Ladysmith, via Lourenzo Marques, says that 1,500 British dead were left on the battlefield. This to Abandon Spion

wounded. The report also said that General Buller had been down with fever, but had recovered.

Battle on Mountain Top.

GEN. BULLER'S VERSION The Mountain Crest Abandoned on Account of Lack of Water and Inability to Bring Artillery There. Buller's Forces Withdrawn with within thirty yards of the enemy's first line of trenches. the Evident Intention of Reaching Ladysmith by Some Other Route.

English Soldiers Fight with Great Bravery, Sustaining the Best Tra-

treme point.

London, Jan. 28 .- Gen. Buller's dispatch to the war office states that Spion Kop was abandoned on which momentarily staggered them. account of the lack of water, inability to bring artillery there, and shells right to the top of the crest. the heavy Boer fire. Gen. Buller forcing the infantry to take cover. A gives no list of casualties. His whole force withdrew south of the Tugela river, with the evident in- inforcements were sent up the hill and tention of reaching Ladysmith by advanced in skeleton formation, the another route.

ditions of the Army.

London, Jan. 28-Following is the text of General Buller's dispatch, dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday, Jan. 27, 6.10 p. m.:

"On January 10, Warren drove dack the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crests of the high table land extending from the line of Acton Homes and Hongers port to the western Ladysmith hills. From then to January 25 he remained in close contact with the enemy.

"The enemy heid a strong position on taken it. Reinforcements were ordered a range of small kopies stretching from up, but nothing could be done for some northwest to southeast across the pla- time, the hill being enveloped in thick teau from Acton Homes, through Spion mist. Kop, to the left bank of the Tugela.

The actual position held was perfeetly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance, ago the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position, and water supply was a difficulty.

On Japuary 23, I ascented his attacking Spion Kop, a nOr large hill, indeed, a mountaii. which was evidently the key

Probable Course of Events-Change in the Elective Offices-Quay Contest Will Not Be Taken Up-A number is thought to include the Tariff for Puerto Rico-No Programme for the House.

SPEECHES ON

Washington, Jan. 28.-Senators Ba-

con and Tillman have given notice of

of Arkansas, will continue, in executive session, his effort to secure re-consid-

eration of the Samoan treaty, but this

Spearman's Camp, Friday, Jan. 26 .-About 2 o'clock on the morning of January 24 (Wednesday), when heavy clouds rested upon the kopjes, the main point of the Boer position, Tabanyama, was stormed by the British infantry under General Woodgate. Our force crossed over a ravine and climbed the mountain side steadily, getting The Boers, who had been asleep decamped and the British, with a ringing cheer, climbed to the summit. The Boers opened dire from several

points, but it was apparent that they had been taken completely by surprise. and their resistance was dispirited. The western crest of the hill was soon won, and the infantry crept along the top of the hill. At daybreak, however, the Boers

from a high point on the extreme casi, sent a withering fire among the British The Boers had the range fixed to a currency bill. nicety, and their artillery sent several Boer Nordenfeldt also was worked with great precision. The British held the position against

great odds. At 10 o'clock strong rethe major portion of the week. Tariff for Puerto Rico. nemy being driven back to the ex-Administration officials are manifesting great interest in the legislation

STORY OF THE BOERS. Struggle for the Possession of Spion

Kop. Boer Headquarters, Modder Spruit,

willing that a small or nominal rate Upper Tugela, Wednesday, Jan. 24 .of duty shall be imposed on imports Midnight, via Lourenzo Marques, from the island, and it is understood Thursday, Jan. 25.-Some Vryheid that he is not urging a delay in legisburghers from the outposts on the lation affecting its status pending a highest hills of the Spion kop group decision by the supreme court as to rushed into the laager, saying that the whether Puerto Rico is a part of the kop was lost and that the English had United States.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE. Decided Slackening in Demand on At dawn the Heidelberg and Caro-Account of Mild Weather.

lina contingents, supplemented from Philadelphia, Jan. 28 .- The Ledger in other commandoes, began the ascent of ts coal article tomorrow will say: the hill. The anthracite coal trade, owing to Three spurs, precipitous projections,

faced the Boer positions. Up these the been showing a decided slackening in advance was made. The horses were left under the first terrace of rocks. prices in consequence, are only order-Scaling the steep hill the Boers found that the English had improved the opportunity and entrenched heavily. Be-

Will Stand by His Principles, Mc-THE PHILIPPINES Whorter or No McWhorter. Washington, Jan. 28 .- Senator Mason, of Illinois, in a signed statement SENATORS BACON AND TILL concerning the published report that MAN CLAIM THE FLOOR. he had been requested to withdraw from the Old Tippecanoe club of Chi-

cago, tonight said: "I notice by the paper that I was expelled from the Tippecanoe Republican club in Chicago, I never ap plied for membership. I heard through the press that charges against me had been preferred by Colonel McWhorte that I did not agree with the president

on Philippine and Boer questions." The senator then makes a persona attack upon the integrity of Colonel McWhorter, and adds:

speeches during the present week upon "This (the reference being to a perthe Philippine question, but beyond sonal and not political matter) is the these notices no indication has been only communication as to any charges given of the probable course of events against my Republicanism, directly or in the senate during the week. The indirectly. I have ever had with Coldepartment, shows that there has been currency bill continues to hold the onel (?) McWhorter, chairman of the a great development of our trade with right of way and it is not improbable China and Japan during the past de committee on political action of the that it will be made the subject of Old Tippecanoe club of Chicago, Had cade, Record figures were easi'y more or less speech-making. It is known that I was a member of the reached in the fiscal year 1899, when also quite certain that during the carthe value of the merchandise exclub and that McWhorter was chairly part of the week there will be a changed with those two countries, inman of any important committee 1 change in the elective offices in the should have resigned. Meantime, I am cluding the port of Hong Kong senate and that, in accordance with reached \$87,305,689, against only \$46,-296,167 in 1889. The four years followfor liberty and self-government in the decision of the Republican caucus Cuba, Philippine Islands, South Africa of last week, Mr. Bennett will be inand Chicago, McWhorter or no Mcing 1889 witnessed a steady increase stalled as secretary and Mr. Ransdell that finally culminated in 1893 with a Whorter." as sergeant-at-arms. Senator Jones,

MR. BRYAN WILL ACCEPT.

Populists of Texas Announce That He Will Take the Nomination.

rose steadily by leaps and bounds. of Texas publicly announce that W. J. Bryan will accept the nomination of that party for president if it is tendered | Hong Kong during 1899, \$47,815,035 rephim. The following circular letter, out- resented the imports into the United lining the plan of action for the coming States and \$35,490,653 the exports from campaign, was today issued by Chair- | this country. man J. H. Foster, who claims to secure his information and the propositions tioned consisted chiefly of cotton, cotoutlined in the direction from the naton goods, kerosene oil, wheat, flot.r tional headquarters. The circular let- and manufactures of iron and steel, the value of these five classes of arti-

"Dear Sir: You are no doubt aware now before both houses of congress of the fact that if the Bryan Democproviding a form of government for racy, when they meet in national conthe island of Puerto Rico and regulatvention, reaffirm the Chicago platform ing the tariff rates on imports from of 1895 with a direct legislation plank the island into the United States. It as an issue, and it seems probable that sene oil in large quantities. The excan be stated that the president is they will, and nominate W. J. Bryan ports of wheat flour almost trebled and some irreproachable southern man, that such action will be the death of our party. Should the Democracy do this, it will be only a repetition of their policy, plans and like their advocacy of 16 to 1, be short lived. In view of such action on the part of this new-

born Democracy, it is the duty of every was very rapid in 1896, '97 and '98, most Populist who loves the principles he of the advocates to lend his aid to thwart the took \$3,195,152 worth in 1898 out of a destruction of his party. total for the year of \$3,713,967. For 1889

"A plan has been suggested and is being discussed all over the nation. The details of this playare, in part: "That when our nutional convention assembles that it re-affirm the Omaha the continuance of mild weather, has | platform, with direct legislation as the paramount issue, nominate W. J. five classes mentioned the chief exthe demand. Dealers,anticipating lower Bryan (and the assurance has been ports have been paper, alcohol, tobacco, given by Mr. Bryan's friends that he leather, lubricating oils, lumber and ing sparingly, and it is evident that will accept the nomination) and some scientific apparatus. Of the imports,

MYSTERY OF THE NEWS THIS MORNING ASIATIC TRADE Weather Indications Today: THE MAINE FAIR AND MUCH COLDER. GREAT DEVELOPMENT WITH General-General Buller's Version of CHINA AND JAPAN. Spion Kop Defeat. Mystery of the Destruction of the An Informer Gives the Maine. Our Asiatic Trade. Statement Prepared by Frank H. Forecast of Week in Congress Hitchcock, Chief of the Foreign Details of the Con-General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Market Section of the Agricultural Financial and Commercial. Department-Gain in Exports of spiracy. Local-Sermon by Rev. Austin Griffin. Banquet of Insurance Men. Iron and Steel Is Very Rapid. Editorial. News and Comment. Increase Nearly All Made in the STORY OF AWFUL PLOT Local-Convention of the B'nal B rith, Mention of Some Men of the Hour. Washington, Jan. 28 .- A report on Local-West Scranton and Subaroar. our Asiatic trade prepared by Mr. Frank II. Hitchcock, chief of the for-Round About Scranton Local-Live Industrial News, eign market section of the agricultural

> **TO BUILD SHIPS** IN THE NAVY YARDS

Mass Meeting Held in Brooklyn. Speakers Urge That the Government Should Construct Its Own Vessels.

record of \$60,281,386, the highest up to New York. Jan. 28 .- There was a that time. In the fiscal year 1894, dur mass meeting of employes of the navy yard last evening at Waveriy hall, ing which our importations were greatly curtailed as a result of the pre-Waverly and Myrtle avenues, Brookvailing financial depression, the trade lyn, relative to the bills now before declined to \$51,513,149, and thereafter congress regarding the building of all United States ships by the navy de-Of the \$\$7,305,688 valuation placed partment in the government pave upon our trade with Japan, China and yard.s Judge Gerard B. VanWart, of the municipal court, presided.

Congressman John J. Fitzgerald said it was well known that the government had the best equipped yards, Our exports to the countries meaboth for repair work and for new work. The work had received commendation from high government offcials, and careful attention from men abroad who were familiar with navy yards and their equipments. The work cles exported aggregating in 1898 nearly 89 per cent, of the total exports to of the navy yard during the war with 'hina, Japan and Hong Kong. Japan Spain received special commendation took nearly all the raw cotton, while in the report of one of the department officials. Congressmen Clayton, Wilcotton manufactures went quite as son and May, he said, were unavoidlargely to China. All three took keroably absent from the meeting, but, like the speaker, would do all in their during the decade, exports to Japan power to bring about the recommendaactually rising from 19,677 barrels in tioh of the bills. From a canvass that 1889 to 161,654 barrels in 1898, while had been made on the floor of the house it was apparent that there was Hong Kong the latter year took 939,053 barrels, against 378,634 in 1889. China's a general sentiment in favor of having the government ships built in governdirect flour importations were small. ment and not in private yards. The gain in exports of iron and steel

Congressman Edmund H. Driggs urged his hearets to circulate petiexports going to Japan, which tions and send thousands of signatures to Washington to influence congress.

Remarks were also made by George the iron and steel exports to the places H. Warner, William F. Connell and Robert W. Reilly, to the effect that named were only \$519,212. Generally speaking, it may be stated that the experience has proven that all vessels figures show that the gain in our Asiatle exports has been nearly all made built by the government are better constructed and at less expense than in the last five years. Aside from the when built by contractors, and that a certain portion of the twenty-seven ships to be built by the government should be constructed in the various

Senor D'Martinez Swears He Knows the Principals Who Perpetrated the Foul Crime in Havana Harbor. After the Awful Slaughter He Sought Rofuge in the United States-United States Government Officials Listen to the Story.

New York, Jan. 28 .- The Herald today published a startling story of the destruction in Havana harbor of the United States battleship Maine. It is a strange story-in some respects almost incredible. The Herald does not youch for its truthfulness, but it is supported by the sworn testimony of the informer, who professes to have been, if not an actual participant in the dreadful work. at least an active observer of the preparations for it.

His story has been heard with deep interest by representatives of three departments high in the councils of the executive branch of the government in Washington, and particularly investigated by two of them,

It is not the least remarkable featury of this extraordinary narrative that the present informer, Edward Jose D'Martinez, took refuge after the tragedy, not in Spain, the home of his fathers, but in America, the land of his foes, and has lived since March, 1898, in a little town in Southwestern Alabama, close to the Florida line. And the irresistible magnet that drew him to the village of Gordon, Ala., he asserts, was his love of wife and child, for, though born a Spanish count in Granada, though eleven years in the secret service of Spain, he had married an American wife.

Mysterious Letter of Warning.

Through all the troubled summer of 1898, when war news was on every lip, he says he lived the quiet life of a southern recluse, rarely even seeing a newspaper of recent date. Neighbors, observing that he lived without visible means of support and lived as well as they, wondered idly if he were in the moonshine distilling line. Only once does suspicion seem to have struck near the mark. That was soon after war was declared. An anonymous leter warned him to leave the town withforty-eight hours or be hanged "And we have no time to bury Spanish spies." the letter significantly con-D'Martinez did not leave. He remained there and nothing happened. His wife and child are there now, and he is in New York city. The Herald has been in possession of D'Martinez's story for more than a week. It has spared no pains to either verify or disprove it. It has not succeeded fully in either. Deenting the matter of too great importance either to withhold or to publish withour having first taken the United States government into its confidence. the Herald made a proposition to D'Martinez which would have staggered almost any cheap importor. The proposition was that the Spaniard should go to Washington and there subject his story and his documents to the most rigid scrutlay of such army, navy or secret service experts as the government might reminate for the investigation.

motion will be resisted by the Republicans. There is a tacit understanding that the Quay contest will not be taken Austin, Tex., Jan, 28 .- The Populists up until after the disposition of the There is no programme mapped out for the house this week. The Indian appropriation bill has been reported and the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill is in preparation. It s expected that these bills will occupy

ter is addressed to all county chairmen, and reads as follows:

if the position, but was far more actween the lines of trenches was an oper cessible from the north than from the south.

"The right of January 23 he attacked Spion Kop, but found it very difficult to hold, as its perimeter was too large, and water, which he had been led to believe existed, in this extraordinary dry season, was found very deficient, "The crests were held all that day

against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire. Our men feught with great gallantry. I would especially mention the conduct of the Second Cameronans and the Third King's rides, who supported the attack on the mountain from the steepest side and in each case fought their way to the top, and the Second Lancashire Fusiliers and Second Middlesex, who magnificently maintained the best traditions of the British army throughout the trying January 24, and Thornycroft's day mour infantry, who fought throughout the day equally well alongside of them.

"General Woodgate, who was in command at the summit, heying been wounded, the officer who succeeded him decided on the night of January 24 to abandon the position and did so before dawn January 27.

"I reached Warren's camp at 5 a. m. on January 25 and decided that a second attack upon Spion Kop was useless and that the enemy's right was too strong to allow me to force it

"Accordingly I decided to withuraw the force to the south of the Tugela, a. m. we commenced withdrawing the train and by 8 a. m. January 27 (Saturday), Warren's force was concentrated south of the Tugela without the loss of a man or a pound of storer The fact that the force could with-

draw from actual touch-in some cases the lines were less than a thousand yards apart-with the enemy in the manner it did, is. I think, sufficient evidence of the morals of the troops and that we were permitted to withdraw our cumbrous ox and mule transport across the river, eighty-five yards broad, with twenty-foot banks, and a very swift current, unmobisted, is, I think, proof that the eveny has been taught to respect our soldiers' fighting powers.'

At the War Office.

in the highest circles on the continent During the morning and the earlier Great Britain has to face the worst part of the afternoon a placard, beardisaster in a campaign thus tar disasing the words "No news," hung on the trous. Open talk is heard of the abtron railing in front of the war office solute necessity of abandoning Ladyand the shivering sentries who stood smith to its fate, while Lord Roberts guard on Pall Mall in the rain and reverts to the original plan of an adsleet had the district all to themselves dance over the Orange river upon About 3 p. m., however, the placard was taken in, and on the bulletin Bloomfontein. boards inside General Buller's long dispatch was displayed.

The Sunday papers issued extras, but only the faintest interest was manifested in the streets. At the servic clubs the situation, as revealed by General Buller, was considered very un pleasant. His excuses or explanations that. were characterized as very weak. The relief. Sir George White has lately been absence of water, which Sir Charles issuing extra rations, and this fact has Warren was "led to believe" existed and the facts that Spion kop was "into the length of time the provisions would last. Even should it be dedeed a mountain" and that its "perimeter was too large," are all matters cided to send General Buller reinforcewhich even General Buller's warmest ments and to attempt to reach Lady admirers hold should have been ascortained before he attacked.

One comforting feature of the situation, however, is the fact that General Buller's retirement across the Tugela was accomplished without loss, which

veldt, which had to be rushed, under in moving coal, and they could readily a heavy fire not only from ritles but do more business were it offered. There of lyddite and shrapnel from field guns. is no difficulty in shipping coal by sea. Three forces ascended the three spurs as the harbors are all open, the only co-ordinately, under cover of fire from hindrance to navigation being the fogs the Free State Krupps, a Creusot and a big Maxim. The English tried to rush There were reports of cutting in prices the Boers with the bayonet, but their last week at tidewater of 15 to 25 cents infantry went down before the Boer rifle fire as before a scythe.

two konjes cast of Spion Kop. Many

Boers were shot, but so numerous were

the burghers that the gaps filled auto-

wall of fire from the Mausers held the

English back. Their center under this

pressure gradually gave way and

The prisoners speak highly of the

bravery of the burghers, who, despis-

ing cover, stood against the skylin-

edges of the summit to shoot the Dub-

lin Fusilers, sheltered in the trenches

Firing continued for some time and

then the Fusilers and the Light Horse

serving as infantry threw up their

arms and rushed out of the trenches.

Spion Kop by the English can nardly

be gauged as yet, but it must prove

An unusually high proportion

GLOOM IN LONDON.

doned by Buller's Troops.

reaction is all the stronger because of

the high hopes that were reposed in

General Buller's turning movement

in the confident hope of early

would be "no turning back."

lynddite shells did not explode.

to be immense

The effect of the abandenment of

broke, abandoning the position.

the prevalent dullness continues there The Boer investing party advanced will soon be a considerable accumulastep by step until in the second trench tion of unsold stocks of coal. The rewhen a white flag went up and 150 men cent spurt of colder weather for a day in the front trenches surrendered, being or two, however, may make a bette sent as prisoners to the head laager. demand for the coming week. The Boer advance continued on the

GERMANS AMALGAMATE.

matically. Toward twilight they Singing and Turner Societies Join reached the summit of the second the Central Union kopje, but did not get further. The Pittsburg, Jan. 28 .- At a meeting of Britism maxims belched dame, but a

the Amalgamated association of German singing and turner societies of Western Pennsylvania, held today, it was decided to drop its old name, retain its autonomy and become a member of a state organization, which is far-reaching in its object. It is now the Pittsburg branch of the German-

American Central union-A circular sent out from Philadelphia which explained the objects of the or-ganization, was read. The preamble states that German societies have been unjustly attacked in various portions of the state, and that all organizations should amalgamate for one purpose, that of bettering themselves. jects are the spreading of the German language, teaching of manual training and gymnastics in the public schools, the extension of rights of all citizens, and more liberal legislation-the wiping Ladysmith May Have to Be Aban-

out of the blue laws. It further states the organization shall not attach itself to any political Lordon, Jan. 29.-4.15 a. m.-The party, and that any of its officers that week has opened with the utmost seek political preferment must resign. gloom for the British public and the

----CARLIST ARSENAL.

and of his announcement that there Gendarmes Unearth Arms and Ammunition at Palencia.

At the very moment when Dr. Leyds Madrid, Jan. 28 .- The gendarmes yesis being received as an honored guest terday unearthed a Carlist arsonal in house in Palencia, capital of the province of that name, and seized 109,-000 cartridges and a large quantity of arms.

Six Carlists who are implicated fled across the frontier.

Another Mysterious Wreck.

To Ladysmith the disappointment St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 28.-The continu must be very bitter. A dispatch from the Boer laager near the town, dated ance of the storm makes it impossible to obtain definite knowledge as to the iden tity of the vessel which went ashore or January 24, describes the garrison as Wednesday, January 17, on Foxtall point, Much apprehension is felt among the shore folk at Bay of Islands, as it is very evidently preparing a desperate coup in order to effect a junction with General Buller's advancing army." feared that more than one vessel has It may be regarded as a certainty been lost.

Lord Roberts Visits the Maine.

Cape Town, Jan. 25 .- Thursday Lord given rise to an exaggerated idea as after visiting the hospital ship Roberts. Maine, over which he was conducted by Lady Randolph Churchill, expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements The Maine will sail for Durban tomorrow

Mrs. Platt's Illness.

smith by a movement through the still more difficult country cast of Colenso. it is extremely doubtful whether the Washington, Jan. 24 .- The condition Mrs. Platt, the wife of Senator Platt, of garrison could hold out long enough. [Continued on Page 2.] better today.

the January output will be less than southern Populist. The Free Silver silk and tea made up 70 per cent, of usual monthly product heretofore Republicans will endorse the platform The companies no longer have trouble and its candidates say that Mr. Brzan friends will go before the convention with a demand for the endorsement of the action of the Populist conven- year we imported \$16,453,406 worth of tion and it is argued that they will not refuse. In the event that they do so produced by the warmer weather. Mr. Bryan may refuse the nomination at the hands of the Democracy. This action of itself will, by the Demoper ton in order to secure sales, and if crats, signal their utter defeat, and also that of the Populists, but defeat will lay at the door of the Democrats."

TO CLEAN OUT JOINTS.

Police Proceed Against Opium Dens 'n Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29 .- As a result of tragic death of a young woman last week in an onlum den located in Chinatown, the police at 1 o'clock this morning started to clean out the resorts in the locality.

Six places had been visitetd up to 1.45 a. m. and over forty persons have been arrested. Many of them being under the influence of opium. At 2 a. m. the raids were still in progress Those arrested included Chinamen. white and black, males and females.

SHOOTING AT DURYEA.

Husband of the Victim Is Under Arrest.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan, 28 .- A fatal shooting affair occurred in the home of Kazimir Dudnew, at Duryca, today, The man was cleaning a gun in the kitchen, when, he claims, it was accl-

dentally discharged. The load of shot entered the side of Dudnew's wife, who was seated in the next room. She died in great agony two hours later.

The husband was arrested and held in bail for a hearing.

AMERICAN FLOUR CASES.

Hearing Fixed for Monday at Cape Town.

Cape Town, Thursday, Jan. 25 .- The prize court has fixed Monday, January 29, for the hearing of the charges with respect to the American flour, said to be intended for the Boers, which was on board the British steamer Mashona from New York, November 3, when she was captured by the British gunboat Partridge last month.

Corporation has arrived here.

Grain Elevator Burned.

New York, Jan. 28.-Fire destroyed the Lehigh Valley Railroad company's grain elevator at Perth Amboy, N. J., today The New Haven schooner Alice B. Phil lips caught fire and was damaged to the extent of \$3,000. The total loss is about \$25,000. The origin of the fire is unknown

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 28 .- Major Thoma A. Brander, past grand commander of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate vetcrans, and who was known throughout the south for his prominence in all Con federate reunicus, died here today, aged 60 years.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.-Charles R. Me Carthy, formerly an associate judge of the Huntingdon county court and who was prominent in religious and temperince circles, died at his home in this city York, was reported to have been of heart disease.

the total, Japan sending most former and China most of the latter. Silk imports were \$23,959,935 in 189 and tea imports, \$5.896,836. In that raw slik and \$2,068,660 worth of silk manufactures from Japan, while China came \$7,507,409 in raw silk and only \$135,906 in slik manufactures.

WOOD WELCOMED TO SANTIAGO Cubans Vie with Americans to Hon

or the Governor-General. Santiago de Cuba, Jan. 28.-Gover

nor General Wood, General Chaffee and Colonel Black arrived at noon after an overland trip from Manzanillo. General Demetrio Castillo headed a party of Cubans, who went by special train to San Luis and rode from there, fifteen miles on horseback, to meet General Wood. A thousand persons were gathered at the station to meet the governor general's party. A feature of the antagonism of the Cuban patriots toward the Americans is displayed in the effort of the Cuban club to excel the Americans in the demonstration in honor of General Wood. Tonight a reception and banquet, the most elabor

ate ever given here, occurred. General Wood says that he observed numerous signs of improvement on the plantations and in the mines along the

oute of his trip. The party will leave Santiago for Guantanamo and the north coast Tues-

day morning.

JERE B. REX IMPROVING.

His Physician Has Hopes for His Partial Recovery. Huntington, Pa., Jan. 28 .- After nin days of uninterrupted unconsciousness

sylvania house of representatives, who was paralyzed at his home here, was able today for the first time to recognize his friends and comprehend words addressed to him. The paralysis affecting his right side and tongue, is

still unvielding. If no further attack occurs, which, however, is feared, his physician tonight gives hopes for his partial re-

KILLED BY GAS.

covery.

The overdue transport Manchester | Tragedy Caused by a Defective Stove in Honey Brook.

Hazleton, Jan. 28 .-- Gas escaping from defective stove in the home of Stephen Kandolf, of Honey Brook, while all members of the family and six boarders were fast asleep, early this morning, caused the death of Mrs. Kan-

boarders are in a serious condition, but will probably recover.

Killed by a Hemlock.

Kane, Pa., Jan. 28.-A falling hemlock tree crushed Edward Reede, and his son to death, near here yesterday. The hem-lock had lodged against a beech tree and they were endeavoring to dislodge it when the wind swayed the hemlock from its position and it fell on the men, kill-ing both of them.

navy yards. DEFENCE OF THE MINISTRY Speeches by Jesse Collings and Aus-

ten Chamberlain.

London, Jan. 28 .-- Joseph Chamberlain, who expected to attend the banquet of the Birmingham jewellers and silversmiths last evening, was unable to be present owing to the holding of a meeting of the defence committee,

His place was taken by the Right Hon, Jesse Collings, under secretary of state for the home office, and Austen Chamberlain, civil lord of the admiralty. The former, replying to a toast to 'Her Majesty's Ministers," deplored the attitude of the press in regard to the war in South Africa. He said there had been no muddle in its conduct; and the facts, when known, would show there had been no war in which more foresight, skill and care had been displayed by the government than the present one. The reverses, he declared, only increased the determination to prosecute the work, to the end. The war involved the question whether Great Britain should maintain her post tion or sink into a significant third-

rate power. Austen Chamberlain, in the course of his remarks, said that if Great Britain to put my neck in a poose." He had shirked her responsibility the price paid would have been the loss in the near future of South Africa and her separation in the not remote future from those great branches of the

Anglo-Saxon stock, whose loyaltywhich is due to their confidence in Great Britain's power to see that right is done her subjects in every portion of the world-was so dear to Great Britain.

ANTI-IMPERIALISTS.

Chief Clerk Jete B. Rex, of the Penn- The League Claims Effective Organization in Thirty-eight States. Chicago, Jan. 28 .- The Times-Herald

today says: The American Anti-Imperialist league, which was organized at the anti-imperialist conference held here in September, claims to have an effective organization in thirty-eight states. Oklahoma and the District of Columbia.

The officers of the league, while unommunicative as to methods, admit that it aims to make itself felt in close congressional districts everywhere for the election of congressmen this year who will be against the retention of the Philippines

Connection with the Bryan cause is denied. Bourke Cochran's recent expression of friendliness for Bryan is taken to be significant in this connec tion; also the declaration of Andrew Carnegic that he will not contribute to the Republican campaign fund this year, but may contribute to the Bryan fund. Both are in this organization.

Dr. Jameson Wounded.

Head Laager, Near Ladysmith, Thurs-day, Jan. 25, via Lourenzo Marques, Jan. 25.-It is reported here that as the result of "Long Tom's" practice on Monday Dr. was wounded in the log. Presi-

dent Steyn has visited this laager. Rout for Nationalists.

Paris, Jan. 29.-The election of ninety-nine senators yesterday resulted in a practical rout for the Nationalists, only three of their thirty candidates being

Wanted to Save His Neck.

D'Martinez asked two days to consider the proposition and to consult counsel. "I do not fear to face your

experts," he sold, "but I cannot afford suffed counsel and reputed on Friday, January 12. "I will be ready to start at any time after noon today.

D'Martinez, accompanicá by a representative of the Herald, reached Washington Saturday afternoon, January 29, on the Congressional Limited. Not unnaturally the navy department was the first visited. It was, perhaps, the most vitally interested in any solution of the unsolved problem of the decade-the fate of Captain Sigsboo's battleship.

Wainwright and Wilkie Hear Story.

Secretary Long listened with deep interest to a brief outline of the story and then sont a dispatch to Commander Eichard Walnwright, United States Navy, new commanding on the old Santee, at Annapolis, at the Naval Academy. It was the same Wainwright who was the Maine's executive officer, and who was the last to leave her, after pulling down the weatherstained flag that had flown above her until then as the emblem of United States sovoreignty on her riven decks, The reporter took the Spaniard to Annapolis on Sunday, and on Monday morning brought him face to face with the Maine's executive-the hero of the Gloucester. There was an informal little court of inquiry lasting nearly three hours in the cabin of the Santee. After it was over, the Spaniard, who seemingly had borns it without flinching, said to me: "This Wainwright, 1 do not like his eyes; they burn holes

through you.' Back again in Washington last Tues-

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***************** WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 28.-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday; For eastern Pennsylvania, fair and much colder Monday; preceded by snow; brisk northerly shifting to
northwesterly winds; Tuesday, fair
with rising temperature. ***************

dolf, aged thirty-nine years, and almost suffocated all who were in the house The gas was detected by the boarders, who returned home at 3 o'clock this morning, and thereupon awakened the household. Mr. Kandolf and two of the