CAPITOL SUITS ARE SETTLED

State Receives \$1,485,000 to End Cases.

DROP CRIMINAL **ACTIONS**

Accused Pay \$1,300,000 In Cash and Surrender Sanderson and Huston Warrants For \$185,000.

The legal actions resulting from the frauds in the furnishing of the Pennsylvania state capitol were brought to close in the Dauphin county court at Harrisburg, Pa., when President Judge George Kunkel handed down decrees affirming an agreement of settlement between the commonwealth and various respondents and sustain-ing the demurrers filed by the trust

companies.

The decrees require the payment to the state of \$1,300,000 and the sur-render of warrants by the John H. Sanderson estate aggregating \$108,000 and by Joseph M. Huston, achitect, amounting to \$77,000. As soon as the money was paid over the criminal ac-tions against various persons, not in-cluding the action against Huston,

were formally dropped.

The cases closed were two actions in equity and twenty criminal actions, In one case \$1,100,000 in cash was paid over and in another \$200,000. In the cases of the trust companies the demurrers were sustained because the principals having effected a settlement the sureties could not be held. In the case of T. Lincoln Eyre he filed an answer and the case closed without testi-

Special pleas were made by Lyman D. Gilbert in behalf of William P. Sny-der, Frank G. Harris, E. B. Hardenbergh and James M. Shumaker, setting forth that they be joined in the pro-ceedings to avoid prolonged litigation. All set forth that they were not culpa-

le.
The court then made the decree in the case against H. Burd Cassell and others, known as the Metallic Furniture case, to this effect: First—That the demurrers filed by

the Commonwealth Trust company, Harrisburg Trust company, Annie E. Barr and the Lancaster Trust company, executors of Sam Matt Fridy, deceased, are sustained and the bill is dismissed without costs.

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Second—That the demurrers filed by
H. Burd Cassell, E. L. Reinhold and
E. B. Reinhold, Penn Construction
company, Frank G. Harris, E. B. Hardenbergh, James M. Shumaker, Joseph M. Huston, William P. Snyder,
W. Roger Fronefield, executor of William L. Mathues are exercised. liam L. Mathues, are overruled.

Third—That the bill as to T. Larry Eyre and his sureties, William P. Snyder and the estate of Sam Matt Fridy, is dismissed without costs.

Fourth-That the loss sustained by the commonwealth is hereby in ac-cordance with the aforesaid stipulation filed in the case ascertained and assessed in the sum of \$200,000.

Fifth-This decree to be satisfied of record upon the payment of \$200,000 and payment of the record costs.

In the case against the estate of Sanderson and others a statement was made to the court by the attorney general explaining the differences and then a decree was made to this ef-

First-The demurrers filed by the sureties are sustained and the bill is dismissed as to each of said demurrants without costs.

Harris, Hardenbergh, Snyder, Frone-field, Shumaker, Huston, the Common-

PORTER CHARLTON.

Center of Interest In American-Italian Extradition Case.



CHARLTON CASE HELD UP

Habeas Corpus Proceedings Halted by Death In Lawyer's Family.

The hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings at Trenton, N. J., brought to prevent the extradition of Porter Charlton to Italy to answer for the murder of his wife, was postponed until Jan. 23.

The postponement is due to a death in the family of one of the lawyers appearing for Charlton. The case was to have been heard by Judge Rellstab in the United States circuit court.

The prisoner, who was in court in custody of a deputy sheriff, was returned to the Hudson county jail at

Selden Auto Patent Invalid.

The United States court of appeals reversed a decision by Judge Houga in New York, in which he upheld the validity of the Selden automobile pat

Judge Hough's decision was handed down in September, 1909. It affected every owner or manufacturer of gasoline automobile made or used in the country and involved many millions of dollars.

It is expected now that the hardfought and long drawn out case will be carried to the United States su-preme court for final decision.

The gist of the upsetting of the pat ent was to the effect that Selden had a patent on a car that made use of the Brayton two-cycle engine, which was of the constant pressure type, but that his patent could not be considered as covering the Otto gas engine, of the four cycle, constant volume, type. Moreover, the Otto used a carbureter and electric ignition system, things not provided for in the Selden patent. Therefore it was ruled that the defendants in the case, Henry Ford and Panhard and Levassor, among others, do not infringe the Selden patent.

Big Locomotive Order.

A contract for 196 locomotives for the Harriman lines has been awarded to the Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia.

It is one of the largest orders ever received at one time by the plant. The contract calls for delivery of the locomotives during the spring and summer of this year. The cost will be \$4,000,

Boy of Five Kills Grandmother.

death of his grandmother, a five-yearwealth Title Insurance and Trust company, Dimner Beeber and Pedro G. Salome, executors of Sanderson, are pointing an old shotgun at her in fun. everruled.

He hid in an outbuilding all right.

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GALE DRIVES 17 TO DEATH BLACKMAIL PLOT

Three Barges Beaten to Pieces Sent Letters to Maryland Faron Cape Cod.

of Disaster on Dreaded Sands on Massachusetts Coast.

The tragic history of the Peaked Hill bars, near Highland Light, Mass., in Somerset county, Md., Noah Thom-received a substantial addition when three coal barges were driven on the Charles Dennis and John Fields are dreadel sands at the Knuckle of Cape Cod, and seventen lives were lost.

The barges were the Treverion, Captain F. I. Brown, of Lncolnville, Me., and six men; the Corbin, Captain C. Smith, of Philadelphia, and four seamen; the Pine Forest, Captain M. W. Hall, of Provincetown, Mass., and bail each.

The Treverton was bound to Portland, Me.; the Corbin to Portsmouth, N. H., and the Pine Forest to Marb'e head, Mass. The three barges sailed from Philadelphia.

It was from the tug Lykens that the

It was from the tug Lykens that the barges broke adrift just as the doubling of the cape was almost accomplished. The gale was blowing fifty miles an hour when Highland Light was passed, and hauling well into the northward, made the ten miles of sand dunes around this point to the Race, the worst kind of a lee short. The tow the worst kind of a lee shore. The tow lines snapped and a few minutes later the barges were in the breakers.

In the marine history of Cape Cod no large vessel has yet grounded on Peaked Hill bars and escaped destruc up almost immediately, and by day light wreckage was coming ashore and sunrise disclosed but one of the three barges remaining, and that one, the Pine Forest, was showing every indication of following the fate of the oth-

crews, powerless to aid the men who could be seen clinging to the wreck of the Pine Forest. Stretching out for 800 yards was a seething mass of tum-bling seas, in which even a lifeboat could not have lived, while the distance was too far for a shot from the life gun. The tug, which hovered in the offing, was unable to run in close for fear of grounding also.

The life savers patrolled the beach

and their watch was soon rewarded by the discovery of two bodies tossing about in the breakers. These were hauled ashore. About each body was strapped a life belt, on which was

stenciled the word "Treverton."

In the meantime the Pine Forest was being hammered mercilessly. The crew clung on until about 10 o'clock. and then, giving up hope of help from shore, launched their own lifeboat and

The second sea that hit the barge after the crew left her, swept around her stern, and those on shore saw the four men thrown into the surf. This completed the fatalities of the day, and the life savers hauled their appa ratus back to the houses, but contin ued their patrol for bodies.

The Lykens remained around until it was seen that all the barges were wrecked and then ran around into Provincetown

The disaster was one of the heav iest in loss of life on Cape Cod in

The bodies from the three wrecks came ashore quite rapidly after the tide had turned, and at 2 p. m. twelve After his father had been arrested in connection with the shooting to taken to a temporary morgue at Prov-

WOLVES EATING SETTLERS Traveler, Back From Alaska, Says the

Packs Are Desperate.
Several resident of the west coast of Prince of Wales island, southeast-

ern Alaska, have been killed and eaten by wolves during the last year, according to Charles A. Sulzer, of New York, who has just returned to Seattle, Wash., from the north.

Mr. Sulzer says that the wolves, hav-ing killed off all the deer, have become desperate with hunger and now come up to the doors of the miners' cabins.

TRIED TO KILL HIS BRIDE

Young Husband Attacks Harrisburg,

Following a quarre) with his bride, Joseph F. Robb, of Baitimore, Md., in-jured her skull with a hammer, inflicting wounds which are expected to

result fatally.

The attack was made while the young woman was in bed at their home, 226 South Chester street. Robb then went to the river front and jump-Julia Dean, of Harrisburg, Pa.

FIVE HELD IN

mers Demanding Money.

TOW LINE PARTED IN GALE ONE CONFESSES TO CRIME

Many Philadelphians Among Victims Threatened Death and Destruction of Property Unless Demands Were Ac ceded to Promptly.

Accused of blackmailing operations held at Salisbury under \$4000 bail

Salisbury, Md., Jan. 10.-Accused of blackmailing operations in Somerset county, Noah Thomas, Frank Braxton, Thomas Savage, Charles Dennis and John Fields are held here under \$4000

It is charged that the five men formed a blackmailing society and sent letters through the mails de-manding sums of money on the pen-alty of death. Though the operations were confined alone to Somerset county, it is believed the alleged band had also sent letters into Worcester

Residents of the two counties were terrorized by the receipt of letters, which in some cases threatened the destruction of property unless the demands were acceded to promptly.

Harry Cluff, a farmer residing near Princess Anne, was the first to receive one of the blackmailing demands. On Dec. 21 he found a note in his barn which read as follows: "Dear Sir—If you do not put \$50 in

your mail box by Wednesday evening we will burn your barn down before Sunday, and you do not want to put any guards out neither. Warning.
"SECRETARY."

A few days later other persons began to get letters. W. F. King, cashier of the Pocomoke National bank, received a demand that he raise the pay of farm hands to \$1.25 a day or he would be annihilated with a bomb. Samuel Twilley, a hotel proprietor; Edward Langford, county commissioner, farmer and lumber dealer; Benja-min Jones, a butcher of Pocomoke, and Milton L. Veast, Frank E. Matthews, James Mitchell and Frank Fi-fer, all farmers, received letters simi-

lar to the foregoing.

Mr. Cluff did not heed the "warning note," but sent to Baltimore for Detective Robert W. Walter, who secured the services of a colored detective named Williams. Williams started in to work as a farm hand among the colored employes.

Braxton was the first man arrested, and upon cross-examination confessed, implicating Thomas.

Braxton said the first letter was sent to Cluff because his wife was convalescing from typhoid fever and they thought Cluff would part with the

money to prevent any excitement.

The federal authorities may be asked to prosecute, as the letters were sent through the mails.

Gallagher Gets Twelve Years.

James J. Gallagher, who attempted to kill Mayor Gaynor, of New Yo.k. in Hoboken, N. J., as he was about to sail for Europe last August, was found guilty in Jersey City of atrocious assault with intent to kill Streat Cleaning Commissioned Edwards, of New York, who was shot while at-tempting to aid Mr. Gaynor.

Justize Swayze sentenced Gallagher to twelve years in state's prison at Trenton, and further until the cost of prosecution is paid.

Jersey justice, proverbially swift, noved with celerity in Gallagher's trial. The jury was chosen in a little more than ten minutes, two of the men

selected having acted on the jury that

declared Gallagher sane.

Assistant Prosecutor Vickers opened for the state, taking exactly four minutes. The employes of the steamship company told how Gallagher came to the steamship and inquired for Major Cavror. Their testimony was taken in Gaynor. Their testimony was taken in five minutes, and Commissioner Ed-wards took the stand and told of the shooting and how he went to Mayor Gaynor's assistance.

South Carolina Loses Propeller. The United States battleship South Carolina, now on her way home from Europe, reported to the navy depart ment by wireless that she lost her port propeller and shaft. In spite of the fact that she will complete the journey on her starboard propeller, the South Carolina will arrive at Hampton Roads about Jan. 12.

85 Fishermen Swept to Death.
Eighty-five fishermen were carried
out into the Caspian sea on an ice
floe at Astrakhan, Russia, Tuesday, A then went to the river front and jumped into the water, but swam ashore and was arrested. The bride was Miss Julia Dean, of Harrisburg, Pa.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

West Virginia Senator Dies Suddenly In Washington.



Senator Elkins Is Dead. Senator Stepuhen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, died at his home in Wash

Sudden collapse, following a long illness, caused his death. The end was not unexpected, for the senator had been sinking for hours. At his bedside were Mrs. Elkins, his two sons, Blaine and Richard Elkins; his daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, and Henry Gassaway Davis, his father-in-law,

Mr. Elkins had been sick for several months. He was unable to attend the sessions of congress when it convened fined to his home all the fall. Every effort had been made to bring him back to health, but it was unavailing and the last few days sentic polsoning is understood to have developed, and this probably caused the end. The funeral took place on Saturday at El-

Inside Explosion Wrecked the Maine. The war department at Washington is receiving reports from those who are engaged in raising the sunken battleship Maine from Havana harbor was due to an internal explosion.

In the mud and silt in which the hull lies buried have been found much coal and the bones of some of the crew of the ship, who met their deaths when the explosion came and the ship

the bodies of the men were blown from the battleship by an explosion in one of the air tight compartments in which was stored powder and other explosives. They do not think the coal could have been blown from the hull of the battleship by an outside explo

Spanish authorities contended that the sinking of the Maine was the result of an internal explosion. It was the popular belief in this country that some Spaniard had wrecked the Maine through the use of a mine or some high explosive because of this coun try's sympathy for Cuba. The wave of indignation that swept over the country precipitated the war with Spain.

With the present progress of the work the hull should be raised by April. There is some fear that the hull may break in two while being raised. Before this occurs, if it should hap pen, those in charge of the work will know the cause of the sinking of the

80 Dying Daily of Buhonic Plaque bubonic plague in that section. The which is Democratic, elects a successor to his father.

ADDS \$45,000,000 TO PENSION BILL

House Passes Bill to Give Veterans More.

The national house of representa-tives passed the Sulloway general pension bill. This measure grants pensions ranging from \$12 to \$36 a month to all soldiers who served ninety days in the United States army in the Civil War, and who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The bill adds about

\$45,000,000 a year to the pension roll.

Opposition to the measure was expressed by some members upon the ground that its terms were too gen-eral. It provides for the pensioning of all Union soldiers regardless of dis-ability, the only requirement being that they shall have attained the age

of sixty-two years.

The general scale of pensions fixed in the new bill according to age is as follows: Sixty-two years, \$15 a month;

65 years, \$20 a month; 70 years, \$25 a month; 75 years, \$36 a month. It was declared by the advocates of the bill that 100 veterans are dying every twenty-four hours.

NORTH POLE STILL LOST

Peary Admits He Made No Chart of

Journey In Arctics.
Admitting the North Pole is as much lost as ever, and that all future at-tempts to find it must be independent enterprises, unaided by his own work, Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, answered a cross-fire of questions at a hearing before the house committee on naval affairs.

The captain told how he wanted the glory of the polar achievement for himself, declining to let any member of his expedition, other than Henson, to go on the last dash with him, how his publishing contracts had precluded him from testifying before the committee last spring, and how members of his expedition had been prohibited from writing about the trip.

Captain Peary, replying to repeated questions as to the results of his Arctic trip, said that he had not yet prepared such a chart as would enable any one to follow in his footsteps to the pole, but he "imagined" that he had data by which he could prepare such a chart.

He said the position of the North Pole could be determined just the same as the equator, but the trouble was the comparative low altitude of the sun, which never gets higher than 22½ degrees above the horizon. For that reason ordinary observations could not be relied on with accuracy.

Hughie Jennings Weds.

Detroit club of the American base ball league, and Miss Nora M. O'Boyle were married at St. Peter's cathedral at Scranton, Pa. Right Rev. Edmund F. Prendergast, the auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, officiating and celebrating the nuptial mass. John F. Mur-baugh, of Elmira, N. Y., was best man and Miss Amelia O'Boyle, the bride's sister, bridesmaid. The honeymoon sister, bridesmaid. The hon tour will be to San Francisco.

Calls on National Banks.

The comptroller of the currency issued a call for a statement of the condition of the national banks at the close of business Saturday, Jan. 7.

Son Succeeds Elkins.

ington as the senator of the United States from West Virginia. He is the eldest son of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, and is the third generation of the family to represent his state in the upper branch of congress. He was Reports from Fudziadian, Russa, say there are eighty deaths daily from the

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