# CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR AGITATION

Goast Town Newspapers Continue to Tell of Preparations for a Struggle.

TWO CENTS.

#### COLOMBIA PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY

The Gunboat General Pinzon Is Ready for Battle-General Castro Expects to Starve the Liberal Leader, Lorenzo, Into Submission. Indian Tactics Will Be Used.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Colon, Colombia, Dec. 26.-Newspapers just received here from coast towns in Colombia and Venezuela have much to say about the present status of the Venezuelan-Colombian imbroglio. The gist of these various newspaper articles is that each republic is still recriminating the other for permitting the mustering of arms, troops, ammunition, etc., and the actual invasion of the other's territory in alleged violation of the laws governing the rela-tions of friendly nations. These newspapers contain no news of a declaration of war by either Colombia or Venezuela. They set forth that the policy of Colombia is one of readiness to meet any emergency; hence she will make continued efforts to increase the numbers of her troops now on the Ven-

ezuelan frontier. The Colombian gunboat General Pinion, with 700 troops on board, has left here for Rio Hacha. It is reported from the interior of Colombia that there has been no recent serious fighting there. A few Liberal insurgents vere found near Honda on the Magdalena river. They were easily defeated for the seat in congress made vacant dispersed by the government

Castro, considering it next to imposable to surround the Liberal leader, Lorenzo and his followers, who are now in La Negrita mountains, has come to the conclusion that the governnent's best policy is to garrison the nterior towns strongly in the neighborgood of the Liberal retreat, thus cutting off Lorenzo's supplies and ultimately forcing him to surrender.

General Gastro is an old Indian fighter. He has campaigned in the Guajira peninsula and in the Colombian department of Cauca. He is familiar with the Indian tactics of warfare used by

## Deplorable Financial Condition.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- Mail advices received at the Colombian legation speaks of the deplorable financial condition of the country resulting from the strain of the rebellion. Paper money has depreciated so that \$45 in paper money is equivalent to only \$1 in gold. Mr. Herran, the charge at the legation, said tonight the rebellion is now practically over. There are only scattered marauding bands left, numbering probably not much more than 300 men. These are in the isthmus of Panama and the state of Toulina, but they are being wiped out rapidly. The rebellion broke out in October 1899, and has cost the country the lives of 50,000 able bodied men, the sinews of her population and \$250,000,000 in money, and has left the country in a state of exhaus-

#### HANNA AND FORAKER FORCES LINED UP

Fun Ahead in the Ohio Legislature from Now Until Caucus. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Columbus, O., Dec. 26 .- The fight over the organization of the Obio legislature took on definite form today at noon when the Hanna side of the controversy announced its slate.

There is no Hanna candidate for president of the senate pro tem: W. B. Uhl of Cleveland is slated for clerk of the senate, W. S. McKinnon of Ashtabula for speaker of the house and Burgess L. McElroy for clerk are pitted against the Foraker ticket which is as follows: For president of the senate. Frank B. Archer, of Bellaire: for clerk Sheriff Scobey of Troy; for speaker of the house, Aaron T. Price of Athens; for clerk, Harvey V. Speelman, of Mar-Each side accepted the terms of the other. The candidates are on the ground and there will be a battle royal from now on until the caucus on Jan.

## WETCH ON CANADIAN PACIFIC.

At Least Four Men Killed in Collision Near Sault Ste. Marie.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 26,-The local express and a working train on the Canadian Pacific railway were in collision last night between this place and Webbwood, while running at ful! speed. Four men or more were killed, and several were severely injured. The erew of the working train, among which were most of the killed, were from the Michigan Soo, with the ex-

ception of McDavit, the engineer. The names of those killed have not been learned. Christopher, the engineer; Miller, the fireman; Gould, the conductor, and the baggageman of the express, were seriously hurt. A train carrying physicians was sent to the

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26.-Sailed: Steamer La Savole, Havre, Rotterdam—Arrived; Steamer Maasdam, New York, Hamburg—Arrived; Penn-

# MACLAY DISMISSED.

Expects to Report for Duty Again. Civil Service Commission Approves of His Discharge.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26.-Edgar Stanton Maclay, who refused to resign as special laborer in the office of the general storekeeper of the navy yard was summarily discharged today. Maclay went to the navy yard as usual today and prepared to resume his duties. Pay Director Putnam went to

Maclay's desk, read him the telegram of dismissal received from Washington yesterday and told him that he was dismissed. Maclay left the yard immediately. He said he would return at the usual time tomorrow prepared to Washington, Dec. 26.-The civil ser-

vice commission today notified Edgar S. Maclay, the historian recently employed in the Brooklyn navy yard that his removal from his position at that point was not in violation of the civil service act. This notification is contained in a letter written to Mr. Maclay by President Proctor of the commission and is in reply to an inquiry from him.

## **NEW YORK DEMOCRATS** ARE IN A WRANGLE

Mr. O'Grady's Friends Object to the Nomination of Perry Belmont. Belmont Threatens Croker.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, Dec. 26.-The factional disagreement among the Democrats of the Seventh congressional district over the nomination of a candidate by the resignation of Nicholas Muller, reached the election bureau today. The Colombian conservative general, The friends of Joseph O'Grady, represented by Asa Bird Gardner, filed protests against the nomination of Perry

> Belmont and John E. Bennett. The main objections set forth were of a technical nature and questioned the legality of the nominating conventions. An incident of the contest is the personal quarrel between Richard Croker and Perry Belmont, and the latter has threatened to sue the Tam-

> many leader for libel.
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> Tonight Perry Belmont filed objeclons with the board of elections to the certificate of nomination filed by O'Grady. The objections are that Belmont is the nominee of the regular onvention and that O'Grady is not, in that the convention which nominated O'Grady was not legally called. Argument will be heard on the objections Saturday.

> The Greater New York Democracy. convention tonight, unanimously ominated Perry Belmont as its candidate for the Seventh congressional district.

#### GENERAL MASO **GIVES UP THE FIGHT**

Quits the Campaign and Returns Home-General Gomez Threatens to "String Up" a Few.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Havana, Dec. 26.-General Bartolome Maso, candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency of Cuba, left here this morning for his home at Manzanillo. He has given up the campaign. The demonstration yesterday evening, as well as that held at the railroad station this morning, brought out a large crowd.

A Havana newspaper quotes General Maximo Gomez as threatening to have Civil Governor Recio, of Puerto Prinipe province, expelled from when he returns to Havana, for hav ing permitted demonstrations against Gomez in the course of his political tour of that province. The same paper says also that General Gomez has threatened to "string up" a few others when the Cuban republic is formed.

#### VENEZUELANS AT MARTINIQUE Insurgent Chieftains in Touch with

Arms and Adherents. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Fort de France, Martinique, Dec. 26, -Many Venezuelans have arrived General Matos, the reputed leader of the revolution against Castro, is still here, as is the British

steamship Ban Righ. It is alleged that the vessel has on board 5,000,000 cartridges and 10,000 Mauser rittes.

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Olympia, Wach., Dec. 26.—Governor Redgers died at 8 o'clock tonight, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Rev. Father Christo-pher Keenig, aged 60 years, died at St. Mary's hospital. St. Leuis, teslay, on the thirty-third anniversary of his pastorate of St. Henry's church, East St. Louis. He had been ill about a month New York, Dec. 26.-The Rev. James Cameron, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Acception, Jersey City, died from blood paison today, the result of a cut upon his leg with chiael, while he was working about his hor recently. He was born in England in 1814, but was brought to this country when a child. He was obtained in 1857 and had been in charge

#### d Ascension parish fifteen years. President's Dinner Guests.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26. President Rosscrelt to-night entermined a party at dinner. The guests were: Secretary Root, Attorney General Knox, sylvania, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg, Lizard—Paraed: La Bretagne, New York for Havre.

\*\*Comparison of Paraed: La Bretagne, New York for New York.\*\*

#### SURRENDER OF SAMSON. War Department Is Advised by Cable of the Event.

Re Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.-The war department has been advised by cable from Manila of the surrender of the tasaron, with all his officers and men, twent-eight cannon and forty-flye

Mutsaron does not appear on any of the maps in the possession of the department, but it is assumed that the surrender took place in the island of Bohol, as it was there that Samson of late has been operating with his followers, having crossed over from the former scene of his depredations, the island of Cebu.

#### THE CHILE-ARGENTINE AFFAIR ADJUSTED

Minister of Foreign Affairs at Buenos Ayres Announces the Satisfactory Termination.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Dec. 26.-The Argentine ceived a despatch from the minister of foreign affairs at Buenos Ayres anof the Chile-Argentine trouble, and giving the basis of settlement. The letter of acceptance, in which he aplispatch is as follows:

"The pending incidents with Chile with the government of that country It reads as follows: and in a satisfactory form. Chile gives explanation of the opening of roads through the disputed territory, and both governments agree to withdraw the police forces which they have maintained in the territory in controversy situated near the inlet of Ultima (Signed) Esperanza.

'Alcorta, minister of foreign affairs." Dr. Garcia-Merou expressed himself as highly gratified with the disappearance of the war cloud, and pointed out that the terms of the settlement showed that Argentine's earnest desire to maintain peace had led her to make considerable sacrifices. By both forces withdrawing their police from that locality the government ownership of the Ultima Esperanza territory becomes a

#### BLIZZARDS IN THE WEST

Sleet and Snow Storms Raging in the Rocky Mountains and Moving South.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest, Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 26.-Sicet and snow storms, accompanied by wind, which at some points almost reached the velocity of a hurricane, have wrought havoe with train and telegraph service in the northwest. the mountains west of Missoula, Mont. the snow and sleet was blinding. The storm is still raging in the mountains, all trains are more or less delayed, while telegraph service is completely prostrated. Spokane, Wash., so far as elegraph is concerned, is completely cut off from the ouside world.

At Butte, Mont., the storm came from the west out of a clear sky, the snow, driven by a flerce wind, being so thick that it was impossible to see across the street. The storms apparently extend clear through to the coast. Seattle, Tacoma and other places reported terrific wind and marine disasters are feared. The storm seems to be gradually working south. High winds are reported from Utah points and every indication points to a severe blizzard in the inter-mountain region.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 26.-A storm struck Helena today with a suddenness that was startling. A calm. warm morning was transformed into a howling blizard in a moment. Snow fell rapidly, while the wind raged. The storm lasted almost an hour and since then there has been a high wind. During the storm, the wind attained a velocity of forty-five miles an hour The storm came from the northwest and was general over Western and Central Montana.

## FATAL FALL OF A CRANE.

Three Men Instantly Killed and Four Injured at the American Bridge Works.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 26 .- Thre men were instantly killed and four injured by the falling of a steel crane at the American

Bridge works this afternon. The killed are John Swan, John Traver, Albert Rock; and the injured are John Doyle, Charles Warren, Matthew Hogan and Patrick Murphy. All of the injured with the exception of Murphy are seriously hurt.

Thirty men were working in the vicinity of the crane at the time of the accident, and many of these had narrow escapes. Swan, Traver and Rock were caught beneath the huge mass of steel and each man was crushed so badly as to be almost unrecognizable The crane was guaranteed to hold thirty tons, but was carrying only twenty tons at the time of its collapse. No cause is assigned for the accident, except a possible flaw in one

## FOUR BOYS DROWNED.

of the chains supporting the crane.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bridgewater, N. S., Dec. 26. Four boys wh went skatting on Lahave river yesterday, broke through the ice and were drowned together, They were Yerry and Merville Rhadenhause others, 14 and 12 years old; Curry Hubbey, aged 12, whose birthday anniversary it was, and George Bachman, aged 10.

## Iowa Man Declines Office.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 2d. John P. Rese, of Albia, position of the United Mine Workers of lows, has declined the position of commissioner, lembred by the association of lower mine owners. and will stand for re-election as president of the

# MR. CLEVELAND **WILL SERVE**

insurgent chieftain, Samson, at Mu- He Accepts the Place as Arbitrator in Attempt to Settle Labor Troubles.

#### WILL NOT SHIRK IMPORTANT DUTY

The Ex-President Says His Sense of Public Duty Forces Him to Acquiesce-So Ill That He Can Hardly Write Letter of Acceptance. General Committee Now Complete. Names of the Members Selected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. '26 .- Ex-President minister Dr. Garcia-Merou, today re- Grover Cleveland has accepted an appointment to the industrial department of the National Civic Federation nouncing the satisfactory termination created at the recent peace conference of labor and capitalistic leaders. His proved the plan of industrial peace, was today delivered to Oscar S. Straus. have been solved by agreement directly who was chairman of the conference.

> Princeton, Dec. 24, 1901. My Dear Mr. Straus: Your letter of the 16th inst, is at hand. Illness has confined me to my room almost five weeks and I am now hardly

able to sit up and write this My desire for the quiet and comfort of absolute retirement from public or semi-public service is very strong, and grows stronger as the days pass. I should without hesitation yield to this and decline your request that I accept a place among these who are to seek the promotion of industrial peace by friendly intervention in troubles between employers and the employed if I were not afraid that I should thereby disregard an important duty. My reflections have made it clear to me that I should accept the place assigned to me; and I do so with an earnest wish that those selected to actively rep-resent the purposes and motives of your conference may not labor in vain.

Yours very truly, (Signed) Grover Cleveland. Hon. Osear S. Straus, New York.

Mr. Straus said in giving the letter to the public that every man named on the general committee had signified acceptance of the trust and

The full committee, which was announced on Dec. 17, at the time the conference was held in this city, is as fol-

#### The Public.

Grover Cleveland, Cornellus N Bliss Charles Francis Adams, Archbishop John Ireland. Bishop Henry C. Potter. Charles W. Eliof, president Harvard university. Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago, John J. McCook. John G. Millourn, Buffalo Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore.

#### Oscar S. Straus. Raiph M. Easley. Organized Labor.

Samuel Gempers, president of the American Federation of Labor John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Werkers. F. P. Sargent, grand master of the Brother hood of Lecomotive Firemen.
T. J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated

ssociation of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, James Duncan, secretary of the Granite Cutters Daniel J. Keefe, president of the International

Association of Longshoremen Martin Fox, president of the National Iro-Moulders' union James M. Lynch, president of the International Pypographical union Edward E. Clark, grand conductor, Brotherhood

Henry White, secretary of the Garment Work-Walter MacArthur, editor of The Coast Sca-

nan's Jeurnal, San Francisco. James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists.

#### Employers. Senator Marcus A. Hanne, Chicago,

Charles M. Schwab, president United State steel corporation. S. R. Callaway, American Locomotive works, Charles Moore, president National Tool com-

J. D. Rockefeller, Jr.
H. Wreeland, Metropolitan Street Railway President Roosevelt's Letter to Gov-Lewis Nixon, Crescent Shipyard, Elizabethport James A. Chambers, president American Glass

ompany, Pittsburg, Pa. William H. Pfabler, president National Associa-tion Stove Manufacturers, Philadelpoia, E. P. Ripley, president Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway.
Marcus M. Marks, president of National Assciation of Clothing Manufacturers

J. Kruttschnitt, president of Southern Pacific Railway company Senator Hanna is chairman of the committee.

# **AMERICAN ENTERPRISE** HAS INVADED RUSSIA

Capitalists Have Offered Government 36,000,000 Roubles for Copper Lands.

forrespondence of the Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Friday, Dec. 13.-A Siberian newspaper says that American capitalists have offered the government 26,000,000 roubles for a fifty year lease of a large strip of land in the Kirghiz steppes, which are rich in copper, coal and silver. The territory, 200 by 670 versts in extent, lies between Paylodar and Lake Balkass. Paclodar is on the Irtysh river, south of Omsk. Senator Clark of Montana has previously been referred to as having been in negotiations with private interests for a large piece of land in the same province-Semipalatinsk,

## Bank Messenger Arrested.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27, -A. J. Ayers, a young measurer of the Union bank of Brooklyn, who disappeared recently with \$2,000 of the bank's money, was arrested today in Montreal

## DESPERATE FIGHTING

Twenty-two Filipinos Killed-Yankee Soldiers Wounded.

partment today is advised by General 21st infantry, had a desparate hand to hand encounter in a gorge six miles south of San Jose, Batangas, Dec. 23. Patrick A. Connelly received an ugly neck and shoulders.

# AN AGREEMENT

Practically Reached by the Several Delegations at the Pan-American Congress.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. arbitration was practically reached by the several delegations to the Pan-American conference. Contrary what had been anticipated, it is al-Hague procedure. This compulsory plan, however, it is said, will take ef-

A sentiment is growing up in favor of fixing January 5 as the definite date for the closing of the conference Hon. Volney Foster, of Chicago, one of the United States delegates, takes a hopeful view of the result of the convention's work, declaring that he believes that the congress will be a success and that it will achieve that which it set out to do under the programme.

## THEIR WAGES INCREASED.

Brakemen and Yardmen at Pittsburg Receive an Advance.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.-All rathroad companies in Pittsburg district today granted increases to brakemen and yardmen and yard firemen. The advance is uniformly 2 cents an hour to yard conductors and brakemen and one cent an hour to yard firemen. Yard engineers are not affected by the increase because they are now being paid more in proportion than the other yard men. The advance is practically the scale which the men tried to force several weeks ago by striking and failed. The officials say the advance is given because the vard situation in this district has become more difficult to handle and puts much extra work on

the men. is that to be paid on the Pittsburg and

Yard conductors-day from 25 cents to 27 cents an hour; night from 26 to 28 cents; yard brakemen-day from 18 cents to 20 cents; night from 19 cents to 21 cents; yard firemen-16 to 17 cents an hour.

#### ACCEPTANCE ACKNOWLEDGED

ernor of Iowa.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 26.-Gov. Shaw tonight received the following mesage from President Roosevelt, the first he has received direct from the

"Gov. Shaw:-I am delighted that you have consented to accept portfolio of secretary of treasury. Have written.

# "Theodore Roosevelt."

ital Stock by \$500,000. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. share.

#### Will Adopt Wireless Telegraphy. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.-The navy departmen has taken the initial step towards the adoption of wireless telegraphy as a means of signalling between war ships at see. To this end Admira Bradford, of the bureau of equipment has aske that the armored cruisers of the Pennsylvania class have their masts and rigging so arranged that the wireless system can be introduced,

## By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

# OF COMPANY F.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.-The war de-Chaffee, at Manila that Company F. Twenty-two of the enemy were killed, bolo wound in the left cheek; Private Carney received six bolo cuts in the

# ON ARBITRATION

Mexico City, Dec. 26.-Today a substantial agreement on the subject of most certain that the agreement is unanimous, including Argentina, who, it was thought, would refuse to sign any but a compulsory scheme of arbitration. The basis of agreement is simply The Hague convention. All the nations represented at the conference in Mexico will become parties to The Hague convention. They might join it bers of The Hague convention, it has been concluded that they shall have nations. In addition, the nations to the conference other than the United States, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Ni- there, caragua and perhaps one or two others will sign among themselves a scheme of compulsory arbitration, but still accepting The Hague tribunal and The fect only among the signatory nations and will not have the official sanction

of the Pan-American conference.

A typical scale under the new order Lake Erie road where the men will be advanced as follows:

president regarding his appointment: (Signed)

## SHAWMUT BANK ENLARGES. Boston Institution Increases Its Cap-

Boston, Dec. 26.-The stockholders of the National Shawmut bank today voted to increase their capital from \$3 .-000,000 to \$3,500,000, the new stock to be disposed of for not less than \$20 per More vice-presidents were authorized.

Lackawanna's New Passenger Agent

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26. George W. Hayle has been appointed assistant general passengagent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Wester, railroad, with headquarters in New York city He has been chief cierk of the passenger depart

# **BRITISH CAMP IS** RUSHED BY DEWET

Charles A. Alden of the Department of Charities Has Been Missing Since Saturday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26 .- Charles A. Alden, private secretary to Commissioner John W. Keller, of the department of charities, and also acting treasurer of the department and trustee of the court fund of the Outdoor poor department, has been missing from the city since Saturday noon last and today expert accountants under direction of Commissioner Keller began examining his

books. Commissioner Keller said tonight: "I do not know where he is. He may be dead. We do not know that there

is any shortage in his accounts." The missing man has occupied h present position for the last four years. Previous to that he was a Congregational minister in Schenectady, N. Y., leaving his clerical position during the Bryan campaign of 1896 to stump the state of New York in behalf of free silver. The amount of money comparatively small.

passed through Alden's hands was On Saturday last Alden asked leave to go to Philadelphia, saying that he would be back Monday. His wife lives her he would stop at the Walton, Philindependently, but as the United adelphia. When Mr. Keller heard this States and Mexico are already mem- he wired to the hotel, and a reply came registered there on Saturday, leaving hotel immediately and has not been been seen there since. His valise is still

## SHORTAGE OF CARS INJURES COAL TRADE

Secretary Wilson Thinks That Shortage of Fuel Will Force People Into Economy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilson of the United Mine Workers of America said today that the lack of transportation facilities is doing a permanent injury to the coal mining business throughout the country. The Brief Statement from Governor shortage of fuel in the larger cities, he thinks, will accustom the people to burn smaller quantities, so hereafter they will know by experience that it will not be necessary to buy as heavily as they have when the market was well supplied. He believes this will lessen the future demand and have a tendency to hurt the business. The lack of transportation facilities, he said, exists throughout the entire mining districts of the United States. Many

mines have been shut down and others were only operating half time. President Mitchell, Vice President Lewis and Secretary Wilson will be reelected without opposition at the national convention of the miners which will begin here in January. The nomination blanks have been sent out to all of the local unions and no other names for these positions have been presented. A number of reports have been cir-

#### culated recently to the effect that President Mitchell intends to retire to engage in some other business, but he has decided to remain at the head of the organization for at least another

SOLDIERS INDULGE IN RIOT.

Dan Tarpey's Saloon Wrecked Artillery Quells Trouble. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 26.--Last night's riot at the Presidio had a sequel tonight. The saloon of Dave Tarpey,

just outside the presidio where last

night's trouble occurred was completely vrecked tonight. Early tonight nearly 200 soldiers surrounded Tarpey's saloon and began shooting and throwing stones into the building. The windows and doors were broken and bar fixtures demolished. A riot call was answered by a platoon of mounted artillery, who

arrests were made. William Ross, a soldler, who has been Tuesday night because they were unmity of the mob element among the

#### soldiers. KILLED BY A YOUNG GIRL. Mississippian Failed to Tell Identity and Was Shot.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Duck Hill, Dec. 26.-Frank Royal, young man, was shot and killed last night near this place by the daughter of his brother-in-law, T. S. Mills, whom he and his wife were visiting. Mills lieve that the senator will not live much longer. and Royal went to town in the evening. and upon their return Royal joking's refused to answer Mrs. Mills, called to him as he started to enter the hallway.

girl, thinking it some one bent on mischief, seized a shotgun and fired, the entire load entering Royal's heart as he opened the hall door.

Beatrice Mills, a fourteen-year-old

#### General Alger's Condition. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.- Dr. Longyear, who me of the attending physicians on General R. A. Alger, said tonight that the critical period has now passed and that his recovery was cernow massed and that his recovery ain so, far as he could determine at present. ieneral Alger's pulse was 66 and his temperature 8.7. "He has been taking some nourishment in the form of broth and has passed a very com fortable day," said Dr. Longyear,

NEW YORKER DISAPPEARS Lord Kitchener Reports a Disaster at Golonel Firman's Gamp at Zeefontein.

## IT IS FEARED THAT LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Boer Resistance Has Always Been Strong in That Part of the Orange River Colony - The Advantage Gained by De Wet Creates Anxiety in London.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 26.-The following dispatch has been received from Lord

Kitchener, dated Johannesburg: "General Rundle reports that the night of Dec. 24 Colonel Firman's camp which at Zecfontein, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns was successfully rushed by a strong commando under De Wet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments here. She says that her husband told of light horse are pursuing the Boers." Loudon, Dec. 27.-Boer resistance has always been very strong in that saying that a man ofthat name had part of the Orange River colony which was the scene of General De Wet's the honor of introducing the other his value as security. The man left the Christmas coup. A great quadrangle of blockhouses is being built there, the four point of which are Vereeniging, Volksrust, Harrismith and Kroonstad. At the southeast corner of this quadrangle is a long open space from Bethlehem to Lindley, where the square of blockhouses is still incomplete, and here De Wet made his attack. Colonel Firman's force probably amounted to four hundred men. and the disaster, especially the loss of the guns, the possession of which may enable De Wet successfully to attack Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Secretary the blockhouses, creates a disturbing

# impression.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Stone-Major Brown Ignored By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 26.-Governor Stone tonight issued the following brief statement on the Pittsburg political situa-

tions:

"I have nothing to add to Majo: Brown's speech last Friday night in justification of his removal." Major A. M. Brown was recently removed by Governor Stone from the oftice of recorder of Pittsburg and ex-Director J. O. Brown was appointed in his place. At a town meeting in Pitts-

burg on Friday night, Major Brown

made a speech criticising the governor

for removing him and ridiculing his

#### statement "to the people of Pittsburg," explaining the reasons for his removaL

DEATHS FROM FIRE. Three Members of the Connolly Family Victims of the Blaze.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 26. -- Another death occurred today as the result of fire last night in the home of James H. Connelly, in West Philadelphia, Mary Connelly, aged 4 years, burned to death last night, and today Mrs. Ella Connelly, 28 years old, wife of James Connelly, died in a hospital from injuries received thorugh leaping

from a second-story window. Harry, the two months' old son of James Connelly, died of his injuries this afternoon, making the third death as a result of the fire. Three other members of the family, who were badly burned, will recover.

#### MILES AGAIN IN COMMAND. Resumes His Duties in War Depart-

ment with Best Possible Grace. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Dec. 26.-Lieutenant quickly suppressed the riot. Several General Miles resumed his duties in command of the army at his office in the war department today. It is said doing extra duty at Tarpey's saloon, that he has decided to accept the sitejected two soldiers from the place on untion relative to his controversy with Secretary Root with the best possible ruly and for this he incurred the en- grace and will say or do nothing to continue the controversy.

> Senator Sewall Weaker. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

So far as known, the incident will

ause no decided change in his pre-

arranged plans, official and social, for

the future.

#### Camden, Dec. 26.—The physicians attending United States Senator William J. Sewall gave ou-the information tonight that their patient i much weaker than he was yesterday. Unless there is some improvement shown very soon, they be-

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Local data for Dec. 26, 1901; Relative humidity:

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Washington, Dec. 26.-Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania -- Rain Friday, followed by fair. Saturday, partly cloudy; light temperature changes; fresh to brisk east to southeast

WEATHER FORECAST.