

He thought it entirely competent for this country to pass the Hepburn canal bill and proceed with the canal independently of all treaties, either in fore or pending.

Spooner's Arguments.

Senator Spooner combatted the arguments of Mr. Culberson. He said that he favored the canal and believed the United States should have th right to fortify and defend it, but could

not accept the view that we should proceed with that great work in total disregard of the existence of the agreement of 1850. Great Britain, he said, is a friendly power and he would not consent to any ruthless proceedings. But he would go at the work of preparing for the construction in an orderly way which would insure the sup port and good will of kindred people. He was, therefore, an advocate of the negotiation. He said that Great Britain on three different occasions had approached this country to secure the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, but upon each occasion the United States had declined the overture. True, the proposition had been acted upon by the state department without consulting congress, but

at any rate the incidents at least indicated the English attitude upon the question of abrogation. Senator Lindsay spoke for the ratifi-

cation of the treaty without further amendment. He said that he had even opposed the committee amendment adopted yesterday, because, to his mind, the amendment is a concession to Great Britain which it is unnecessary to make. "It concedes," he said. "that without the amendment Great Britain would have the right to pass ships through the canal in time of war and I am not willing to have the United States take that position. I think the treaty would have been strengthened without the amendment."

Mr. Lindsay also announced his will> ingness to treat with Great Britain for the total abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Senator McCumber also favored ratification of the treaty without the amendment. Senator Elkins repeated the views expressed by him yesterday for absolutely independent action in the construction of the canal and in the operations of the United States in Central America.

Alvord Pleads Not Guilty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 11.-Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr. the defaulting teller of the First National bank, was arraigned before Judge Thomas in the criminal part of the United States circuit court to day and pleaded not guilty. Judge Thomas set the trial for Dec. 26, although counter for the prisoner asked that the case be a ljourned metil January.

Two Boys Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 11 .- Two sons of Wilim Snyder and one son of Elmer Dean, aged 9 and 10 years respectively, were drowned in mill dam at Finesville, above here, this even-g. The boys broke through the ice on the One body was discovered.

Castle Destroyed by Fire.

lusive Wire from The Associated Press. alls, Dec. 14.-The Chateau Bel Oile, the and summer residence of the Prince of lating from 1140, has been destroyed by a paintings and most of the principal art which it contained were saved.

MR. SHEPPARD **IS VINDICATED**

duties.

misapplied.

Investigation Shows That He Should Have Been Retained at Bath.

> By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press with th Albany, Dec. 14.-The State Board of Charities has transmitted to Governor Roosevelt the report of the investigalays is required from Pekin to Siantion by the board's committee of the

> Fu and return. management of the New York state Soldlers' and Sailors' home at Bath TO LIMIT MEMBERSHIP. The investigation, which has attracted considerable attention, was com-Mr. Brosius Introduces Bill in the menced over a year ago. Commandant Sheppard was charged with drunken-

Pekin.

House. ness and also with having individual By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. bills paid out of the state fund. The Washington, Dec. 14.-Representative finding of the committee is that the Brosius, of Pennsylvania, today introcharges against the commandant were duced a resolution for a constitutional not proved, the final conclusion being amendment designed to permanently that the interests of the home would fix the membership of the house of have been promoted by the retention of representatives at 357, the present Mr. Sheppard, who resigned from his number. The proposed amendment recites that the membership of the house The committee finds, however, that shall remain at 357; that when a new the post exchange funds made up from state is admitted it shall have one the sales at the canteen had been

return is expected tomorrow.

member, which shall be in addition to the 357, until the next re-apportion-The committee, in its report, refers ment, when it shall return to that to the fact that on the principal number, and that the electors of each thoroughfares of the home are located state shall have the qualification of fourteen saloons. These saloons here within a short distance of the fate, lectors for the most numerous branch of the state legislature. are far from being of a high type and Mr. Brosius says the present repre-

are supported mainly by the pension centation is bulky enough and that moneys of the members of the home. future changes should be confined to readjusting the ratio of state represen-SENTENCE COMMUTED. tations without increasing the total.

President Imprisons Privates Stanley and Feaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

tenced to be hanged.

the period of twenty years.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

was remanded until Wednesday for sentence.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.-Hamilton Harris, 1

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Attempts to Get Work While Disguised as a Laborer.

WYCKOFF'S EXPERIENCE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, the working classes. Mr. Robert A. Woods, of Boston, Mass., testified upon the social and col-

sued a requisition on the governor of New York for the return to rowanda, Bradford county, of St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 14.-Ex-Senator M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, and a party of five triends passed through the city last night for Mr. Quay's winter home at St. Lucca. It is said if the state of A. B. Corson, who is under arrest in Binghamto for being an accessory to the murder of Silar Moon in Bradford county, in November, 1890. he will spend several days fishing and hunting

Zeimer Found Guilty. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Destructive Pampas Fire. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. corder Goff on charges of subornation of perjury in connection with certain divorce cases, this London, Dec. 15.-According to the Bucnos Ayres correspondent of the Dolly Express six hun. afternoon returned a verdict of guilty. Zeimer

dred miles of grain and grass crops, with vast herds of cattle have been destroyed by a pumpas fire in the bamablanca region.

termer state senator and for many years the counsel of the New York Central railroad, died today in this city day unished its term in this to meet at Scratton, Jan. 14, 1901

year Berlin, Dec. 14 .- In a private disoatch from Count von Waldersee, it is reported that the negotiations for Awarded the franchises of St. Paul. peace with China are seriously under Minneapolis and Kansas City to the way, the initial obstacles having been Western league. This in a nut-shell overcome and full accord existing becovers the work accomplished by the tween the ministers of the powers at magnates during their five days' ses-The Chinese plenipoten larles, sion, as given out by President Young. the distatch also says, find no further The resolution turning down the difficulty in communicating directly players' organization is as follows: imperial court. Telegraph's Resolved, That inasmuch as the three requests communication exists between P-k'n and Sian-Fu, via Shanghai. Only five

other new and radical proposed changes in our players' contracts, which also affect the national agreement, it is impossible to intelligently dilported. ferentiate them and that the adoption of such proposed amendments would not only be preju-

noon heial to individual interest, but would, we believe, be destructive to organized base ball. When the answer was brought to

Zimmer, Griffith and Jennings, the Mine Workers of Shamokin Districts players' committee, the effect was disappointing. They had confidently ex-

pected another hearing. In speaking of the result of the finding of the magnates, "Chief Zimmer, of the players" committee, said;

"This is not the end of the matter. The league's refusal to do anything for us will be brought before the association and action will be decided upon. There is no backing down with us. Our demands are fair, and with right on our side the public will support us. Wait and see what happens. There may be another story in a few days." The schedule and umpire questions

were first taken up at today's session of the magnates. It was decided to again have a 140 game schedule, each coam playing twenty games with the others. The season will open April 18

and close Oct. 6. The Western league will now be composea of eight cities. Besides the ones awarded tonight the circuit will inciude St. Joseph. Denver, Des Moines,

Sioux City, or Pueblo and Omaha. It was stated tonight that Harry Pulliam had resigned as secretary of

the Pittsburg club.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14 .- During the evening Mafor Taylor established a new indoor world's record for one-quarter mile unpaced, making the distance in 25 4-5 seconds. At the end of the fifth day the riders were 52 miles behind the record made by Waller and Miller last year, The 1 o'clock score was as follows: Pierce and McEachern, 2381.8; Elkes and McFarland, '9381.8; Simar and Gougoltz, 2251.2; Kaser and Ryser, 22:0.9; Frederick and Fisher, 2280.9; Walter and Stinson, 2279.4; Babcock and Aronson, 1506.1; Turville and Gimm, 1499.7.

Carter Will Investigate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 14 -- Mayor Carter Harrison has indertaken a personal investigation to ascertain whether or not the McGovern-Gans contest at Tattersall's last night was a "fake," He delared today that if the facts satisfied that eith er or both the participants arranged to "quit" he will never issue abother license to boxing premoters. Just how the mayor proposes getting at the bottom of the muddle is a mystery.

Telegraphers' Strike.

Surgeon Olcott Discharged. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.-No developments have come to light in the telegraphers' strike. The telegraphers have established headquarters here By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14 .-- Upon the report of a naval board which found him physically and mot with the chief officers of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in charge and announce that they

will keep up the fight until they shall have won. I charged with one year's pay.

of its long distance Ratified an agreement by which no far no marine disasters of any moment club shall carry more than sixteen have been reported. On the bay sevplayers during the season after May 15. eral boats were capsized, but no one sack, which has the name of the bank was drowned so far as is known. Sevtridges, fuses and various burglar no damage is reported. Reports from points at short distances from San give their names. Francisco tell of much damage by the storm. Buildings were blown over and **REVENUE BILL** unroofed in many sections, chimneys made orally by Attorney Taylor have been so merged in and confused with a large number of hut so far no fatalities have been but so far no fatalities have been re-

The House Adjourns Without Dispos The storm ceased almost entirely at ing of the Measure-An Effort

THEIR LARGEST PAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Receive Big Earnings. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14 .- Employes of the Mineral and Union Coal companies began receiving their Christmas pay today, the total disbursement, including pay for miners working for individual operators and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, between here and Centralia, amounting to over \$475,000. This is the largest pay in the history of the Shamokin-Mt, Carmel coal fields. The colliertes, employing over 15,900 men and boys, have worked steadily since the strike, which, with the ten per cent. increase, is the cause of the big disbursement.

COAL LAND SOLD.

Capitalists Gobble Large Blocks of Virginia Earth.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, Pa., Dec. 14 .- Contigurailroad and steamship freight blocks of coal land near Rutan and Oak Forest, Greene county, inceipts. cluding 16,000 acres, have been sold to Pittsburg and Brownsville par-

A New York syndicate has bought shipper to pay the tax. The amend-7,000 acres near West Middletown, this ment precipitated a lively debate, in the course of which Mr. Smith made : county, at \$30 per acre. This was optioned a year ago. Its development personal allusion to a United States senator who is connected with one of must await a railroad. the express companies. Mr. Payne

Senate in Secret Session.

it was carried, 123 to 106. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14 .- Throughout nearly the entire legislative day the senate was in secret

New York, Dec. 14 .-- A special to the Journal

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By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. ession, discussing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 14 .- The friends of Stanis msinesa of importance was transacted in the brief open session except the adoption of the house resolution providing for a holiday recess laus Barsochevick, the Russian who was ar-rested in Plymouth a few days ago at the in-

stance of the Russian consul in New York, charged with having committed a murder in Russia, have come to his def-nse. Today they to extend from Friday, Dec. 21, to Thursday, employed an attorney to go to New York and oppose the extradition of the prisoner. Pugilist Paddy Ryan Dead. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Prosecution Weakened.

and Advertiser from Albany, N. Y., says: "Pad-dy Ryan, at one time champion pugilist of the world, who was defeated by John L. Sullivan By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Chicago, Dec. 14 .- The cases against Terry Me Govern, Joe Gaus, Manager Harris and the pro-forward, Joe Gaus, Manager Harris and the pro-moters of last night's fight were today dismissed for want of prosecution. Frank Hall, who caused the arrests, asked a continuance, which was dein their famous fight in Mississippi some years ago, died at his home in Glen Falls, N. Y., this afternoon.

vigorously fought the amendment, but

Will Defend Barsochevick.

nied.

Census Returns. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14 .-- The census bureau to-ay announced the population of Clearfield, Pa., Assistday annot 118 5.081

train was in motion to escape the a diamond ring, thus losing her life flying builets. One of the men cap- The others who perished suffocated, tured had \$360 in cash, mostly bills, without being able to find the fire with several hundred pennles in a escapes. It is stated that heavy wire screens were firt. . nailed across the stamped on it. They had several bot- windows leading the fire-escapes, eral vessels dragged their anchors, but ties of nitro-glycerine, dynamite car- and the only way the lucky ones escaped was by crawling through wintools. The two refuse to talk or even | dows adjacent to the escapes and then creeping along the gutter of the mansard roof. Lawyers say there will be damage suits instituted against the state because of the fire-escape screens. A search for remains is being made as rapidly as possible, but digging over the acre of debris, which is still burn-

ing, is slow work. Principal Palmer estimates the loss at \$200,000, with \$93,-000 insurance.

STILL ON LIST

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in the Interest of Beer.

Washington, Dec. 14 .- The house to-

more than half the war revenue re

duction bill. General debate closed at

opened to amendment under the five-

minute rule. A determined effort was

made to reduce the tax on beer below

the committee rate of \$1.60 a barrel

but the ways and means committee

committee, however, sustained two

original defeats. In connection with

the beer tax, Mr. Payne offered an

overwhelmed the opposition.

to crush out the small brewers.

Nothing was saved from the magnificent building, not even the personal effects of the ladies in the dormitory or the valuable records of the school. Grief-stricken parents are arriving to assist in the search for their dead. day adjourned without disposing of School has been adjourned until January 3, when classes will meet in the different halls and churches of the vil-2 o'clock, after which the bill was lage. Plans for a new and larger structure are already under way. The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation equal to the insurance.

SENTENCED TO BE SHOT.

Sleeping Sentry at Manila to Die on Christmas Day.

amendment in the language of the bill By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. passed by the house last session, de-Southington, Conn., Dec. 14 .-- News signed to abolish the use of small beer has reached here in the form of an packages, one-sixth and one-eighth official communication from General barrels, but it was defeated by 85 to MacArthur, that Linas Skinner, a 94, after charges that its purpose was former Southington boy, has been sentenced to be shot on Christmas day Another defeat occurred in connecfor sleeping at his post when on sention with the amendment offered by try duty. The young man is a mem-Mr. Henry C. Smith, of Michigan. The ber of the Forty-third United States bill abolished the one-cent stamp tax volunteers, now stationed near Tagloon express receipts and telegraph ban, Leity, P. I. His father, John P. messages, but retained the tax on Skinner, who is 71 years of age, is nearly heartbroken by the news and Mr. Smith's amendment rehas left for Washington to plead with stored the tax on express receipts and President McKinley for his son's life. altered the form of the section so as Young Skinner has a wife, who is to compel the company instead of the now employed as a clerk in a New York dry goods store.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14 .- Cleared: Ethiopia, Glasgow; Lucania, Liverpool; Graf Waldersee, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg, Glas-gow-Arrived: Californian, New York. Havre→ Arrived: La Gascogne, New York. Hamburg--Arrived: Cap Frio, New York. Moville-Sailed: Anchoria (from Glasgow), New York. Rinsale-Passed: Etruria, for Queenstown and Liverpool, Genoa-Arrived: Werra, New York via Gibraltar and Naples. Beach Head-Passed: dam, Rotterdam for New York. Amster-

Mack Will Be Manager. .

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Milwaukee, Dec. 14 .- The Daily News sayat "Connie Mack, who for four years has been the manager of the Milwaukee base ball team, has Haposed of his stock in the local club and will be the manager of the new American League team to be organized at Philadelphia."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennaylvania -Fair, continued cold Saturday, Sunday, **************

Washington, Dec. 14 .- Privates Benjamin Stanley and Thomas Feaster, of the Forty-eighth volunteer infantry, stationed in the Philippines, were convicted recently by court-martial of rape and desertion and each was sen-The president has commuted the sentence in each case to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and al-

lowances and confinement at hard labor at Leavenworth penitentiary for Requisition for Corson.

lege settlement work.

Harrisburg, Dec. 14 .- Governor Stone today Mr. Quay's Fishing Trip. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

in Florida and return to his home for Christing

New York, Dec. 14 .- The jury in the case of Henry Zenner, who has been on trial before Re-

Superior Court. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.



